



Blacket Association Newsletter

May 2025

OPEN GARDENS FRIDAY 13 JUNE 2025

We will be holding our annual open garden event in the early evening of Friday 13th June. For those who are new to the area, a number of residents allow us to have a look round their gardens, after which we adjourn for some refreshments and chat.

The evening is open to current and former residents and their house guests. Dogs are not welcome.

We have three gardens on our list for visiting:

- 16 Blacket Place (Filly and Randall Nicol) entrance by a side gate.
- 30 Mayfield Terrace (Susan Hezlet) entrance includes some steep steps.

Both of these will be open from 6.00pm.

- 1 Mayfield Terrace (Hazel and Walter Clark) will be open from 7.00pm and they will host the refreshments.

A suggested donation of £5 per adult would be welcome, and payment can be made by cash on the day or directly to the Blacket Bank Account:

The Blacket Association, Bank of Scotland a/c 00178862, sort code 80-02-24.

Please mark your payment as 'Open Gardens'.

PLANNING

There have been regular applications from local residents to install slim heritage double glazing units into their existing window frames. These have all been approved – others are using secondary glazing. It's great to see new solutions that allow us to improve warmth and reduce heating bills while retaining the appearance of these buildings.

We submitted two objections to further developments at the Salisbury Arms. Although there were some minor improvements made, the application has now been approved and will lead to a significant increase in outdoor seating. We will need to keep a close eye on any additional noise as a result -the decision stated that there would be none! We have recently submitted an objection to plans to knock down 33 - 41 Ratcliffe Terrace to build 115 student rooms.

GRANGE AND PRESTONFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Elections to the GPCC and other Community councils took place in March. Enough residents have stood for election to continue the operation of the GPCC. After nearly five years as chair, Ian Chisholm is stepping down but will continue to represent the Blacket Association on the GPCC. This link enables us to keep-up-to-date with Council activities. Minutes of GPCC meetings are available on its website: grangeprestonfieldcc.org.uk. Meetings are open to any resident who can attend in person or online. Residents are encouraged to check the functions of the GPCC on the website.

NEW RESIDENTS

We are keen to welcome all new residents to the Blacket and hope you will let us know if new neighbours arrive. Anne Sturrock (sturrocks@uwclub.net) will deliver a welcome pack and we would like to meet many of them at the Open Gardens event.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

On-line frauds and scams continue to be the main threats to residents although two thefts of Land Rovers occurred in the first quarter of 2025, which was a disturbing turn of events. It seems these were stolen “to order” and used in other criminal activity. The watchword for on-line and “real” crime continues to be “vigilance” – if you think something or someone looks dodgy – phone the police! Advice is available from [Neighbourhood Watch Scotland | Safer Neighbourhoods Stronger Communities](#)

SHRUBBERY WORKING GROUP

We have had several successful clearances, the most recent being the 24th May, and have settled into a routine of four working parties a year, the next one being on the 30th August. A new bin has been placed on the western end of Blacket Avenue and plans are in place to repaint the original sign on the corner of Blacket Place and Blacket Avenue.