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Buckie Area Forum

Is a very active group and works with the Community Councils across the Buckie school catchment areas. The primary focus for the Buckie Area Forum recently has been the Regeneration Sub Group. A number of groups have been developed through this including the Buckie Arts and Crafts Group and the Buckie Community Radio Working Party. In addition to these groups a local childcare study was commissioned. The Buckie Arts & Crafts Group are involved in facilitating an additional two arts and craft festivals following on from the festival facilitated by the BAF. Buckie Area Forum is meeting regularly every six weeks. It also recently had a well attended AGM

Elgin North and Elgin South Area Forums

Both are very active Forums. The primary success for the two Elgin Forums recently has been the collaborative working between the Forums and Elgin Community Council. Such is the willingness to work together that all three groups have come together to develop and implement a pilot community engagement project to be delivered within Elgin over the next 12 months. Both Elgin Forums have clearly identified priorities for the coming year.

Forres Area Forum

Meets regularly and has a good cross section of community groups represented, including the Community Council, and has good attendances at meetings. They have addressed a number of issues and are active in the Moray Town partnership, Forres Transition Town and in particular the development of the community garden. The AGM had an attendance of over 30 people representing local groups in the area.

Milnes Area Forum Committee

Although experiencing some difficulties early last year, the Forum has increased their membership and has encouraged all their office bearers to forge closer links with Lennox Community Council and the newly formed Innes Community Council. The Milne's Neighbourhood Forum has been instrumental in raising the issue of young carers in Moray following the awarding of the contract to provide support to carers to Quarriers. They also discussed the issue of drugs and alcohol and the attendant problems in the Milne's area at their recent AGM. The Forum is also involved in the Better Community Engagement Demonstration Project by promoting the Involvement of Young People in the Community Planning process.

Speyside Area Forum

A very active and well attended forum that meets monthly. Since the dissolution of Speyside Council, the Area Forum has enjoyed increased attendance at meetings, with the majority of localities in Speyside now represented. The Forum has been instrumental in achieving a number of notable successes for example:

- Craigellachie Play park group recently secured £31,050 from the People's Millions to establish a children's play park in the Brickfield area of the village.
- Residents at Glenallachie were supported to secure funding from Private Sector Grants and the local distillery to offset the cost of connecting to Scottish Water mains supply.

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- Following a letter from the Area Forum, NHS Grampian now have travel claim forms available in the Eye Clinic at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, instead of in another building within the hospital complex.