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Following the recent local authority elections I'm delighted to take up my role as Council Leader to serve Renfrewshire's communities.

I've served as a councillor for 27 years and it's a privilege to lead the Council in delivering its ambitions for the area. I'm also delighted that the people of Renfrewshire have voted in such a way which has allowed us to have so many new councillors who are not only young but includes many more women to better reflect our communities.

There's much to be excited about in Renfrewshire with new infrastructure projects and our Paisley 2021 bid for UK City of Culture. We have much to be proud of with our heritage, our local talent and our wonderful countryside. We recognise there will be challenges ahead but we want to put a renewed focus on improving the public services that are important to people and businesses and that so many rely on – our roads, our local environment, keeping our streets clean and other everyday public services that make a difference to people's quality of life.

As a minority administration we will work closely with councillors across all parties to reach the best deal for the communities and businesses in the area. By working together, by listening to the views of our residents, we can make a real difference.

Councillor Iain Nicolson
Leader of Renfrewshire Council

Public shape City Deal project planning applications

Hundreds of people attended public exhibitions last month in Renfrew, Paisley, Clydebank and Yoker helping to shape two major Glasgow City Region City Deal projects.

The £90.7 million Clyde Waterfront and Renfrew Riverside project aims to regenerate the Clyde Waterfront as an attractive area supporting residential, industrial, business, retail and leisure opportunities.

Proposals include the construction of a new opening road bridge across the River Clyde, new roads such as Renfrew North Development Road and cycle routes to better link the communities of Renfrew, Yoker and Clydebank.

Glasgow Airport Investment Area is a £39.1 million project which will deliver a world class business and commercial location in the heart of Renfrewshire, connected by air, sea and land.

It will deliver realignment of Abbotsinch Road, construction of a new bridge over the White Cart and new cycle routes, improving connections between the Westway, Inchinnan and Airport business parks.

Public engagement has seen more than 2000 people shape the project plans, their input helping to identify the preferred route locations and ensure all new roads have improved walking and cycling routes.

Feedback from the latest phase of public exhibitions in May was highly supportive for both projects, which now progress to planning applications later this month.

www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/citydeal



Murals showcase Paisley talent

Talented local artists have been giving the streets of Paisley a splash of colour as two new murals have been created to promote the town's heritage.

A spectacular mural inspired by the father of ornithology, Alexander Wilson, was designed and painted on Johnston Street by local artist Mark Worst with help from Ross Dinnett. It features a kingfisher perched next to a ball of yarn, while the distinctive Coats Memorial Church appears in the background.

Local schoolgirl Eva Rose Ross is the star of the second mural on Storie Street, entitled "Buddie". Artist Caroline Gormley and co-artist Sandy Guy painted proud Paisley resident Eva after she won the Paisley First competition.

The murals are part of the Paisley First Walls Series by Paisley First Business Improvement District, and part-funded by Renfrewshire's Culture, Heritage and Events Fund.

Paisley First Chairman Ian Henderson added:

"Both completed murals have received a really positive response and there are more in the pipeline. They really are making a difference in the town and we can't wait to see the reaction to the rest of the murals we have planned."



Have you seen the new mural on Lawn Street?



Get ready for The Spree

Tickets are on sale now for The Spree – Paisley's national arts festival which brings a fantastic programme of music, comedy, drama and kids activities to the town centre each year.

Taking place from 13-22 October to coincide with the school holidays, the festival is now in its sixth year and has built up a huge following.

Shows take place in Paisley Arts Centre, Paisley Town Hall and Paisley Abbey as well as a specially-erected Spiegeltent in County Square and, with such a varied bill; we guarantee you'll find something that appeals.

You can buy tickets and find out more online at thespree.co.uk or from the Renfrewshire Leisure Box Office at renfrewshireleisure.com.

You can also buy over the phone on 0300 300 1210 or in person from Paisley Arts Centre, New Street or the InCube Shop, 9b Gilmour Street.

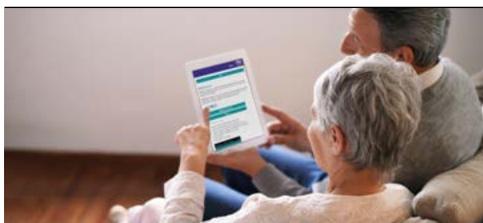
BRITISH PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

Around 4,000 of the world's top pipers and drummers descended on Paisley to contest some of bagpiping's most prestigious titles during the British Pipe Band Championships.

More than 140 bands from as far afield as Canada, Denmark and Ireland formed an incredible spectacle of sight and sound in the St James Playing Fields.

Paisley will host the British Pipe Band Championships for the third time in May 2018.





Benefits - Tell us when something's changed

Whether it's a new address, new job or a change in circumstances, it's vital you let us know as soon as possible to ensure we get both your housing benefit and Council Tax payments right.

One of the best ways to get in touch is via MyAccount – your online customer account.

Simply log in, complete the relevant online form, and you'll receive an email to confirm receipt. If you need to provide evidence – such as a wage slip or bank statement - you can take a photo of the document and upload the image direct to your account.

Why not join the 20,000 MyAccount customers already enjoying flexible, 24/7 access to council services. To register, visit our website at www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/MyAccount - and follow the online instructions. You'll just need an email address and a few minutes of your time.

Our libraries offer free wifi and internet access, plus information on a wide range of local computer-based courses to develop your online skills. Have a look at our Digital Directory, pop into your local adult & community learning centre or call 0300 300 1188 (libraries) and 01505 382 863 (adult & community learning) to find out more.



EMA – Get in touch

Students between 16 and 19-years-old who are in full time education may be able to get £30 a week through the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA).

The EMA weekly allowance is paid during term time only to students who meet the criteria and have decided to stay on in full time education. The payment is transferred directly into the student's bank account on a fortnightly basis.

EMA is means tested and is dependent on the following income thresholds:

£0 - £24,421

For young people from families with a single child in full time education.

0 - £26,884

For young people from families with more than one child in full time education.

For further information, please contact the Customer Contact Centre on 0300 300 0300 or by email ema.els@renfrewshire.gov.uk or visit the website at www.renfrewshire.gov.uk or www.emascotland.com.



Paisley Pattern topped for autumn fashion trend

Pringle's new collection to feature original designs from Paisley Museum

Paisley's global brand – the Paisley Pattern – will feature in luxury knitwear brand Pringle of Scotland's upcoming autumn/winter 2017 collection.

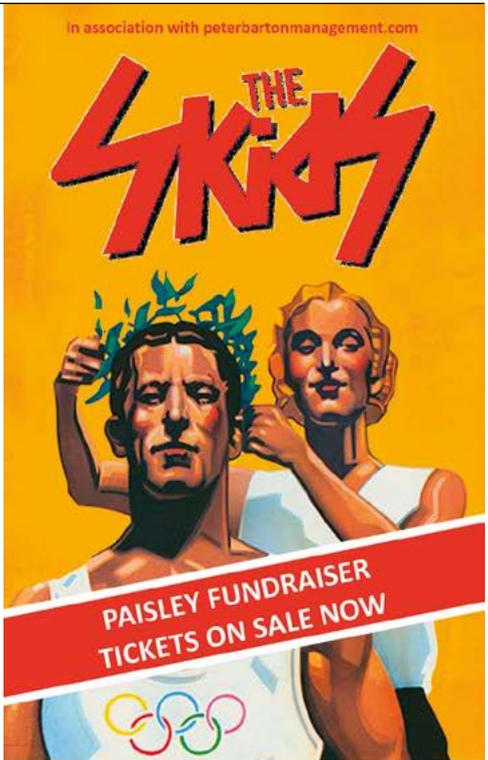
Pringle decided to use original designs from the archive held in Paisley Museum after Womenswear Design Director, Fran Stringer, saw the £1 million internationally-significant collection of shawls and design books last year.

The majority of designs have now been digitised, allowing people to access the collection for research, education and local community projects as well as commercial purposes.

Fran Stringer said: *"The archives are always such a rich source of inspiration! Many heritage patterns and signature designs remain relevant today, and we were happy to work with Paisley in its original form."*

Plans are also underway for the commercialisation of the Paisley Pattern to boost ambitions to connect the town back to its globally-recognised pattern by working with external textile and fashion related industry experts.

Pringle's announcement of their Paisley Pattern collection during London Craft Week takes Paisley one step closer to being back on the global stage.



The Skids 40th anniversary tour

We will be welcoming the Skids back to Paisley in their first show in the town since playing the legendary The BungalowBar in the late 70s.

The Skids are Scottish music royalty and we're thrilled to bring them back to Paisley, a town rich in early punk heritage.

The event which is being delivered by LNP Promotions and Rock and Pop Scotland in association with Peter Barton Management, will be held at the Lagoon Leisure Centre on Saturday 5 August 2017.

A limited number of tickets are available from the Box Office at Paisley Arts Centre, New St, Paisley PA1 1EZ or you can call 0300 300 1210.

Tickets are also available from Tickets Scotland www.tickets-scotland.com.

Get online for free

New public wifi system will launch in Paisley and Johnstone at the end of the summer



Work on a ground-breaking project that will bring free, unlimited public access wifi to Paisley, Johnstone and Renfrew town centres has begun.

The free-to-use wifi system will be launched in Paisley and Johnstone town centres in the autumn, with Renfrew joining the network later this year.

The £1million project, which is being installed by Boston Networks, will support local businesses, increase visitors to the town centres and tackle the issue of digital exclusion, a problem that often affects those on low incomes, older adults and people with disabilities or long-term health conditions.

People connecting to the free-to-use network will be able to access apps, online resources and websites, and send pictures, videos and emails while out-and-about.

The system will also be installed in 25 public and community buildings, including all libraries, later this year, with more set to be added to the network in the future.

It is currently estimated that around 20% of people in Scotland are missing out on access to services and opportunities online because they do not have an internet connection at home.

Bob Grant, chief executive of the Chamber of Commerce, said: *"We support this project 100%. It's a fantastic initiative that will allow town centre businesses to access cutting edge connections."*

"It's a symbol of the direction of travel for the town centre and it will allow companies to think about how they operate from a digital perspective."

The wifi system will also give students and schoolchildren access to Eduroam, a worldwide education network that lets them view educational resources away from the classroom.

Claudette Jones, chief information officer at University of the West of Scotland (UWS), said: *"Bringing Eduroam into the Wi-Fi service means that as soon as students from 85 countries across the world step into the town centre they will immediately be able to access their information securely, as though they were on campus."*

Heather Armstrong, senior student representative of the Students Association of the UWS, said: *"It's great that Paisley town centre will have free wifi. Being able to log-on to Renfrewshire Council's free public wifi will make a real difference to students who would otherwise be at a significant disadvantage."*

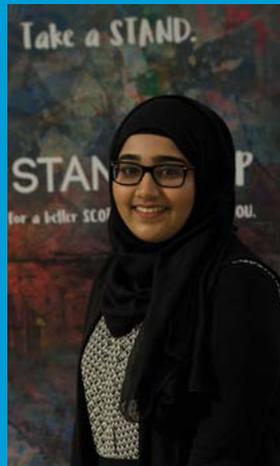


Meet your new MSYPs

At the recent Scottish Youth Parliament elections Renfrewshire saw the second highest turnout in Scotland as thousands of young people turned out to vote and elect five new MSYPs for Renfrewshire.

Over 7,000 votes were cast online and in polling stations at every secondary school, the University of the West of Scotland, West College Scotland and Renfrewshire House- the highest ever turnout in Renfrewshire and an increase of over 500 votes from 2015.

Thirteen candidates stood across three constituencies- with two being returned for the Paisley constituency, two for Renfrewshire North and West and one for Renfrewshire South.



Maria Alam

Age: 15
MSYP for: Renfrewshire North and West

"I put myself forward because I want to get the views of the young people in my area heard and represented nationally."

"My focus will be looking to improve education for the youth by getting ideas of how it should be improved by the young people themselves."



Niamh McLaughlin

Age: 16
MSYP for: Paisley

"I chose to run as a candidate for the SYP because I see the challenges that face young people head on and I want to make a change. Often adults make decisions regarding young people but the SYP allows young people to have the power to make decisions and to have their voices heard."

"Hearing stories of what past MYSPs have achieved made me want to do the same and help to make Scotland a better place for young people."



Josh Kennedy

Age: 15
MSYP for: Renfrewshire
North and West

"I put myself forward as a candidate as I've always had an interest in politics. By running, it would allow me to gain political experience and a chance to help people. I think that being the voice of youths in my community is exciting as I can allow their voices to be heard."



Stirling McGee

Age: 17
MSYP for: Renfrewshire
South

"What excites me about the Scottish Youth Parliament is the ability to come together with like-minded young people to work towards a common goal."

"I think politics is very important and I hope to stay involved in shaping my community for as long as I can."



Ross Boyd

Age: 15
MSYP for: Paisley

"I look forward to representing the youth of Paisley in any way shape or form I can to make sure that the promises I made are kept. It is also refreshing to be able to influence changes that will make improvements and have an impact on my generation."

Important changes to benefits

The two child limit for Child Tax Credit (CTC) and Universal Credit (UC) came into force on 6 April 2017.

Families who claim tax credits and have a third or subsequent child born after 6 April 2017, will no longer be able to claim a child element for this child or any future children.

Entitlement for new Housing Benefit claims from 6 April 2017 will consequently be restricted to two child allowances unless the third or subsequent children are noted on a CTC award notice.

Families who make a new claim for UC from 6 April 2017 will only receive the child element for two children per family, even if the children were born before 6 April 2017.

There are exceptions to these rules;

- multiple births
- non-parental caring arrangements
- adoption
- child born as a result of rape or within a coercive relationship.

To obtain an exception, claimants are obliged to complete appropriate forms and/or supply supporting evidence for a decision to be made.

These exception decisions are administered by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) for UC decisions, and Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC) for CTC decisions.

Further information is available on the Government website, www.gov.uk within the pages for CTC or UC.

Additional information on reform changes is available on www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/benefitchanges

If you are concerned about any of the changes, please contact Advice Renfrewshire on freephone 0808 164 2922 or Advice Works on 0300 300 1238.



Taking pride in our appearance



We all have a part to play in ensuring that Renfrewshire remains an attractive, inviting place to live and visit. Here are some of the ways you can keep our towns and villages looking their best.

Bag it. Tie it. Bin it.

If your dog fouls in a public space, please dispose of its waste properly by putting it in a plastic bag and placing it in a bin – any outdoor public bin will do!

Owners who don't pick up their dog's mess and dispose of it properly will face an £80 fine.

Report dog fouling offences to our Warden team.

For more information visit www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/dogfouling

Community clean ups

A local clean up is a great way to improve your neighbourhood and gets everyone in your community together while keeping our towns, villages and countryside clean and tidy.

If you would like to coordinate a community clean up please contact us on 0300 300 0380 and we will provide you with:

- waste bags
- high-vis vests
- litter picking hoops
- gloves

Fly-tipping

Fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of rubbish which is unsightly, damages the environment and potentially poses a threat to residents' health.

We live in a beautiful part of Scotland and want to keep it that way.

To report instances of fly-tipping please contact us, or phone the National Stoptime on 08452 30 40 90.



Did you know?

We sweep 697km of Renfrewshire roads every week.



Another sensational summer is in store for young people in Renfrewshire with fun-filled activity and sports camps on offer over the summer holidays.

From rock climbing to mountain biking, athletics to arts and crafts, there's something for everyone as Renfrewshire Leisure looks to get kids active this summer.

Sports and activities are available for all ages with camps run by highly-trained, enthusiastic staff at venues including The Lagoon, On-X, Renfrew, Park Mains and Johnstone Community Sports Hubs, as well as a range of outdoor locations.

For more information on any of the summer activities and how to book visit: www.renfrewshireleisure.com/sport.

Activity Camps

When: 3 July to 11 August
(Mon-Fri: 10am-3pm)

Where: The Lagoon, On-X, Renfrew, Park Mains and Johnstone CSHs

Age: P1 to P7

Games, sports, arts and crafts, and much, much more.

Kids will experience something new every day in a jam-packed programme at the fantastic summer activity camps.

Parents can choose to pay for their child for the week or per day-with discounts available for families with more than one child enrolled.

The Early Risers Club and Afternoon Kids Zone

These added blocks run before and after the main camp and allow those kids taking part to extend their stay - and their fun - until they're able to head home.



Did you know?

You can volunteer at the summer camps and in return you'll get a free gym membership or free course of your choice! Contact william.mimnagh@renfrewshire.gov.uk for more information.



Athletics

Triathlon

When: 10-14 July and 7-11 August
(9:30am-12:30pm)

Where: Linwood On-X

Age: P6 to S6

Young people can test their endurance skills by pushing themselves to the limit in the three disciplines of swimming, cycling and running.

Those who are brave enough will train each sport during the week before taking part in the Renfrewshire Leisure Triathlon on the Friday as they battle against their own age groups to be crowned the winner.

Athletics

When: 18-21 July and 1-4 August
(10am-2pm)

Where: Linwood On-X

Age: P5 to S3

In partnership with Kilbarchan AAC, the Sports Services team are giving young people the opportunity to try a range of different Olympic sports!

Budding athletes will be given specialist training in running, jumping and throwing in outdoor sessions so make sure they're wrapped up warm and ready to make that first step to Tokyo 2020!

Outdoor Programme

When: TBC (10am-4pm)

Where: Linwood On-X

Age: 11 to 18 years

Kayaking

A three-day course developing paddling skills on both flat and moving water for water-confident young people as they work towards a Grade 2 river trip.

Rock and Water

Three days undertaking different activities which could include gorge walking and coastering. Specific activities will be weather dependant but expect to get wet whatever the weather!

Rock climbing

Develop your skills across a number of different types of climbing including top roping, bouldering, sport climbing and traditional techniques.

Mountain biking

Across three days you'll improve trail riding skills focusing on your posture, control, decision-making and how to get the most out of your biking.

Multi Activity

Try out three different activities; Climbing, Caving and Gorge Walking; and see which one might be for you!



The best moments from Paisley 2021



Paisley showcased in LEGO video

Iconic Paisley landmarks and famous faces were reimagined in a stunning stop-motion animation LEGO film by local teenager Morgan Spence. Funded by Renfrewshire's Culture, Heritage and Events Fund, the video hilariously captured Paisley Buddies in action, including actors David Tennant, Gerard Butler and singer Paolo Nutini.

Gerard Butler backs Paisley 2021

A certain Hollywood megastar was left impressed by Morgan Spence's LEGO video - Gerard Butler. Taking to his Twitter and Facebook accounts to back the Paisley 2021 bid, the Paisley-born actor said: *"Honoured to make the cut, especially in Lego form. Paisley 2021, you have my support!"*



Coats PLC backs 2021 bid

Paisley 2021 received backing from a famous global name which started life in the town - Coats, the world's leading industrial thread manufacturer. Bosses from the firm - which once employed 10% of Paisley's population and whose owners funded many of our most distinctive buildings - visited the town earlier this year.

School pupils shape Paisley 2021 bid

Every school pupil in Renfrewshire was given the chance to shape the Paisley 2021 bid thanks to a specially-commissioned children's short story. Gracie's Big Idea, written by an award-winning author Ross Mackenzie and illustrated by Neil Slorance, was given to 14,000 primary pupils, who were each asked to submit their idea for Paisley.

Show your support for Paisley's bid by visiting www.paisley2021.co.uk

Look back on some of this year's best moments as Paisley lodged its bid to be UK City of Culture 2021.

As you will already be aware, Paisley lodged a bid to be UK City of Culture 2021 earlier this year.

The bid is taking place as part of a wider push to use the town's great cultural and heritage assets to transform its future.

It was lodged with the UK Government in April and we are due to find out over the summer if we have made the shortlist for the second stage. The winner will be announced at the end of the year.

But no matter what happens, the bid has been hugely positive for the area – raising the town's profile and awareness of what we have to offer at home and abroad.

Paisley 2021 bid marked with Baker Street show

Paisley helped see off its bid submission with a spectacular outdoor rendition of Gerry Rafferty's classic Baker Street. Coordinated by Loud 'n' Proud, around 25 saxophonists joined a live band and a crowd of hundreds on the town's High Street to perform the hit and later seen by an audience of millions online.



Diageo back the bid

Did you know around 30 percent of the world's Scotch is bottled right here in Renfrewshire? Diageo's plant near Braehead is responsible for some of the industry's most iconic brands and they threw their support behind Paisley 2021 by unveiling these beautiful limited-edition Paisley-branded bottles of Jonnie Walker... to be available later in the year.



Human Paisley Pattern marks bid submission

Paisley submitted its bid at the end of April with a mass show of support from the community. School pupils, business owners, community and cultural groups and members of the bid team joined together in the shape of a human Paisley Pattern in the town centre – coordinated by staff and young people from the town's PACE Youth Theatre Group.



Town Centre Regeneration

We are investing in regenerating town centres throughout Renfrewshire to ensure they are thriving, vibrant, attractive and safe places where people want to spend time and money.

We have developed an action plan for Paisley and Erskine, Renfrew, Johnstone and Linwood. As our largest town, Paisley serves as a vital hub of economic and cultural activity for the whole of Renfrewshire and a number of plans are already starting to take shape.

Projects like this will help communities across the area thrive through the successful regeneration of our town centres, boosting wellbeing and helping grow our local economy.



Paisley Town Hall

Proposals are being developed outlining how Paisley Town Hall can be upgraded to support its key role as a contemporary events venue.

To support the modernisation of key venues the electrical and mechanical installation elements of the Town Hall were designated for improvement and further consideration is being given to what additional work could take place at the same time.

Paisley
Townscape
Heritage and
Conservation Area
Regeneration
Scheme

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REVIVING
PAISLEY'S
HERITAGE
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Paisley Library

A new £5 million library on High Street will provide a range of new technology for 21st-century learning. The project is funded by the Council and the Scottish Government Regeneration Capital Grant Fund.

It will see the existing Paisley Central Library relocate to 22 High Street, refurbishing the building to provide a modern, accessible facility. It is expected to open by the end of 2019.



Russell Institute

Restoration of the iconic Category A-listed Russell Institute building is now completed and the former health centre re-opened its doors in May.

The £5 million project is now home to Skills Development Scotland and the Council's Invest in Renfrewshire employability team. The restoration was funded by the Council, Scottish Government through the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund and Historic Environment Scotland.



Townscape Heritage and Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (TH/CARS2)

The £4 million Paisley Townscape Heritage and Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme will deliver major shopfront improvement, public realm improvements and building repairs to properties around High Street. An exciting programme of activities will be delivered in partnership with community and cultural groups. The scheme is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic Environment Scotland and Renfrewshire Council.



Renfrewshire is fast becoming a hub of creative business talent thanks to InCube, the area's new business programme running since 2015.

Young businesses have made use of a wide-range of support – including workshops, specialist advice, access to funding, office space and mentoring – to develop their products, services and markets, and Paisley's fantastic textile heritage is seen as the inspiration for their creative ideas.

Check out what these four InCube businesses had to say about growing a business in Renfrewshire and how Paisley has inspired them!

InCube businesses get creative

Town's talent inspired by Paisley's rich textile heritage



Karen Hanvidge Ceramics

crafting colourful and abstract ceramics



"InCube's help and support to launch and grow my ceramics business has been invaluable. Through them I entered and won a competition to design and make a prize that was given to the winner of the 2016 Scottish Album of the Year Award. It was a career highlight for me, and an unforgettable experience."

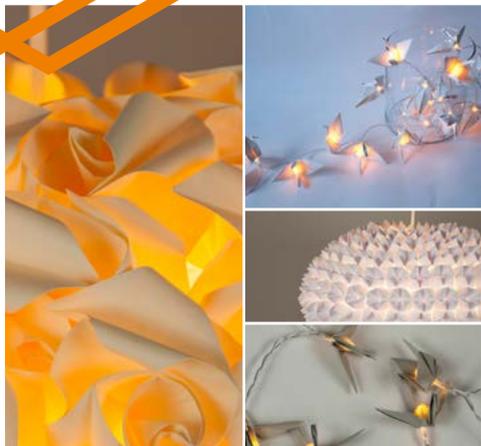
"I also applied for and won funding to start up ceramic workshops at Paisley Museum for children and adults. Few things make me happier than being able to introduce people to the joys of creating with clay!"

"It has helped to raise the profile of ceramics and the wonderful and prestigious ceramics collection Paisley Museum has to offer."

"Paisley's vast architectural and cultural heritage continues to inspire my designs, particularly the Paisley Pattern. Paisley has supported me and many others involved in the creative community."

🐦 @KarenHCeramics

📍 www.karenhanvidgeceramics.com



Misty Concepts

making unique origami interiors

"It's wonderful to make unique, quirky and beautifully crafted products in a town full of character."

🐦 @misty_concepts

📍 www.mistyconcepts.co.uk

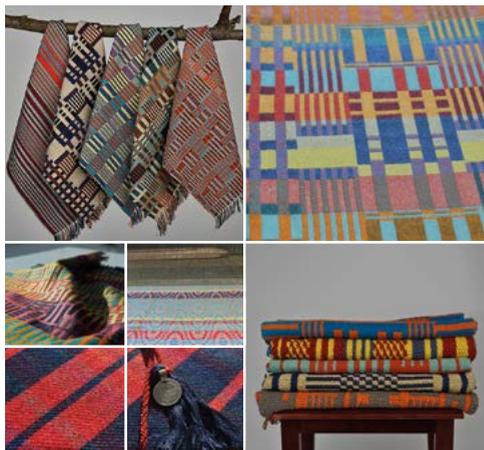
Paisley Pins

creating contemporary pins & brooches

"Our pins are a nod to the world renowned and much-loved pattern at the heart of Paisley's heritage."

📷 @paisley_pins

📘 /paisleypins



Mariam Syed

weaving vibrant contemporary fabrics

"Weaving connects me to both the heritage of Paisley and my homeland Pakistan."

🐦 @MariamWSyed

📍 www.artstthread.com/profile/mariamsyed

You can buy bespoke crafted fabrics, jewellery and homeware at InCube Shop, 9B Gilmour Street, Paisley.

www.incuberenfrewshire.com

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School investment programme delivering results



The Council has been pushing forward with its ambitious school investment programme which is delivering results in the community.



Did you know?

Renfrewshire looks after the education of 27,000 children, in 62 schools and 12 stand alone nurseries.



As part of our multi-million pound schools investment programme, work has begun at the site of two new schools while another has been completed.

The works are part of Renfrewshire Council's extensive £52 million investment programme to improve local schools and promote learning and achievement by giving children the best possible learning environment.

Earlier this year work began on the building of a brand new campus in Erskine for a shared campus which will replace the existing Bargarran Primary and St John Bosco Primary and nursery class as part of the £14 million programme. The phased works will see the construction of a two-storey building and shared site facility.

Works began on site in January and the new campus is expected to be operational by August 2018.

Work has also begun on the site of the new state-of-the-art St Paul's Primary School and Foxlea Pre-Five Centre. The work will see the delivery of outdoor learning areas from classrooms, with an all-weather sports pitch and 'green' playground, with woodlands and allotments on the campus.

In addition, work has been completed at the new St Fergus Primary in Paisley. The single storey building now accommodates 175 pupils and features a mix of formal and informal teaching spaces along with opportunities for outdoor learning.



Mhairi McDonald, Headteacher at St Fergus Primary School, said:

"Our children, staff and parents are delighted to be in our new building. The children have had great input in the design including the colours and the playground. The learning environment is fantastic, bright, airy with lots of natural light and has great opportunities for collaborative and active learning indoors and out."

Also nearing completion is Riverbrae School in Linwood which will open in August replacing Clippens and Kersland Schools as well as Hollybush Pre 5 Centre. The £18.8 million school will transform the learning opportunities available to children with additional support needs.

For the first time in Renfrewshire, pre-5, primary and secondary education for children with additional support needs will be available in one facility. The purpose-built campus will offer improved accessibility for pupils with physical or sensory difficulties, along with better access to sports facilities and IT equipment.

The threads that bind us...

The annual Sma' Shot Day celebration is one of Renfrewshire's favourite days out - and the 2017 version will be bigger and better than before.

This year's event is joined by a three-day wraparound cultural programme called Weave, set to take over Paisley town centre from Friday 30 June to Sunday 2 July.

This is one of the signature events in Scotland's Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology, and taking place as part of the push towards Paisley's bid to be UK City of Culture 2021.

The entire weekend will be packed with family-friendly activities celebrating Paisley's rich heritage of textiles and radical politics. With live music, poetry, kids' activities, dance, street performers and more, there's something for everyone.

To see the full bill, go to paisley2021.co.uk/weave-and-sma-shot-day

What is Sma' Shot Day?

Sma' Shot Day is named for the victory of the local shawl weavers in a famous dispute with The Cork (the middle man).

The sma' shot was a fine weft yarn woven into Paisley shawls, for which the weavers were not paid - until 1856, when they finally won the right to be paid for this work.

The weavers' practice was to take their annual family holiday and go on a trip on the first Saturday in July. In 1856, the annual holiday happened three days after the weavers' sma' shot victory. So they gathered from each weaving district to the 'tuck of the drum' and marched with



bands and banners, to the railway station, before departing with their families for destinations 'doon the watter'.

The annual holiday became known as Sma' Shot Saturday — the first in July.



Sma' Shot Day

Saturday 1 July will see all the traditional Sma' Shot elements, including:

- a parade from Brodie Park to Abbey Close led by the Charleston Drum (noon)
- historic re-enactments and speeches on the Dooslan Stane stage
- a pyrotechnic Burning of the Cork show (2pm)
- a mass outdoor drum-off finale (5pm)



Weave

More than 40 shows over six venues, with live zones throughout the town centre. Highlights include:

- Scottish/English/Indian ensemble Yorkston/Thorne/Khan at Paisley Arts Centre
- the premiere of Iranian artist Paria Goodarzi's new show Mass Movement, about her journey as a refugee in Scotland
- a poetry slam featuring new work by author Kirstin Innes and award-winning novelist Alan Bissett
- live music zones at Paisley Arts Centre and Shuttle Street
- an outdoor family ceilidh, storytelling sessions and talks and workshops from local artists and designers



What's on

Cultural events from Renfrewshire Leisure

Highlights from the Summer season...

For more events, go to www.renfrewshireleisure.com

Larry Herman: Clydeside

1974-76

Until 20 Aug

Paisley Museum

FREE

New York born photographer Larry Herman documented Clydeside during the period 1974-76 at a time when this heavily industrialised region was experiencing acute economic decline. Several images were taken in Ferguslie and Linwood and give an intimate glimpse into the lives of local workers four decades ago. This exhibition is toured by Street Level Photoworks.



Summer Studio

29 June - 25 Sept

Paisley Museum

FREE

Come along to Paisley Museum's 'Maker Space' where young people can gather to create, invent and learn in our very own artists studio complete with easels, paints, paper and iPads! Suitable for kids of all ages.



Yorkston Thorne Kahn

Sun 2 July

Paisley Arts Centre, 7.30pm

£12 (£10 conc) + bkg fee*

Yorkston Thorne Khan released their new album *Neuk Wight Delhi All-Stars* on 7 April. It follows the band's debut album, *2016's* critically acclaimed *Everything Sacred*, and features the north Indian sarangi; jazz-tinged bass, acoustic guitar and three very different vocalists - James Yorkston (East Neuk of Fife), Jon Thorne (Isle of Wight) and Suhail Yusuf Khan (New Delhi). Part of The Weave Festival 2017.



Buy tickets from the box office on **0300 300 1210** or online at www.renfrewshireleisure.com

*A £1 service charge per transaction applies for bookings made by phone or online. There is no service charge for tickets purchased in person or for tickets booked by phone and later collected from the Box Office.

Fishamble Presents**Silent****Mon 3 July****Paisley Arts Centre, 7.30pm****£10 (£8 conc) + bkg fee*****Suitable for ages 14+**

Homeless McGoldrig once had splendid things. But he has lost it all - including his mind. He now dives into the wonderful wounds of his past through the romantic world of Rudolph Valentino. Dare to laugh at despair and gasp at redemption in this brave, bleak, beautiful production for which Fishamble and Pat Kinevane won an Olivier Award last year.

'a must-see if ever there was one'
- The List

MZA Sneaky Previews**Fri 7 July & Sat 8 July****Paisley Arts Centre Workshop, 7.30pm****Fri £10 (£8 conc), Sat £12 (£8 conc) +bkg fee*****Suitable for ages 18+**

Take a comedy sneak peek and enjoy Edinburgh Fringe previews from Daniel Sloss, Craig Hill, Micky Bartlett and Mark Nelson (line-up may be subject to change). These shows are a work in progress so they might not be slick, but they will certainly be funny. Not for those easily offended.

**The Kilkennys****Wed 9 August****Paisley Town Hall, 7.30pm****£15 (£12 conc) + bkg fee**

Ireland's newest balladeers come from a city steeped in music, history and folk culture. The band's following is growing internationally and their upward curve has been sure and steady. With passion and pride, The Kilkennys play old Irish folk songs and new songs of their own.

**Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham****Sun 20 August****Paisley Town Hall, 7.30pm****£18 (£16 conc) + bkg fee***

Now embarking on their 31st year of working together, Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham have established themselves as the epitome of excellence in the world of traditional music. With their musical magic and quick-witted humour, they will pull your emotional strings one moment and have you falling off the seat with laughter the next!

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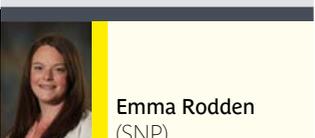
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