Community Liaison Scheme

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Beauly – Denny
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Corporate Context

Company Overview
Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Ltd (SHETL) and SP Transmission Ltd (SPT) sought consent from the Scottish Ministers, under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989, to install and keep installed a 400 kilovolt (kV) overhead electricity transmission line from Beauly, west of Inverness in SHETL’s licence area, to near Denny, South of Stirling, in SPT’s licence area.

Scottish Ministers approved the ‘Scheme’ in January, 2010 to upgrade the high voltage transmission line between Beauly, near Inverness and Denny near Falkirk.

The project involves replacing the existing 132kV overhead transmission line with a 400kV transmission line. SHETL will carry out the upgrade within their licence boundary area from Beauly (200KM) to Wharryburn, near Dunblane which is the boundary with SPT (20km).

SPT has been granted planning permission to upgrade the 20km section of the 220km line that lies within their company’s network and to construct a new Substation at Dunipace near Denny along with an associated works programme which will include: temporary construction of compounds, temporary helicopter landings, public roads which would be used for construction vehicles to access the line. Upgrading of roads to incorporate passing places and to improve visibility and junctions and to strengthen roads and bridges to accommodate heavy goods vehicle traffic appropriate to the project.

This approval followed a lengthy planning process that started in 2005 and a public inquiry which was held throughout 2007 and creates one of the biggest construction projects to take place in the UK in recent years.

The construction programme for the project should take 3 to 4 years.

In granting SPT consent to the works; Scottish Government had a number of conditions attached including:

- **Wirescape Rationalisation Schemes:** At Stirling, involves removing or improving existing power lines, pylons and poles.

- **Visual Impact Mitigation Schemes:** In and around the Stirling area.

- **Tourism, Cultural Heritage and Community Liaison Group:** To ensure the impact of development on tourism and historic and cultural heritage sites are considered and mitigated as any development progress.
• **Environmental Liaison Group:** To provide advice on mitigation, restoration and habitat management. The five relevant planning authorities, Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Historic Scotland and the Forestry Commission will be invited to join the group.

• **Independent Environmental Contractor:** To enforce compliance with a Construction Policy Handbook, a legal document agreed with Scottish Ministers on how the Project/development is to be sensitively constructed and managed.

• **Community Liaison Scheme:** For SPT and their contractors to maintain close liaison with community representatives, landowners and statutory consultees throughout construction and duration of the project. It will detail the community liaison’s team proactive approach to providing good information/communication for the Beauly-Denny Project by establishing and maintaining strong relationships with the public, local communities, community groups, elected representatives, and the media, by ensuring everyone affected by the project is aware of what’s happening in their area in advance of any works being carried out by receiving information by various forms e.g. letter drops, information sessions, newsletters, public advert, website, via community forums. Community support will be vital in ensuring the project runs smoothly and to the timescales proposed.

• **Conditions to limit the Environmental effects of Construction:** Including noise limitation, maintaining air quality, appropriate traffic management and protecting the water environment.

• **Range of Conditions relating to:**
  The protection of sensitive ecological areas and species, including mitigation to protect the integrity of European protected sites: avoiding work in breeding seasons; a post construction bird monitoring programme in sensitive areas; and conditions relating to the protection of otters, bats, wildcats, pine martins, red squirrels, water voles and reptiles.

The Scottish Government’s target is to meet 50% of Electricity demand from renewables by 2020.
The Role of the Community Liaison Team
The Beauly-Denny Community Liaison Team is a dedicated full time resource supporting the project. They will manage and co-ordinate communications and engagement with the public, community bodies, elected representatives and any other groups affected by the project. In addition the Project Team will handle all statutory engagement, whilst media enquiries will be handled by the Scottish Power (SPT) Press Office.

The Community Liaison Team will report to the SPT Programme Manager for the duration of the Beauly – Denny Project.

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Landowner and occupier relations will continue to be managed during the construction and dismantling phases by the Wayleaves Team who will deal with all landowner issues.

The Wayleave Team will strive to maintain good relations with all landowners and occupiers to allow construction and dismantling to progress as smoothly as possible and will also seek to provide a prompt resolution of issues. The Wayleave Team and the Community Liaison Team will meet regularly and work in partnership to discuss construction progress and to identify resolution to any issues on the Beauly – Denny Project.

Aim of the Community Liaison Plan
The Beauly – Denny Community Liaison Team will use information in this plan to support the work of the project team throughout the construction phase of the project. This plan will build on the consultation which has been undertaken to date and the requirements of the current conditions.

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The Environmental Liaison Group (ELG)
Was formed as part of the ‘Consent Process’ as advised by Scottish Ministers and will provide advice on appropriate and necessary mitigation and construction procedures, associated restoration and habitat management measures and to advise the Scottish Ministers of any concerns relating to the construction of the development. In addition to SPT and Iberdrola Construction & Engineering, the other bodies that will contribute to the ELG group are:

- Highland Council
- SSE
- Perth and Kinross Council
- Stirling Council
- Scottish Natural Heritage
- Scottish Environmental Protection Agency
- Cairngorms National Park Authority
- Historic Scotland
- The Forestry Commission

The Environmental Liaison Group meets regularly and it is planned to have a sub-group focusing on the 20km section (of the 220 km line Beauly – Denny 400,000 volt overhead line) from Wharryburn, near Dunblane to the new substation which will be constructed at north east Dunipace which will meet on a monthly basis to discuss and progress relevant issues.

The Tourism, Cultural Heritage and Community Liaison Group (TCHCLG)
Has been formed with the purpose to “provide advice on appropriate and necessary mitigation and construction procedures that impact on tourism, historic sites and cultural heritage”. In addition to SPT and Iberdrola Engineering & Construction the other bodies that contribute to the group are:

- The local planning authorities for the areas in which the development is situated
- SSE
- Perth and Kinross Council
- Highland Council
- Stirling Council
- Scottish Natural Heritage
- Scottish Environmental Protection Agency
- Cairngorms National Park Authority
- Historic Scotland
- The Forestry Commission
**Project Context**

**Need for the Project**

SPT is a licensed electricity transmission company. SPT have a duty under the Electricity Act 1989 to develop and maintain an efficient, co-ordinated and economical system of electricity transmission and to facilitate competition in supply and generation of electricity. Scotland’s electricity network needs significant re-enforcement to allow the vast renewable potential to be harnessed, transmitted and exported. Currently in Scotland we simply do not have the transmission capacity to carry the green energy which Scotland will generate over the coming years.

The levels of renewable generation that developers are contracting to connect transmission and distribution networks are such that the existing transmission capacity is insufficient. The replacement transmission line will provide less constrained electricity network capacity for around 2,500MW of renewable energy capacity in the north of Scotland and will form a basis for growth in the long term.

The significance of such growth has been confirmed by the Scottish Governments target to generate 50% of Scotland’s electricity from renewable by 2020 and the UK Government, who confirmed that it is committed to EU target for 20% of all energy requirements being met from renewable sources by 2020.

**Project Details**

**Beauly – Denny** the overhead line will be 137 miles / 220 kilometres long and will replace the existing single circuit 132kV overhead transmission line with a 400kV double circuit overhead line providing more reliable capacity. One circuit will operate at 400kV to provide a high capacity circuit between Beauly and Denny. The other circuit will operate at 275kV, and would provide a circuit onto which much of the generation in the area between Beauly and Denny could be connected. The upgraded line will comprise approximately 600 towers, a quarter fewer than at present. The average height will be 53 metres, compared to the current 815 towers of an average height of 33 metres. The spacing between towers on the upgraded line will average 360 metres, compared to a current average spacing of 250 metres.

**SPT Works:** Wharryburn to Denny

**Overhead Line:** 20km of new 400,000Volt overhead line.

**Towers:** 62 L12 towers in the SPT area

**Substation:**

As part of these works a new 275/400kV substation will be constructed on a site approx 2km North of Dunipace off the A872 where a number of transmission lines converge.
- Access Road being built for Substation
- Hedge work
- Tree Works
- Substation Platform Construction.
Stirling Visual Mitigation Scheme:
Screen Planting will be undertaken at the following locations: Powis House, Manorneuk area, Southwest edge of Fallin, East of Fallin, Minor road between Throsk and Cowie, East of Cowie, Whitehill Farm, Carbrook Mains, minor road south of Dales Wood.

Broader Landscaping:
Will be carried out at Cockburn Wood/Dumyat area, Yellowcraig Wood and Logie roundabout area.

Tower Painting:
Will be undertaken at Ochil’s Scarp and Carbrook Mains.

Undergrounding of Low Voltage Lines:
Will be undertaken in the following locations. Logie Kirk, Witches Craig Caravan Park, Powis House, Manorneuk, Bolfornoght, Burnbank, North of Carbrook Mains/ South of Plean, South of Plean Industrial Estate.

Routeing
Initially broad or strategic route corridors were identified and assessed. The route selection considered topography and settlement distribution and potential line routes and were then devised to achieve the best fit within the landscape, balancing the need to avoid impacts to designated environmental areas and cultural heritage sites. The route was tested against all environmental and technical criteria to identify a preferred route which was then subject to a major public consultation. Following consultation an indicative proposed route was identified. Further consultation was undertaken and alternative routes tested. The route was then refined to arrive at a draft proposed route and ultimately at the proposed route.

Timeline
Construction is likely to take three to four years and will include the preparation of access tracks: installation of tower foundations, erection of towers; stringing of conductors; and re-instatement of land. This will be carried out in conjunction with the development and upgrading of the required substation at Dunipace north east Denny. A further year will be required to dismantle the existing line.

Access
Access tracks will be required to facilitate construction of the line and substations. The required works include 154m of temporary track, some of which could become permanent if the required permissions are obtained and the upgrading of 124m existing track. In addition, there would be works required where some of these tracks form a connection with the nearest public road.
Forestry Works
Some forestry works including tree felling will be carried out in the area surrounding the new substation near Dunipace. This is primarily to enhance the ecology and habitats surrounding the new substation. These works will be carried out in accordance with the Construction Policy Handbook (CPH).

Overhead Lines
In November 2007, The Scottish Government announced a new target to generate 50% of Scotland’s electricity from renewable by 2020 and the UK Government confirmed that it is committed to the EU target for 20% of all energy requirements being met from renewable sources by 2020.
As a result of the market bringing forward proposals for renewable electricity generation, the capacity of the existing 132,000 double circuit overhead transmission line between Beauly west of Inverness and Denny south of Falkirk requires upgrading.

The proposed transmission line passes north east of Stirling heading south crossing the River Forth and the M9 to connect to the existing grid north east of Denny.

Following extensive study, it was concluded that the transmission line should be replaced with a new 400,000 volt double circuit overhead transmission line. Ofgem, the Electricity Industry regulator, has concluded that the new line is both required and justified.

SHETL and SPT received consent/support from Scottish Ministers under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989, to install and keep installed a 400 kilovolt (kV) overhead electricity transmission line from Beauly, west of Inverness in SHETLs licence area to Denny, South of Stirling, in SPT’s area.

20km of new 400,000 volt overhead line on 62 L12 steel lattice towers in the SPT boundary area (from Wharry Burn to Denny.)

Substation Construction
Substations are required to connect local demand and generation to the transmission grid. They transform the voltage of the electricity from the transmission voltage, down to the levels used for power distribution. They are also used to switch circuits to allow the control of the transmission system and the safe disconnection of circuits for construction and maintenance. Substations consist of a fenced compound enclosing transformers, switchgear and support structures, a control building and overhead line towers. The largest items of plant within the compound are the transformers, which are typically between 5m to 10m tall and coloured grey.

Dunipace, north east Denny – Construction of the new substation is due to commence in the Summer 2012. The first works associated with this project will be the upgrading of 2km of the C64 un-classified road from the junction with the A872 West of Dunipace. These upgrading works will facilitate the additional traffic imposed by the construction works by widening the road and the construction of new passing places at strategic points. These works will require temporary road closures.

Upon completion of the access road works the construction of the new substation platform will commence. These works will primarily involve the export of local
material and the import of suitable mineral fill. The platform construction will take approximately one year to complete.

The construction of the 275/400kV substation M&E works will commence in September 2013 and will take approximately one year to complete.

Road Resurfacing
As part of the works, monitoring of the public roads and any deterioration there within will be ongoing. Any deterioration associated with the works traffic will be repaired as part of the project works. This monitoring process will be carried with input from the local council roads department and the main contractor.

Tower Construction
The new line within the SPT Boundary will be supported by 62 steel lattice towers. The majority of towers are between approximately 50m and 56m with extremes from approximately 43m to 65m as a result of natural features and at crossing points, rivers being an example. The span lengths between towers normally vary within 275m to 450m depending on topography and altitude, with towers generally being closer together at higher altitudes to counteract the effects of greater exposure to high winds and other weather effects. Generally steel re-inforced concrete tower foundations will be formed to position the towers in the ground. Conductors manufactured from aluminium, are attached to the cross arms of the towers at the end of a string of insulators which are typically made from glass. An earth wire will be strung between tower peaks to provide protection against lightning strikes.

Tower Painting
Tower Painting will take place in two areas of the overhead line within the Stirling area at Ochil’s scarp. The towers on the lowermost slopes and at the foot of Ochil’s Scarp will be painted a darker colour to make them less prominent.

At Carbrook Mains new towers located parallel to the 275kV lines will be painted to match the appearance of the 275kV line.

Within the remainder of the route, the unpainted and initially shiny galvanised steel used for the towers will be left to naturally dull down as it weathers over time.

Associated Works
Some upgrading to the public road network in the Stirling area is required to facilitate the construction of the new Over Head Line. This will include the construction of new bell mouths and passing places from the public roads to allow construction traffic access to the works.

Road Resurfacing:
As part of the works, monitoring of the public roads and any deterioration there is within will be ongoing. Any deterioration associated with the works traffic will be repaired as part of the works. This monitoring process will be carried with input from the local council roads department and main contractor.
Temporary Construction Compounds:
Are sites where construction materials, plant and office accommodation are situated. The location of construction compounds and storage areas will be identified by the appointed contractor for the project and agreed with all relevant parties.

Temporary helicopter landing areas:
Which may be required would be developed with hard standing and fenced off for security.

Mitigation works- Undergrounding of low voltage lines:
The Stirling Visual Impact Mitigation Scheme (SVIMS) Consultation Report (September 2010) indicated that Low Voltage (LV) lines would be undergrounded in a number of locations, where this would provide some (albeit limited) benefit to local landscape character and visual amenity. In some instances this work would comprise an extension of the works required for construction health and safety, or the permanent undergrounding of works that might otherwise have been temporary.

These proposals remain part of the condition 19 measures, with the addition of an extended area of LV undergrounding in the Powis House area, at the request of a local resident.

The areas where this work would be undertaken comprise:
- **The Logie Kirk area**, where the removal of overhead line wires would improve the appearance and setting of the church.
- **The Witches Craig** caravan park area, as an extension of the works required for construction purposes in the Logie Villa area, to benefit the visual amenity of road users and people staying in the caravan park.
- **At Powis House**, extending north and south of the works required for line construction (and, as noted above, extend further to the south at the request of a local resident) to benefit the visual amenity of residents in this area, as well as the management of the avenue of trees and the working of fields.
- **At Manorneuk**, where existing 33kv and LV lines will be undergrounded as an extension of that required for construction purposes, to benefit the visual amenity of the property here, and to enable some additional tree planting to be undertaken.
- **At Bolfornought**, as an extension of construction operations, in order to benefit the visual amenity of the properties in this area
- **In the Burnbank-Burnhead area**, as a lengthy extension of works required for line construction, again to assist in enabling planting to be carried out in this area thereby enhancing local landscape character and visual amenity.
- **North of Carbrook Mains and south of Plean**, where the number of distribution lines wood poles crossing the agricultural land creates visual clutter and presumably interferes with the working of fields. The removal of these would provide some reduction to the overall wirescape in this area.
- **To the south of the Plean Industrial Estate**, where existing wood (H) poles are prominent due to their siting on a ridge, the extension of
undergrounding required for construction would remove these and be of benefit to the local visual amenity.

**Scaffolding with Netting:**
Will be used as protective measure when crossing rivers, roads and other transmission and distribution lines.

**Remedial Works:**
Will include dismantling and removal of the 132kV, towers and conductors which will be recycled as scrap; removal of foundations to below soil level, backfilling the foundations and restoring the site. Restoration of the site will seek to integrate the work sites back into the surrounding landscape by either planting or creating conditions to encourage natural regeneration of habitats. Landowners will be consulted with a view to re-establish ancient or semi natural woodlands, to offset the loss made by the construction of the new line.

**Borrow Pits:**
Which may be developed in locations close to the proposed route to provide a local source of stone for access tracks.

**Dismantling of the 132kV Line:**
All of the 132kV line will be removed, existing access tracks will be left in place as these are used for other purposes by landowners and others. Replanting of certain areas of land along the dismantled 132kV corridor will be undertaken once the line has been removed.

**Green Networks Initiative**
The Scottish Government has set out additional compensatory mitigation measures to underground an extra 7km of 132,000 volt line between Fallin and Glenbervie, and wider environmental and landscape improvements as part of a project to develop the central Scotland Green Network, to bring a long last benefit to communities in the Stirling area.

The Green Network – a network of woodland, walking and cycling routes, greenspace and waterways is part of the National Planning Framework and SPT will work with public bodies to deliver widespread and long lasting improvements to the landscape and biodiversity.

**Community and Environmental Project Issues**
The issues that are most likely to be raised during the construction of this project are:
- Construction Traffic (noise, volume, speed, type, dust)
- Construction programme (duration of works)
- Environmental (disturbance or damage to flora and fauna)
- Contamination (from construction activities into local water courses)
- Cumulative impact (other developments in area)
- Tourism/recreation (effect on visitors to the area)
- Employment and materials are sourced locally or imported into the area
- Energy supply (cost of electricity to the customer, security of supply)
• Health and Safety (members of the public and the workforce)

To meet the requirements of the Electricity Works (Scotland) Regulations 2000, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was undertaken prior to the section 37 overhead line application being submitted. The findings of the EIA are reported through an Environmental Statement (ES). The ES assessed the potential for impacts on the natural and built environment from the proposed development and detailed specific mitigation to be implemented in order to limit or remove these identified potential impacts. We will plan, operate, construct and complete the project in line with ES recommendations. The following documentation and information will also be used during the construction design process.

• Construction Procedures Handbook (CPH) – is an overarching guide to best practice for environmental protection during construction. Part of the CPH includes a site specific Environmental Management Plan (EMP) which identifies best practice for individual sites.

• Traffic Management Plans – The plans will be agreed with the relevant authorities and bodies to minimise the disruption to local networks, while protecting the safety of the public and construction teams.

• Environmental Surveys – A full suite of environmental surveys will be carried out, pre-construction to inform the contractor and to feed information into the EMP’s.

Developments affecting Construction

To ensure the project is completed with the minimum of disruption to communities, the project team will liaise with local authorities to identify events within the area. Where possible the construction team will try and avoid significant disruption when;

• Local events are planned.
• Other road works and closures are planned.
• Other commercial road users are planning an increase in traffic.
• Other utility networks operations are planned.

The full extent of our activities will be made available to the public with updates communicated as they arise. The communication methods will be agreed with the Community Councils and Local Authorities.
Communications Framework
SPT/Iberdrola Engineering and Construction aim to be a good corporate neighbour, trusted in the communities where we operate. By engaging with local communities/groups and sharing our skills and resources to create real and lasting benefits

Building the trust of communities has been part of SPT/Iberdrola core values for many years. We have a long track record of supporting communities, community projects and by sharing our resources and the skills of our employees.

We build trust by being open and honest, by encouraging two-way communication and fulfilling the promises we make. When we move in to a community, it is usually a long-term commitment.

Our approach is simple:

- We engage with communities across our operations, particularly where we are planning new developments, to ensure community groups can have a say in the planning process. At major sites, close to communities, we establish Community Liaison Teams.
- We promote payroll giving and encourage staff development through community programmes. We believe enabling our employees to contribute to community causes has a positive impact on job satisfaction and performance.
- By using community programmes to develop leadership and other people skills, we create benefits for communities, employees and our business.
- Our businesses run distinct community programmes linked to their strategies. Each programme is focused on helping young people and covers projects aimed at improving employability through educational projects, by increasing awareness about energy efficiency, the environment, science and safety.
- We recognise our economic impact on local communities and we are committed to maximising local benefits from our projects wherever possible.

SPT/Iberdrola:
Will carry out all engagement with local communities/groups in line with the ethos of the national standards for community engagement.

Involvement:
We will involve people/organisations who are impacted/have an interest in any works being carried out in their local area.

Support:
We will aim to identify and overcome any barriers to involvement.

Planning:
We will ascertain needs and available resources and use this evidence to agree purpose, scope and timescale of the consultation/engagement and actions to be taken.

Methods:
We will agree and use methods of engagement that are fit for purpose.
**Working Together:**
We will agree and use clear procedures that enable the participants to work with one another effectively and efficiently.

**Sharing Information:**
We will ensure that necessary information is communicated between the participants.

**Working with Others:**
We will work effectively with others with an interest in the engagement.

**Improvement:**
We will develop actively knowledge and information on the project and related construction works and convey this information to encourage engagement and understanding of the works to be carried out.

**Feedback:**
We will respond to all enquires and requests for information in a timeous manner.

**Monitoring and Evaluation:**
We will monitor and evaluate whether the engagement/consultation achieves its purpose.

**General Contact**
There is also a 24 hour free call information line: 0845 2700 700 and a community email: customer.services@scottishpower.co.uk. Website: which have been established and will continue to be used. These communication channels will continue to be promoted on information materials to provide the community with a free and readily available means of communicating with the project team.

**Project Website**
There will be a project website with a link available to the Scottish Government and Local Authority websites. [www.scottishpower.co.uk/support-centre.aspx](http://www.scottishpower.co.uk/support-centre.aspx)

**Community Liaison Team**
On the Beauly- Denny Project, our Community Liaison Team are based at Avondale House, Strathclyde Business Park, Bellshill, ML4
Bridie Casey, Community Liaison, Major Projects.
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Email: bcasey@iberdrola.com

**Community Information Sessions**
The project team will build on the community information sessions that have been undertaken to-date. These sessions will be open to all stakeholders, local residents, business and community organisations, local government representatives and others interested in the project. The information sessions will be held in various locations (during the day and evenings) to maximise community participation. These sessions will be timed around key project milestones.

**Door knocks and letter drops**
Door knocks and letter drops will target residents and businesses directly affected by our works and provide a further opportunity to receive feedback and respond to issues and concerns raised.

**Community Background Information**
When attending Community Council meetings a check regarding any issues that the Community may have had with SPT/Iberdrola e.g. has the community a history of interruptions to supply. If so, do we have any plans for improvements or changes on our network that would improve the quality of supply to the community. Advise Community Council accordingly.

**Community Meetings**
Plans/drawings/information of the project work to be undertaken will be produced for each Community Council area affected.

**One on One meetings**
Meetings with Key stakeholders will provide an opportunity for the project team to provide an update on the project and to respond to issues and concerns raised.

**Traffic Management Scheme**
Prior to commencement of works in the area of a particular roads authority, the applicant shall submit for the written approval of that roads authority a Traffic Management Scheme which shall include the following:

- Restriction of construction traffic to approved routes and the measures to be put in place to avoid other routes being used.
- Timing of construction traffic to minimise impact on local communities particularly at school start and finish times and during local events.
- Emergency arrangements.

**Individual Customers**
Communication – Be Proactive – Speak to customers before works commence

- If possible – give a programme of events for the work that is to be undertaken.
- Ensure customers have a direct contact for any issues that may arise.
- Letter drops to be carried out as appropriate.
- Important that the customer knows/understands what’s going on, how long the work will take and any inconvenience they may experience.
- Notify affected customers at certain stages of the projects.
- Place adverts in the local press.
- Always remember – This is where our customers live.
- If required, keep in contact, let customers know how works are progressing.
- Always close the project works with a letter to the customer to ensure that there isn’t any work not completed.

**Landowners**
Will be dealt with by the Environmental Team / Wayleaves who will liaise with the Community Liaison Team.
Complaints Procedure
If a complaint is received, it will be the responsibility of the Iberdrola Engineering & Construction Project Manager to follow the Complaints Procedure. Any written complaint will be logged onto the CCTS (Customer Complaints Tracking System) by one of the Community Liaison Team to ensure that the complaints procedure is progressed and escalated if necessary.

Advertisements
Newspaper advertisements will be placed in the local press to raise the communities awareness of upcoming information sessions and details on the progress of the project.

Letter Drops
Letter box notifications will support the local newspaper advertisements and target the affected communities.

Community Updates
Community updates will be used to keep the community informed regarding the investigations and consultation process. These updates will be available on the project website and distributed in the local area. The updates will be developed around key milestones

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**Contact Schedule**
Key Media, Elected Members, Community Councils Community Groups, Police, Service Points (Within the SPT area Wharryburn near Dunblane to Denny near Falkirk)

Local
Stirling Observer
Stirling News
Falkirk Herald

National
The Herald
The Scotsman

All info to and from the Press/Media must go through the Communications Team and the Press Office

Angela Thomson/Karen MacGregor (Communications)  7441781 / 7441780
Simon McMillan (Press Team)  7044875
Paul Ferguson (Press Team)  704 4515
Angela Reddington (Community Liaison) 7441640

Council Details

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0845 277 7000

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Denny & District Community Council
Ms Julie McCaffrey (Secretary)

There are 4 **Community Councils** that would be affected by project works for Overhead Line Work & LV Undergrounding in the Stirling area.

Cowie Community Council
Mr Ronald McCabe (Chairman)
2 Armour Avenue
Cowie, Stirling
FK7 7BY

Cowie Community Council
Mr Brian Smith (Secretary)
9 Berryhill
Cowie, Stirling
FK7 7AH

Polmaise Community Council (Fallin)
Mr Gordon Copland (Chairman)
49 Stirling Road, Fallin
Stirling FK7 7SP

Polmaise Community Council (Fallin)
Ms Alison Downie (Secretary)
33 Hilton Terrace, Fallin
Stirling, FK7 7JU

Plean Community Council
Mr Tommy Brooks (Chairman)
18 Gallamuir Drive, Plean
Stirling, FK7 8EA

Plean Community Council
Mrs Margaret Baxter (Secretary)
17 Small Holdings
Plean
Stirling, FK7 8AP
Logie Community Council
Mr Angus Annan (Chairman)
Easter Cottage
Blairlogie, Stirling
FK9 5PX

Logie Community Council
Ms Jane Kilgour (Secretary)
Powis House
Stirling, FK9 5PS

Environmental Groups, Interested Parties & Statutory Consultees:

- **Local Authorities** - Have responsibilities and regulatory powers with regard to air quality (smoke and dust nuisance), noise pollution, vibration control, light pollution, contaminated land, side roads and roads surrounding the site roads, nature conservation and environmental health. Detailed consultation required throughout the detailed design and construction periods.

- **Scottish Natural Heritage** - Are the guardians of Scotland’s tremendous natural heritage – the land, water, coastal and marine areas, woodland hills and open spaces that shape Scotland’s geography.

- **SEPA** - Responsible for the regulation and monitoring of compliance and with the enforcement of the Water Environment (Controlled activities) (Scotland) regulations 2005 (CAR). Regulating: discharges of liquid and solid waste e.g. pumping excavations and permanent works discharge to a watercourse. Abstraction, engineering activities in/adjacent to watercourses culverts and bridges. Waste sites e.g. landfills for disposal of surplus excavated soils, illegal waste disposal. Use of radioactive material for e.g. nuclear density testing, storage of waste and disposal of waste. They also deal with flood warnings to local authorities, police and via the flood service. Investigate fly tipping that is items that pose a threat to the environment. They manage and arrange for the cleanup of special sites contaminated land. Deal with pollution incidents and provide advice on controlled waters, in relation to contaminated land.

- **Friends of the earth (Scotland)** - Scotland’s leading environmental campaigning organisation are an independent Scottish charity with a network of thousands of supporters and active local groups across Scotland. Friends of the Earth Scotland exists to help people in Scotland look after the planet for everyone’s future. They think globally and act locally in Scotland, delivering solutions to climate change by enabling and empowering people to take both individual and collective action. Their vision is of a world where everyone can enjoy a healthy environment and a fair share of the Earth’s resources.

- **Forestry Commission** - Plant 24 million trees every year to create new woodland and to replace the trees that are harvested in Scotland. Some of these trees will help to regenerate blighted industrial landscapes such as former coalfield communities and bring new woodlands closer to urban areas. The Forestry Commission also harvest 5 million tonnes of wood every year from Scotland/Britain’s public forests this reduces dependency on imported
wood and provides low-carbon materials for the domestic wood-using industries and for fuel and energy. As Britain’s largest land manager they are custodian of one million hectares of land including most spectacular landscapes 2/3 of the nations estate lies within National Parks, areas of outstanding natural beauty or sites of specific interest.

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- **National Farmers Union, Scotland** - The NFU champions British farming and provides professional representation and services to its Farmer and Grower members. It is the largest farming organisation in the UK, providing a strong, respected and independent voice for the industry. The NFU was founded in 1908 and is financed by members' subscriptions.

- **Historic Scotland** - An agency within Scottish Government and is directly responsible to Scottish Ministers for safeguarding the nation’s historic environment and promoting its understanding and enjoyment. Their role is to deliver policy and advise on all aspects of the historic environment and to carry out statutory functions relating to two acts of parliament – the ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979, which allows the schedule of sites of national importance and to take them into state care and the Planning (listed Building and Conservation Areas (Scotland) Act 1997 that grants authority to list structures for their architectural or historical significance.

- **Scottish National Trust** - Conservation and management of Scotland’s properties and of Scotland’s natural and cultural heritage is the trusts core activity.

- **RSPB** - Bird populations reflect the health of the planet on which our future depends. The need for an effective bird conservation organisation has never been greater. Climate change, agricultural intensification, expansion of urban areas and transport infrastructure and over – exploitation of our seas all pose major threats to birds.

- **Cairngorms National Park** - Britain's highest and most massive mountain range; its biggest native forests; spectacularly clean rivers and lochs; moorland and farmland and a stronghold for Britain's wildlife

### Community Groups

There are a number of local groups in the SPT area of the Beauly – Denny Project area. – See attached Appendix 3.

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  North Kersebonny
  Stirling
  FK8 3AB 07788 893600

- Alva Games - 14\textsuperscript{th} July 2012
The Johnstone Park
Alva
FK12 5LJ
01786 813523

- Bridge Of Allan Highland Games – 5th August 2012
  44 Forth Park
  Bridge Of Allan
  FK9 5NT
  01786 832682

- Doune and Dunblane Agricultural Society Annual Show – 7th July 2012
  Kier Mains
  Dunblane
  Perth & Kinross
  FK15 9NU
  01389 849417

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  01324 508810

- Dunipace Primary School
  Thistle Avenue
  Dunipace
Denny, FK6 6LS
07951 293 196
01324 508820

- Fallin Nursery & out of school centre
  22 Bruce Drive
  Fallin
  FK7 7EQ
  Caroline Fyfe - 01786 815628

- Fallin Primary School
  Lamont Crescent
  Fallin, Stirling
  FK7 7EJ
  Yvonne Nicoll – 01786 812063

- Cowie Primary School
  Main Street
  Cowie FK7 7BL
  Vivienne Innes – 01786 813014

- East Plean Primary School
  Teaching Village
  Balfour Centre
  Plean FK7 8DS
  Connie Desmond – 01786 812063

- St. Margarets RC Primary School
  Bannockburn Road
  Cowie
  Stirling, FK7 7BG
  Fiona McKerrall – 01786 812293

Secondary
- Denny High School
  Herbertshire Park
  Denny, FK6 6EE
  01324 827440

- Wallace High School
  Airthrey Road
  Stirling
  FK9 5HW
  Linda Horsburgh – 01786 462166

Councillors
The Project passes through the following council wards and the details are as follows

**Falkirk area**
- Cllr Jim Blackwood (Scottish Labour Party)  
  Denny & Blackwood
- Cllr John McNally (Scottish National Party)  
  Denny & Blackwood
- Cllr Martin Oliver (Scottish National Party)  
  Denny & Blackwood
- Cllr Alexander J. Waddell (Independent Party)  
  Denny & Blackwood

**Stirling area**
- Cllr Margaret Brisley (Scottish Labour Party)
- Cllr Alasdair MacPherson (Scottish National Party)
- Cllr Violet Weir (Scottish Labour Party)
- Cllr Callum Campbell (Conservative)
- Cllr Colin Finlay (Labour)
- Cllr David Goss (Liberal Democrats)
- Cllr Graham Houston (Scottish National Party)
- Cllr Graham Reid (Liberal Democrats)

**M.S.P.’s (Constituency)**
- Michael Mathieson (Scottish National Party)  
  Falkirk West
- Angus MacDonald (Scottish National Party)  
  Falkirk East
- Bruce Crawford (Stirling)  
  Scottish National Party
- Keith Brown (Ochils)  
  Scottish National Party

**MSP’s (Central Scotland)**
Mark Griffin (Scottish Labour)
Richard Lyle (Scottish National Party)
Margaret McCulloch (Scottish Labour)
Siobhan McMahon (Scottish Labour)
Margaret Mitchell (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)
John Wilson (Scottish National Party)
Clare Adamson (Scottish National Party)
Murdo Fraser (Conservative)
Liz Smith (Conservative)
Richard Simpson (Labour)
Willie Rennie (Scottish Liberal Democrats)
Annabelle Ewing (Scottish National Party)
John Park (Labour)
Claire Baker (Labour)

M.P.s

Eric Joyce MP (Falkirk)
Anne McGuire (Stirling)

Police Details

Central Scotland Police
Falkirk/Denny area
01324 634212

Any security issues – Please contact SPT/Iberdrola Security Team
Charlie Hendrie (Security Manager) 0141 568 4725/ 07753 623442
Peter Davies (Security Director) 0141 568 2507/ 07738 062910

Environmental Framework
As part of the Beauly – Denny Project, environmental protection on site will be delivered by sound environmental management. The SHETL/SPT project team will be supported by an environmental representative and relevant advisors and the contractors will employ environmental specialists. An Environmental Liaison Group (ELG) of key stakeholders (representatives of relevant local authorities, SNH, SEPA, Cairngorms National Park Authority, Historic Scotland, RSPB and the Forestry Commission together with representatives of the SHETL/SPT project team will advise and comment on the Construction Policy Handbook.

Environmental commitments and requirements relating to the new works include:

- Mitigation measures set out in the Environmental Statement.
- Further mitigation measures agreed post publication with consultees including the local authorities, Forestry Commission Scotland, Historic Scotland, SEPA and SNH;
- Conditions attached to the consent by the Scottish Ministers;
- Any conditions of Controlled Activities Regulations (CAR) licences;
- Environmental commitments in the Contractor’s environmental management system (EMS), ISO 14001 or equivalent;
- Environmental best practice measures including those set out by statutory agencies such as the Scottish Executive, SEPA, SNH, FCS.

The management of environmental effects is fully integrated with the quality control of all aspects of the works including detailed design and health and safety. Relevant documents for the project, including the health and safety plans, will also be referred to when planning construction works.

For Further information on the Environmental Framework and implementation please contact:

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Environmental Manager
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Avondale House
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Bellshill
ML4 3 NJ
0141 614 6789

Beauly – Denny Project Appendix 1

New Substation at Denny, Nr Falkirk
Background
Scottish Hydro-Electric Transmission Ltd (SHETL) and SP Transmission Ltd (SPT) are seeking consent from the Scottish Ministers, under section 37 of the electricity act 1989, to install and keep installed a 400 kilovolt (kV) overhead electricity transmission line from Beauly, west of Inverness in SHETL’s licence area, to near Denny, South of Stirling, in SPT’s licence area.

As part of these works a new 275/400kV substation will be constructed on a site approx 2km North of Dunipace off the A872 where a number of transmission lines converge. A package of public road upgrades will be implemented to facilitate the construction of the new substation.

Community Liaison
The Beauly-Denny Community Liaison Team is a dedicated full time resource supporting the project. They will manage and co-ordinate communications and engagement with the public, community bodies, elected representatives and any other groups affected by the project. In addition the Project Team will handle all statutory engagement whilst media enquiries will be handled by the Scottish Power (SPT) Press Office.

The Community Liaison Team will report to the SPT Programme Manager for the duration of the Beauly – Denny Project. For SPT and their contractors to maintain close liaison with community representatives, landowners and statutory consultees throughout construction and duration of the project. It will detail the community liaison’s team proactive approach to providing good information /communication for the Beauly-Denny Project by establishing and maintaining strong relationships with the public, local communities, community groups, elected representatives, and the media, by ensuring everyone affected by the project is aware of what’s happening in their area in advance of any works being carried out by receiving information by various forms e.g. letter drops, information sessions, newsletters, public advert, website, community forums. Community support will be vital in ensuring the project runs smoothly and to the timescales proposed.

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Traffic Management Scheme
Prior to commencement of works in the area of a particular roads authority, the applicant shall submit for the written approval of that roads authority a Traffic Management Scheme which shall include the following:

- Restriction of construction traffic to approved routes and the measures to be put in place to avoid other routes being used.
- Timing of construction traffic to minimise impact on local communities particularly at school start and finish times and during local events.
- Emergency arrangements

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John Wilson (Scottish National Party)

Clare Adamson (Scottish National Party)

M.P.s

Eric Joyce MP (Falkirk)

Schedule of Works
**New 400,000volt substation at Denny, Nr Falkirk**

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**Green Network Initiatives**
The Scottish Government has set out additional compensatory mitigation measures to underground an extra 7km of 132,000 volt line between Fallin and Glenbervie, and wider environmental and landscape improvements as part of a project to develop the central Scotland Green Network, to bring a long last benefit to communities in the Stirling area. The Green Network – a network of woodland, walking and cycling routes, greenspace and waterways is part of the National Planning Framework and SPT will work with public bodies to deliver widespread and long lasting improvements to the landscape and biodiversity.

**Substation Construction**

Construction of the new substation at Denny North is due to commence in Summer 2012. The first works associated with this project will be the upgrading of 2km of the C64 unclassified road from the junction with the A872 West of Dunipace. These upgrading works will facilitate the additional traffic imposed by the construction works by widening of the road and the construction of new passing places at strategic points. These works will require temporary road closures.

On completion of the access road works the construction of the new substation platform will commence. These works will primarily involve the export of local material and the import of suitable mineral fill. The platform construction will take approximately one year to complete.

The construction of the 275/400kV substation M&E works will commence in September 2013 and will take approximately one year to complete.
Beauly – Denny Project Appendix 2

New 400KV Overhead line work & LV Undergrounding works in the Stirling area

In November 2007, the Scottish Government announced a new target to generate 50% of Scotland’s electricity from renewable by 2020 and the UK Government confirmed that it is committed to the EU target for 20% of all energy requirements being met from renewable sources by 2020.

As a result of the market bringing forward proposals for renewable electricity generation, the capacity of the existing 132,000 double circuit overhead transmission line between Beauly west of Inverness and Denny south of Falkirk requires upgrading. The proposed transmission line passes north east of Stirling heading south crossing the River Forth and the M9 to connect to the existing grid north east of Denny.

Following extensive study, it was concluded that the transmission line should be replaced with a new 400,000 volt double circuit overhead transmission line. Ofgem, the Electricity Industry regulator, has concluded that the new line is both required and justified.

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20km of new 400,000 volt overhead line on 62 L12 steel lattice towers in the SPT boundary area (from Wharry Burn to Denny.)

The Stirling Visual Impact Mitigation Scheme (SVIMS) Consultation Report (September 2010) indicated that Low Voltage (LV) lines would be undergrounded in a number of locations, where this would provide some (albeit limited) benefit to local landscape character and visual amenity. In some instances this work would comprise an extension of the works required for construction health and safety, or the permanent undergrounding of works that might otherwise have been temporary.

These proposals remain part of the condition 19 measures, with the addition of an extended area of LV undergrounding in the Powys House area, at the request of a local resident.

The areas where this work would be undertaken comprise

- **The Logie Kirk area** - where the removal of overhead line wires would improve the appearance and setting of the church
- **The Witches Craig** - caravan park area, as an extension of the works required for construction purposes in the Logie Villa area, to benefit the visual amenity of road users and people staying in the caravan park.
- **At Powis House** - extending north and south of the works required for line construction (and, as noted above, extend further to the south at the request of a local resident), to benefit the visual amenity of
residents in this area, as well as the management of the avenue of trees and the working of fields

- **At Manorneuk** - where existing 33kv and LV lines will be undergrounded as an extension of that required for construction purposes, to benefit the visual amenity of the property here, and to enable some additional tree planting to be undertaken.

- **At Bolfornought** - as an extension of construction operations, in order to benefit the visual amenity of the properties in this area.

- **The Burnbank-Burnhead area** - as a lengthy extension of works required for line construction, again to assist in enabling planting to be carried out in this area thereby enhancing local landscape character and visual amenity.

- **North of Carbrook Mains and south of Plean** - where the number of distribution lines wood poles crossing the agricultural land creates visual clutter and presumably interferes with the working of fields. The removal of these would provide some reduction to the overall wirescape in this area.

- **To the south of the Plean Industrial Estate** - where existing wood (H) poles are prominent due to their siting on a ridge, the extension of undergrounding required for construction would remove these and be of benefit to the local visual amenity.

### Scaffolding with Netting:
Will be used as protective measure when crossing rivers, roads and other transmission and distribution lines.

### Remedial Works:
Will include dismantling and removal of the 132kV, towers and conductors which will be recycled as scrap; removal of foundations to below soil level, backfilling the foundations and restoring the site. Restoration of the site will seek to integrate the work sites back into the surrounding landscape by either planting or creating conditions to encourage natural regeneration of habitats. Landowners will be consulted with a view to re-establish ancient or semi natural woodlands, to offset the loss made by the construction of the new line.

### Borrow Pits:
Which may be developed in locations close to the proposed route to provide a local source of stone for access tracks.

### Dismantling of the 132kV Line:
All of the 132kV line will be removed, existing access tracks will be left in place as these are used for other purposes by landowners and others. Replanting of certain areas of land along the dismantled 132kV corridor will be undertaken once the line has been removed.
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This area does have a number of nearby communities Fallin, Plean, Cowie, Logie Kirk etc  

Local Events  
There are a number of events that where practicable, will be avoided. Construction would be programmed to avoid significant traffic on key routes in the proximity of festivals and events including and not limited to;  

• Stirling Highland Games – 8th July 2012  
  North Kersebonny  
  Stirling  
  FK8 3AB  
  07788 893600  

• Alva Games - 14th July 2012  
  The Johnstone Park  
  Alva  
  FK12 5LJ  
  01786 813523  

• Bridge Of Allan Highland Games – 5th August 2012  
  44 Forth Park  
  Bridge Of Allan  
  FK9 5NT  
  01786 832682  

• Doune and Dunblane Agricultural Society Annual Show – 7th July 2012  
  Kier Mains  
  Dunblane  
  Perth & Kinross  
  FK15 9NU  
  01389 849417
**Local Police Details**
Central Scotland Police
Falkirk/Denny area
01324 634212

Stirling Strategic Area Command
(Covering Stirling and the Eastern Villages)
01786 456000

*Any security issues* – Please contact our Security Team
Charlie Hendrie (Security Manager) 0141 568 4725/ 07753 623442
Peter Davies (Security Director) 0141 568 2507/ 07738 062910

**Local Council Details**

Stirling Council
Viewforth
Stirling FK8 2ET
0845 277 7000

**Community Councils**
There are various community councils that would be affected by our works for Overhead Line Work & LV Undergrounding in the Stirling area. Community Council details are as follows:

Cowie Community Council
Mr Ronald McCabe (Chairman)
2 Armour Avenue
Cowie, Stirling
FK7 7BY

Cowie Community Council
Mr Brian Smith (Secretary)
9 Berryhill
Cowie, Stirling
FK7 7AH

Polmaise Community Council (Fallin)
Mr Gordon Copland (Chairman)
49 Stirling Road, Fallin
Stirling FK7 7SP

Polmaise Community Council (Fallin)
Ms Alison Downie (Secretary)
33 Hilton Terrace, Fallin
Stirling, FK7 7JU
Community Groups
There are a number of local groups – See Appendix 3

Schools
Part of the communications plan will be to approach schools in the area of Fallin, Plean, Cowie, Logie Kirk etc and explain about the construction works and importance of safety. SPT and Iberdrola through our programmes have developed a range of resources for teachers and parents. Over the duration of the Beauly – Denny Project local primary and secondary schools in the SPT area from Wharryburn Nr Dunblane to Denny will be contacted and offered the opportunity to receive a presentation which will provide more detailed information on the Project and advise on the programme of works and mitigation factors being taken to ensure there is the minimum of disruption to local residents and school children in the area. Also where appropriate local schools would be encouraged to be involved/engaged in joint mutually agreed community projects.

www.ollieandsparky.com - is an interactive website for primary school children designed to help them identify hazards and dangers in their local community. The site has a series of on-line games and quizzes for children aged 5-11. It also provides a range of resources for teachers and parents.

At Galloway Hydro educational tours are conducted to provide information on hydro electricity generation, environmental programmes and water safety. Visit the Visitor Centre page for more information. The schools are as follows:
Primary

- Fallin Nursery & out of school centre
  22 Bruce Drive
  Fallin
  FK7 7EQ
  Caroline Fyfe – 01786 815628

- Fallin Primary School
  Lamont Crescent
  Fallin, Stirling
  FK7 7EJ
  Yvonne Nicoll – 01786 812063

- Cowie Primary School
  Main Street
  Cowie FK7 7BL
  Vivienne Innes – 01786 813014

- East Plean Primary School
  Teaching Village
  Balfour Centre
  Plean FK7 8DS
  Connie Desmond – 01786 812063

- St.Margarets RC Primary School
  Bannockburn Road
  Cowie
  Stirling, FK7 7BG
  Fiona McKerrall – 01786 812293

Secondary

- Wallace High School
  Airthrey Road
  Stirling
  FK9 5HW
  Linda Horsburgh – 01786 462166

Local Councillors

Stirling area
Cllr Margaret Brisley (Scottish Labour Party)
Cllr Alasdair MacPherson (Scottish National Party)
Cllr Violet Weir (Scottish Labour Party)
Cllr Callum Campbell (Conservative)
Cllr Colin Finlay (Labour)

Cllr David Goss (Liberal Democrats)

Cllr Graham Houston (Scottish National Party)

Cllr Graham Reid (Liberal Democrats)

**M.S.P.s (Constituency)**

Bruce Crawford (Stirling)
Scottish National Party

Keith Brown (Ochils)
Scottish National Party

**M.S.P.s (Central Scotland)**

Murdo Fraser (Conservative)

Liz Smith (Conservative)

Richard Simpson (Labour)

Willie Rennie (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

Annabelle Ewing (Scottish National Party)

John Park (Labour)

Claire Baker (Labour)

**M.P.**

Anne McGuire (Stirling)
Beauly – Denny Appendix 3

Community/Social Groups in the Project Area (Falkirk/Stirling)

Outdoor Activity
Tel: 01324 503829 Email: action.outdoors@falkirk.gov.uk
Outdoor Activity is a strategy of learning which encompasses adventurous activity and environmental study.
As an Outdoor Learning Team, Action Outdoors is committed to, and takes pride in the **Falkirk and District Ring Craft Club**
Mrs Ruth Page Tel. 01324 880352

**Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**
Head Office. Tel. 0131 339 0222

**The Barns Pet Rescue Service**
Mrs Fiona Scott. Tel. 01324 851222

American Football

**Grangemouth Broncos American Football Club**
Jonathan Ewing Tel. 01324 634092 [www.grangemouthbroncos.co.uk](http://www.grangemouthbroncos.co.uk)
Training at Inchyra Park most Saturdays from 10am until 12:30pm

Anchor Boys

**Kirk of the Hollyrood**
Tamworth Ave. Grangemouth
Primary 2,3,4 Monday 5-6pm.-- Primary 4,5,6 Tuesday 7-830pm.
Primary 7 Thursday 7-8.30pm New Members Welcome
Contact Irene MacLean
Army Cadet Force (Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders)

**Falkirk Company** Lt. Col. James Fraser Tel. 485092

Archaeology

**Callendar House Young Archaeologist Club**
Callendar House, Falkirk. Contact Unknown.

Archery

**Falkirk Company of Archers**
Contact Andrew Nimmo. Tel. 01324 562494

**Grange Centre Archery Club**
Contact W. Moorland Tel.01324 711005.

Astrology

**British Astrological & Psychic Society**
4 Glenview, Fankerton, FK6 5HY
Anne Marie and Jim Denny. Tel 01324 825060

Astronomy

**Association of Falkirk Astronomers**
29 Sandyloan Crescent, Laurieston, FK
Malcolm Gibb Tel: 01324 623919
[www.astronomy-falkirk.co.uk](http://www.astronomy-falkirk.co.uk)

Athletics

**Central Athletic Club**
John McDonald Tel: 01786 832684.

**Falkirk Victoria Harriers**
William Day Carronshore Tel. 562228.
The Forth Valley Talking Newspaper Association provides free recordings on tape or CD for blind or visually impaired people. Contact E. Sutherland 01324 812082 for further information.

Badminton

**Bonnybridge Badminton Club**
Mrs J. McAuley, Bonnybridge Community Centre Tel 503290

**Denny Westpark Badminton Club**
Hugh Ross. Tel 826142.

**Dunipace Ladies Badminton**
Mrs J. Davies. Tel. 824082.

**Grange Centre Badminton Club**
Grange Centre, Tel. 503830. Email grange@falkirk.gov.uk

**ICI (Grangemouth) Badminton Club**
Earls Gate, Grangemouth, FK3
Jim Ferrier Tel: 01324 556253.

**Slamannan Adult Badminton**
Slamannan Community Centre Tel. 851548

**Denny and Dunipace Pipe Band Association**
Craig White, Denny. Tel. 825202.

**Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association**
(Stirlingshire Branch) Tom Stewart, Tel. 636488.
1 Burns Crescent, Laurieston.

**Salvation Army Band**
Jack Spowart. Tel. (01506) 823836.

**Shieldhill Flute Band**
Tom Henderson, 13 Mavisbank Avenue, Shieldhill. Tel. 636373.

**Wallacestone and District Pipe Band**
Secretary - Mrs Lorna Finlay, Tel. 715397
12 Woodlands Drive, Rightons, Falkirk FK2 0TF

**Basketball**

**Grange Centre Basketball Club**
Tel. 503830. Email grange@falkirk.gov.uk

**Slamannan Basketball**
Slamannan Community Centre Tel. 851548

**Boat & Yacht Clubs**

**Upper Forth Boat Club**
Hon Secretary, Paul Shave, Bo’ness Tel. (01506) 822694.

Scottish Bowling Association

**Adrian Bowling Club**
The Pleasance, Falkirk Tel. 01324 629389

**Allandale Bowling Club**
Thorndale Gardens Allandale Fk4 2HG
Tel. 01324 840151

**Bainsford Bowling Club**
Bainsford Tel. 01324 621548

**Bonnybridge Bowling Club**
Bonnybridge. Tel. 01324 813950.

**Bridgeness Bowling Club**
c/o Bridgeness Miners’ Welfare Bo’ness. Tel. (01506) 826184
British Alcan Bowling Club  
Tel: 01324 622435

Burnhead Bowling Club  
Larbert. Tel. 01324 562138.

Callendar Miners' Welfare Bowling Club  
Glen Village Tel 01324 611060

Camelon Bowling Club (Outdoors)  
Camelon FK1 4DN Tel. 01324 624224

Carron and Carronshore Bowling Club  
Beaumont Drive, FK2 8SN Tel. 01324 557447

Castings Bowling Club  
Falkirk. Tel. 01324 623738.

Denny Bowling Club  
Denny Tel. 01324 822192

Dunmore Village Bowling  
Dunmore, nr Airth. FK2 8LY

Falkirk Bowling Club  
Falkirk Tel. 01324 562138.

Forth Valley Bowling Club for Visually Impaired  
Mrs Dora Crudge, Grangemouth. Tel. 870114.

Grahamston Bowling Club  
Grahams Road, Falkirk. FK2 7BQ Tel. 01324 629032

Grangemouth Bowling Club  
Talbot Street, Grangemouth. Tel. 01324 485700

Greenpark Community Education Unit  
Greenpark Drive, Polmont. Tel 506730

Larbert Bowling Club  
Pretoria Road, Larbert. FK5 4MB Tel. 01324 556819

Laurieston Bowling Club  
Polmont Road, Laurieston FK2 9QT Tel. 01324 629931

Polmont Bowling Club  
Station Road, Polmont FK2 0DV Tel. 01324 711021

Railwaymen Bowling Club  
Barrie Place, Grangemouth. FK3 8QY Tel.01324 482216

Slamannan Bowling Club  
Station Road, Slamannan.FK1 3BQ Tel. 01324 851300

Stenhousemuir Bowling Club  
Church Street, Stenhousemuir. FK5 4QR Tel. 01324 554686

Zetland Bowling Club  
Abbotsgrange Road, Zetland Park, FK3 9JD Tel. 01324 665559

Zeneca Bowling Club  
Earls Gate, Earls Road, Grangemouth, FK3 8UZ Tel. 01324 483240

Bowling (Carpet)

Carpet Bowling (OAP)  
Bonnybridge Community Centre,Tel. 503290

Greenpark Bowlers  
Greenpark Community Centre. Tel. 506730.

St Alexander's Carpet Bowls  
John Edgar, Denny. Tel. 822309

Bowling (Indoor)
Falkirk Indoor Bowling Club
Cameron Tel. 638417
Boys's Brigade
1st Falkirk Company (Grahamston United Church)
Capt. J. P. Fish, Tel. 553982
2nd Falkirk Company (Irving Church, Cameron)
Capt. Paul Anderson, Tel. 0776 121682
3rd Falkirk Company (Erskine Church)
Capt. Mrs M. MacKay, Tel. 617824
Boxing
Cameron Amateur Boxing Club
Mr W. Abercrombie Cameron. Tel. 627609
Zetland Amateur Boxing Club
Jimmy Dunn, Falkirk. Tel. 624189.
Bridge
Denny & Dunipace Bridge Club
J. McVey Tel. (01236) 735489
Earlsgate Bridge Club
Rhoda Swan Tel. (01506) 842391
Falkirk Bridge Club
J. Powers Tel 01324 715400
Grangemouth Bridge Club
N. Millar Tel. 473591
Greenpark Centre Beginners and Bridge Club
Greenpark Centre, Polmont. Tel. 506730
Linlithgow Bridge Club
Sally Douglas. Tel. (01506) 671549
Tryst Bridge Club
Secretary, M. Scully Tel. 562963
Brownies
For information about your nearest Brownie Pack 0131 2264511
Higginsneuk Burns Club
Carronshore Paul Titley 01324 557306

Local Charity Groups and Trusts
Seagull Trust Cruises
please visit the websites: www.seagulltrust.org.uk www.stcruises-falkirk.org.uk
Tel: 07801536315

Church Websites and Clubs
St Josephs RC Church
Bonnybridge (website) includes photographic history of St Josephs & Bonneybridge
Falkirk Camera Club
Contact Allister Keane Tel: 01324 624543

Grangemouth Chess Club
Grangemouth Education Unit, Grangemouth Sports Complex
Meets Wednesdays 7pm Jim Watson Tel: 01324 714314
Computer Clubs

**Central Scotland Acorn User Group**
Polmont Ian Anderson 01324 714413

**Falkirk Fusion Cheerleading Squad**
Classes for children from age 5 and upwards.
Both recreational and competition classes available.
Classes held on Monday and Wednesday evenings at Falkirk Baptist Church Hall, Weir St, Falkirk.

**Westquarter / Redding Cricket Club**
Club Secretary Jim Sharp Tel: 01324 715530

**Bonnybridge Curling Club**
2 Sutherland Drive, Denny. Alex Duncan

Cycling Clubs

**Cyclist Touring Club**
4 Mansionhouse Road, Camelon, FK14PS
Denis Callaghan 01324 636935

Club meets in the Dawson Centre, Davids Loan, Bainsford Friday 8pm - 9.45pm

**Falkirk Bicycle Club**
25 Glenview, Cumbernauld
Ken Armstrong Tel: 01236 720152

**Falkirk Floral Art Club**
Mrs Marie Rutherford 01324 623254

**Wallace Fencing Academy**
3 Crawford Drive, Wallacestone, FK2 ODL Tel:01324 717477

**Falkirk Football Club**
Westfield Stadium, Falkirk, FK2 9DX
Tel: 01324 624121

**East Stirlingshire Football Club**
Firs Park, Fir Street, Falkirk, FK2 7AY
Tel: 01324 623583

**Stenhousemuir Football Club**
Ochilview Park, Gladstone Road, Larbert, FK44QL
Tel: 01324 562992

**Cameron Juniors Football Club**
Fairlie Drive, Falkirk, FK1 4NP
Tel: 01324 638060

**Falkirk Model Railway Club** -
Grangemouth Sports Centre. Mr B. McCabe Denny Tel. 823085.

Motoring

**Vale of Carron Rotary Club**
meets at B.B. HQ., Carronvale House, Carronvale Road, Larbert on Wednesday evenings at 6.45.p.m.

**Denny Speakers Club**
2 Ferguson Drive, Denny, FK6 5AE. Isabel Gillespie
Polmont Hillwalking Club
Greenpark Community Centre, Polmont,
Eddie Sutherland (Club Treasurer) Tel. 01324 484766, for more information
Stirlingshire Voluntary Association 01786 469916
Quality Action Group Stirling 01786 471120
- 01786 468248
- 0844 800 8484