

LDVG NEWSLETTER

Supporting our community since 1994



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LDVG CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY IN STYLE

LDVG is proud to celebrate its 25th anniversary. We have officially been supporting our community since 1994! From humble beginnings as the Avondale Call Line, our services have grown and developed to cover a wide range of needs for the people in local communities.

Of course we could not allow this special occasion to pass uncelebrated. Staff members and volunteers donned their glad rags on the 18th of October, marking the occasion with a night filled with fun and games. We will also be organising an event for our members in the spring, with a date to be confirmed.



We are trying to establish a timeline of LDVG's history. If you have any information, then please get in touch.

You can help us raise our profile while celebrating LDVG's 25th Anniversary by purchasing our special limited edition charity bags! All proceeds made from sales go to LDVG to help us continue our invaluable charity work in our community.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES

- HEART OF AFRICA CHRISTMAS PARTY, Friday the 20th of December, 12:00 to 14:00
- TEA DANCE, Wednesday the 15th of January, 12:30 to 14:30
- FOOTBALL CLASSICS, Wednesday the 22nd of January, 12:30 to 14:30
- VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS PARTY, January, date and time TBC

SPONSORED WALK IS A RUN AWAY SUCCESS

Our Walking Group completed their annual sponsored walk around Millport. 11 of our members managed to raise a total of...

£1,737!

This is a fantastic result and a new record. We would like to thank everybody who sponsored our walkers and of course give an extra special thanks to the walkers themselves. This money will go to helping LDVG support the local community. Without this kind of hard work and generosity we wouldn't be where we are today.

The Walking Group meets every Tuesday morning at 9:45am. If you want to become a member, please contact us.



CRAFT GROUP

Our Craft Group has been running successfully since October. Here our members have been learning a range of skills from flower arranging to card making. We would like to thank our wonderful volunteers and members for making it such a success! If you're interested in joining please get in touch.



VETERANS GROUP

We have been speaking to local veterans about our new Veterans Group, starting soon at LDVG. We want this new group to be about what our veteran members want. A simple meeting and a chat? Activities and outings? Weekly or monthly? Let us know what's good for you so we can do our best to accommodate. Watch out for our next meeting date in the New Year.

FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

We are happy to announce that we raised a massive £2,265 at our Christmas Coffee Morning and £1,140 at the Asda collection. We are so thankful to everybody who helped towards this incredible result.

COMMUNITY CAR

LDVG will soon be piloting a community car scheme to help people in the local community attend non-emergency NHS appointments (via GP referral). We are recruiting volunteer drivers with their own car for this service so if you're interested please give us a call. All reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

LDVG SPOTLIGHT

Volunteers make LDVG's work for the community possible. We appreciate everything they do and we're happy to announce that our fantastic volunteers have been recognised.

The VASLan Third Sector Volunteer Awards took place on the 12th of September and LDVG are thrilled with the results. Betty Carnihan's dedicated and diverse service within the organisation was recognised when she received the Long Serving Volunteer Award. Cailean Stillie was awarded Young Volunteer of the Year for his voluntary work and pivotal role with the Stillmac and Sparks Connections groups. Finally, Jim McCann and Quintin Cassidy were jointly awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award for their work with the Gypsy Traveller Education Group. LDVG is honoured to have so many dedicated volunteers and we're proud whenever their hard work is recognised.



LDVG is happy to be a partner and host for Heart of Africa UK. Their cooking classes and community cafés, run by Mr. T, received an Ethnic Minority Impact Award on November the 1st. If you're interested in finding out more about delicious African cuisine, you can find them on Facebook (@hoauk) for more information.



SCAM AWARENESS

It is important to be scam aware, especially with how convincing some scams can appear. LDVG would like to inform its members of some current scams.



Customers have been warned to look out for an official looking email from scammers posing as British Gas, which reads:

"Your bank has declined the latest direct debit payment. British Gas wants to inform you that your last payment of £27.98 GBP has been declined."

This is a scam. It is important that you do not click the link provided in this email or provide them with any information.



Scammers have been making calls pretending to be police officers, claiming that they are investigating fraud on your bank account. They will request that you move your funds to a "safe account" and may ask for card details or your PIN.

Under no circumstances will the police or your bank ask for these details. It is important that you never reveal any banking details over the phone.



LDVG would like its members be scam aware. We will continue to feature current scams in this newsletter and we will also be regularly updating our noticeboard with information to keep you all aware and your personal details and money as safe as possible!

WELCOMING OUR NEWEST ADDITIONS

LDVG is happy to welcome the newest additions to the LDVG family! We have two new staff members, David Ramsay and Rachel Hardie. As admin assistant and finance officer, both have been wonderful additions to the team so far and we're excited about what they will bring to LDVG. We are also welcoming a new board member and trustee, Hazel McKay, who we would like to thank for her support of LDVG.



HANDYPERSON SERVICE

Can't quite manage a small job around the house that needs attention? You might want to consider our FREE Handyperson Service. All our handypersons are PVG checked and always happy to help! If you or somebody you know could benefit from this service, let us know

"I live alone and am quite active but when it came to putting up a shelf in the kitchen, I needed help. The volunteer group arranged for someone to do the work and I'm very grateful to them for that."



WHAT'S ON AT LDVG

- Genealogy Group -	
Monday	13:00 to 15:00
- Walking Group -	
Tuesday	meets at 09:45
- Gardening and Craft Groups -	
Wednesday	10:00 to 12:00
- Exercise Classes -	
Thursday	09:30 to 10:30
Friday	10:00 to 11:00
Friday	13:00 to 14:00

In addition to our weekly activity groups, we also host a variety of other events such as the monthly Tea Dance and our IT Classes which will be resuming in January. If you're interested in attending or finding out more, please contact us. You can also add us on social media to get the latest news about what's going on.



Facebook: [LarkhallDistrictVolunteerGroup](https://www.facebook.com/LarkhallDistrictVolunteerGroup)

Twitter: [@LarkhallVolGrp](https://twitter.com/LarkhallVolGrp)