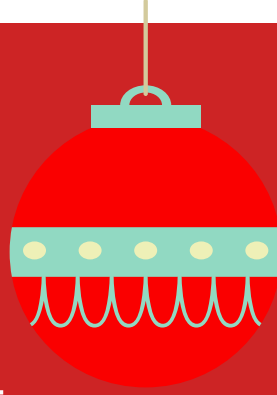


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# CROC TALK

COVID-19 RESPONSE ON CUMBRAE



## A new resilience team is born!

The Millport Support Group (MSG) came into being at the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic and has played a significant role in assisting those who were shielding and self-isolating whilst also providing help to the community in many other ways. Although first seen as a temporary initiative, MSG has now been asked to take on the oversight of the Cumbrae Resilience Team following the retirement of Mr. Bob Campbell. His voluntary work, and that of his small team of volunteers, in helping the island over many years is truly appreciated, gratefully acknowledged and they are warmly thanked by all.

The Cumbrae Resilience Team will now be coordinated through the MSG as part of The Ayrshire Local Resilience Partnership (ALRP) and plans are currently being drawn up to coordinate the Team's civil contingencies response. They will be deployed, if requested to do so, to assist in incidences of flooding, power outage, water stoppage, or other instances that could cause community concerns.

Cumbrae Community Councillor Crawford Gillan said "CCC are delighted that we were able to facilitate the continuance of a community resilience response on the island. When communities experience disruptions, whether major incidents like Covid-19 or more localised challenges, they develop unique resources and strengths to get through. It's about supporting our community and those in it by making sensible preparations and using the local knowledge, strengths, and skills that our island residents have.

Canon Alec Boyd of Millport Churches Together said "A community's resilience is at the heart of how it survives and thrives and community resilience is everyone's business. The local churches are delighted that this team will be available to help out when circumstance dictates."

Millport Support Group Volunteer Coordinator Jackie Wilson said "We are very pleased that the island's Resilience team will be continuing to offer their assistance when required and we are looking forward to continuing to support them, and the local community in the future. This could not have happened if the Community Council had not agreed to take on the required insurance liability. We have a great team of volunteers in MSG who have shown over the last 6 months or so that they will step up and help out to ensure that in difficult times things can be made a little bit easier if we all work together."



## Food! Glorious Food!

Like many of our initiatives over these past few months, Millport Support Group and Cumbrae Forum have worked together to provide a warm two-course meal to **over 100 homes** across the Island since November!

Many thanks to Lesley at The Newton for her sterling work in preparing our delicious meals, as well as our fleet of taxi drivers for getting them to peoples homes safe and sound... (and warm!)

If you would like to find out more, please call us on **01475 789 179!**

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ARE STILL HERE TO  
OFFER SUPPORT!

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HELP OR EVEN  
A LISTENING EAR,  
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UPDATED AND SAFE**



# WHAT'S HAPPENING?



## CHRISTMAS MAIL 1ST MILLPORT BOYS' BRIGADE

### LAST POST 11TH DECEMBER

Stamps cost 20p and are available at Caldwell's & Webb's Newsagents.

Post Boxes are at both newsagents.

We aim to deliver by Sunday the 20th of December.

Please be patient as we are working a restricted service due to Covid-19 government guidelines.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



### AN UPDATE FROM CUMBRAE FORUM

I'm sure we all agree that 2020 is a year we will all remember, and it's not over yet. But as we get towards Christmas, The Cumbrae Forum would like to bring everyone up to date with our various activities.

The Lunch Club has had to be cancelled, but a big shout out to Lesley, at the Newton, who is working with MSG to supply take away meals to anyone that wants one. For more information on this phone 01475 789179.

The minibus hasn't been used for some time, but we can tell you it has been serviced and MOT'd and is ready when things start again.

Our charity shop reopened for a while but we decided to be cautious and having been advised by CARS that they would be starting work on the shop this month closed again. The shop is well stocked but any donations can be handed in to McArthur Electrical in Cardiff St.

Because we can't offer our members the facilities normally available the payment of the £5 membership fee has been put off until some time in 2021.

But we would still like to know you want to stay with us. So when one of the team contact you, let them know you want to stay. And if you want to become a member, and there is no age restrictions, phone me on 530376.

Sincere thanks to everyone who has helped, and is helping, get us through this and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

**James Farrell**  
Chairman



### COMMUNITY SECRET SANTA WITH RADIO MILLPORT

Cumbrae's community radio station Radio Millport has decided to try to bring the Community Together at Christmas, without actually being together, through a Community Secret Santa.

If you'd like to join in, then just get in touch by sending your Full Name, Address, and contact email or WhatsApp/mobile number to **cumbraeradiolive@gmail.com** by **Thursday December 10th**.

You'll then be sent a link to find out who to buy a gift for. There's a spend limit of no more than £10 and you're encouraged to buy locally to support Millport businesses.

You should wrap the gift, write the recipients name on it and hand it into the radio station at the West Lodge in the Garrison on December 20th between 12-3pm.

The wonderful Radio Millport presenters will then sort the parcels and deliver them (socially distanced) on Christmas Eve.

Radio Millport broadcasts online and you can listen at [www.radiomillport.co.uk](http://www.radiomillport.co.uk).

**If you have a device with Alexa,  
just ask Alexa to play Radio Millport!**



### AN ONLINE SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Tune in to **www.lsjpcpc.live** on **Sunday 20th December at 3pm** for an online service of Nine Lessons and Carols, where you can also find out how to contribute to the work of Christian Aid.

This will be recorded in the Cathedral of the Isles with contributions from clergy and children from both Cumbrae and Largs.

**MSG HOTLINE: 01475 789 179**