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Trafalgar Housing Association

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Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2026

We were delighted to hold our 36th Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 15th September 2026. We moved locations this year to the Singer Bowling Club on Boquhanran Road and had great feedback from the night. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended and made the night a success, including 28 shareholders and 2 non-shareholders.

Once again we held an open surgery before the AGM to allow residents to discuss any issues they had with all staff present and available for a chat; also present were two Energy and Wellbeing Officers from Community Links to give advice to tenants. We thank everyone for attending this surgery as this allowed the AGM to focus solely on the business of the AGM.

This year's Agenda included the Election of Management Committee Members; Annual Accounts to 31st March 2026 and Appointment of the Auditors for Financial Year 2026/27. Prizes were once again awarded to the best garden and runners up – congratulations to all our winners and thank you for the effort you put into your garden. We're sure you'll agree they all look fabulous and help keep our area looking great.

The night was rounded off with a lovely buffet of pizza, pakora, sandwiches and some sweet treats; a game of prize bingo and the prize draw for all our Shareholders who were present. Prizes this year included a 55inch smart TV, a 43inch smart TV, a Ninja Air Fryer, Lenovo tablet, vouchers and more.



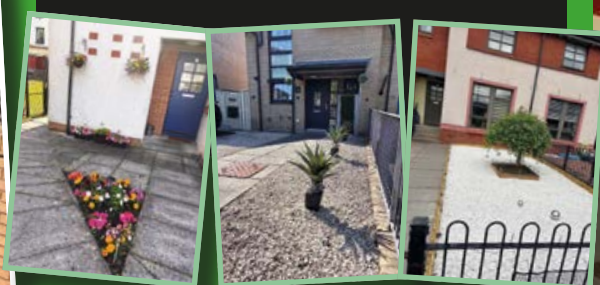
Garden Prize Winners

This year our first prize winner received a £50 voucher for B&Q and the runners up a £20 voucher for B&Q.

1st Place –
Ms McDermott



Runners Up – Mr & Mrs Campbell, Mrs Bell, Mrs Duffy, Miss Dempsey, Ms Greer



SUMMERFEST 2026

In August we held Summerfest in partnership with Dalmeir Park HA. This was another very successful event which saw over 200 THA and DPHA tenants enjoy a free chippy and ice cream, free entertainment including a magician and circus activities, face painting, music and fun.

As you can see from our pictures the event was enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who attended and made the event a great success. Plans are already underway for Winterfest 2026 which is scheduled for Friday 11th December 2026.



BECOME A GENERAL MEMBER OF TRAFALGAR FOR JUST £1



Anyone can become a General Member of the Association as long as you are aged 16 or over and meet the requirements set out in our rules which are available to view online at: www.trafalgarha.co.uk/becoming-a-general-member.

Membership costs just £1 and you will remain a member for as long as you reside within the area.

By becoming a member of the Association you are eligible to vote at the AGM, which takes place every September. This will allow you to influence how the Association operates.

To become a member of Trafalgar Housing Association please fill out the information below, cut out this application form and return it to our office.

I would like to apply for membership of Trafalgar Housing Association and I have enclosed £1.00 for one share.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

I would like to hear more information about joining the Management Committee

YES / NO

Committee Meeting Updates

Our last Committee meeting was held on Monday 31st August 2026 remotely over Microsoft Teams.

Items of interest discussed at our recent committee meetings:

- Consolidated Action Plan Update
- Qtr 1 Management Accounts
- Annual Accounts to 31/03/26
- Policy Reviews
- Review of Risk Register
- Wider Role Update
- Health and Safety Report
- Directors Report

Where can I view the minutes from the Committee meetings?

The minutes from our Management Committee meetings can be viewed on our website at www.trafalgarha.co.uk under the 'Documents' section.

We are always looking for new members to join our Management Committee to take part in important decisions. Recently this has included deciding the future of Trafalgar Housing Association in our Options Appraisal. We are delighted to confirm that the Management Committee voted in favour of remained independence for the Association.



Join our Management Committee

We are actively looking for local residents from Trafalgar Street/Dumbarton Road area and the Terraces/Radnor Park area to join our Management Committee.

You will join a fantastic group of members, take part in making important decisions for the Association and play your part to make a positive impact for your community

This is a voluntary unpaid role. New members will be provided with necessary equipment and comprehensive training. Meetings take place in the evening once every 4 weeks and are currently conducted remotely using Microsoft Teams.

How do I join?

If you wish to join the Management Committee you must firstly become a General Member of the Association (see page 5). If you apply you could be invited on to fill any 'casual vacancies' that exist. However, you would then need to be formally elected at the next AGM (Annual General Meeting) which takes place every September.

If you are interested in this opportunity please visit our website at www.trafalgarha.co.uk and download an application form and recruitment pack from the 'Get Involved' section of our website.

Have you thought about becoming a housing association committee member?

It's a great way to volunteer in your community and help change it for the better.

Local housing associations provide affordable rented housing for a wide range of people who need it. They provide quick, efficient repairs and other services, and some are also involved in building new homes.

Community based housing associations often provide all kinds of other services to support local people –

such as benefits and fuel advice, help with getting into employment, and places for people to hold meetings and community activities.

Housing association staff members are paid professionals, but associations are run by voluntary committee members, and usually the majority live in the local area.

Here are some of the benefits of serving on the committee...

Benefits for you

- Gain confidence, build a sense of achievement, improve your self-esteem and have a new sense of purpose.
- Develop your understanding, skills and knowledge, add to your CV, and potentially open new career paths.
- Be involved in a stimulating and mutually supportive environment where your views are heard.
- Meet new people, develop friendships, and socialise with others with a shared commitment.
- Attend social & networking events, as well as training courses, to build up your skills.
- Open up opportunities to apply to serve on important national/regional bodies in the housing sector.
- Become a part of one of the most important and effective movements for physical and social improvement that has happened in Scotland over the last 40 years.
- Get personal satisfaction from giving something back to the local community whilst making a real difference.
- Broaden your horizons and have fun along the way!

Benefits for the association and the wider community

- You'll help to raise awareness of the Association's work both within the local community and beyond.
- The time and energy you commit to the Association will directly contribute to its work in improving the quality of life for tenants and the wider community.
- You can help to ensure good quality housing and services.
- As a voluntary committee member you'll join hundreds of local people and other volunteers who play such a crucial role in taking forward the work of community controlled housing associations in Scotland.



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How you can communicate with us?

We have a number of different ways you can communicate with us here at Trafalgar HA; via the website, in person at the office, calling the office on **0141 952 4676** and by emailing any of the following addresses.

- admin@trafalgarha.co.uk
- repairs@trafalgarha.co.uk
- hm@trafalgarha.co.uk

How we will communicate with you

Trafalgar HA will communicate with you through a variety of different methods; letter, newsletter, email, telephone, text messaging, the website and social media.

- **Newsletters** – We produce quarterly newsletters which are available on our website. If you would prefer the traditional paper copy please let us know and we can pop one through your door.
- **Website** – We will update our website with the most up-to-date information regarding Trafalgar and any upcoming events.
- **Text Messaging** – We have recently started using text messages as a way of advising you of any upcoming events. Please make sure we have your up-to-date contact number.
- **Noticeboards** – All closes will have noticeboards in them which will contain updates from the Association and useful information.
- **Social Media** – We have recently started a Facebook page which will be used to update tenants on any upcoming events. We also have a Linkd In page. Please give us a follow on both.

Please let us know if you require any of our documents to be provided in a different format.

Good Neighbour Award

Nominate your Neighbour for an Award

Is your neighbour one in a million? Do they make a difference to your life or the lives of people in your community?

This is a chance for you to say 'thank you' to a neighbour who goes out of their way to help you and others, someone who shows kindness and consideration.

The winner of this award receive **£50 worth of vouchers** and a certificate. We would also like the winner to be featured in an article on the award and why they won it in our next newsletter.

If you would like to nominate your neighbour

for this award please send an email to admin@trafalgarha.co.uk or write to our office at:

Trafalgar Housing Association
430a Dumbarton Road
Dalmuir, G81 4DX
Clydebank

In the email or letter please include the name of the person that you would like to nominate, the reason why you think they should win the award and their address.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept nominations from relatives or anyone living in the same property.



Clydebank Football Club

We are proud to sponsor Clydebank Football Club this season with a pitch side banner. We also have access to 3 seasons tickets for league games at Holm Park which several of our tenants have already enjoyed.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



COSTUME SAFETY

Flame Resistant Costumes – Choose costumes made from flame-resistant materials and avoid long trailing fabric to prevent tripping hazards.

Visibility – Use reflective tape on costumes, wear glow sticks around wrists, carry torches and opt for light coloured clothing to enhance visibility in the dark.

Masks – Instead of masks use face paint to avoid obstruction of vision.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Pavements – Always walk on the pavements and use pedestrian crossings where possible.

Look Both Ways – Teach children to look both ways before crossing the road.

DRIVER SAFETY

Headlights – Use headlights early to increase visibility.

Slow Down – Drive slower than normal and stay alert for children who may dart on to the road.

GENERAL SAFETY

Accompany Children – Young children should always be accompanied by an adult. If older children are going by themselves, plan a route that you both know and are happy with and arrange a time they should be home at.

Familiar Area – Always choose an area you know and feel safe in. Avoid homes not well lit or that do not have any Halloween decorations.

Pumpkins – Use battery operated candles or led lights inside carved pumpkins instead of candles to prevent any chance of catching alight.

Residents Panel

We are always looking for new members and all tenants/residents over the age of 16 are welcome. This is a voluntary unpaid role; but one that is very important to the ongoing success of the Association and to ensure your voice is heard. It can also allow you to meet your neighbours, enhance your skills and experience and positively impact your local community.

We appreciate your time is valuable, therefore the meetings will be every 2 months and we will try to make them at a time that suits you.

If you are interested in joining our Residents Panel please email us at admin@trafalgarha.co.uk, or you can call us on 0141 952 4676.



You said...

We did...

Consultation on creating gardening spaces within our open spaces for tenants to grow their own produce or flowers.

Other actions we've done on your behalf

- Reported graffiti on the Scottish Power box at the canal, and reported the painting/ graffiti of the canal bridge
- Reported offensive graffiti on the wall opposite 25 Spencer Street
- New bin ordered for Spencer Street space
- Consultation ongoing with regards to redevelopment of bin shed areas. Quotes have been asked for trial areas and meeting arranged with WDC to discuss further
- Reported overgrown trees and shrubs on Boquhanran Road leading to the underpass
- Requested street litter bins for paved areas on Trafalgar Street and Crown Avenue

DAMP, CONDENSATION AND MOULD



At this time of year we can see an increase in reports of damp, condensation and mould issues and we would like to ensure our tenants that we will react to any reports straight away and take whatever action we can to help resolve the situation.

Condensation occurs when warm moist air hits cold surfaces. There is always some moisture in the air, even if you can't see it and it can be caused by everyday activities such as breathing, cooking, washing, drying clothes indoors, topping up fish tanks, using portable gas and paraffin heaters

as they all add to the moisture that's already in the air. It is most commonly visible on windows on a cold morning during the months of October-April and the three main causes are too much moisture in the home; inadequate ventilation and inadequate heating.

If you report an issue to the Association we will check that there are no underlying problems such as any internal or external leaks. However, if the problem is condensation then there are measures that you can take to help prevent it and to reduce the moisture production in your home:

- Open windows/window vents to allow moisture to escape
- Cover pots and pans when cooking and use extractor fans
- Avoid drying clothes inside or if not possible, dry on a clothes horse in the bathroom with the door closed and the window open/fan on
- Ensure that tumble dryers are vented to the outside
- When running a bath put some cold water in first to reduce the steam
- Do not run the shower for longer than necessary to minimise the amount of water vapour that gets into the air
- Do not dry clothes/towels/bedding on radiators or over doors
- Close kitchen and bathroom to prevent water vapour spreading to other parts of the property
- Do not use portable heaters such as gas or paraffin as they produce a gallon of water for each gallon of fuel used.

Increase Ventilation

Increase ventilation i.e. allowing the air to circulate around your home will help prevent moisture laden air from being trapped in your home and condensing on the windows, walls and ceilings which then ultimately manifests as black spores. Actions to increase ventilation include:

- Opening a window after bathing, showering or cooking
- If you have trickle vents fitted on your windows, keep them open as much as possible, especially in inhabited rooms – these don't lose any heat from the rooms they simply allow air in
- Do not put furniture tight up against the wall, move it away slightly to allow the air to circulate
- Use extractor fans and cooking hoods
- Wipe down windows or surfaces affected by condensation every morning
- Leave cupboard and wardrobe doors open every so often so that the air can circulate
- Where possible try to position wardrobes, chairs and large items of furniture against internal walls and not external walls

Keep the Property Warm

The best way to heat the home is through constant background heating as opposed to turning the heating on and off because warmer air is able to hold more moisture. As the temperature of the walls increases, the possibility of condensation forming on them is reduced.

Mould

The Problem

Every dwelling irrespective of its construction type contains within its fabric mould spores which are dormant and completely harmless. However, given the right conditions these spores will grow and show as black mould.

It needs very little 'nutrient' to feed off to grow and will grow on walls and ceilings and can be found on and beside windows, in the corners and edges of rooms and behind and inside wardrobes and cupboards especially if they are tight up against an external wall.

Mould can even grow on clothing, handbags, shoes etc if they are hung up in wardrobes when still damp, wet or stored so tightly that air can't circulate.

Bleach should not be used to clean walls or ceilings, this may be hazardous, will only have a temporary effect and could also encourage mould growth in the future. The Association will instruct our contractor to treat any areas where mould is evident with the correct treatment which is safe and recommended by Mould Growth Consultants, a specialist in this field.



Are you covered?

Your Landlord does not insure your furniture and belongings. However, we can offer all our tenants and residents the chance to insure their home contents and belongings.

Thistle Tenant Risks Contents Insurance Scheme can cover most of your household contents such as furniture, carpets, curtains, clothes, bedding, electrical items, jewellery, pictures & ornaments, caused by specific events such as, theft, water damage, fire & many more household risks.

Some of the benefits are:

- Storm and flood damage is covered, excludes damage caused by frost or anything that happens gradually.
- Cover for damage caused by escape of water, such as a burst pipe or a leaking washing machine, the policy does not cover the equipment or appliance.
- Tenant's liability – We will pay up to 35% of the contents sum insured for damage to your landlord's fixtures and fittings which you are legally liable for as a tenant. There is no cover available if your home is unoccupied for more than 60 days in a row.
- Flexible Pay-As-You-Go options: Pay monthly by Direct Debit (4.6% transaction fee) or annually by credit/debit card, cheque or postal order. Other payment methods may also be available - fees may apply.

These are just some of the features, limits and exclusions of the Policy.



For more information about our policy, please refer to the Insurance Product Information Document (IPID) and Policy Wording, which is available upon request.

☎ 0345 450 7286 (Monday - Friday 9.00am-5:00pm)

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Medical Adaptations

If you or a member of your household are struggling to live in your own home because of a medical condition and think there is any equipment or alteration that could be made within your property to make life easier, you can contact your GP and ask for visit from an Occupational Therapist.



They will come out and visit you at home and make recommendations to the Association of what work could be done to assist you.

Please note there are certain restrictions and guidelines that we have to follow as per our policy which can be found on our website; or you can contact the office for us to discuss further.

The Association receives Government funding every year to carry out our medical adaptations, however we do require a letter from either your GP or Occupational Therapist in order to carry out the adaptation.

If you would like further information contact the Association's office.



Art Classes for Over 60s



Get creative
Make new friends



Thursdays
1.30pm - 3.30pm



Location:
Shaftesbury Complex at 503 Dumbarton Road
OR
Nairn Complex at 2 Nairn Place



Please contact the office at
Trafalgar Housing Association on
0141 952 4676
if you want to attend as spaces are limited.



Chair Exercise for Over 60s



- ✓ Keep active
- ✓ Improve mobility
- ✓ Boost wellbeing
- ✓ Make new friends



Wednesdays
10.30am - 11.30am



Location:
Shaftesbury Complex at 503 Dumbarton Road
OR
Nairn Complex at 2 Nairn Place



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if you want to attend as spaces are limited.

HALLOWEEN MASKS

Glue these masks to some cardboard, cut them out (ask an adult for help) and attach some string to create some spooky Halloween masks!



USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS



TRAFALGAR HOUSING ASSOCIATION 0141 952 4676

EMERGENCY REPAIRS (OUT OF HOURS)

Bield 0800 783 7937

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Breathing Space 0800 838587

Goldenhill Resource Centre 0141 941 4400

Primary Care Mental Health Team 01389 828203

Riverview Resource Centre 01389 812070

Stepping Stones 0141 941 2929

Samaritans 116 123

Vale Centre for Health and Care 01389 828200

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Emergency Homelessness 0800 197 1004

WDC Main Number 01389 737000

WD Carers Centre 0141 941 1550

WD Mental Health Forum 01389 742294

WD Welfare Rights 0800 980 9070

POLICE

Emergency 999

Non- Emergency 101

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Lomond & Argyll Advocacy Service 01389 726543

NHS 24 111

West Dunbartonshire CAB 0800 484 0136

West Dunbartonshire Welfare Rights 01389 776929

West Dunbartonshire CVS 0800 484 0136

Old Kilpatrick Food Parcels 07916 310 806

West Dunbartonshire Community Foodshare 0800 345 7050

Crisis Counselling 0141 812 8474

Dumbarton Council on Alcohol - Clydebank 0141 952 0881

Alternatives - Clydebank 0141 951 2420

Trauma Counselling Line 0808 802 0406

Y Sort It 0141 941 3308

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