

Report

Report to:	Road Safety Forum
Date of Meeting:	7 December 2011
Report by:	Executive Director (Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Initiative
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise the Forum of the progress of the Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Initiative within South Lanarkshire.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Forum is asked to note the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the contents of the report are noted and future Kerbcraft initiatives is supported.

3. Background

3.1. The Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Initiative is an on-road pedestrian training scheme which was initiated by the Scottish Executive and backed by the Department for Transport. The project aims to reduce child pedestrian casualties and fatalities and is designed to aid the long term progress of assisting children to becoming independent pedestrians in the future. This is a community based project which depends on volunteer participation to succeed.

There are three key skills which are taught over a four week period. These skills are:-

Skill 1 – Choosing Safer Places and Routes to Cross the Road

Skill 2 – Crossing Safely Between Parked Cars

Skill 3 – Crossing Safely at Junctions

3.2. The twelve primary schools which previously participated in the Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Scheme are:-

Beckford, Glenlee, High Blantyre, Hamilton School for the Deaf, St. Blane's, St. Cuthbert's, St. John's (Hamilton), St. Joseph's, St. Ninian's, St. Paul's, Townhill and Udston.

3.3. The schools which participated in the Kerbcraft Scheme in the school term commencing January 2011 were:- Beckford, Glenlee, Hamilton School for the Deaf, High Blantyre, St. Blane's, St. John's Primary (Hamilton) and Udston Primary School.

- 3.4 At Beckford Primary School, twenty-one pupils participated in the training. The Home School Partnership worker helped to ensure that an adequate number of volunteers were recruited. Three volunteers who had previously participated helped, with four new volunteers receiving training.
- 3.5 Glenlee Primary School and Hamilton School for the Deaf received training on a Thursday afternoon. Glenlee Primary had fifty-four Primary 2 pupils and Hamilton School for the Deaf had sixteen pupils. Four volunteers returned to help from the previous year, although there was a request for more helpers, no new helpers signed up.
- 3.6 High Blantyre Primary School had forty-four pupils participating. The children from the support base also took part with their teachers. Four new volunteers received training and worked with a member of the Parent Council to ensure that the children covered all the key skills of this pedestrian training programme.
- 3.7. St. Blane's Primary School's Primary 1 pupils participated with their classroom assistant. A new parent volunteer received training as well as a previous volunteer who returned to help. Twenty-nine pupils completed the scheme.
- 3.8. At St. John's Primary School in Hamilton, the School Crossing Patroller and two new parent helpers joined the four existing parent helpers. The pupils from the Additional Support Needs classes also took part. Forty-two Primary 2 pupils enjoyed their Kerbcraft Training on Monday afternoons.
- 3.9. Udston Primary School received training in February 2011 after moving into their new school in winter 2010. The Head Teacher did not wish the children to receive training during the new construction due to the increased traffic outside the school. Recruitment for volunteers was successful with two new parents helping. Four volunteers from previous years returned to help and have been a great support ensuring that all the Primary 2 pupils received a high level of training.
- 3.10. Six schools participated in training from August to December 2011. These schools were St. Cuthbert's, St. Joseph's, St. Ninian's, St. Paul's, Townhill and Udston Primary School.
- 3.11. St. Cuthbert's Primary School had twenty-nine Primary 2 pupils. The Home School Partnership Worker worked in conjunction with the School Travel Plan Co-ordinator and parent helper to ensure that the children progressed throughout their training.
- 3.12 St. Joseph's Primary School received training on a Monday afternoon. There were forty-five Primary 2 pupils. Four volunteers dedicated their time throughout the training.
- 3.13. St. Ninian's Primary School had twenty-nine Primary 2 pupils on Wednesday afternoons. The class teacher, School Travel Plan Co-ordinator and four parent volunteers were all involved in the delivery of the scheme.
- 3.14. St. Paul's Primary School had training on Tuesday mornings with the new Primary 1 pupils. Twenty pupils participated with three of last year's volunteers continuing to show their help and dedication throughout the training.

- 3.15. Townhill Primary School had forty-nine Primary 2 pupils who took part in Kerbcraft on Tuesday afternoons. Five parent helpers, who participated, last year offered assistance and worked with two new parent volunteers to complete the programme of training.
- 3.16. Udston Primary School decided to continue their training for Primary 2 pupils as the rebuilding work had finished. Thirty two Primary 2 pupils participated with most of the helpers from last term helping. Three new parents also attended and ensured that the training was very successful.
- 3.17. Six schools are timetabled to continue their participation in the Kerbcraft Scheme in January 2012:- Beckford, Glenlee, Hamilton School for the Deaf, High Blantyre, St, Blane's, St. John's, Hamilton.
- 3.18. Six schools are also continuing their participation in the Kerbcraft Scheme in August 2012: - St. Cuthbert's, St. Joseph's, St. Ninian's, St. Paul's, Townhill and Udston Primary School.
- 3.19. Kerbcraft information sessions are arranged by School Travel Plan Co-ordinators in advance of training commencing at each school. Kerbcraft leaflets are given to pupils who will be participating in the scheme to give their parent/guardian more information and provide the opportunity for them to take part.

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. There are no employee implications.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. 1,000 Kerbcraft leaflets - £159.70 met from the Roads Safety Revenue Budget 2011/2012.

6. Other Implications

- 6.1. Risk assessment of the routes used are undertaken by the School Travel Plan Co-ordinator prior to training commencing. Any changes are updated.

7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 7.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 7.2. Consultation with Head Teachers, volunteers, parents and pupils to ascertain the effectiveness of training received is completed at the end of training.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives

- Improve Community Safety
- Improve health and increase physical activity
- Improve the lives of vulnerable children, young people and adults
- Sustainable Development
- People focused

Previous References

- Road Safety Forum 16 February 2011

List of Background Papers

None

Contact for Further Information

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