

ROSLIN & BILSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Roslin & Bilston Community Council (R&BCC) is a voluntary organisation set up by statute by Midlothian Council and is run by local residents to act on behalf of our neighbourhood. As the most local tier of elected representation, R&BCC plays an important role in our local democracy.

As well as representing the community to the local authority, R&BCC facilitates a wide range of activities which promote the well-being of our community, bringing local people together to help make things happen.

The Community Council is only as effective as the members who serve on it. If you are interested, we can help you with support and guidance so you can make a difference to your local community.

We meet on the first Thursday of each month, with the exception of January and July. Meetings start at 7:30pm and finish by 9pm. You can find out more about the R&BCC at our website: www.community-council.org.uk/roslinandbilston/

You can follow us on Facebook [@roslinbilstoncommunitycouncil](https://www.facebook.com/roslinbilstoncommunitycouncil) for updates, events and other news.

You can phone us on 07342112017 or email roslinbilstoncc@gmail.com.



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ABOUT ROSLIN

Message from Midlothian Councillor Pauline Winchester:

“Welcome to the home of Bovril and Rosslyn Chapel. You have chosen a wonderful place in which to live and I congratulate you!

You are joining a vibrant village that has a very active Community Council, and I would encourage you to join. They produced this leaflet and hope you find it useful”.

Pauline Winchester

Thank you to Midlothian Federation and Rosslyn Chapel Trust for their generous donations towards the cost of this booklet.

HISTORY

It is believed that Roslin was founded in 203 by a Pict called Asterius. In 1303 our village was the site of the battle of Roslin, after which Bilston Burn "ran red with the blood of the English". Roslin became important as the seat of the St Clair (Sinclair) family and in the 15th century Rosslyn Chapel was constructed. Roslin was given the status of a burgh by James II. Coal mining was a major occupation from the 12th to the late 20th centuries, and Roslin Glen was used for the manufacture of gunpowder. Roslin is known for the Chapel, which in recent times has been visited by over 150,000 people a year. The Castle dates from the same period as the Chapel. Collegehill House, next to the Chapel, was previously the Old Rosslyn Inn. Visitors included Dr Johnson and Boswell, Robert Burns and the Wordsworths. The Roslin Institute (now being replaced by housing) was the home of Dolly the Sheep – the first mammal to be cloned.

COUNCIL & PARLIAMENT

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Roslin Families - A community Facebook group for all the lovely families in Roslin and surrounds to share information, organise playdates and babysitting and freecycle your old stuff. Facebook [Roslin Families](#)

Roslin Forum - The social hub for Roslin and the surrounding villages, where local businesses can advertise once a month.
facebook.com/groups/roslinforum

Roslin Heritage Society - Our purpose falls into two main areas: Conservation of the local area and research into items of local history and interest. Working with The Friends of Roslin Glen, our Conservation Volunteers are involved in various projects around the village, e.g. maintaining pathways in Roslin Glen and, most recently, improving conditions at the Curling Pond. The Society also researches into the history of the area and has produced numerous leaflets and papers and attends various local events to share this information. Monthly meetings are held in Roslin Pavilion, from October to April with a lecture by a visiting speaker or a member of the Society, covering a wide range of topics, and a newsletter is produced each year outlining what has been accomplished during the year and includes the syllabus for the new session.
roslinheritagesociety.org | Facebook [@RoslinHeritageSociety](#) | enquiries@roslinheritagesociety.org

Roslin Little Free Library - A little wooden house outside 6 Minstrel Court, Roslin filled with a selection of books that is updated regularly. You can take any you want to read or leave them for others.
 Facebook [@RoslinLittleFreeLibrary](#) | Instagram [@roslinlittlefreelibrary](#)

Roslin Share - The ad- and selling-free place to share or give stuff away, and ask advice locally, within Roslin and nearby.
facebook.com/groups/roslinshare

Roslin Village Fete - The village fete takes place every year on the first Saturday in September. We aim to provide a fun day for everyone, with activities, stalls and events throughout the day.
 Facebook [@Roslinvillagefete](#) | roslinvillagefete@gmail.com

Roslin Village Group - This group is in the process of setting up the Roslin Development Trust. It also runs the website roslinvillage.com where you can find out all you want to know about the village.
roslinvillage.com/ | Facebook [@roslinvillage](#)

Social and Business Community - The group aims to promote and manage community wellbeing initiatives including education, sport, business and other community activities in Roslin. Organisers of the 'Roslin Rustie Walk' coming in Spring 2021.
 Facebook [@SocialandBusinessCommunity](#) | wellbeingessentials.uk

FOOD & DRINK

Cibo Italian Restaurant—1 Southroad End, Milton Bridge (Next to Gowkley Moss Roundabout)
01968 676676 cibo-restaurant.co.uk



Dolly's Tearoom—2 Penicuik Road
0131 440 3328 chapelcrossguesthouse.co.uk/dollys-tea-room/



Roslyn Chapel Coffee Shop—Chapel Loan
rosslynchapel.com/visit/coffee-shop/
Only available for people with tickets for the Chapel



The Original Roslyn Inn—4 Main Street
0131 440 2384 theoriginalrosslyninn.co.uk/



VOLUNTEER GROUPS

Creative Roslin - A group for all the creatives—and lovers of all things creative—in Roslin and the surrounding area. A place to share ideas, promote events and be inspired.

Merle Brown - creativeroslin@gmail.com | Facebook [Creative Roslin](https://www.facebook.com/CreativeRoslin)

Esk Valley Model Engineering Society- Runs the model railway track at Vogrie and maintains a workshop in Roslin. The society is always looking for new members and runs weekly meetings at the workshop in addition to operating the model railway at Vogrie at the weekends.
Contact details can be found at the club web site eskvalleymes.org.uk

Friends of Roslin Glen - A community group dedicated to the maintenance and improvement of Roslin Glen - a beautiful, Green Flag Award winning area.

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

Friends of Roslin Moat - A voluntary group aiming to promote nature conservation and biodiversity on the Roslin Moat nature reserve on Penicuik Road, next to Roslin Medical Practice.

roslinmoat@gmail.com | Facebook [@FriendsOfRoslinMoat](https://www.facebook.com/@FriendsOfRoslinMoat)

Roslin Community Shed - We started 3 years ago as "Roslin Men's Shed" and our small group has formed a close bond and have a good profile in the village. Our activities include an Annual Litter Pick, a Remakery Festival in the Masonic Lodge, a Christmas tree pick-up, repairing many benches, and making numerous bird-boxes, hedgehog boxes and bird-feeders. We meet in Loanhead, in a large workshop, every Tues/Wed 6-9pm. Membership is open to anyone 18 years plus.

Facebook [@RoslinMensShed](https://www.facebook.com/@RoslinMensShed) | roslinmensshed@gmail.com



HEALTH

Roslin Medical Practice	122 Penicuik Road 0131 440 2043
Roslin Dental Practice	6 Main Street 0131 448 0367
Roslin Pharmacy	122 Penicuik Road 0131 440 2596
Roslin & Bilston Community First Responders - Volunteers who help their community by responding to medical emergencies while the ambulance is on its way.	0774 2310960

LAW AND ORDER

Telephone: Police 101 (non-emergency) or Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111.
In an emergency always dial 999

Any other issue please contact your Community Policing Officer(s):
PC Graham Black and PC Alan Forbes by email:

LothianScotBordersPenicuikCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Police Scotland use social media to circulate the latest news, events and information to the public via Twitter ([@LothBordPolice](https://twitter.com/LothBordPolice) and [@MidLothPolice](https://twitter.com/MidLothPolice)) and Facebook [MidlothianPolice](https://www.facebook.com/MidlothianPolice)

SITES OF INTEREST

Battle of Roslin Memorial Cairn - Monument erected by Roslin Heritage Society marking the site of the 1303 battle.	Dryden Farm
Dryden Tower - 19th century monument built by Dryden estates as a hilltop eye-catcher.	Langhill Farm
Roslin Glen Country Park - Our beautiful Country Park embracing an area of unique geology, history, and biodiversity, following the route of the North Esk.	Off B7003 or walk down from Rosslyn Chapel
Roslin Glen Gunpowder Mills - Remains of the Gunpowder Mills in the Country Park.	Off B7003
Roslin Moat Nature Reserve - Local Biodiversity site at the location of Moat Colliery which closed in 1969	Penicuik Rd
Roslin War Memorial - Celtic cross which pays tribute to the men of Roslin who fell in the two world wars.	4 Penicuik Rd
Rosslyn Chapel - Founded in 1446 by Sir William St Clair, Rosslyn Chapel took some forty years to build and was incomplete when Sir William died in 1484. The beauty of its setting and the mysterious symbolism of its ornate stonework have inspired, attracted and intrigued visitors, writers and artists ever since. The Chapel and visitor centre are usually open all year – check website for opening times. The Chapel hosts concerts, family events and other activities throughout the year. It is still a working church and, as part of the Scottish Episcopal Church, normally holds services each Sunday morning. The Chapel is managed by Rosslyn Chapel Trust, a charity registered in Scotland no SC024324. The Trust also manages Rosslyn Castle and Colledgehill House, adjacent to the Chapel.	Chapel Loan Facebook Rosslyn Chapel Trust Twitter and Instagram Rosslyn Chapel If you live in the EH25 postcode area you can get free entry



Rosslyn Community Bowling Club



We promote the game of Lawn Bowls and are also very much at the heart of the community with two function rooms catering for 80 & 40 respectively and available for groups to hire.

We are also branching into other sports - Petanque, Table Tennis - and are receptive to new ideas. Free taster sessions.

All welcome with Social Memberships £10 per annum.

0131 440 2526 | rosslynbowlingclub@gmail.com | Facebook [@RosslynBC](#)



Rosslyn Masonic Lodge

Freemasonry is one of the world's oldest and largest fraternal organisations.

Its members strive to live by the principles of integrity, goodwill and charity.



Rosslyn St Clair 606

As a non-profit organisation that supports numerous charities and community services, freemasonry unifies

men, regardless of colour, creed or religion.

Our hall is available for community use and private functions.

Secretary: Charles Beattie 07375 481118

Facebook [Rosslyn Masonic Lodge No606](#) | rosslynmasonic606.co.uk

Rosslyn Rhinos (Petanque)

A new Club to enjoy the game of Petanque, French Boules. Currently experimenting by using the Roslin Primary School Multi Use Games Area and some villagers own garden Pistes. We have a few options we are working on for locations in Roslin and more to come on this in 2021.

Facebook [Rosslyn Rhinos](#) for more information and to arrange a taster game.



Roslin British Legion Club in Wallace Crescent



Legion Scotland

We are a small friendly community club that anyone can join and we support forces charities (non members can be signed in)

Small Hall – TV (football, rugby etc) plus 2 Pool tables, Dartboard and dominoes. Open - Saturday and Sunday 2-4.30 and 8-11.30 Monday, Thursday

& Friday 8-11.30.

Main Hall - Open – Saturday 8-11.30 - Bingo 8.20 **Live entertainment** 9.15-10.15 then 10.30 – 11.30 . 10.15 raffle and Play your cards right.

Sunday - 2-4.30 Bingo (1st half also in small hall) Monday - 8- 10.30 Bingo (1st half also in small hall]

Available for private parties, funeral teas and community use.

Facebook [Royal British Legion Roslin](#) | rblroslin@hotmail.com

CHILDREN

1st Roslin Boys' Brigade - The Boys' Brigade has a brilliant history, 80+ years in Roslin of providing boys a fun, exciting and safe environment to meet friends, learn and grow. Normally meeting fortnightly, Wednesdays 6pm - 7pm, Anchor & Junior (P1 - P7) at Roslin Primary School and will always provide a warm welcome to new children.
John Mann, Officer in charge, johnndmann2000@gmail.com | 07876 767441
Facebook [1st Roslin Boys Brigade](#)

1st Roslin Guides - Girls aged 10-14 years. Normally meet at Bilston Church on Mondays from 7-9pm, Lots of action, adventure, camping, crafts, games and activities, following the girlguiding uk programme.
Contact Mairi Needham 1stRoslinGuides@gmail.com

Roslin Baby and Toddler Group - A fun way for carers and under-5's to socialise! Every Tuesday in Roslin Pavilion/Community Hall from 10am to 11.30. Free for your first week then £1.50 per family per visit thereafter, includes hot drink and a biscuit.
Facebook [@RoslinBabyToddlerGroup](#)

Roslin Primary School - A non-denominational primary school and has 7 classes across P1-7. There is a nursery class with spaces for 40 children.
roslin.ps@midlothian.gov.uk | 0131 271 4660

Rosslyn Brownies - Brownies age 7-10 years having fun the girl guiding way - games, crafts, songs and laughs every Tuesday from 6:30 - 8pm in the Masonic Hall. Come join the rabbits, squirrels, hedgehogs and foxes to begin your brownie adventure. You'll love it - and that's a brownie promise!
Brown Owl (Pam Gibson) 07772 367959 | rosslynbrownies@yahoo.co.uk

CLUBS

Rotary Club of Loanhead & Roslin

Our club has always been as active as possible in supporting local groups and activities, as well as Rotary national and international activities. We are very keen to welcome new active members to continue our good work.

Weekly meetings at the Original Hotel, Roslin at 6.45 for 7.00pm on Monday evenings.

Facebook [@rotaryclubofloanheadandroslin](#)

Club secretary Sandy Brown 0131 440 2690 | sandybrownuk@yahoo.com



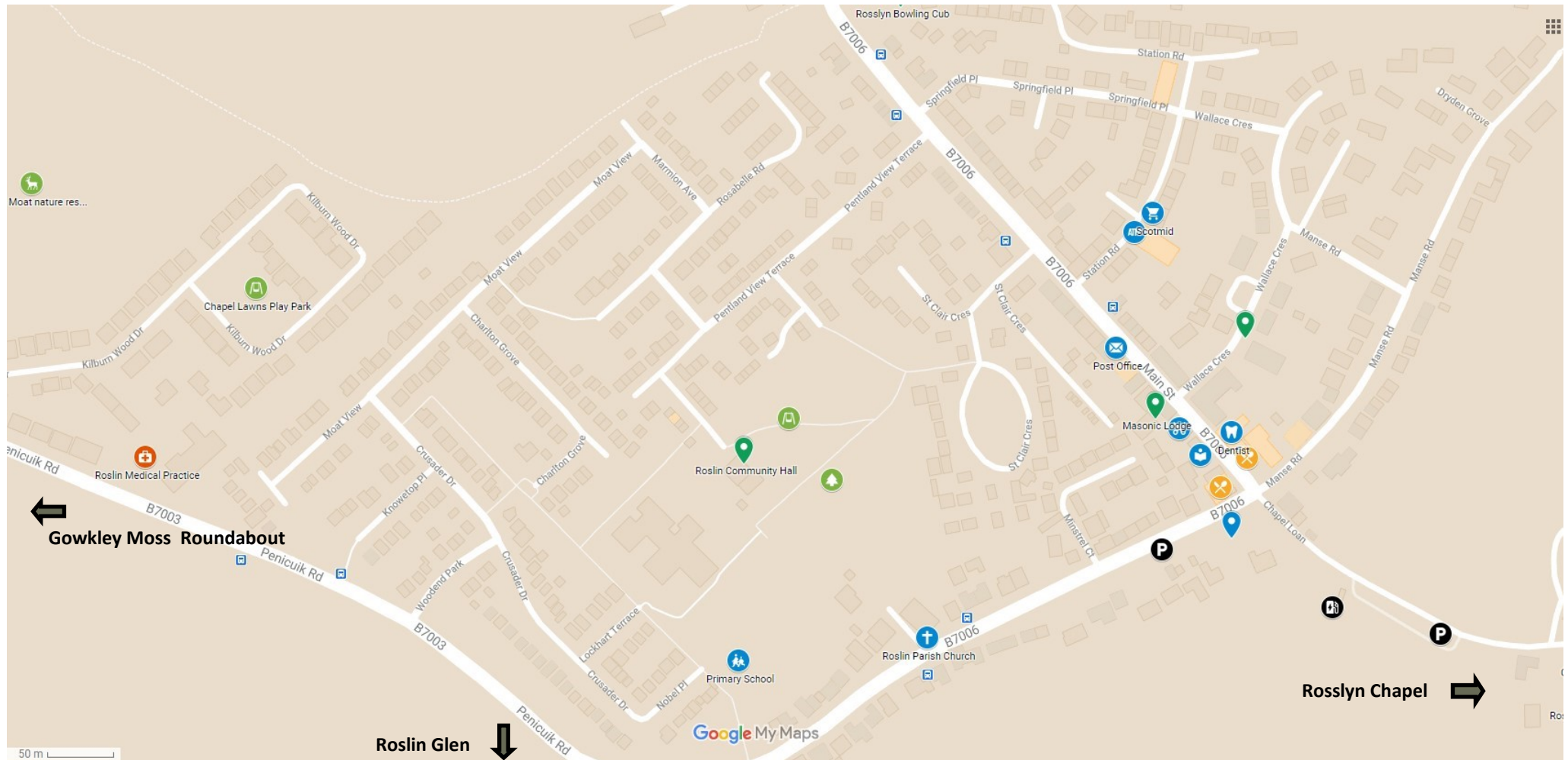
FAITH

Roslin Parish Church	0131 440 2012
Church of Scotland 12A Penicuik Rd	
Rosslyn Chapel	0131 440 2159 mail@rosslynchapel.com
Scottish Episcopal Church Chapel Loan	rosslynchapel.com/



SHOPPING

Noble Beauty & Hair Salon	15 Main Street	0131 440 1075
Premier - Roslin Convenience Store & Post Office	35 Main Street	0131 440 3131
Roslin Library	9 Main Street	0131 448 2781
Scotmid	18 Station Road	0131 440 3972



BUSES

37 Penicuik – Roslin - Straiton - Edinburgh East End (Lothian Buses 0131 554 4494 | lothianbuses.com)

140 Penicuik – Musselburgh via Loanhead (East Coast Buses; part of Lothian Buses 0131 555 6363 | eastcoastbuses.co.uk)

Other buses run along the A701 including the **X62** (an express bus to Edinburgh Bus Station) and the **47** (a direct bus to Edinburgh West End)