



James Frew

100 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

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Work Experience with JF

James Frew Ltd collaborated with South Ayrshire Council to support an Employability Fund Stage 3 Programme with a young school leaver, Regan Corbett, in 2017.

Regan joined the company 2 days per week within the Modernisation Department to gain valuable skills and knowledge for a total of 16 weeks.

Giving the opportunity to work with the companies most experienced site supervisors, Regan helped carry out works to approximately 50 Sheltered Housing Properties in the Ardfin area of Prestwick as part of The Residential Refurbishment Framework Programme.

On completion of the programme in James Frew, Regan later applied for the position of Sustainable Resource Management Apprentice within South Ayrshire Council and has since become successful in his application as a result of gaining valuable work experience.

George Kelly, James Frew Site Manager said, "Regan worked extremely hard throughout his whole time at James Frew. He was a keen learner, picked up skills fast and was a genuine asset to our team. I wish him every success in his new role within South Ayrshire Council."

Community Benefit

Welcome to the second edition of James Frew Ltd's community benefit review in conjunction with South Ayrshire Council.

The following articles within this newsletter are intended to give a small insight into some of the opportunities James Frew Ltd have been able to be involved in recently within South Ayrshire.

As part of the Housing Refurbishments Framework project we are currently carrying out with South Ayrshire Council, the tender required community benefits within specific areas. The stories within this newsletter focus on 'Improving Education and Skills', 'Work Experience Placements/Programmes', Enhancing & Improving Local Community Projects' & 'other; Sponsor Charity Work.'

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L-R Tenants, Cheryl Fawcett (Warden)

Donation for Communal Community Centre in Prestwick

James Frew Ltd recently carried out works to approximately 50 No Sheltered Housing Properties in the Ardfin area of Prestwick as part of The Residential Refurbishment Framework Programme 2017/21 with South Ayrshire Council.

Included in the scope of works for this project was full electrical rewiring, new gas central heating systems, new kitchen units, adapted bathrooms and decoration. A full refurbishment of the Communal Community Centre, including a new ramp for disabled access where tenants meet to have morning coffee and attend community events was also part of the scheduled works.

Gordon Orr, Commercial Manager within the Modernisation Division approached Vera Kidd, Sheltered Housing Coordinator for South Ayrshire Council, to ask if there was anything James Frew could assist with as part of the Community Benefits Programme. As the community centre provides a basic computer course for the elderly tenants, Vera mentioned they were looking for equipment for the course.

Gordon and George Kelly - Site Manager, presented two brand new laptops on completion of the works within the Communal Complex to the tenants at their annual Christmas Party.

Roddy Frew, James Frew Managing Director, said; "We were delighted to be able to provide two brand new laptops in conjunction with South Ayrshire Council on this framework project. I am sure the laptops will be well used within the community centre as the tenants were very appreciative about the donation."



L-R -Tenant, George Kelly, Cheryl Fawcett (Warden), Derek Cargill (SAC) Gordon Orr, Tenant

TeamBeth Sponsored Charity Night raise over £25k

James Frew Ltd recently supported an incredible fundraiser to raise funds for a local Ayrshire charity

The event held at The Carlton Hotel in Prestwick was organised by TeamBeth, a group of people raising funds in honour of a very special little girl Beth Beattie, who sadly passed away in November 2016.

The event that featured a fire walk, Ceilidh, buffet and raffle was a huge success, raising a total of £25,885.29 to be donated directly to a charity called Memories are Better with Dreams. The charity was set up by the paediatric care team from Crosshouse Hospital and aims to help families make special memories with their children suffering a long-term condition towards the end of their life.

The financial and emotional stress of having a child with a long-term condition makes it impossible for a family to provide opportunities to make lasting memories. The charity provide memory making activities, special memory boxes and remembrance items tailored specifically to fulfil the wishes of each family.

James Frew were delighted to be able to offer support by supplying safety barriers and a large skip to dispose of the coals after the event.

Roddy Frew Managing Director of James Frew said, "We were honoured to sponsor an amazing and successful event for such



Roger & Eva Beattie - Beth Beattie's parents taking part in the firewalk

a worthwhile charity. TeamBeth have raised over £73,000 for Scottish Charities over the last few years and are an inspiration to us all. They should be very proud."

James Frew Academy

James Frew Ltd have been running a very successful Apprenticeship Programme for over 40 years.

The programme gives the opportunity of becoming a fully qualified Gas Engineer by gaining on-the job training and attending classes at the **James Frew Academy** at West College Scotland Paisley Campus over a four-year period.

The next intake is due in August 2018 and the process has already started to find the most suitable candidates. Over 230 applicants have responded to our advert and emailed their CV to the company in hope of gaining one of nine available positions.

The best-suited applicants will be required to take an aptitude & practical test at West College Paisley and the top recruits will then be invited to a formal interview.

To fulfil community benefit requirements – If successful in the interview process, 1 No. will be selected from South Ayrshire and placed on projects being carried out under the framework programme.

The apprentice programme is open to young people aged over 16 and trainees have the opportunity to achieve a national recognizable qualification.

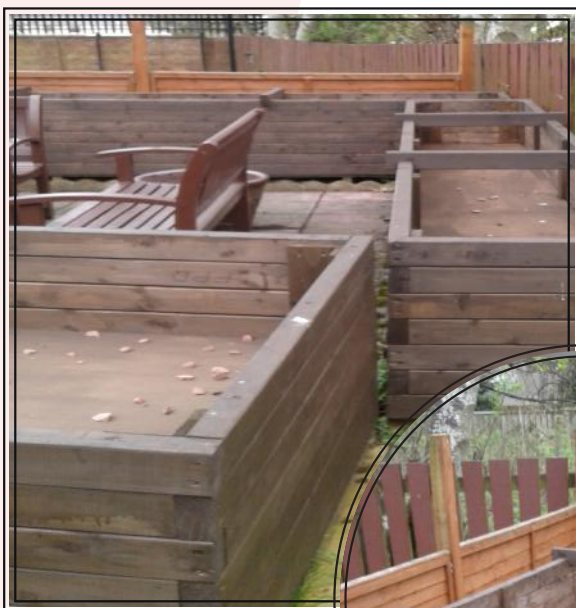


Kevin Kidd, Compliance & Training Manager, 4th year apprentices

Viewfield Gate - Housing Support Services

James Frew Ltd recently refurbished a Homeless Unit situated in the heart of Ayr as part of the Residential Refurbishment Framework Programme 2017/21 with South Ayrshire Council.

The Housing Support Services at Viewfield Gate provides temporary supported accommodation to people in South Ayrshire who are at present homeless. There are a total of 23 flats used to support and accommodate people in need over the age of 16 years, including couples and families with children. Within this Homeless Unit, there is a shed close by where they hope to teach basic DIY skills to the residents to help when securing their own place. James Frew Ltd very kindly supplied work surfaces, storage cabinets, paint and brushes to assist with the idea.



Completed Raised Planters - Whitletts Court

Whitletts Court Sheltered Unit

James Frew Ltd recently refurbished Whitletts Court Sheltered Unit in South Ayrshire.

The Sheltered Unit aims to offer a quality housing support service to the elderly and disabled by creating a friendly and secure environment.

Gordon Orr, Commercial Manager within the Modernisation Division approached Vera Kidd, Sheltered Housing Coordinator for South Ayrshire Council, to ask if there was anything, we could assist with as part of the current Community Benefits Programme framework with South Ayrshire Council. It was requested that we revisit the Sheltered Unit to provide and build raised planters in the patio for tenants to use for flowers, plants and veg.



Refurbished kitchen & new heating installation in Ardfin Area

James Frew Ltd recently refurbished a house in the Ardfin area in Prestwick as part of the South Ayrshire Council Housing Refurbishments 2017 - 2021 Framework.

Margaret Liddell, the tenant currently living in the property received a full redesign and installation of a replacement kitchen & new heating installation.

The kitchen works consisted of disconnecting and removing existing fittings and accessories, renewing floor coverings, electrical re-wire, renewing cold & hot water supply pipework as well as new kitchen units, worktops, splashbacks and accessories.

The work was carried out by six tradesmen from James Frew including a site manager, joiner, labourer, plasterer and two plumbers and scheduled for 10 working days although was successfully completed after 6.

Margaret said, "My experience with James Frew was delightful. At first I was a bit apprehensive but thanks to Des & the team, all went very well and I was pleased with the end result.

"Everything matched, even my dishwasher. Any small problems that did arise, a wee phone call and they came straight over. They are good lads, good fun.

"All in all, I couldn't be happier."



Margaret Liddell & Des Mullen, Site Manager James Frew



Completed Refurbished Works - Ardfin Area Prestwick

On Site Gas Training for SAC

James Frew Ltd welcomed five employees from South Ayrshire Council to work within their Maintenance Division, GasSure.

Sam Hutchison, Maintenance Officer from South Ayrshire Council approached the company and asked if we could assist in the development of their employees to gain on site gas training as part of their Maintenance Engineering course at college. The arrangement concluded four plumbers attending one day per week up to a total of 50 hours & one apprentice being on placement for 2 weeks totalling 80 hours.

As GasSure is equipped with the necessary tools, vehicles & expertise, James Frew were delighted to help the employees gain the necessary training by shadowing our most experienced engineers.

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The workers who carried out the new kitchen installation in my flat recently, were hard working and very courteous. More worried about my white carpet than I ever was! Thank you especially to Des who informed me at every stage what work would be taking place and when to expect the workers. I am delighted with my sparkling new kitchen, thank you.

- Elizabeth Anne Pattis



Absolutely first class service with first class workers who installed the central heating and informed us how to work it. The boss, Des, was very helpful and helped us through the renovations..perfect gentlemen, all of them!!! very recommended company - David Currie



I got my entire house rewired, plus my kitchen changed to help me as I am disabled. Painted and decorated. Throughout it all we were decanted to another house, but Des and all the boys were fantastic, nothing was too much for them. Des always kept me up to date. The house is just amazing. These boys work really hard and do the work to a very high standard.... I can't thank Des and his crew enough.. and would totally recommend Frew's to do the work in your house.. - Morag Hamil



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