

## **Stonehaven Flood Protection Scheme**

### **Community Benefits Report**

#### **Chernobyl Children's Life Line – Aberdeen City & Shire Link**

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This group is part of a national charity founded in 1992 by Victor Mizzi M.B.E. Since then over 150 "Links" have been established throughout the United Kingdom, raising money to support the children of Belarus, whose lives will be forever affected by the aftermath of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in 1986.

They raise funds to bring over 4,000 children to the UK each year for four weeks of fresh air, uncontaminated food, fun, love and attention as well as dental and eye checkups. The Aberdeen/shire Link was formed 4 years ago and as a part of this they brought a group of six children and one leader to Aberdeenshire on July 10th until August 7th, 2009.

These children must live the rest of their life in a radioactive polluted environment. There is no escape. Eating food that may harm you, but what else can you do? Coming to the UK and eating fresh food and breathing fresh air enabling them to go home with their immune system recharged.

McLaughlin and Harvey as part of their Project Community Benefits, arranged for hoodies that the children could use on their visit and making them identifiable as a group. On the day these were provided they came in very handy as the weather was cooler and their daytrip involved outdoor activities.



**Sheila Tolmie, CLO presented the children with MCLH hoodies and teddies donated by the Villa Café**



The children enjoying ice-cream in Stonehaven



The children wearing their hoodies to depart at the Airport

“Thank you so much McLaughlin & Harvey for our hoodies”