

Warning over risks of buying fake golf clubs

THOUSANDS of golfers are being warned about the risks of buying counterfeit golf equipment.

As this weekend's Scottish Golf Show 2011 gets under way at Glasgow's SECC, the Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency will be at the event to highlight the dangers.

Officers will be warning about the involvement of serious organised crime in the production and sale of fake golf clubs, balls and accessories.

Fake golf goods, including fake Titleist irons, fake Titleist Pro V1 golf balls and a fake Ping driver will be on display.

Detective Chief Inspector Ronnie Megaughin, head of interventions at the SCDEA, said: "It's understandable that people will be tempted by a bargain, but they should stop and think if the price seems too good to be true, it probably is."

Concerns grow for missing man Graeme, 24

CONCERN is growing for the safety of a man who has been missing for a week.

Graeme Ferry, 24, was last seen around 2am last Saturday and failed to show up at his work place on Monday.

Detectives said the disappearance is "totally out of character" for him and his family and friends are becoming "increasingly concerned" for his safety.

Graeme, of Bellshill, is described as 5ft 10in in height and of slim build with fair hair. He was last seen wearing a white Timberland top, blue jeans and white trainers.

Police have continued to carry out extensive enquiries in an effort to trace Graeme. They have checked local CCTV and spoken to local residents.

Anyone with any information on his whereabouts can contact Bellshill police station on 01698 202 400.

Driver, 64, dies after collision

A MAN has died after his van collided with a stationary lorry. The 64-year-old was driving his Ford Transit van east on the A71, near to Dreghorn, Ayrshire, when he was involved in a collision with an Iveco Eurocarga lorry.

Emergency services were called but the man died at the scene just after the accident around 3.40pm on Thursday.

The 51-year-old lorry driver and his passenger, 30, suffered minor injuries. Police are asking witnesses to come forward.

£70,000 BOOST TO HELP FRIENDS OF ROSS HALL PARK



■ The rock pool, which was created by James Pulham & Sons, is B-Listed



■ The lake boasts a tree-covered seating area and mature planting

CITY'S SECRET

By DEBORAH ANDERSON

IT'S ONE of Glasgow's best kept secrets – with a wealth of history dating back to Victorian times – but now the secret's out and a group of volunteers plan to put it on the map.

Hidden away off a busy road lies the historic Ross Hall Park, in the city's Crookston area.

Tucked behind Ross Hall Hospital you could easily miss the entrance, off Crookston Road, which leads to some of the finest landscaped gardens in the country.

With a recent cash injection of nearly £70,000, restoration work is

due to get under way to transform some of the garden's key areas and to make it more accessible for visitors by adding a car park.

Work is expected to start on an area surrounding a B-listed rock pool which was once used for swimming by the family who lived at the site when it was private land.

Around £50,000, from the Landfill Community Fund, has been earmarked to create a viewing area with disabled access to allow the rock pool to be seen in all its glory, and £17,000, from GHA's Wider Action Programme, will be spent on a viewing area to stand where the River Cart and River Lovern meet. In just two

years the park has gone from strength to strength after a dedicated group was set up to look after its interests. Friends of Ross Hall Park started in 2009 and the team already have 88 members on their books.

Secretary Margaret Macdonald said: "Residents were approached by Glasgow City Council to see if we wanted to start a friends group to help promote the area and attract more visitors.

"It's any area which is a favourite walk for many people, and I have been coming here for years, but it's almost as if it is a secret.

"We didn't realise so many people didn't know what lay behind the park gates."

Treasurer Maureen Maher remembers bringing her family here when they were children.

She said: "It is such a unique area that we want everyone to know about it and share it. We now have 88 members in the Friends of Ross Hall Park and Gardens group and who knows, it might not be long before we reach our first 100."

THE garden was originally created for wealthy railway engineer James Cowan, who built Ross Hall House, which later became Ross Hall Hospital.

It's a much celebrated garden and is one of only five sites in Scotland known to contain artificial rock work by James Pulham & Son. The company used artificial stone for the creation, which would have cost a vast sum when it was completed more than 100 years ago.

The eminent landscape gardeners of the 19th and early 20th centuries are now most widely remembered for the spectacular rock gardens they created in many country estates around the United Kingdom, including the Royal Estates at Sandringham and Buckingham Palace, and the RHS Gardens Wisley.

The rock pool even had heated



■ Friends of Ross Hall Park, from left, Margaret McCafferty, Margaret MacDonalid, Maureen Maher and Esther Thomson, enjoy the garden

water warmed by an old boiler house. The estate was sold on to the Lobnitz family – who were affluent Greenock shipbuilders – in 1907, and in the 1940s it was bought by the former Glasgow Corporation. In 1948 it became the Scottish Hotel School and the