



BULLETIN

WELCOME TO THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM THE TRUST

UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR

SEEKING NEW HEADTEACHER FOR CLOSEBURN AND PENPONT

Dumfries and Galloway Council seek to appoint a leader with vision and a passion for learning who will, along with a management team, lead learning at Closeburn and Penpont Primary Schools Partnership. The Headteacher role is non-class committed and is supported by a full time Principal Teacher in each setting. In addition, Closeburn Primary has a Nursery setting which is managed by a Nursery Manager. This post offers an exciting opportunity to shape educational provision within a dynamic school partnership community which has high aspirations for all. On behalf of us all here at KPTDT we'd very much like to wish our school communities the very best of luck in this new chapter and hope for the best possible candidate to be successful.



Dumfries and Galloway

For further information and an informal discussion, please contact Kenny Pullen, Schools' Manager - People at: kenneth.pullen@dumgal.gov.uk

For further information and application details:
<https://myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/dumfries-and-galloway-council/jobs/headteacher-primary-437528>

TRUST OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 10:00 - 2:00
Tuesday: 12:00 - 4:00
Wednesday: 10:00 - 2:00
Thursday: 12:00 - 4:00
Friday: 10:00 - 2:00

Wellbeing Wednesdays

11:00 am - Stroll in the Park
12:00 - Special £5 Lunch
1:00 pm - Craft Circle

Thursday Pie Night - Cafe
4:00 - 6:00pm

KPT COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

(COMMUNITY HYDRO
DIVIDEND)

NOW OPEN!

For more information and how
to apply,
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**KEIR, PENPONT AND TYNRON DEVELOPMENT TRUST
ATTEND
DTAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025**



Andy Wightman

Earlier in the week, 26th and 27th August, Michelle J. attended the Development Trust Associations Scotland (DTAS) annual conference. This year the chosen conference venue was the impressive Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU). An apt venue given it's focus on social innovation and their 'Common Good' vision. Michelle J. familiar with the work of Andy Wightman a writer and campaigner on topics regarding land reform, local democracy, economy and environmental issues such as rewilding was delighted to hear him speak on these topics - Michelle J. said 'it's incredibly motivational to listen to a well informed and detailed historical account on how issues around land ownership and local democracy have impacted on our local governance today. It is quite clear - that local communities need to give careful consideration as to how best we can move towards becoming increasingly progressive and achieve greater benefits at a localised community level'. Michelle J. also attended a number of workshops including The Resilience Toolkit (co-create with us) Development Trusts Association Scotland, Stow community Trust on Nurturing the Ambition of Our Community, Stow Development Trust, Press Pause - do you feel tourism just happens to your community? Can tourism be a force for good? SCOTO - Scottish Community Tourism Network CIC, and Community Climate Adaptation Routemap, Adaptation Scotland Venture and inadvertently ended up giving a group presentation attending the Climate Adaptation Workshop. Moreover, Michelle J. said it a fantastic opportunity to be reunited and catch up with colleagues and friends from other organisations and to also make new contacts as well as replenish her pens and other stationary collection!

Housing Director and KPTDT Trustee Dean Foster was also in the spotlight as he was invited to attend the conference to deliver a workshop on The Future of Community-Led Housing in Scotland - Doing Things Differently alongside South of Scotland Community Housing (SoSCH) and Nith Valley Leaf Trust (NVLT). Feedback received from colleagues attending this workshop said it was really innovative, inspiring and interesting. We have also connected with many other Development Trust organisations from across Scotland and other parts of the UK in both rural and urban communities willing to share their own journey of learning and details of the current priority projects that they are working towards. All in all, a very worthwhile experience for both Dean and Michelle J. who have each come away with so much learning and a wider network of colleagues and access to useful information and resources.

Michelle J. has also been invited to deliver a presentation next week for the Centre for Sustainable Energy. We'll wish her good luck and look forward to hearing all about that in the next bulletin (12 September) when she has returned from annual leave.

SAVE THE DATE!



KPT DEVELOPMENT TRUST
FAMILY CYCLING FUN
WHEELS & WELLBEING



SATURDAY 13, SEPTEMBER 2025

MUCKMEDDEN PUMP TRACK

----- **DR BIKE** -----

TRY OUT E-BIKES

KIRKPATRICK-MACMILLAN VELOCIPEDE

KIDS CORNER
DISCO DOME & BOUNCY CASTLE
HAYJAVU KID'S CRAFT
ROUNDERS/PARACHUTE GAMES
TOMBOLA

SMOOTHIE BIKE, FOOD, MUSIC & MORE TO BE CONFIRMED...

11:00AM - 4:00PM

THE GLADSTONE PARK, PENPONT

KPT Development Trust are looking forward to our up and coming Family Cycling Fun (Wheels and Wellbeing) event this year and hope that the weather will stay good for us. The event will take place on Saturday 13, September in The Gladstone Park from around 11am - 4pm. We would very much appreciate some volunteers to help us with various tasks. Such as setting up prior to and clearing up after the event. We will also require some support to help chop fruit for the Smoothie Bikes which is always a firm favourite with our children and young people.

We are also looking for any groups who may be keen to have a stall or an information display to help us create a market place experience and share all the good work that is being carried out in our community. Or if anyone would like to use this as an opportunity to raise funds do let us know. If you are interested or know anyone who might be then please get in touch with KPTDT.

Thank you!

COMPETITION TIME!

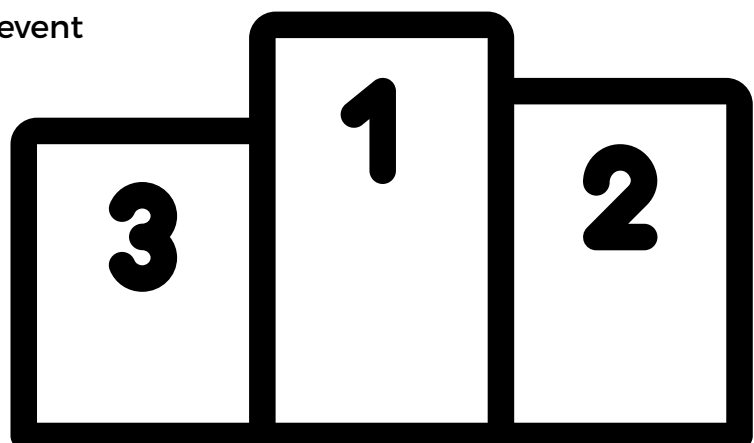
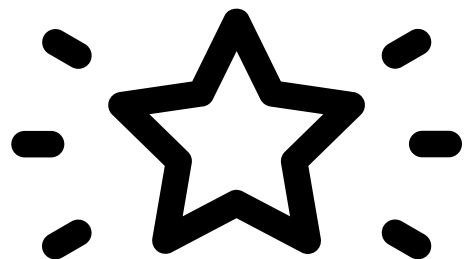
This year KPTDT are holding a competition for the best piece of creative artwork - this can include:

1. Drawing
2. Painting
3. Short Story
4. Photograph

It must be inspired by our Family Cycling Fun event and be focussed on being active.

Artists are encouraged to think about

Kirkpatrick-Macmillan
Velocipede
The Active Travel Path
Cycling
Walking





Stroll in the Park

JOIN US!

Penpont Starting 26 June

Wednesdays at 11am

Meet at KPT Office Penpont

 Active Communities Dumfries & Galloway



BE ACTIVE!

Walking and Cycling
Opportunities in
**Keir, Penpont,
and Tynron**





PENPONT
KEIR
TYNRON
KPT DEVELOPMENT TRUST

CRAFT, SKILLS, SHARE
COMPANY & CARE



THIRD SECTOR
Dumfries and Galloway

Craft Circle

Looking for help & skills to both teach & learn Crochet & Knitting

**COMMUNITY
Rural Health
& Wellbeing
PROJECT**

JOIN NOW!

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 1:00 - 3:00 PM	KPT OFFICE MAIN STREET PENPONT
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PENPONT
KEIR
TYNRON
KPT DEVELOPMENT TRUST

E-bikes for hire

**£5 for 1/2 day (4 hrs)
£10 for 1 day (8 hrs)**

TO BOOK:



Contact Maureen on
07765073913
or Michelle on **07548876433**
Book using JotForm
[@https://kptdevelopmenttrust.org/](https://kptdevelopmenttrust.org/)
or via email: info@kptdevelopmenttrust.org
or ask in the **Three Villages Community Café**
KPT Development Trust

Open Book Sessions



Starting on **Thursday 4th September, at 6:30pm**

Keir Penpont & Tynron Development Trust will be hosting Open Book creative writing sessions, facilitated by experienced poet and writer Hugh McMillan.

Open Book runs many book groups, workshops and sessions all over Scotland, but this is the first face to face session in Dumfries and Galloway.

Our participants will have the opportunity to express themselves in writing within a comfortable environment at

The Three Villages Community Café, Main Street Penpont

during our monthly sessions, completely free of charge.

This will be an inclusive group and we welcome participants of all levels of ability.

The first session is **Thursday September 4th at 6:30pm** and thereafter will be held on the **first Thursday of each month**. For any further details please contact Hugh McMillan steamboatsmcmillan@hotmail.com

or

Michelle Johnston (Development Officer) info@kptdevelopmenttrust.org



Hugh McMillan is a poet, writer and performer who lives in Penpont. He is well published and has vast experience working with school and community groups all over Scotland.

For further information please visit Hugh's website at <https://www.hughmcmillanwriter.co.uk/>

Three Villages
Community
Cafe

**Creative
Writing**

Free course starting
Thursday 4th September

First
Thursday
of month
6.30
-8pm

Contact steamboatsmcmillan@hotmail.com or
info@kptdevelopmenttrust.org for more info





BRIDGEND COMMUNITY GARDEN

Growing Together!



Growing Season

GARDEN GROUP DAY!

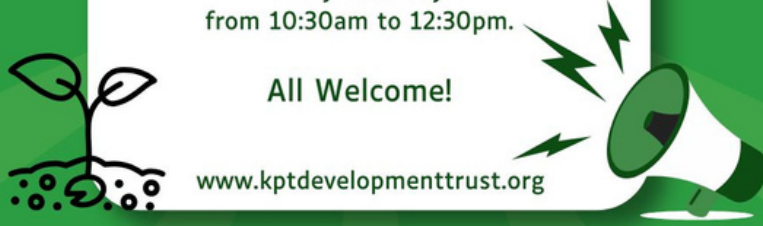
The growing season is now fast upon us.

Come along and find us on a Tuesday
at Bridgend Community Garden
from 2:00 to 4:00pm

Every Saturday
from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

All Welcome!

www.kptdevelopmenttrust.org



**WE WILL BE CLOSED DUE TO REDECORATING
FROM MONDAY 8th SEPTEMBER**



WE'RE RE-DECORATING!

The Cafe will be closed from
Mon 8th to Wed 17th Sept 2025

Re-opening
Wed 17th Sept at 9.30am

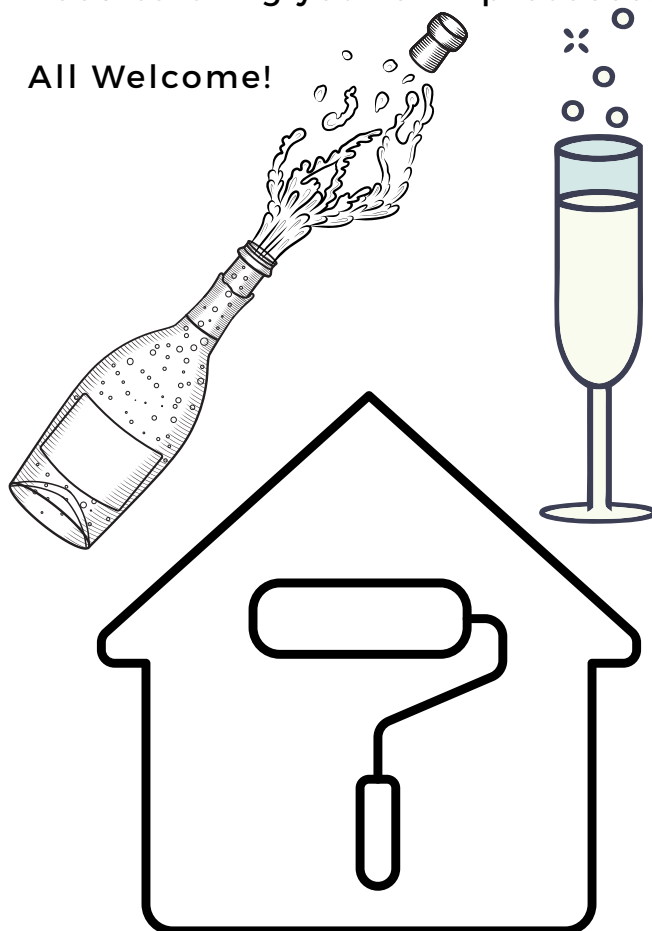
Paint & Prosecco



Bridgend Community Garden Group are proposing a date to brighten up the garden with a Painting & Prosecco event at the garden. The proposed date for this event is Saturday 6, September (as long as it isn't raining).

Paint and decorating materials will be provided but you will need to bring your own prosecco.

All Welcome!



COMMUNITY CAFE NEWS

The community Café has had some remedial electrical work done this week which will be finished next week. We have taken this opportunity to get electricity into the community Larder shed in the bike stand area between the café and the garden. This means that we can get a fridge and a freezer in which will allow us to put food into the larder more often. If you have an old fridge, fridge-freezer or freezer that is still working but you no longer need would you like to donate it to the community larder? We can collect.

Only a week to go till the café gets re-decorated. We are still working out if we should completely change the colour scheme or just freshen up what is there. The feedback so far is to keep the orange as highlights and a similar greeny/blue. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

As with many things nowadays, licences are required for all sorts of things. We have to have a licence to play music in the café and the annual fee is just under £200. We are also exploring applying for an occasional alcohol licence so that we can offer beer or wine at the theme nights and other specific events. We hope to have more music evenings over the autumn/winter periods and possibly some quiz nights. Will keep you posted. After the re-decoration, the Friday Night Tea time club will resume on Friday 26th September with all the popular menu items plus a couple of new ones. On Saturday 27th September something different. Iryna, a Ukranian lady who is staying in Tynron has offered to cook traditional Ukranian dishes for our next theme night. It will take a different format in that it will be a taster evening.

There will be 20 tickets available at £25 per ticket.

SAVE THE DATE!



**THREE VILLAGES
COMMUNITY CAFE**

**UKRAINIAN
SUPPER**

**SATURDAY 27TH SEPT 2025
7.30PM**

Come and enjoy an evening
of traditional Ukranian food,
lovingly prepared by
Iryna

**TICKETS
£25**

Only 20 available!

To reserve your ticket, please call into the cafe,
e-mail threevillagescafe@gmail.com
or telephone 01848331073



**THREE VILLAGES
COMMUNITY
CAFE**

*Harvest
Supper*

18TH NOVEMBER 2024 | AT 09:00AM

STARTERS:

- Caprese Salad
- Warm Goat's Cheese Salad
- Prawn Cocktail

MAINS:

- Ricotta & Oregano Meatballs in tomato sauce, served with pasta
- Chicken with Pesto Butter & new potatoes
- Thai Crispy Rice Salad (V)

DESSERTS:

- Warm Peaches & Blueberries with Mascarpone ice-cream
- Summer Fruit Roulade
- Chocolate Cake with white chocolate rum custard

To book: please call in to the cafe,
email - threevillagescafe@gmail.com
or phone 01848 331073