



# BULLETIN

WELCOME TO THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM THE TRUST

## TRUST OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday:** 10:00 - 4:00  
**Tuesday:** 10:00 - 4:00  
**Wednesday:** 3:30 - 5:00  
**Thursday:** 12:00 - 4:00  
**Friday:** Bulletin Day

## Wellbeing Wednesdays

11:00 am - Stroll in the Park

12:00 - Special £5 Lunch

1:00 pm - Craft Circle

**Thursday**

**Take Away Pie Night**

**Cafe**

4:00 - 6:00pm

**KPT COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND**

**(COMMUNITY HYDRO DIVIDEND)**

**NOW OPEN!**

For more information and how to apply, please contact using the details below.

## A GIFT FOR GENERATIONS GLEBE FIELD: A NEW LEGACY

The directors of Kier, Penpont and Tynron Development Trust are very happy to announce the purchase of the Glebe Field at the edge of Penpont for its community housing project has been completed.

“This is the first big step in the housing project which was one of the key priorities when the Trust was formed.” said Maureen Halkett, Trust Chair, “and has been a long time in the making\*.”

“We are extremely grateful firstly to the Church of Scotland who agreed to sell us the land a number of years ago and also to our funders, the Scottish Land Fund and South of Scotland Enterprise (SOSE).

This project will see our community group creating nine community homes in total.

“This would not have been possible without their backing and belief in the project and the Trust

“I would also like to thank the Trust’s community housing group, led by Dean Foster, the Trust director who took on the role of furthering this project and has done so with expertise and belief in the project.

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(Photo Credit: Dean Foster - View of Glebe Feild taken from Cycle Path entrance (A702))

“We have also been supported by SOSCH (South of Scotland Community Housing) and this will continue to assist the Trust through the next stages and hopefully to the conclusion of the project. Lastly, I need to thank you the community for supporting us. If you had not shown us the need for local community housing, this project would not have got off the ground.”

James Pattison, Community Development Advisor at SOSE which provided a grant of £30,821 to the project, said:

“It is fantastic to see the progress with this ambitious project, which aims to create nine community homes on the edge of Penpont.

SOSE encourages our communities to be bold and entrepreneurial, and we are delighted to support Keir, Penpont, and Tynron Development Trust to address a key local priority from their Local Place Plan.”

The next phase of the project is to appoint a quantity surveyor to get the next stage started. Within the project, allotments and a green community space is planned and it may be that the project will develop in stages.

If you are interested in the community housing project and would like more information or would like to get involved in the community housing group, please contact KPT Development Trust on [info@kptdevelopmenttrust.org](mailto:info@kptdevelopmenttrust.org) or pop into the office and speak to Michelle Johnston, Development Officer. You can also register your interest in becoming a tenant.



*Thank You!*



## SCOTLAND'S RURAL COLLEGE (SRUC) | BARONY CAMPUS YEAR 3 FIELD TRIP



### From Hydro-Power to "Garden Girls": Welcoming the Next Generation of Conservationists

Earlier this month, the Development Trust was delighted to host a bright group of Year 3 students from the **BSc (Hons) Wildlife & Conservation Management** course. As part of their Community Project Management module, these future experts stepped out of the classroom and into the heart of our local projects to see real-world conservation in action.

#### 💡 Lessons in the Café

We kicked things off at the

**Three Villages Community Café** where Michelle and Maureen led a deep dive into the "behind-the-scenes" of community work with a challenging Questions and Answers session. From the grit required to secure funding to the vital task of recording data to evidence local need, no stone was left unturned.

#### 🔧 Engineering for Good

Next, we headed to the **Hydro Scheme**. The students weren't just impressed by the technology; they were fascinated by how it helps to create a sustainable future and generates a modest income accessible to the community through our **Community Benefit Fund**. It was also inspiring to hear their fresh ideas for our green spaces!

#### 🏡 The Reality of Big Projects

A walk along the **Active Travel Path** offered an honest look at the "trials and tribulations" of managing large-scale infrastructure. We shared the lessons we've learned as a small community group taking on big challenges—a true case study in resilience. As well as explaining our future aspiration to achieve affordable housing to address local housing needs.

#### 🐔 A Feathered Finale

We wrapped up the day at **Bridgend Community Garden** with our wonderful volunteers, Leslie and David. We toured the composting sites, discussed upcoming growing plans, how we get water to the garden and peeked inside the polytunnels. But let's be honest: while the field trip was great, it was our **"Garden Girls"** (the chickens) who truly stole the show!

Course Lecturer: Lucy Thornton let us know that, "The students said it was such a great trip as they got to see the project in person which was really valuable for them. We will be back next year with our new 3<sup>rd</sup> year cohort".

## DATES FOR THE DIARY



### (THE) LAST YEAR TRILOGY BOOK LAUNCH PARTY

Join local author Pat Kirby for an evening marking the conclusion of this trilogy, set in Mid-Nithsdale.

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Feb



7 - 9pm

Old School Thornhill

Free event - registration required.  
Email [pat.kirby@btinternet.com](mailto:pat.kirby@btinternet.com)  
or scan the QR code.



## EarthFlow QIGONG

An ancient and beautiful art combining:  
**Movement, Breathwork, Meditation, Visualisation and Rhythm.**  
Learn a simple and effective daily routine with

**Leah Light**

to clear away energy blocks that can be the root cause behind:  
**Pain, Stiffness, Illness, Sleep Issues, Fatigue, and Premature Aging.**

5 week course £50 incl 3x Review Video's or £8 drop-in.

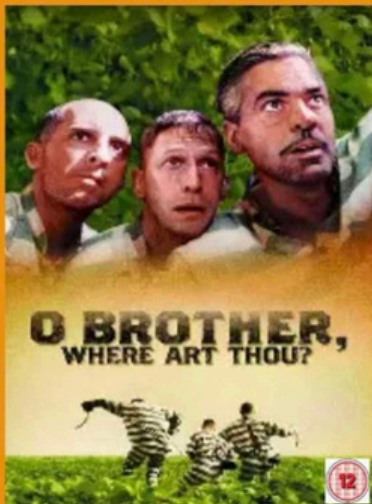
Moniaive 12-1pm Fridays 20/02 to 27/03

Keir Mill 10-11am Saturdays 21/02 to 28/03

Perpart 7-8pm Mondays 23/02 to 30/03

For more info and to book Contact Leah  
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### TYNRON PARISH HALL PRESENTS



### O Brother, Where Art Thou?

SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH DOORS  
OPEN 7PM

**£5 PER TICKET**  
**BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE**

A family friendly comedy, with an excellent  
soundtrack!

Light supper will be provided during interval...

## moniaive FLOWER SHOW

Soup and pudding  
afternoon

Price  
**£6**



**Tynron Village Hall**

**Saturday 28 March • 12 - 2pm**

## SAVE THE DATE

Companies House Reg: SC592235

OSCR Reg No: SC05098



*KM Rally*  
**2026**

**Cycling  
Camping  
Catering  
& more...**

**22 - 25  
MAY**

Penpont  
Dumfries & Galloway  
DG3 4BP

A full weekend of great and varied cycling routes around the birthplace of Kirkpatrick MacMillan, inventor of the first pedal bicycle.

## SAVE THE DATE!

To register your interest or for further information  
email: [info@kptdevelopmenttrust.org](mailto:info@kptdevelopmenttrust.org)  
telephone: 01848 331 435

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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As this event is growing year by year there will be a number of volunteering opportunities available.

We will be looking for people to meet and greet and generally help people to find their way around,

If you'd like to assist with a led bike ride then please get in touch.

Keir Village Hall Committee are mighty bakers but they are few in numbers - so any help will be greatly appreciated towards baking and or helping with the BBQ or Ceilidh.

If you are interested in volunteering please get in touch with Michelle J.

KPT Development Trust are excited to be hosting The KM Rally over the May Bank Holiday weekend once again this year.

We have now gone live with bookings!

We are still confirming the led bike routes and aim to publicise these soon.  
Watch this space!

We have confirmation that the very much looked forward to and celebrated Sunday Keir Cake Raid will be hosted by the Keir Village Hall Committee.

We have The Roving Pedlar's back again this year for you to Ceilidh the Saturday night night away.

We will also be hosting our new Outdoor BBQ!



**KM RALLY 2026**  
*KM Rally*  
**CEILIDH**

**SATURDAY  
23 May  
2026**

**Ceilidh at Keir Village Hall  
&  
Outdoor BBQ  
ALL WELCOME**



**SAVE THE DATE  
Tickets Available Soon!**



we are cycling  
UK  
in Scotland



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**Rural Health & Wellbeing**

Keir, Penpont and Tynron Development Trust (KPTDT) have a number of activities and groups that are designed to help keep local residents healthy and active, reduce loneliness and generally improve our sense of wellbeing. Each of our activities and groups are open to all and most are offered free of charge or at a reduced cost.

If anyone living locally is interested in any of the groups or activities shown on this poster, but is faced with barriers to their participation, please do get in touch with us for an informal chat about how we can support you to join in. Please also note that our activities and groups may be subject to change and places on certain activities may be subject to availability. So it is advisable to get in touch prior to attending.

There are also other opportunities available that are not shown here, such as volunteering in Bridgend Community Garden or with our community food sharing activities, so please do check our Facebook Page (KPT Development Trust) and our website: [www.kptdevelopmenttrust.org](http://www.kptdevelopmenttrust.org)

For further information, or if you have any questions, please get in touch with Michelle Johnston (Development Officer) on 01848 331 435 or email: [info@kptdevelopmenttrust.org](mailto:info@kptdevelopmenttrust.org)

**CRAFT, SKILLS, SHARE COMPANY & CARE**

**Craft Circle**

*Looking for help & skills to both teach & learn creative crafts.*

**COMMUNITY Rural Health & Wellbeing PROJECT**

**JOIN NOW!**

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 1:00 - 3:00 PM | KPT OFFICE MAIN STREET PENPONT

**FREE Sound & Relaxation By Candlelight**

To book: 07471 127497 [expressions@stacieamelia.com](mailto:expressions@stacieamelia.com)

**Relaxation**  
Have some time out in your day just to relax your mind, body and spirit.

**Immersion**  
Sound frequencies and vibrations can help to bring peace, harmony and balance. Soft, melodic sounds like singing bowls, drums and chimes can create a sense of calm helping to reduce stress and anxiety.

**Restoration**  
Caring deeply for your wellbeing

You will need a yoga mat and a blanket. If this is a concern please let me know, I do have spares.

**TUESDAYS 6PM**  
Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>  
Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>  
Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup>

Gladstone Hall Princes St Penpont DG3 4BY

Stacie Amelia

**FREE E-bikes Hire**

(Available to residents within the KPT Community Council area, aged 14 and over until March 31, 2026).

**TO BOOK:** Contact Maureen on 0776507391 or Michelle on 01848 331435. Book using JotForm @ <https://kptdevelopmenttrust.org> or via email: [info@kptdevelopmenttrust.org](mailto:info@kptdevelopmenttrust.org) or ask in the Three Villages Community Cafe

**BE ACTIVE!**

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

**Stroll in the Park**

**JOIN US!**

Penpont Starting 26 June  
Wednesdays at 11am  
Meet at KPT Office Penpont

Active Communities Dumfries & Galloway

**ADDITIONAL SESSIONS NOW AVAILABLE**

**SHIATSU**

Davie Hall is a qualified acupressure therapist with the Glasgow school of Shiatsu.

Shiatsu is a physical therapy/massage which uses a combination of pressure points, gentle manipulation and stretching.

Shiatsu can help with relaxation, improve mood, aid sleep and relieve tension.

Shiatsu is given fully clothed and can be practised on the floor or a chair. Each session is tailored to the client's needs.

There are 15 more fully funded sessions available.

- 1h sessions
- Home visits
- Priority given to carers, isolated and elderly people and those with mobility issues.
- Treatments also available in Penpont

For any questions or booking contact Davie Hall on: M: 07761 713 685 E: [davie\\_hall@fastmail.fm](mailto:davie_hall@fastmail.fm)

**Three Villages Community Cafe**

**Wednesday £5 Special**

**£5**

From 12 noon

**THREE VILLAGES COMMUNITY CAFE**

**TAKE AWAY PIE NIGHT!**

THURSDAYS - 4-6PM

Come and get your **FREE LITTLE PIES** to take home to heat OR get them heated up AND for only £2.50, add chips and beans OR mash, peas and gravy.

THE PIES ARE DONATED BY KERR LITTLE BAKERY, DUMFRIES. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PIES AND TO BOOK PLEASE CALL 01848 331073, OR POP INTO THE CAFE

the Little Bakery



**SATURDAY**  
(10:30 to 12:30)

Come on down to the garden and help us get a new tarpaulin up on the chicken run. Spend time with the hens!

**Thursday**  
(2:00 - 4:00)

Join us for an afternoon of gentle gardening, companionship and general outdoorsy (ish) tasks!

**GARDEN GROUP**

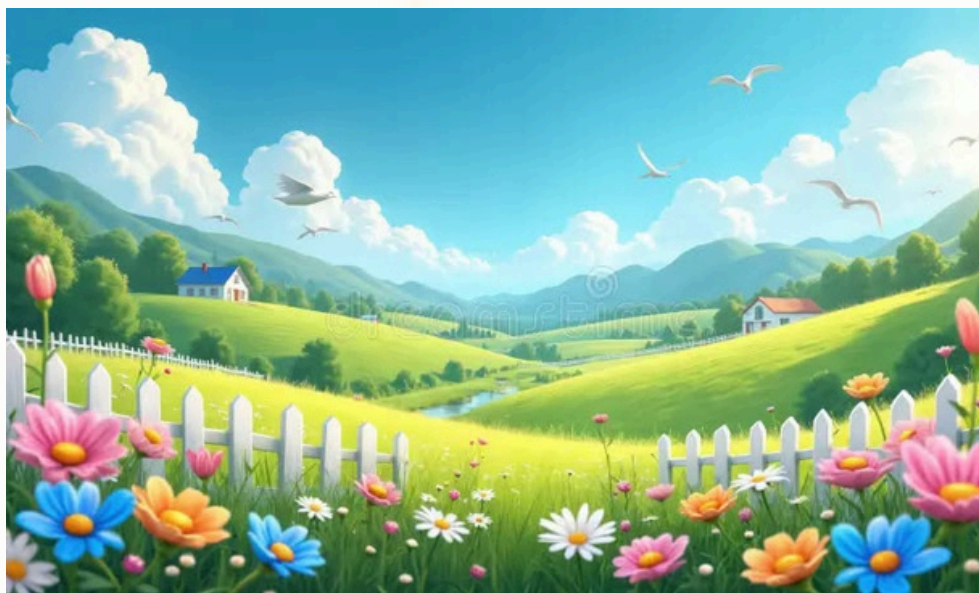
Join our 'gentle gardening group'  
Health & Wellbeing  
Thursday  
2:00 - 4:00pm

Community Growing together!

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

All Welcome!

[www.kptdevelopmenttrust.org](http://www.kptdevelopmenttrust.org)



**Saturday Group**

Join us for a day in the garden tomorrow morning - 10.30am. The weather is looking not too bad for finally fitting the tarpaulin to the chicken run roof. Some other wee tidying jobs to be done before seed sowing days in the coming weeks. Spring is in the air!!

**SEED SWAP**

Sunday 15th March 2026  
12-4pm

📍 Location: Old School Thornhill (OST)  
Thornhill, Dumfries  
DG3 5DF

Get your green thumbs ready for a fun-filled afternoon of swapping seeds, exchanging gardening tools, and enjoying a craft activity for the kids. Whether you've got fruits, veggies, flowers, or even bird seeds - bring them along and share with others!

What to Expect:

- ✨ Free seeds and seedlings
- ✨ Gardening tools
- ✨ Kids' Craft Activity

...and so much more garden themed fun...





## UPDATES FROM THE CAFÉ



**FRIDAY NIGHT TEA TIME CLUB**  
At  
**Three Villages Community Cafe**

**MENU**

- Home made Steak Pie, chips & peas £10
- Breaded Haddock, chips & peas £10
- Chicken Supreme & Rice - £10
- Sausages, Mash & Onion Gravy - £10
- Sweet n Sour Chicken & Noodles £9
- Special Fried Rice with chorizo, prawns & chicken £9
- 3 egg Shakshuka with or without crispy sausage £7
- Macaroni Cheese, chips & peas (V) £7

**5.15PM TO LAST ORDERS 7.00PM**  
**Sit in/take away**

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




**FRIDAY NIGHT TEA TIME CLUB DATES**

23<sup>rd</sup> Jan CANCELLED  
30<sup>th</sup> Jan  
6<sup>th</sup> Feb  
13<sup>th</sup> Feb  
20<sup>th</sup> Feb CANCELLED  
27<sup>th</sup> Feb

**SIT-IN & TAKE-AWAY**  
**BOOKING PREFERRED**

To book, please call 01848 331073; find us on facebook, e-mail [threevillagescafe@gmail.com](mailto:threevillagescafe@gmail.com) or  
**BEST OF ALL, POP IN AND SEE US!**




## Three Villages Community Cafe

# 5%

# Discount Card

## Available to All

Get your discount card now and show it every time you pay to get included in the monthly prize draw!

Prizes will be based on the cafe's turnover of the previous month and drawn on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month.

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## Three Villages Café Loyalty Card changing to a Discount Card

The Trust directors are delighted to introduce a new 5% discount card that all of our customers can apply for. Along with this discount, card holders can be entered into a monthly draw every time they visit the café and once they pay their bill. The prize(s) for the draw may be a freshly baked cake, vouchers for the café, home made jam, free range eggs etc. depending on the turnover for the month.

The 5% discount card will be available soon and the 10% loyalty card will be stopped.

Maureen will transfer the current loyalty card holders number and information over to the new discount card. Customers can then pick up their discount card from the café. For those who do not have a loyalty card, they can get a discount card whenever they are in the café.



# Saturday Supper

**7<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - 7.00 PM**

## **STARTERS**

Cauliflower & Cheese Soup  
Haggis, Neeps & Tatties Stack with Whisky Sauce  
Warm Goat's Cheese Salad

## **MAINS**

Slow Cooked Chicken with Corn Crust & Vegetables  
Pork Fillet stuffed with Feta & Sage, served with  
Buttered Noodles & Vegetables  
Spanakopita (Filo pie with Spinach & Feta) & Vegetables

## **DESSERTS**

Plum & Almond Kutchen  
Sweet & Salty Cheesecake with Cherries  
Cheese Platter

## **TO FINISH**

Tea or Coffee & homemade shortbread

**£25**

To book, please call into the  
cafe, email:  
[threevillagescafe@gmail.com](mailto:threevillagescafe@gmail.com)  
or telephone 01848 331073

**BYOB**

