



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 - KPT Craft Circle

Thursday

2-4pm Gentle Garden Group
 4-6pm Thursday Night Tea
 Time - Meals starting at £2.50

KPT COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

(COMMUNITY HYDRO DIVIDEND)

APPLY NOW!

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

HELP OUR LOCAL PATH FLOURISH: JOIN THE HEDGING HEROES 'WORK PARTY!'

Do you have a spare hour or two and an interest in keeping our local environment thriving? The KPT Development Trust is looking for a team of enthusiastic volunteers to help maintain a vital part of our community infrastructure.

The Mission

We're putting together a friendly work party to help our young hedging plants along the n **Active Travel Path**.

These young plants are currently tucked away in plastic spirals for protection, but they now need our help to be freed up so they can grow strong and healthy. This particular "rescue mission" focuses on the beautiful section from Stepends to Burnhead.

- **When:** Saturday, May 9th at 11:00 am
- **Where:** Meeting at the KPT Development Trust Office to walk to the Stepends to Burnhead section of the Active Travel Path.
- **What to Bring:** Just your "willing hands" and a pair of **secateurs!**



Telephone: 01848 331435



Email: info.kptdt@gmail.com



Website: www.kptdevelopmenttrust.org

KEIR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU: HELP SECURE OUR FUTURE!



KEIR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting

Monday, 18th May 2026

7pm

to be held in

Keir Village Hall, Keir

Copies of the agenda and previous minutes will be made available on the evening.

ALL WELCOME

Following the recent and sad departure of a long-standing colleague, Keir Community Council has reached a critical juncture. We are now operating with just five members, a number that places immense strain on our ability to serve you effectively. Without immediate "reinforcements," we face the very real risk of disbanding—a move that would have serious consequences for our village.

What is at stake?

The Community Council is the vital link between our residents and essential resources. If we cannot maintain a functioning body, the following are in doubt:

- **Wind Farm Funding:** We currently manage funding from three wind farm companies for the direct benefit of our area. This includes the Micro-Grant scheme that supports local projects and groups.
- **The Village Hall:** We have recently invested heavily in our Village Hall. Its continued maintenance and future as a community hub depend on the oversight of an active Council.

We need your fresh views.

Whether you are interested in smaller micro-grants or have visions for large-scale, long-term community projects, we need your voice. Becoming a Community Councillor is an opportunity to directly shape the place where you live.

How to get involved:

- **Speak to us in person:** Join us at our next meeting and AGM on **Monday, 18th May at 7:00 PM** at the Village Hall.
- **Get in touch:** If you cannot attend but want to help or learn more, please email us directly to discuss how you can support your community via Alison Foggie at keircc14@gmail.com.

We cannot continue much longer without your support. Please consider standing to ensure Keir remains a vibrant and well-funded community for all



CALLING ALL STAR BAKERS!



Our legendary Keir Bakers are mighty, but their numbers are small, and **The Keir Cake Raid** needs your help to fuel the **KM Rally!** Whether it's a show-stopping sponge or a simple traybake, every extra treat makes a massive difference.

If you can spare some flour and power, we'd love to have you on the team. Your bakes will be truly welcomed, and even more appreciated!

Ready to preheat your oven for the cause?

It's TIME TO CEILIDH AT KEIR!



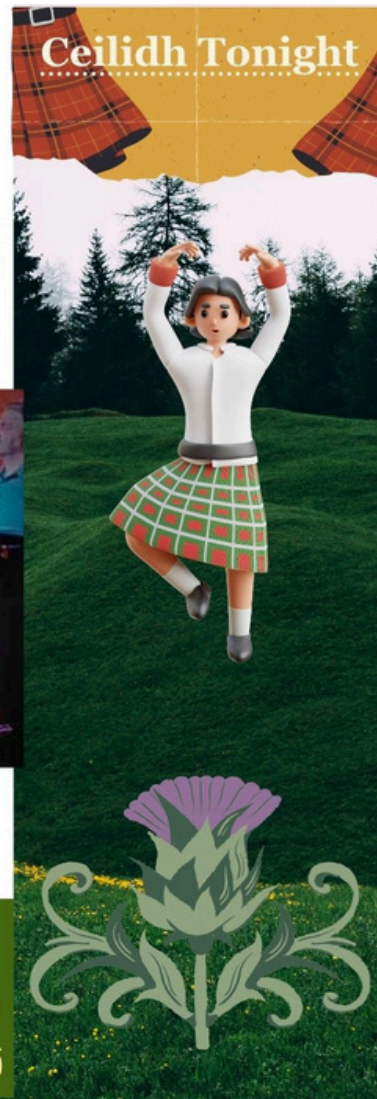
Ceilidh & Outdoor BBQ
@Keir Village Hall, 7pm

SATURDAY
23 May
2026

ALL WELCOME



Tickets Available via Jot Form on KPTDT website
£20.00/per person



More Than Just a Bike Ride!

The KM Rally Community Ceilidh & BBQ

Think the **KM Rally** is only for the cyclists? Think again! We're inviting the whole community to **Keir Village Hall** for a night of dancing, food, and catching up with neighbours.

This isn't just for the riders—it's a chance for the village to come together, mix, and have a brilliant night out.

The Outdoor BBQ – Sizzle into the evening with our Three Villages Cafe Crew as they serve up a delicious outdoor spread.

The Ceilidh – Dust off your dancing shoes for **The Roving Peddlars!** Featuring talented local musicians, they'll have the hall jumping and you spinning!

The Vibe – No Lycra required! Just bring yourself and your friends for a proper community knees-up.

The Details:

Location: Keir Village Hall

Price: £20 per person (includes BBQ & Ceilidh)


Tickets: Available now via the **JotForm** at www.kptdevelopmenttrust.org.

Don't miss out—grab your tickets today and let's make this a night to remember!



Development Officer

POST DETAILS

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- Closeburn/Home based
 - Reporting to NVLT Board
 - 36 hours per week (flexible)
 - Post duration: June 2026- March 2029
 - £26500 per year plus pension contribution
 - Funded by DTAS Strengthening Communities Fund
 - Closing Date 23 May 2026

JOB SUMMARY:

Nith Valley LEAF Trust (NVLT) has an exciting new opportunity for a development officer to transform our friendly, volunteer led community trust into a professional, business orientated and thriving organisation generating its own income to service current and future projects. We want someone to lead this initiative who is motivated, commercially aware and community-focused.

Key Aims:

- To make NVLT a more professionally run organisation.
- To develop more self-generated income for NVLT

NVLT needs to develop a more professional skilled work force with volunteer support so NVLT Trustees can concentrate on community oversight. To do this more priority needs to be given to income generating projects, including our community shop & café, community field and orchard and ebike fleet. We want to reduce reliance on short term grant funding. NVLT also needs a full strategic plan with better budgeting for each project/

If you are interested, please visit our website www.nithvalley.org and send a request for a full job description to NVLT9@outlook.com

Closing date for applications (CV and covering letter) is 23 May 2026





Stroll in the Park

JOIN US!

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

 Active Communities Dumfries & Galloway



FREE E-bikes Hire

(Available to residents within the KPT Community Council area, aged 14 and over until June 30, 2026).



TO BOOK:

Contact Maureen on 07765073913

or Michelle on 01848 331435

Book using JotForm

@<https://kptdevelopmenttrust.org/>

or via email: info@kptdevelopmenttrust.org

or ask in the Three Villages Community Café

KPT Development Trust

CRAFT, SKILLS, SHARE COMPANY & CARE

Craft Circle

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

Rural Health & Wellbeing COMMUNITY & CONNECTION PROJECT

JOIN NOW!

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 1:00 - 3:00 PM	KPT OFFICE MAIN STREET PENPONT
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THREE VILLAGES COMMUNITY CAFE



Thursday Tea Time Take Away Pizza Night!
Sit In or Take Away



Please come along and enjoy our £2.50 homecooked Thursday Night Tea Time Meal. at The Three Villages Café Served from 4pm onwards. To book: please call in to the cafe, email - threevillagescafe@gmail.com or phone 01848 331073

DATES FOR THE DIARY

CREATIVE WRITING WITH OPEN BOOK

Join the Three Villages Creative Writing Group!

Join local author Hugh McMillan, for a gentle, guided Creative Writing Session. We'll be reading stories and poems, and using them to spark our own creativity.

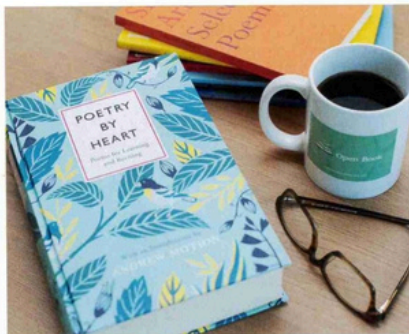
Three Villages Cafe, Main Street, Penpont
DG3 4BP

Learn more at openbookreading.com and sign up for the *Unbound* newsletter.

6:30-8:30pm, monthly on a Wednesday

- 8 April
- 6 May
- 3 June
- 1 July
- 5 August

All welcome, ages 18+



Local elections 7th May 2026

Will you be voting?

DG3 COMMUNITY FOOD SHARING OPPORTUNITIES

OLD SCHOOL THORNHILL THORNHILL COMMUNITY FOOD INITIATIVE

EVERY SUNDAY 11.30AM - 12.30PM

A friendly, low-cost shop and drop-in space supporting anyone in DG3 who could use a hand with their weekly groceries

<p>HOW IT WORKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £6 shop: choose 20 family items • £3 shop: choose 10 individual items • Fruit, vegetables & eggs are always free 	<p>WHO IS THIS FOR?</p> <p>This space is here for anyone who could use a little extra support, including those who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are finding it hard to make ends meet • are worried about rising prices and everyday costs • are dealing with debt or financial pressures • have had their income reduced or have been sanctioned
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DONATIONS WELCOME FROM 10.30AM ONWARDS

<p>FREE FRUIT, VEGETABLES AND EGGS</p>	<p>STORE CUPBOARD ESSENTIALS</p>
<p>WHAT IS IT?</p> <p>CHEESE, YOGHURT AND COLD MEAT</p>	<p>PLUS TEA, COFFEE OR HOT CHOCOLATE</p>
<p>QUESTIONS? PLEASE GET IN TOUCH!</p>	
<p>Old School Thornhill Station Road Thornhill DG3 5DF</p> <p>w. oldschoothornhill.com e. tcfieoldschoothornhill.com</p>	<p>WITH SUPPORT FROM</p> <p>Dumfries & Galloway</p> <p>The ROBERTSON Trust</p>
<p>SCOTTISH CHARITY NO. SC049355</p>	



BRIDGEND COMMUNITY GARDEN



SATURDAY
(10:30 to 12:30)

Come on down to the garden to help us with a few garden tasks and a general garden catch up this Saturday.

Thursday
(2:00 - 4:00)

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

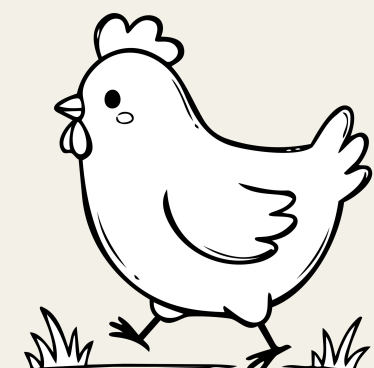
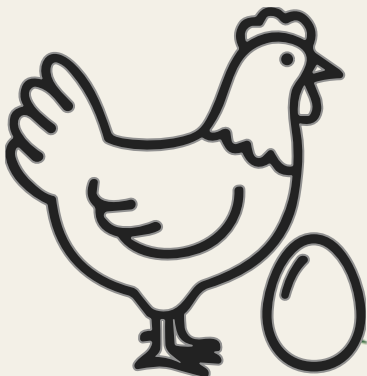


TEMPORARY SUMMER HOLIDAYS FOR OUR GARDEN GIRLS

Our beloved Garden Girls have officially packed their wings and moved out for a short break! We've temporarily relocated them to the home of an experienced chicken keeper while we focus on some essential home improvements.

While we take great pride in our garden coop, a rather "special" visitor has recently been spotted frequenting the hen run. As much as we admire this particular local predator from a distance, our girls certainly don't share the sentiment. To ensure they stay happy and healthy, we've decided to undertake some serious repair and reinforcement work.

We are currently busy fortifying the hen house and adding extra layers of protection to the run to completely "predator-proof" their home. We'll be sure to share an update once the renovations are complete and the girls are back in their upgraded, extra-secure palace!





UPDATES FROM THE CAFÉ



TO OUR INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY: A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

A few weeks ago, we shared an emotionally raw and honest look at the daily struggles facing the Three Villages Community Cafe. It wasn't an easy story to tell, but it was a necessary one.

Today, we're writing a very different kind of update—one filled with gratitude.

We have been truly overwhelmed by your swift action. From the moment we shared our reality, the outpouring of support has been nothing short of heartening. Beyond the kind words, we've been inspired by the sheer diversity of ideas and solutions you've brought to the table. It's clear that this cafe isn't just a building; it's a space that belongs to all of us.

While we are under no illusions—there is still a long journey ahead of us—your energy has given us a second wind. We are more determined than ever to put every ounce of effort into ensuring our short-term survival and building a sustainable future.

Before we roll up our sleeves for the next chapter, we simply wanted to pause and say thank you. Your continued support is the reason we're still here, and it's the reason we'll keep fighting to keep the doors open.

We Need Your Support Now More Than Ever

While your ideas have inspired us, the most immediate way to help us stay open is through your continued custom. Whether it's popping in for a coffee, grabbing lunch, or bringing a friend along, every visit makes a tangible difference to our survival.

Thank you for standing by us.

With deep gratitude,

The Three Villages Community Cafe Crew

FRIDAY NIGHT TEA TIME CLUB DATES

1st May
15th May
29th May

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

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

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
- Ham Salad & Chips - £9.50
- Sweet n Sour Chicken & Noodles £10
- Special Fried Rice £7
- Chicken Fillet BLT, Chips & Coleslaw £10
- Prawn Pesto Pasta - £10

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

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