

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: Bulletin Day
Friday: 10:00 - 4:00

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.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS ACROSS THE KEIR, PENPONT, and TYNRON AREAS!



Thank You, Volunteers



#volunteersweek



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We were absolutely delighted to welcome so many of you to our celebration event last Thursday at the Three Villages Cafe. Bringing everyone together to recognise your efforts highlighted the sheer breadth, diversity, and exceptional quality of work undertaken every single day in our communities. There is no single way to volunteer. Whether you are planting seeds at the Bridgend Community Garden, supporting local transport, organising large events, baking cakes, or pouring tea at a community event, every single contribution makes a world of difference. Your dedication, energy, and big hearts are the true lifeblood of our villages.

Celebrating Our Diverse Roles: The KPT Development Trust wanted to highlight the incredible variety of vital roles carried out across our Community Council Areas and simply say a heartfelt thank you. Our local network thrives thanks to those dedicated to:

Civic Leadership: The three community councils and village hall committees.

Our Board of Trustees: Our dedicated Directors who volunteer their time and expertise to guide our Trust.

Festivals & Events: The Gala committee, the KM Rally, and community art projects.

Social & Creative Groups: The Penpont Friendship Club and our Craft Circle.

Youth & Care: Managing our Amazing Summer programme and fundraising or knitting for the antenatal unit.

Health & Commerce: Serving with St John Ambulance and working tirelessly in the local charity shop.

There is undoubtedly a wealth of other roles and responsibilities that keep our villages moving behind the scenes. Thank you to everyone for your motivation, energy, and drive—and to all who joined us for our celebration event. You truly make our community a better place to live!

Want to Get Involved?

If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer with the KPT Development Trust, we would love to hear from you! Please get in touch with Michelle J:

✉ Email: info@kptdevelopmenttrust.org

🏠 In Person: Pop right into the office for a chat.



KPT DEVELOPMENT TRUST MEET WITH NEWLY ELECTED MSP LAURA MOODIE

The KPT Development Trust got off to a fantastic start this week after hosting a highly productive meeting this Monday with the newly elected Scottish Green Party MSP for South Scotland, Laura Moodie. The meeting offered an early and invaluable opportunity for the Trust to connect with one of the region's new parliamentary representatives following her election to the Scottish Parliament. The discussion focused heavily on the unique opportunities and challenges facing the rural communities of Keir, Penpont, and Tynron.

Driving Sustainable Rural Progress: Our Trust representatives introduced Laura to the wide breadth of community-led work currently being undertaken across the villages. Key topics on the agenda aligned closely with her background in community activism, social enterprise, and rural advocacy, including: **Active Travel and Infrastructure:** Discussing ongoing connectivity projects, including the vital work surrounding the local path routes linking our villages.

Community-Led Regeneration: Highlighting the success of local spaces like the Three Villages Community Café and the Bridgend Community Garden and discussing ambitious and aspirational plans for a shared vision for South Scotland to collaborate across the DG3 area and the wider region and identify opportunities to increase local potential food growing and production. **Rural Services & Sustainability:** Sharing views on protecting public services, boosting the local micro-economy, and supporting community resilience.

The visit proved to be a highly positive launchpad for future collaboration. Laura, who has long campaigned for robust rural transport and community empowerment across Dumfries and Galloway, expressed keen interest in the Trust's diverse volunteer network and forward-thinking local projects.

"We are absolutely delighted to have met with Laura so early into her parliamentary term," said Michelle J. "It is incredibly encouraging to see our regional representatives taking such an active interest in grassroots, community-led development right out of the gate. We look forward to working closely with her to ensure our communities continue to thrive".



SHARING OUR STORY - GROWING CLIMATE CONFIDENCE

A huge thank you to Chiara Fingland (Climate Development Officer at The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO), who brought along Kaska and Sarah to meet with Michelle J. and KPT Development Trust Directors Maureen Halkett and Alison Lane last Monday, 1 June!

Jackie Wells at Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway highlighted some of the great climate action happening in the region, and mentioned that KPT Development Trust have been doing some great work and have some exciting projects planned. The visit was organised as a part of the Growing Climate Confidence project, a fantastic initiative that helps Scotland's voluntary sector embrace sustainability. We had a wonderful time sharing our story of climate action, building community wealth, and discussing how we continue to learn the best ways to care for our natural environment. The tour gave us a wonderful opportunity to showcase our local, real-world sustainability assets, including: Our Trust Office, where we base our community development work. Our on-site community hydro scheme, which generates clean, renewable energy to fund local projects. The Bridgend Community Garden, where our community growing group champions pesticide-free food, waste reduction, and composting. Our active e-bike and cycling initiatives, helping local residents and visitors reduce their carbon footprints.

During our climate conversation, Michelle J. was given an opportunity to share why embedding ethical environmental practices in her day to day project design and delivery is so important to not only the Trust but to all life and our natural environment. We were also invited to pick out a mascot to represent our climate work. We are thrilled to announce that the KPT Craft Circle's yarn-bombed vintage Barbie on her bike was chosen! She is a bold, beautiful example of reusing, reducing, and recycling—perfectly capturing our rich local cycling heritage and our shared vision for a low-carbon future.



Thank you again to the SCVO team for a truly inspiring visit!

COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE: KPT DEVELOPMENT TRUST VISITS THE USUAL PLACE



Maureen Halkett, Chair of the KPT Development Trust and Volunteer Manager of the Three Villages Community Cafe in Penpont, alongside Michelle J. the Trust's Development Officer, recently met with Craig McEwen, Chief Executive of The Usual Place in Dumfries.

The purpose of the site visit was to tour the award-winning Academy Street training café, learn about their inclusive skills academy model, and explore how they successfully deliver accredited training to young people with additional support needs. Maureen and Michelle were particularly inspired by The Usual Place's Social Enterprise model.

Partnered with Dumfries and Galloway College The Usual Place offer accredited SVQs in Professional Cookery, Hospitality, Customer Service, and Food and Beverage Service. The framework features accessible, on-the-job training, with an eighteen month, eight-module, 16-hour weekly training supported by dedicated, one to one mentorship. The meeting fostered an invaluable exchange of knowledge between the rural community cafe model in Penpont and the larger town-centre training academy in Dumfries. By learning from the decade-long experience of The Usual Place The KPT Development Trust aims to further enrich their local youth employment opportunities and strengthen community resilience across their three villages. Maureen and Michelle are very much looking forward to Craig paying us a return visit to our community café here in Penpont.

SADDLING UP FOR AN AMAZING SUMMER: KPT DEVELOPMENT TRUST SECURES 'SUMMER OF PLAY' FUNDING!

The **KPT Development Trust** is absolutely thrilled to announce that our application to Dumfries and Galloway Council's Summer of Play Fund has been **successful!** Thanks to this incredible support, we are gearing up to deliver one truly **Amazing Summer** for our community. Our Amazing summer team is already hard at work pulling together an action-packed, fun-filled programme of activities. We aim to have the full schedule published and available to book as soon as possible, so keep your eyes peeled for updates!

Dust Off Your Cowboy Boots: Our First Event!

We are kicking off the holidays with a massive community celebration, and everyone is invited to saddle up!

Theme: Wild West Adventure **Date:** Saturday 18th July **Time:** 2:00 PM onwards (Cowgirls and cowboys of all ages welcome!) **Location:** Glebe Field, Pringleton Road, Penpont

What's on the Trail?

Get ready for an afternoon packed with frontier fun, including: "**Way Out West**" **Shelter Building:** Team up to build the ultimate frontier camp. **The Glebe Field Community Games:** Friendly, high-energy challenges for all ages. **Campfire & BBQ:** Kick back, relax, and grab some grub by the fire. We are bursting with excitement and truly cannot wait to welcome you and your families. Stay tuned to our social media channels for booking links, which will be released very soon!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 13th June
at Old School Thornhill (11am - 3pm).

FILL YOUR BOOTS AT



STATION ROAD

Food Market

THORNHILL. DG3

Friday 26th June. 4pm

TUESDAY TERM TIME

MOVE • MAKE • DANCE • CREATE!

Creative Movement and Dance
Tuesdays (term-time)
P.5-P.7, 3.30pm-4.30 pm
P.1-3, 4.30pm-5.30 pm
Gladstone Hall, Penpont
From £6 per session

Contact:
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For all Primary aged children, Creative Movement sessions run in Gladstone Hall, Penpont every Tuesday during term time (P.5-P.7, 3.30pm-4.30 pm, and P.1-3, 4.30pm-5.30 pm) Currently the children are working towards a Dance Share for family and friends on Thursday 18th June. The children have been been decorating their own head-dresses as well as creating their own artwork and costumes along the themes of merry-go-rounds, wind fairies and puppets!

If your child is interested in joining on Tuesdays, or if you'd like further details, please contact:

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JOSEPH THOMSON GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD IN THE
PENPONT, KEIR, AND TYNRON HERITAGE CENTRE
MARBURN ROAD, PENPONT

4PM, FRIDAY, 26th JUNE 2026

ALL WELCOME, PLEASE COME ALONG

JOSEPH THOMSON GROUP IS A REGISTERED CHARITY, SCO29176

PENPONT GALA NEEDS YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S EVENT A SUCCESS!

Gala Programs are now available at the Three Villages Café and Penpont Shop!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers to help with the heavy lifting to assemble the massive marquee on **Tuesday, 23rd June at 6:00 PM at The Gladstone Park**. If you are comfortable and confident with physical tasks, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Gala week runs from **Sunday, 28th June to Saturday, 4th July**. You can also use any upcoming rainy days to work on your Fancy Dress costumes for a chance to win a £100 grand prize.

Finally, remember to kick off the festivities by supporting the local church fete on **Saturday, 27th June** for delicious teas and community fun.

WIN £100 PENPONT GALA FANCY



DRESS

Sat 4th July

Classes:

Individual child (0-p.7)

Individual adult (12 & over)

Groups (any age)

Floats etc



£50 for winner of each category

OUTSTANDING OVER ALL ENTRY PRIZE

£100



Photos from 2025



UPDATES FROM THE CAFE



bikeweek
Everyday cycling for everyone



**FREE DRINK AND PIECE OF CAKE
FOR ALL CYCLISTS**

**on
SATURDAY
13TH JUNE 2026
TO CELEBRATE BIKE WEEK
8 - 14TH JUNE**

**Please take a selfie with the cafe logo and your bike.
Post on FB, you can tag us and/or also
send it to the Three Villages Community Cafe and the photos will be displayed in the cafe**

All proceeds raised will go to Cycling UK

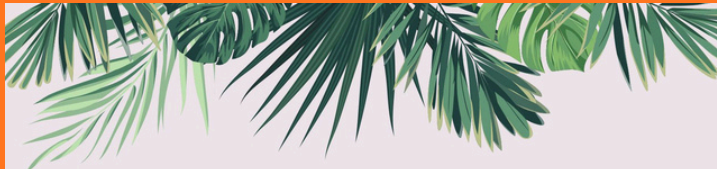


**FRIDAY NIGHT TEA
TIME CLUB
DATES**

**19th June
26th June**

**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!**



**THREE VILLAGES COMMUNITY CAFE
FRIDAY NIGHT TEA TIME**

MENU

- Home made Steak Pie, chips & peas £10
- Breaded Haddock, chips & peas £10
- Chicken & Prawn Special Fried Rice - £9
- Sausages, Mash & Onion Gravy - £10
- Sweet n Sour Chicken & Noodles £10
- Mushroom Stroganoff & Rice - £8
- Chicken Fillet BLT, Chips & Coleslaw £10
- Ham Salad & Chips - £10
- Tuna Nicoise Salad Bowl - £10

Sit in/take away

5.30 PM TO LAST ORDERS 7.00PM

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

