



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

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Thank You, Volunteers



#volunteersweek

As National Volunteers Week kicks off from 1st to 7th June, KPT Development Trust wants to extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible volunteers. Across all our KPT Community Council Areas, your dedication shines through in everything you do. By generously sharing your time, unique skills, and wise counsel, you help make our community a much more resilient, connected, and happy place to live.

We'd like to invite volunteers to come along and join us in celebration at Three Villages Cafe on Thursday 4th June between 4pm and 8pm as we say a very big THANK YOU!



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A massive thank you to Leslie Beck for being our overall community champion! Your constant support and guidance is greatly valued. Thank you all of your help towards looking after our community garden, our garden girls and all of our environmental initiatives. Your support at local activities and events is a vital component to the success of our beautiful community. We appreciate everything you do!

Thank You!

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As we kick off National Volunteers Week, KPT Development Trust is thrilled to spotlight the first of our incredible volunteers: our very own local legend, **Leslie Beck**. Leslie embodies the true spirit of community, always stepping up to lend a hand wherever it is needed. We are incredibly grateful for everything Leslie does to make our area a brighter, better place for everyone.

THANK YOU, LESLIE!

A massive thank you to our wonderful
KPT Craft Circle volunteers this Volunteers' Week!

Your incredible intergenerational skills sharing and dedication spread immense colour, cheer, and solidarity across our communities. Through your stunning group art installations, you have brilliantly raised vital environmental awareness around climate change, biodiversity, ocean impacts, and the power of reducing, reusing, and recycling. Above all, thank you for creating such a safe, supportive space where we can share deep emotional support, knowing that what is said in Craft Circle stays in Craft Circle. Although not everyone involved could be included in this photo, our heartfelt thanks go out to absolutely everyone in our Craft Circle community. We especially want to recognise those who work quietly at home behind the scenes to make this magic happen. Finally, a special thank you goes to our supporters from near and far who have so kindly donated to us—your generosity keeps our circle spinning!



A massive shoutout to our amazing KPT Craft Circle for filling our community with endless colour, creativity, and joy all year round!



We value and appreciate your incredible intergenerational skill sharing and unstoppable support! 🌟🎨

Your bright energy makes our community shine so much brighter, and we cannot wait to celebrate you! ✨👏🌟

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Happy National Volunteers' Week, Natasha! 🌟

Huge thanks to **Natasha Tollett** for her outstanding contribution to grassroots fundraising. Your dedication and hard work make a massive difference to our community. Thank you for your incredible commitment and help at the recent KM Rally. We also love how you keep us all smiling and entertained at Craft Circle! You are an absolute star, Natasha, and we appreciate everything you do!



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Huge Thank You to Natasha Tollett!
 In celebration of Volunteers Week, we are shining a massive spotlight on Natasha for her outstanding dedication! From driving grassroots fundraising that keeps our **KPT Craft Circle** free and vibrant, to rolling up her sleeves to make the **KM Rally 2026** a fantastic success, Natasha's energy is the heartbeat of our community. Thank you, Natasha, for your inspiring commitment and boundless team spirit!

Thank You!

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Happy National Volunteers' Week to the amazing **Angela McNay!**

Angela is a vital part of our Thursday crew at the Three Villages Cafe, showing unwavering commitment to supporting our team and serving our community. We are incredibly grateful for everything you do, Angela—thank you for being such a star!



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A huge, heartfelt thank you goes out to our wonderful Thursday volunteer, **Angela McNay!**
 Angela volunteers alongside our fantastic three villages community cafe crew. She brings an absolute wealth of help, support, and dedication to everything she does, making our community a brighter and warmer place for everyone who visits.
 Angela, your hard work and kindness do not go unnoticed. We are incredibly grateful for your time, your energy, and the wonderful spirit you bring to the cafe crew. You are a vital part of our team, and we simply couldn't do it without you!
 Please join us in giving Angela a massive round of applause this week. Thank you for everything, Angela!

Thank You!

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his National Volunteers' Week, we want to shine a well-deserved spotlight on the amazing **Yvonne Dick!** Yvonne's continued support for our Active Travel Path, KPT Community Garden Group and her fantastic work as a ride leader at the recent #KMRally 2026 show just how dedicated she is to our community. Beyond her active roles, Yvonne brings a wealth of support, kindness, and words of wisdom every time she visits the KPT Development Trust office.

Thank you, Yvonne, for being a marvellous asset to our community!



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National Volunteer Week is the perfect time to celebrate **David Dobson** for his incredible contribution to the KPT Community Garden Group. David's outstanding determination ensures that essential work always gets done, transforming our community green spaces into thriving environments for everyone to enjoy. His vast, go-to knowledge makes him an invaluable asset, always ready to guide others on how to care for and maintain our local environment. We are deeply grateful for David's hard work, passion, and the lasting positive impact that he brings to our community.



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This National Volunteers Week, we are incredibly grateful to celebrate **David Dobson** for his outstanding contributions to the KPT Development Trust community garden. David's willingness to share his gardening expertise and his role as an excellent "go-to" resource have been invaluable in helping our local green spaces—and our volunteers—thrive. Thank you, David, for your continued dedication!

Thank You!

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Huge applause and a massive thank you to **Emily Murray** as we celebrate National Volunteers' Week!

You are a true cornerstone of our community, from caring for Penpont Pearl and the Garden Girls to supporting our KPT Community Garden Group. Your energy at the Penpont Primary Parent Council, your legendary baking, and your constant support at family events bring everyone together and make our school and wider community a brighter place for all.




Thank you so much to Emily Murray for her incredible generosity and dedication during this National Volunteers' Week. From looking after Penpont Pearl and the rest of the Garden Girls to keeping our garden growing, your hard work shines through. We are also deeply grateful for your fantastic support with the Penpont Primary Parent Council, your delicious cake baking, and your constant help with our family activities.

Thank You!

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Huge shoutout and a massive thank you to **Marc Tollett** and his mum and dad, **Diane and Nick!** As a family in our KPT Community Council area, their ongoing support is nothing short of incredible. There is absolutely nothing that "Team Tollett" cannot turn their hand to! They help us with absolutely everything, including: All things creative Recycling initiatives Our craft circle Maintaining community green spaces Most recently, they jumped right in to help make the KM Rally 2026 a fantastic success! We are so incredibly lucky to have your energy, kindness, and dedication in our community. Thank you, Team Tollett, for always stepping up and making our area a better place to live!



A huge thank you to Marc Tollett, as well as Diane and Nick, for your incredible collective support as a family. The KPT community council areas are deeply family-focused, and we are immensely grateful for everything you do—from supporting our creative and recycled projects to helping manage our green spaces, guiding the Craft Circle, and your fantastic help with the KM Rally 2026. There is truly nothing Team Tollett can't turn their hands to, and our community is so much brighter because of you.



Thank You!



Huge congratulations and a massive thank you to Ian Crosbie (Bing) for his outstanding leadership as Chair of the Penpont Community Council!

Ian's unwavering dedication ensures our community continues to thrive and build the vital resilience needed to tackle today's key challenges.



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A massive thank you goes out to **Ian Crosbie (Bing)** in his role as Chair of Penpont Community Council! Ian is our ultimate "go-to" person for all local matters, and we love that he regularly pops into the KPT Development Trust office to chat, catch up, and keep us fully up to speed. His dedication ensures our community continues to thrive and build the vital resilience needed to tackle today's key challenges. Ian is standing alongside a volunteer from St John Scotland at the Gladstone Hall last night—who was delivering

life-saving CPR and defibrillator training—perfectly showcases the incredible diversity of local volunteering and its immense power for the greater good. If you ever need a confidence building session using the e-bikes, Ian is also your main go to. Thank you, Bing, for your exceptional leadership, your constant presence, and everything you do for our area!

On behalf of the entire community, we want to express our deepest gratitude to **Irene Haining** for her unwavering dedication and outstanding service to Penpont. Irene's tireless support for all Penpont matters including her ongoing support towards Penpont Primary School and the Penpont Community Council directly shapes a brighter, more connected future for our village.

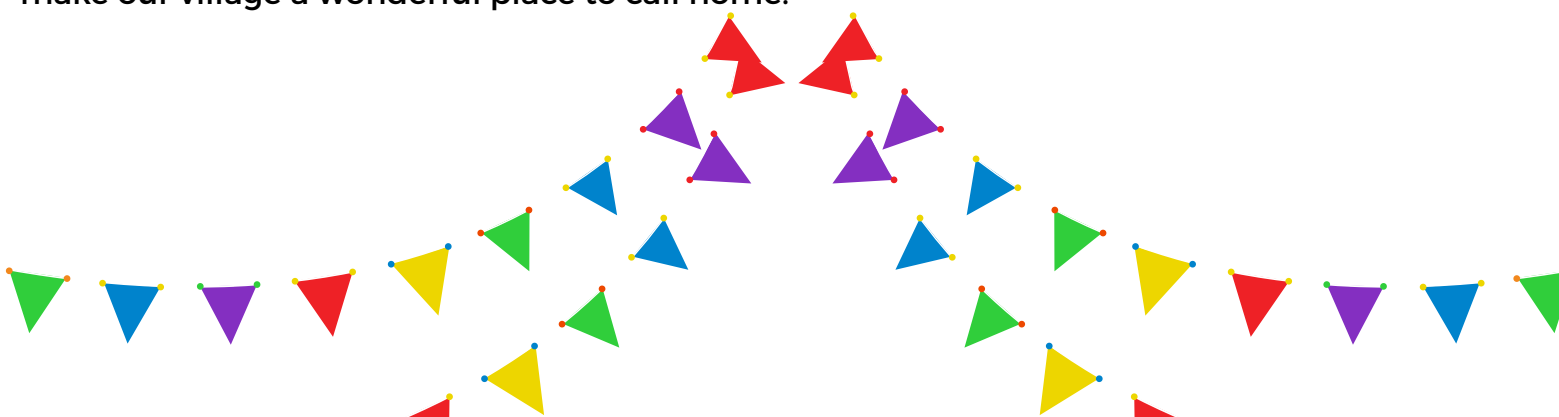


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From managing the day-to-day improvements that keep our community flourishing to bringing people together for beloved traditions like the Penpont Gala, your impact is felt by everyone. We are incredibly grateful for the hard work you put into everything that you do such as helping to maintain our active travel path and tending to the beautiful flower tubs around the village. Your efforts do not just make Penpont a more beautiful place to live; they foster a true sense of local pride. Thank you, Irene, for being a true community champion and for everything you do to make our village a wonderful place to call home.



A Very Special Thank You to **Linda Hay**.

We want to extend a massive, heartfelt thank you to our incredibly talented and crafty Linda! Linda is the true creative heart of our community. She is always on hand to help us reduce, recycle, and reuse, turning everyday items into the ultimate community craft projects. Her imagination, patience, and endless resourcefulness inspire everyone around her to see the beauty and potential in things that might otherwise be thrown away.

Linda is a regular volunteer down at Bridgend Community Garden. She gives up her time and energy week after week to bring people together, spark creativity, and make our garden a brighter, greener place. Linda, thank you for your passion, your hard work, and for always sharing your incredible talents with us. We are so incredibly lucky to have you!

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A heartfelt thank you to our dynamic Director, **Caroline Buck**, for her sheer determination, perseverance, and unwavering dedication to delivering the Active Travel Path. Caroline's visionary leadership has transformed our community by championing projects that increase native species and boost local biodiversity. She works tirelessly to encourage every one of us to stay active, engage with the natural world, and embrace nature-based social prescribing activities.

Beyond this, her deep commitment to supporting all things relevant to Keir Village and championing low-carbon active travel options has truly paved the way for a more sustainable future. Her passion for connecting health, movement, and the environment is truly inspiring, and her hard work leaves a lasting legacy for both our people and our planet. Thank you, Caroline, for being our driving force and environmental champion!

A celebration of **Sandy Beer**: Behind every great community initiative is a person who quietly makes the magic happen, and for us, that person is Sandy Beer. While Sandy is usually found behind the lens rather than in the limelight, our day-to-day operations such as #strollinthepark simply would not run as smoothly without this fantastic support. Thanks to Sandy's dedication, our volunteers are constantly captured in action, and our community stays connected. From updating our choice of social media images to keeping the KPT Development Trust Bulletin filled with the latest snapshots, Sandy ensures

our story is captured by the camera and beautifully told. Thank you, Sandy, for always being on hand to shine the light on others and for everything you do for our team!





Behind the scenes but at the heart of our community, Sandy Beer provides fantastic support to our day-to-day activities. Preferring the camera lens to the limelight, Sandy captures our volunteers in action and keeps our social media and the KPT Development Trust Bulletin vibrant with the latest snapshots. Thank you, Sandy, for keeping us connected and beautifully sharing our story!

Thank You!

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It is easy to forget that our board of Trustees are volunteers too. A huge, special thank you goes to the marvellous and multi-skilled Maureen Halkett. From her countless hours chairing the KPT and keeping us all on track, to her wonderful management of the Three Villages Community Café—thank you, Maureen!



Thank You!

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A huge thank you and celebration for our volunteer Chair and Director of KPT Development Trust, **Maureen Halkett!** It is often easy to forget that our trustees are volunteers too. Maureen is a mighty fine example of a community champion. She volunteers her time tirelessly and without hesitation. Whether she is heading up the Trust or getting to grips with whichever task is needed next, her dedication shines through. From managing the Three Villages Community Café, reducing food miles, implementing our zero Zero Waste Scotland policy to supporting our young people,





she is always there. She even leads on our campfire cookery during our amazing Summer activities! There is literally nothing this woman cannot achieve if she puts her mind to it. Thank you, Maureen, for your unwavering commitment to reducing social and health inequalities and volunteering to help our community thrive and flourish.

We are incredibly grateful for everything you do - THANK YOU!

We want to give a massive, heartfelt shout-out to the incredible **Liz Gilbert!**

Liz was an integral contributor to our amazing Summer Programme 2024, and well known for pouring her time and care into our community garden. As a fellow crafter, she was always quick to turn her signature sparkle into hands-on support for our children and young people's activities. Whether she was capturing all the midday fun at break times or helping the kids run off their lunchtime energy at Gladstone Park, Liz was always there with a smile. From blowing bubbles to creating chalk masterpieces on the pavement, her energy kept our spaces vibrant.

Thank you, Liz, for your dedication, your creativity, and for bringing so much joy to our community!

As National Volunteers' Week draws to a close, we have a very special shout-out to make.
Here come the boys!



 **National Volunteers' Week: Thank You, Griff & Phil!** 

Here come the boys! A massive thank you to Griff and Phil. They might often get "press-ganged" into helping, but our achievements simply would not be possible without them.

We are incredibly grateful for their guidance and hard work—especially building the garden structures, and for generally always trying to keep us right!

You two are absolute legends. Thank you! 🙌🌟

Thank You!

A massive thank you to Griff and Phil. They might often get "press-ganged" into volunteering, but we truly do not know where we would be without them! A great deal of what our community has achieved to date would simply not have been possible without their incredible support and expert guidance. From the hard work of building our KPT Community Garden Group constructions and other projects they have been the backbone of our practical projects. We are incredibly grateful for their endless hard work, handy skills, and for always trying to keep us on the right track.

Thank you, Griff and Phil—you are absolute legends! 🙌🔧

**National Volunteers' Week: Thank You,
Jill Ringland!**

As part of National Volunteers' Week, we want to give a massive shout-out to the wonderful Jill Ringland! They say many hands make light work, and Jill is always the first to step up. She readily makes herself available whenever help is needed, bringing endless energy to our projects. We are incredibly grateful to Jill for being on hand to manage and care for our native planting.



 **National Volunteers' Week: Thank You, Jill Ringland!** 

They say many hands make light work, and Jill Ringland always steps up whenever help is needed!

We are incredibly grateful for her brilliant horticultural knowledge and practical skills. Jill is always on hand to manage our native planting and look after biodiversity, especially along the active travel path.

Thank you, Jill, for your expertise, hard work, and constant support!

Thank You!

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Jill's dedication to looking after our biodiversity—especially along the active travel path—makes a massive difference to our local environment.

Thank you, Jill, for your time, hard work, and constant support!



National Volunteers' Week: Thank You, Andrew Haining!

A massive thank you to Andrew Haining for his incredible dedication to our community!

Andrew not only busies himself as the Treasurer for Penpont Community Council, but he also works hard behind the scenes to keep our microhydro operation well-managed. On top of that, his amazing commitment helps keep the Penpont Gala thriving every year.

With his fantastic "can-do" attitude, Andrew can turn his hand to absolutely any community task. Thank you, Andrew, for everything you do for Penpont!

Thank You!

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**National Volunteers' Week:
Thank You, Andrew Haining!**

As part of National Volunteers' Week, we want to share a massive thank you to Andrew Haining in recognition of his incredible volunteering efforts across our community!

Andrew is a true pillar of the local area. He not only busies himself in his vital role as Treasurer for the Penpont Community Council, ensuring everything runs smoothly behind the scenes,

but he also lends his expertise to our local sustainability efforts. We are incredibly grateful for all his help in ensuring that the community microhydro operation remains well managed and running efficiently. On top of that, Andrew shows incredible dedication to supporting the annual Penpont Gala, helping to keep this wonderful local tradition thriving. With his general "can-do" attitude and a fantastic ability to turn his hand to absolutely any task community-related, he makes a massive difference to our village.

Thank you, Andrew, for your endless time, dedication, and everything you do to support Penpont!

Thank You, Betty and Alan!

To **Betty Grant and Alan Wilson** (Chair and Treasurer of the Penpont Friendship Club)

In celebration of National Volunteers' Week, we want to extend our deepest, most heartfelt gratitude to both of you. You are truly the heartbeat of the Penpont Friendship Group and the vital cornerstones of the wider KPT communities. Without your tireless dedication, energy, and leadership, this group simply would not be what it is today.



A Huge Thank You to Betty Craig & Alan Wilson!

In celebration of National Volunteers' Week, we want to give an incredibly big thank you to Betty and Alan, the Chair and Treasurer of the Penpont Friendship Group.

You two are the vital cornerstones of our KPT communities. Thank you for keeping the group running so beautifully and ensuring everyone feels included at every single meeting. Your wisdom, warmth, and friendship spread throughout the whole community, keeping us all connected and informed.

Friendship is at the heart of everything you do, and we are so grateful for you both!

Thank You!

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You do not just run monthly meetings; you create a warm, welcoming space where every single person feels genuinely valued, included, and heard. Your incredible friendship and wisdom spread far beyond the group, rippling out across our entire community. You keep us all connected, informed, and uplifted, ensuring we always see the positive impacts of community life.

Thank you for putting friendship at the heart of absolutely everything you do. We are incredibly lucky to have you both.

To Iain Currie – A True Cornerstone of Our Community!

We want to offer the biggest, most heartfelt thank you for your incredible volunteering efforts. While attending a St John Scotland CPR, basic life-saving skills and Defibrillator training session, last week Michelle J. learned the full, inspiring scale of Iain's dedication. When someone asked if the St John volunteers knew of Iain Currie, the immediate response was: "Who doesn't know Iain Currie?" Hearing about Iain's role deeply touched everyone in the room. Cancer has affected almost all of us in some way—whether as survivors, those who have lost loved ones, or those facing their own fears. The service that Iain provides, driving local patients to Glasgow and Edinburgh for their cancer treatments, is a profound, life-changing lifeline. Iain supports local families at their most vulnerable moments, and his quiet dedication means more than words can say.

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A Massive Thank You to Iain Currie! 🌟

We want to give the biggest, most heartfelt thank you to Iain Currie for his incredible volunteering efforts. Your community spirit is legendary—as the St John Scotland team recently said, "Who doesn't know Iain Currie?"

For the past six years, Iain has provided a profound, life-changing lifeline for local families by driving cancer patients to Edinburgh and Glasgow for treatment. This vital service touches the hearts of so many of us who have been impacted by cancer, offering support at the most vulnerable moments.

From his 20+ years making the Penpont Gala Day special to bringing smiles while addressing the Haggis at the Penpont Friendship Group (as seen in the photo!), Iain gives his all to our area.

Thank you, Iain, from the absolute bottom of all our hearts!

Thank You!

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On a lighter note, Iain's community spirit shines through in everything he does—including this wonderful photo of him addressing the Haggis at the Penpont Friendship Group! From your 20+ years of bringing joy to the Penpont Gala Day to your vital, life-changing road trips for patients, you are woven into the fabric of this community.

Thank you, Iain, from the absolute bottom of all our hearts.

A huge thank you to **Chiara Fingland (Climate Development Officer at SCVO)**, who brought along **Kaska and Sarah to meet with Michelle J. and KPT Development Trust Directors Maureen and Alison** this past Monday!

Their visit was 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, we also needed to pick out a mascot. 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!




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