

KPT DEVELOPMENT TRUST

2 JULY 2026

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.**

In Loving Memory



Leslie Beck

June 25, 2026

*Your kindness and giving nature touched everyone
who had the privilege of knowing you.*



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Remembering oor Local Legend: Leslie Beck

It is with profound sadness and heavy hearts that we come to terms with the devastating news of the passing of Leslie Beck on Thursday, 25th June. Leslie passed away on the bridge between Penpont and Keir—a physical link between the communities he spent his life bringing together.

Over the last few days, a quiet shockwave has rippled through our community. As the news settles, it has brought with it an overwhelming wave of love, grief, and shared memories. Leslie was a true local legend, though he was far too modest to ever truly realise just how deeply loved and appreciated he was. He touched the hearts and minds of almost everyone he met, leaving an irreplaceable void in our community. Whenever there was an activity, a village event, or someone in need of support, Leslie was usually first in line to lend a helping hand. He expected no recognition; he simply loved being useful and seeing his community thrive.

In recent years, Leslie found great joy working away on outdoor tasks that kept our community and green spaces beautiful and moving forward. He was a vital, familiar presence up at the Hydro Scheme, working tirelessly down in the community garden, and meticulously looking after his beloved chickens otherwise known as the "garden girls." Whether he was happily in charge of the lawnmower or maintaining the community e-bikes, Leslie approached every task with dedication and a quiet pride.

Of course, Leslie was a man of action who took real pride in the work, and he certainly didn't mince his words or his actions when it came to getting a job done properly. There were times he would grow thoroughly frustrated with us, especially if we were yittering or laughing instead of just getting on with the task at hand. If we tried to offer our own ideas or problem-solve, Leslie would sometimes cross his arms and even stomp off in exasperation. Yet, without fail, he would always come back—ready, willing, and utterly focused, usually with the perfect solution in mind to crack on with the job.

Leslie's industrious spirit, his authentic character, his kindness, and his unwavering willingness helped to define the very best of Keir, Penpont, and Tynron. He will be missed beyond measure, but he will always be remembered for the true local legend that he was.

Our thoughts, love, and deepest condolences go out to Leslie's family, friends, and everyone who holds him dear during this incredibly difficult time.

Rest in Peace: Oor Leslie.





KPT Development Trust

Volunteer - Leslie Beck



Leslie Beck is a local legend amongst the communities of Keir, Penpont and Tynron. He is a firm favourite with children of all ages. He is always the first to volunteer for jobs - especially, those jobs that involve working outdoors either in the community garden, up at the hydro wellbeing garden or carrying out various community maintenance tasks. He is always first on hand to help out with anything that needs fixing or with the heavy lifting such as the putting away of tables and chairs. He is also dedicated to looking after the community garden chickens and generally ensuring that everybody else is doing the right thing at the right time. Leslie helped to make 'Penny Peddles' out of recycled old bicycle parts. Indeed there is not a lot Leslie doesn't help us out with - a very big thank you to this gentleman.



(National Volunteer's Week 1 - 7 June 2025)

VOLUNTEERS' WEEK



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!

#VolunteersWeek

(National Volunteer's Week 1 - 7 June 2026)

In Memory of Leslie

Leslie has been a constant presence over the past two years in the KPTDT office and a vital component in the day-to-day operations of the KPT Development Trust for many years. We are all still very much coming to terms with this first week without him.

To honour his memory, we are creating a dedicated memorial window display at the Trust office on Main Street. We will also be hosting a Book of Remembrance at the office, and we warmly invite family, friends, and neighbours to pop their heads in to share a memory, speak about Leslie, or sign the book. For those further away, a permanent memorial page is being built on our website to ensure Leslie is remembered with a lasting digital footprint in our community.

You are welcome to visit us at the KPT Development Trust Office on Main Street in Penpont.



Dumfries & Galloway AMAZING SUMMER GET INTO SUMMER

Day/Date	START TIME	ACTIVITY/ VENUE	FOOD!	ACTIVITY/ VENUE	FINISH!
Saturday 18th July	Arrive 2:00pm	The Wild West & Shelter Building	BBQ Party	The Wild West & Rounders	End 8:00pm
WEEKEND!					
Tuesday 21st July	DROP OFF 10:00am	TRIP	Packed Lunch 12:30-1:30	TRIP	Pick Up 3:30pm
Friday 24th July	DROP OFF 10:30am	HayjaVu Crafts	Packed Lunch 12:30-1:30	Driftwood Cinema	Pick Up 3:30pm
Sunday 26th July	Bridgend Community Garden 1:00pm - 3:00pm	Garden Safari & Activities	In Season Garden Delights	Garden Safari & Activities	Old School Thornhill 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Tuesday 28th July	DROP OFF 10:30am	PROPAGATE	Packed Lunch 12:30-1:30	PROPAGATE	Pick Up 3:30pm
Friday 31st July	DROP OFF 10:30am	HayjaVu Crafts	Packed Lunch 12:30-1:30	Vintage Village Games The Gladstone Park	Pick Up 3:30pm
WEEKEND!					

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Don't forget to Register & Book your place for any of our activities via Jot Form www.kptdevelopmenttrust.org

Day/Date	START TIME	ACTIVITY/ VENUE	FOOD!	ACTIVITY/ VENUE	FINISH!
Tuesday 4th August	DROP OFF 10:00am	TRIP	Packed Lunch 12:30-1:30	TRIP	Pick Up 3:30pm
Friday 7th August	DROP OFF 10:30am	HayjaVu Crafts	Packed Lunch 12:30-1:30	Vintage Village Games The Gladstone Park	Pick Up 3:30pm
WEEKEND!					
Tuesday 11th August	DROP OFF 10:30am	Campfire Cookery at Bridgend Community Garden	Campfire Lunch 12:30-1:30	HayjaVu Crafts	Pick Up 3:30pm
Friday 14th August	DROP OFF 10:30am	HayjaVu Crafts	Packed Lunch 12:30-1:30	HayjaVu Crafts	Pick Up 3:30pm
Friday 14th August	Arrive 6:00pm	Community Disco (Themed) Gladstone Hall	PUZZLE	Community Disco (Themed) at The Gladstone Hall	End 8:00pm
WEEKEND!					

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Our Amazing Summer of Play 2026 - Activities (Day/Date/Time/Venue)

- Saturday 18th July:** Join us in celebration as we head Way Out into the Wild West. Help us to design and build shelters, play rounders, enjoy an outdoor fire and community BBQ - cowgirls and boys of all ages welcome!
- Tuesday 21st July:** Wanlockhead Lead Mining Museum and Gold Panning! Bus leaving at 10:00am outside The Gladstone Hall
- Friday 24th July:** HayjaVu Crafts and Driftwood Cinema in the Gladstone Hall -
- Sunday 26th July:** Garden Safari Celebrating locally grown food: 1-3pm Penpont Community Garden (Savoury) Safari Parade along Active Travel Path 1-5pm Old School Thornhill (Sweet)
- Tuesday 28th July:** Join Propagate for a day down in Bridgend community Garden.
- Friday 31st July:** Morning with HayjaVu Crafts and KPT Vintage Village Games in The Gladstone Park an afternoon of good old fashioned fun.
- Tuesday 4th August:** Closeburn Castle Escape Room - a live puzzle experience where you and your team work together to solve a series of puzzles in order to reach the end of a story within 60 minutes. Mostly Ghostly at Closeburn Castle - join us if you dare!
- Friday 7th August:** HayjaVu Crafts at The Gladstone Hall Afternoon Session Vintage Village Games at The Gladstone Park
- Tuesday 11th August:** Campfire Cookery at Bridgend Community Garden then HayjaVu Crafts at The Gladstone Hall.
- Friday 14th August:** A day with HayjaVu Crafts at the Gladstone Hall

Welcome to our grand finale - Way Out 'Wild' West Themed Disco!

Friday 14th August: 6:00pm - 8:00pm in the Gladstone Hall
Time to Dress Up for our Community Party
FREE - ALL WELCOME (Buffet provided)

🌿 WANTED: Frontier Adventurers! 🌿

Join us for our first Amazing Summer community celebration!

When: Saturday 18th July

Where: The Glebe Field (Pringleton Road), Penpont

The Adventure:

We are building Western Frontier shelters, playing field games, and hosting a Wild West campfire and cookout.

Your Mission:

Hunt out your wildest Western gear and grab your picnic blankets. See you there, partner!

RURAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Companies House Reg. SC92235

OSCR Reg No. SC050980



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

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



Stroll in the Park

JOIN US!

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

Active Communities Dumfries & Galloway



Three Villages Community Cafe

Wednesday £5 Special

£5

From 12 noon

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

BE ACTIVE!

Walking and Cycling Opportunities in Keir, Penpont, and Tynron

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

SHIATSU

ADDITIONAL SESSIONS NOW AVAILABLE

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

GENTLE GARDEN GROUP THURSDAY 2 - 4

Refresh the Environment:
Gardening helps improve air quality by producing oxygen and absorbing pollution.

Produce Healthy Food:
Growing your own vegetables and fruits is an easy way to get fresh and organic food.

Reduce Stress:
Gardening has been shown to help relieve stress and improve health and wellbeing.

Bridgend Community Garden

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 YOUR DIARY



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



Church Services for July 2026

Starting at 1000 hours

5th - Thornhill

12th - Penpont

19th - Closeburn

26th - Thornhill



THORNHILL GALA 2026 PRESENTS



Family Prize Bingo Tuesday 7th July

7pm

Thornhill Community Centre

Bingo
Books
FREE



• Stand Up Bingo • Raffle • Tuck Shop



LOW FOOD MILES AND ZERO WASTE

We have been incredibly fortunate this week to receive a wonderful harvest of fresh produce, all thanks to the dedication of our Bridgend Community Garden volunteers. The team kindly washed, chopped, and bagged early potatoes, and delicious leeks, alongside bringing our freshly laid eggs up to the KPTDT office making them ready to distribute to the community. We love seeing these efforts in action. For instance, Leslie recently picked up a generous supply of potatoes to share directly with his older neighbours. Having this fresh produce accessible at the office makes it incredibly easy for all of us to support one another. In true 'Waste Not, Want Not' fashion, any leftover leeks and potatoes were put to excellent use by the café team, who transformed them into a delicious Tattie & Leek soup. It doesn't get much better than zero waste and ultra-low food miles!





UPDATES FROM THE CAFE



FRIDAY NIGHT TEA TIME CLUB DATES

Fri 31st July
Fri 7th August

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!

Due to the Cafe Crew being involved in the wonderful lineup of community food sharing activities planned for our Amazing Summer programme, and other events, we have had to reduce the number of Friday Night openings. We are channelling our energy into some spectacular events this month, including our highly anticipated Wild West themed community celebration on Saturday, July 18th in the Glebe Field on Pringleton Street. Additionally, we hope you will join us for our Garden Safari on Sunday, July 26th, where we will come together to celebrate our local community gardens and share our good food stories. Because of these exciting events, the Friday Night Tea Time Club will host its special sit-in and take-away nights specifically on Friday, July 31st and Friday, August 7th, culminating in our grand finale community party being held on Friday, August 14th. Booking is highly preferred for the tea time dates, so please reach out via phone, email, or Facebook to secure your spot—or simply pop in to see us! To book for any of our Amazing Summer activities, please fill out the JotForm available www.kptdevelopmenttrust.org online at

WILD WEST COOK OUT!



THREE
VILLAGES
COMMUNITY
CAFE



IMPORTANT CUSTOMER NOTICE

Thursday Pizza Takeaway is Cancelled Tonight

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our regular Thursday Night Tea Time Pizza Takeaway will not be operating this evening.

We deeply apologise for the short notice and any inconvenience this causes.
See you all next week!

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.



Dumfries & Galloway
AMAZING SUMMER
GET INTO SUMMER

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COUNCIL



The Wild West
Saturday, 18th July

2pm - 8pm

The Glebe Field

Join us in celebration as we head Way Out into the Wild West.
Help us to design and build shelters, take part in the Glebe Field Games, enjoy an outdoor fire and community BBQ
- cowgirls and boys of all ages welcome!

Free Family Fun
All Welcome

