



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.

SAFE STEPS & BRIGHT CYCLES: WITH NEW SOLAR STUDS COMING TO LIGHT UP THE ACTIVE TRAVEL PATH



Clearview Intelligence

Exciting changes are coming to the Glebe Field section of our Penpont to Thornhill Active Travel Path! Thanks to a partnership brokered by the Dumfries & Galloway Council, the KPT Development Trust has accepted a free trial of cutting-edge, solar-powered ground stud lights. Manufactured by Clearview Intelligence Ltd, these innovative lights will make our evening walks and early morning cycles much safer and more enjoyable as the winter months approach. When is it happening?

Installation will take place on Tuesday 22nd September and will take about 2 to 3 hours. The path will remain fully open, so your daily routines will not be disrupted. Because these lights sit flush in the ground, they require zero disruptive trenching or cabling.

Eco-Friendly and Wildlife Safe We know how precious our local environment is. These weather-resistant lights are engineered with zero upward light spill. This means they provide clear visibility for people on the ground while completely protecting our local wildlife and preserving our beautiful night skies. Even better, they are incredibly efficient—a single day's charge provides up to 240 hours of light.

This exact technology has already proven to be a massive success for cyclists and walkers on Scotland's Waterlip Pathway. **Shape the Future of Our Path**

This is a community-driven initiative, and we will need your feedback to determine what happens next! If the community response is positive this winter, the Trust will explore funding options to light up the entire path between Penpont and Thornhill.



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WHEELS, WALKS, WELLBEING, AND COMMUNITY SMILES: A LOOK BACK AT OUR SEPTEMBER WEEKEND EVENT!

A massive thank you goes out to everyone who made the Wheel, Walk, and Wellbeing Weekend an absolute triumph! KPT Development Trust successfully brought our communities together across Penpont, Tynron, and Keir for a spectacular celebration of active travel, rural health and wellbeing, local history, and family fun. Reflecting on the weekend, KPT Chair Maureen shared her gratitude for the incredible community spirit: "A massive thank you to everyone who joined us, supported us, and helped organise such a vibrant event. It was wonderful to see our villages connect in such a meaningful way." Here is a full round-up of the fantastic weekend, drawing directly from our recent community updates, social media highlights, and gratitude lists.

Saturday 12 - Wheel & Wellbeing Day: Braving the Grey

Saturday morning brought overcast, grey skies, but the gloomy weather did absolutely nothing to dampen the community's energy! The Glebe Field and Church Hall were transformed into a bustling hub of activity and wellness. Muckmedden Pump Track: Wheels of all sizes were out in full force on the pop-up track, with riders of all ages ignoring the clouds to show off their skills.

Safety & Tune-Ups: Our immense gratitude goes to the expert Dr Bike Service for providing free bicycle safety checks and basic tune-ups. We also sincerely thank Police Scotland and our local Community Safety Team for providing essential safety advice and bicycle security marking.

Smoothie Bikes & History: Participants used pure pedal power to blend up healthy fruit drinks, and visitors loved getting a hands-on look at the historic Replica Velocipede, generously on loan from the Dumfries Museum.

 **Rest & Rhythm: Health & Creative Providers**

Inside and around the Church Hall, our exceptional providers kept everyone relaxed, fed, and entertained throughout the weekend.

African Drumming Workshop: A high-energy crowd came together at 2:00 PM to fill the field with rhythm.

All That Resonates Sound Therapy: Provided a deeply immersive, restorative sound healing session that helped attendees unwind and destress.

Davie Hall Shiatsu: Delivered traditional, deeply relaxing Japanese bodywork treatments throughout the afternoon.

Creative Spaces, Kids Area & Poetry Corner: Heartfelt thanks to Hayjavu Crafts and Team Johnston for guiding the creative snail trail showcase, poetry and play.



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☀️ Sunday 13 - Guided Walks: Rewarded with Glorious Sunshine

After braving the grey on Saturday, participants were rewarded on Sunday with absolutely glorious, sun-shiny weather! The bright blue skies provided the perfect backdrop for our Community Walking Day.

Tynron Doon Hill Walk: Thank you our experienced hill walkers Michelle C. and Mark and a massive shoutout goes to the fantastic group who tackled the steep, rough terrain. Together, the group conquered two brilliant summits—the Auchengibbert trig point at 372 metres and the historic hill fort of Tynron Doon at 289 metres—basking in beautiful, warm sunshine all afternoon.

Heritage & Travel Path Walks: Thank you to our heritage tour leader, Mizzy Marshall, and to everyone who joined us. We had a wonderful time exploring the scenic Heritage Walk and enjoying the relaxed Active Travel Path Walk & Talk under a gorgeous Sunday sun."

Active Travel Path Snail Trail: Families and young path stewards joined us to officially place their custom-decorated clay snails along the path. A huge thank you to our Amazing Summer 2026 participants and to the staff and pupils at Penpont Primary School for kicking off this project by joining in our wonderful clay workshops, creating a literal "snail trail" for children to visit every time they walk the path.

Heartfelt Thanks to Our Funders and Supporters

None of this would have been possible without the vital financial backing and resource support from our key partners. We extend our deepest gratitude to:

Swestrans People and Place Fund

Penpont Community Council & Keir Community Council (with a special thank you to both councils for the crucial loan of their additional gazebos to keep everyone sheltered!)

Myra Smith, Community Champion at Morrisons, Dumfries

Our vital Community Benefit Fund Hydro Dividend



Our Incredible Volunteers and Community Champions

Events like this only succeed because of the selfless dedication of local people who give up their time, energy, and equipment. A massive thank you to our incredible team of volunteers, ranging from Team Tollett to Michelle J's family, our dedicated Trustees Alison, Caroline and Maureen, alongside the brilliant helping hands of Griff and Craig.

A very big thank you to the Three Villages Café, who kept us exceptionally well fuelled over the two days, to our local event marshals, and every single neighbour who turned up to share in the fresh air and community spirit!





REGIONWIDE COMMUNITY POPPY DRAPE TOUR ARRIVES IN PENPONT



Following the success of last year's regionwide Poppy Drape project in Dumfries, this inspirational community tribute is beginning it's tour in Mid Nithsdale. Launched last year by the late Doreen Johnston alongside Mark Jardine's The People's Project and Caring for our Community D&G, the initiative saw crafters knit, crochet, and felt thousands of poppies for the Garden of Remembrance on St Michael's Street. This year, in loving memory of Doreen, her cousins Myra Smith, Community Champion at Morrisons, Dumfries and Michelle Johnston, Development Officer for the KPT Development Trust, are bringing the drape to our local communities to honour her remarkable legacy. The Penpont community crafting session takes place on Wednesday, 23rd September, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Church Hall on Church Lane. We warmly invite residents, church congregations, local clubs, craft circles, and friendship groups from Penpont, Thornhill, Keir, Tynron, and surrounding areas to come together and help co-create this spectacular commemorative tribute. Whether you are an experienced crafter or simply want to stop by, chat, and support the project, everyone is welcome to attend. If you cannot make it on the day but would still like to contribute handmade red poppies, please contact the KPT Development Trust for drop-off details.



PICK UP A PICNIC - PILOT PROJECT

🍂 Get Ready to Move This Autumn: Introducing 'Pick Up a Picnic'!

Get ready to stay active as the autumn arrives with our new 'Pick Up a Picnic' pilot project! Launching now to celebrate Modeshift TravelWise Week (16–22 September), this exciting initiative is supported by the Dumfries and Galloway Regionwide Community Fund to help motivate everyone to keep moving and healthy as the season changes from summer to autumn.

🚲 Continuing the Momentum: From Wheel, Walk & Wellbeing to Everyday Travel

This new pilot project directly follows on from our fantastic Wheel, Walk & Wellbeing Weekend. We want to keep that incredible community energy alive! 'Pick Up a Picnic' is designed to continually encourage people to make sustainable travel choices for:

Leisure & Exercise: Transforming simple walks into outdoor autumn adventures.

Short Essential Journeys: Swapping the car keys for walking or wheeling on local trips.

Hyper-Local Tourism: Exploring the stunning natural beauty right here in our own backyard.

🌍 What is TravelWise Week?

TravelWise Week is a worldwide, week-long campaign running annually from 16 to 22 September. Aligning with European Mobility Week and culminating in World Car Free Day on 22 September, its core mission is to promote active travel, public transport, and healthier transport choices.

By participating, we are highlighting the massive benefits that small travel changes can make to our personal mental and physical wellbeing, our local environment, and our community spaces.

Keep your eyes peeled for our launch details—grab a bike, lace up your walking shoes, and let's pick up a picnic together!



Pick Up A Picnic with your E-bike Hire

Available **FREE**
to residents within the
DG3 postcode area
aged 14 and over
(subject to availability)



TO BOOK: Book via JotForm available at
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KPT Development Trust office on **01848 331 435** or
Three Villages Cafe on **01848 331073**

FREE PICK-UP A PICNIC!

Eco-Friendly Adventures with the Be Active Project

Fuel your ride and support your local community! To help encourage low-carbon local tourism, we are offering free, fresh picnics to power your next bike or E-bike journey. Grab a delicious packed lunch made from surplus community food to help reduce food waste, protect our beautiful local environment, and experience the Active Travel Path and enjoy a sustainable day out on two wheels.

Come along, explore our stunning local landscapes, and enjoy a greener way to travel!

Proudly Partnered With: The Three Villages Café

Days: Thursdays & Saturdays

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Or until baskets are empty!)

Collection Point: The Three Villages Café, Main Street

Cost: Completely FREE!

How It Works:

Bring or Book Your Bike: Bring your own wheels or book one of our E-bikes via the JotForm at www.kptdevelopmenttrust.com. Perfect for anyone up for exploring their very own local low-carbon adventure!

Book & Pick Up Your Picnic: Reserve your free picnic online via our JotForm, then swing by the Three Villages Café to collect your freshly packed lunch.

Pedal & Enjoy: Head out to your favourite local spot, soak in the experience, and enjoy your day to the full!

This Be Active project initiative is generously funded by the Dumfries & Galloway Regionwide Fund and the Community Benefit Fund.

Spaces and food are limited, so book your E-bike and picnic online today!

Don't forget to support the café by grabbing a hot drink before you head out (not included in the free deal).

Booking is available via JotForm at www.kptdevelopmenttrust.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!



HAYJAVU
KIDS CRAFT CLUB

KEIR VILLAGE HALL -
5.45PM - 7.00PM
EVERY THURSDAY

£6.00/SESSION

**LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU!!!**

BOOKING NOT ESSENTIAL BUT PLACES WILL BE LIMITED



Caring for our Community

POPPY
ATTACHMENT SESSIONS

Penpont Church Hall
Wednesday 23rd September
1pm - 3pm

Morrisons Dumfries

Tuesday 22nd September	• 10am - 2.30pm
Thursday 24th September	• 12pm - 4pm
Tuesday 29th September	• 2pm - 6pm
Wednesday 30th September	• 10am - 2.30pm
Monday 5th October	• 3pm - 6pm
Wednesday 7th October	• 10am - 2.30pm
Wednesday 14th October	• 11am - 3pm

Together we can make a difference



Tynron Community Tidy

Sunday 27th September
11am to 12.30pm

Harvest Lunch afterwards, in the Hall

All Welcome

LOVE OUR VILLAGE



BUCCLEUCH & QUEENSBERRY
CALEDONIA PIPE BAND

Your Support Keeps Our Music Alive!

Sponsored WALK
SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

Join us for a 10k sponsored walk through our local villages, with live performances along the way!

OUR ROUTE & STOPS

- PENPONT**
 - Penpont Community Garden
 - Penpont War Memorial
- THORNHILL**
 - Outside the Co-op
 - Outside the Farmers Arms
- CLOSEBURN**
 - The Round House
 - Outside Closeburn Hall

Full timings and exact route will be published on our Facebook page.

ONE BAND • ONE COMMUNITY • ONE GREAT DAY OUT

RAISING FUNDS TO SUPPORT OUR PIPE BAND
Thank you for your support!

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THORNHILL & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A.G.M

Tuesday 6th Oct 2026



Thornhill Friendship Club

7pm

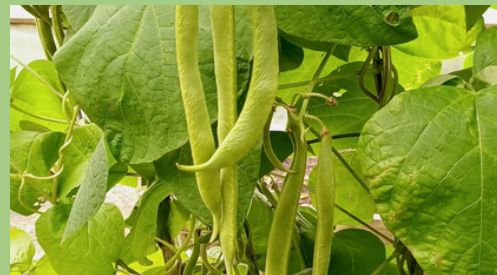
ALL WELCOME



UPDATES FROM BRIDGEND COMMUNITY GARDEN



FRESH HARVEST READY AT THE COMMUNITY GARDEN! 🍆 🍅 🥔



Summer isn't over yet! We still have gorgeous produce waiting for you. Pop down to the garden to pick fresh runner beans straight from the vine. You can also head into the produce shed to find beautiful aubergines, tomatoes, and the very last of our delicious tatties. Please help yourselves to this local bounty! As always, donations to support the garden are very welcome.

CELEBRATE SCOTLAND'S CLIMATE WEEK AT BRIDGEND COMMUNITY GARDEN! 🌿



invites you to join us in Climate Week

Nith Life

Bridgend Community Garden

Penpont

Sunday 4th October

10am until 11.30am

drop in anytime

Join us after the Pipeband have left on their sponsored walk for a closer look at the health of the Scaur by studying the riverfly population. Find out what minibeasts we find and hear more about invasive species and what can be done.



Free Event

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**Refreshments
All Welcome**



We are bringing Scotland's Climate Week straight to our neighbourhood, and we want you to be part of it!

On Sunday, 4 October, we are teaming up with the fantastic team at Nith Life to host a special Climate Week Sunday Session. This day is all about coming together to protect, celebrate, and nurture our beautiful local environment right here in Dumfries.

Whether you want to meet your neighbours, enjoy the fresh air, or make a real, tangible difference for nature along the Nith, this event is for you.

What's happening?

Local Climate Action: Discover how we can protect our community's green spaces and find out how Nith Life is working to restore our local river catchment.

Free Skills & Training: Learn about incredible, completely free training programs designed to get you fully certified in sustainable environmental practices.

Complimentary Refreshments: Enjoy free light snacks and hot drinks while you chat, share ideas, and connect with fellow residents.

No prior experience is needed—just bring your enthusiasm and a pair of sturdy shoes!

We can't wait to welcome you to the garden.



SAVE THE DATE!

Don't forget Friday Night Tea Time Club is on this week! & SAVE THE DATE for Curry Night!

FRIDAY NIGHT TEA
TIME CLUB
DATES

Fri 11th September

Fri 18th September

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!

Curry Night at Three Villages Cafe!

Join us for a delicious evening of vibrant
flavors and great company.

When: Saturday, September 26th at 7:00
PM

Where: Three Villages Cafe

Policy: B.Y.O.B. (Bring Your Own Bottle)

Pricing

Full 3-Course Meal: £25

2-Course Option: £19 (includes tea or coffee)

Book Your Table Now!

Spaces are limited, so secure your spot
today:

☎ Call: 01848 331073

✉ Email: threevillagescafe@gmail.com

💬 Message: Contact us directly on
Facebook

👤 In Person: Drop by and call in!

Friday

🎉 Celebrate that Friday Feeling! 🎉

Forget about the dishes tomorrow
night! Join us for the Friday Night Tea
Time Club right here at Three Villages
Cafe. It is the perfect way to unwind,
connect with the team, and let us
handle the cooking and cleanup.



Curry Night
SAT 26 SEPT 26
7.00pm

STARTERS
Mulligatawny Soup
Vegetable Samosas
Spicy Mango Salad

MAIN COURSE
Lamb Curry with Special Rice
Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice
Thai Crispy Rice Salad (V)

All served with flatbread, yogurt & mango chutney

DESSERT
Spiced coconut rice pudding with aromatic poached pears
Mango Lassi with cardamon biscuit
Kulfi pistachio ice cream

£25 or
2 Courses (incl tea or coffee) £19
B.Y.O.B.

Contact us to book a table- tel. 01848 331073
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or call in