

October

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.

UPCOMING 15-DAY CLOSURE ON A702 PENPONT FOR ESSENTIAL ROADWORKS

The A702 road in Penpont will be fully closed from 08:00 on Monday, 12th October 2026 until 17:00 on Friday, 30th October 2026.

The closure will last for approximately 15 days to allow for essential road reconstruction and drainage upgrades.



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Website: www.kptdevelopmenttrust.org

Key Details to Remember: The Diversion: Traffic will be redirected via the A702, B729, and A76(T).
Resident Access: Local access will be maintained when it is safe to do so, though you should expect delays. The council requests that all vehicles be removed from the work area to ensure safety.

Emergency Services: Access will be prioritised via manned checkpoints or alternative routing, though slight delays are possible.

Contact Information: The contractor managing the site is McGeady's. If you have questions or experience issues during the works, you can contact the council at 030 33 33 3000 or email RoadNetworkGeneralEnquiries-East@dumgal.gov.uk.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY STORAGE DELIVERY: BRIEF TRAFFIC DELAY ON MARRBURN ROAD

As part of KPT Development Trust's ongoing efforts to improve storage for community items, we have received permission from the Dumfries and Galloway Council to place a dark green, 8ft x 20ft shipping container at the Hydro Site.

Please be aware of the delivery details and potential traffic disruptions:

Delivery Date & Time: Tuesday, October 6th at 9:30 AM.

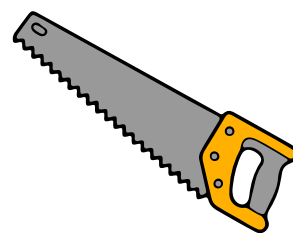
Duration: The offloading process will take approximately 15 to 20 minutes.

Traffic Impact: A lorry with a hiab crane will be positioning itself to unload. Depending on where the crane legs need to be placed, this may cause a brief delay to passing traffic.

Affected Areas: This will affect anyone travelling north up Marrburn Road past the Hydro Site, as well as those traveling south toward Penpont from further up the road.

We have consulted with the D&G Council regarding this delivery. To keep everyone safe, staff and volunteers wearing high-visibility vests will be stationed above and below the Hydro Site to manage traffic.

Thank you in advance for your patience, cooperation, and understanding as we improve our community infrastructure.



DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR DIY, GARDENING, OR UPCYCLING?

The KPT team is keen to know if there is local interest in setting up a communal workbench area and a community tool library. This space would allow KPT residents to borrow tools for their own use, while providing a hub for volunteers to work on community green space maintenance and projects like making bird boxes, bat boxes, feeders, and bird tables. We are also exploring the idea of running a regular repair or remake workshop. If this sounds like something you would love to see or be involved in, please speak with Michelle J to share your thoughts.

THE POPPY DRAPE TOUR: HONOURING A LEGACY AND CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

The Poppy Drape Tour is officially on the move across the region, bringing people together through a powerful mix of crafting, community spirit, and remembrance.

The project holds a deeply personal meaning for the organisers this year. Originally launched last year by Doreen Johnston (Caring for our Community) and The People's Project Dumfries, the initiative faced heartbreak when Doreen sadly passed away. To honour her incredible legacy, her cousins—Myra Smith (Community Champion for Morrisons Dumfries) and Michelle Johnston (Development Officer for Keir, Penpont and Tynron Development Trust)—have picked up the mantle. This year's campaign is both a tribute to the fallen and a deeply personal tribute to Doreen herself.

From a Spark of an Idea to a Regional Tour

Last year, crafters from the KPT Development Trust's Craft Circle travelled into Dumfries to help assemble the drape. However, because some members face health and mobility challenges, the travel proved difficult.

That hardship sparked a brilliant new idea from Michelle: instead of the people coming to the project, why not bring the project to the people?

Thus, the "Poppy Drape on Tour" was born. The KPT Craft Circle has been hard at work crafting for their own local project, and they have just proudly helped to complete the first panel, which will form part of the final installation at the Garden of Remembrance on Brooms Road, Dumfries.

On Saturday morning, 26 September Michelle and Myra nipped along to visit the Veterans Garden at the Crichton during the Veterans Big Breakfast Club. They brought along a very special cargo: the first completed panel launched this year at Morrisons, beautifully finished by the KPT Craft Circle.



(The Drape being hosted by the Veterans Garden, Crichton Grounds Dumfries))

The visit offered a wonderful opportunity to catch up with everyone and get the inside scoop on the upcoming Poppy Campaign and design plans to support local veterans. A massive thank you goes out to every single crafter across the region who put love into every stitch of this panel.

Get Involved: Upcoming Poppy Attachment Sessions

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The Veterans Garden in Dumfries have their very own poppy that they have designed to create displays for future events.

So... can we help bring it to life?

They are looking for handmade poppies in these colours:

- ♥ Black for the centre
- ♥ Battleship Grey (inner trim)
- ♥ Scarlet Red (outer trim)

Whether you knit, crochet or felt, if you can make one of these poppies, the Veterans Garden would also appreciate your help.

Every poppy made will help create something special for our Veterans Garden and give them a display they can use and build on for future events.

Spreading the Word on Greatest Hits Radio

To share this moving story with the wider region, Michelle J recently sat down for an interview on Greatest Hits Radio with Multimedia Sport and News Reporter Ruth Ridley. During the broadcast, Michelle shared the history of Doreen's original vision, how she and Myra are keeping that vision alive, and how both the KPT and wider community has rallied behind the cause.

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The team is actively looking for volunteers, crafters, knitters, and community groups to help attach dozens of handmade poppies to the special banner. If you would like to lend a hand, upcoming attachment sessions are scheduled at Morrisons Dumfries on the following dates:

Monday 5th October: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Wednesday 7th October: 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Wednesday 14th October: 11:00 AM – 3:30 PM

How to Donate Poppies

If you are knitting, crocheting, or felting red poppies at home, you can drop your donations off directly at: Morrisons Dumfries or KPT Development Trust office (Main Street, Penpont)

Alternatively, you are welcome to come along and join the Craft Circle in person every Wednesday afternoon between 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM at the Church Hall, Church Lane, Penpont.

Why This Project Matters

At its heart, this project is about community cohesion, connection, and wellbeing. Crafters from right across the region are working from their own homes or in local groups—donating their skills, time, and resources. When people see their individual contributions become part of a massive, regionwide installation, it creates a powerful sense of togetherness. Every single hand-crafted poppy acts as a ripple effect, sending a clear message of love, hope, and unity.



ONLY NINE DAYS LEFT TO HAVE YOUR SAY!

The A76 communities traveling to and from Thornhill face some of the poorest bus service provisions in Dumfries and Galloway, and we need your voice to change that.

Last year, Swestrans reported that people were generally satisfied with the service. Are you?

If you think our community deserves more reliable, frequent, and better-connected buses, now is the time to make your voice heard. Dumfries and Galloway Council is running a public consultation, and every response counts.

 Closing Date:

The survey will close at 11:00 PM on Friday, 9 October 2026 (with all final responses collected by 10 October 2026). Please make sure you submit your feedback before the deadline!

How to Have Your Say:

Online: Fill out the survey directly at this link: <https://www.dumfriesandgalloway.gov.uk/council-elections/have-your-say/consultations-engagements/dumfries-galloway-bus-network-development-engagement>

If you know someone who is non-digital (friends, family, or neighbours), please pop into KPT Development Trust Office and we can support you to complete the survey.

BUS ROUTES COMPLAINT FORM FOR D&G BUS USER GROUP 16th SEPTEMBER - 31st DECEMBER

Are you experiencing issues with local bus services?

Your feedback on recent service failures is required. Have you been left stranded waiting for a bus that never arrived? Have you been denied entry while travelling with a buggy or young children? Or have you **frequently faced intense crowding and been forced to stand for the duration of your journey?**

Sharing your experiences helps to hold the operators accountable.

Bus Complaints form, for all regarding Dumfries & Galloway bus routes is accessible by typing the link below into your search engine.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTxZwNMwD2EsOUqHm-FNM-gxcEVqNNqfNVb9tPTYokbcQ-xA/viewform?pli=1>

Where appropriate, the information you provide in your submission may be passed on to relevant bus operators, local authorities, transport organisations, MPs, MSPs, councillors or other public bodies, including those outwith Dumfries and Galloway where the service or issue extends beyond the region.

The form is anonymous. Information submitted will be handled in accordance with UK GDPR.

Please do not provide any personal information unless it is necessary to process your complaint.

If you would like a submission removed, please email wallacekerner@gmail.com and provide the route, date, and approximate time of travel so we can identify it.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Our School Our Community

Penpont Primary
Love to Learn - Learn to Live

Small jobs make a BIG difference!

Penpont Primary Parent Council

PAINTING GROUP

We need you!

Join our friendly Parent Council Painting Group to help brighten and improve our school.

5th 6th 7th October
Starting at 9am

Many hands make a brighter school!

Get involved
Make a difference
Be part of our school community

CRAFT, SKILLS, SHARE COMPANY & CARE

PENPONT TOWN
KEIR DEVELOPMENT TRUST

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

CHURCH HALL
Church Lane
PENPONT

DRIIFT WOOD

BY MICHAEL MOPURGO

PERFORMED BY PENPONT PRIMARY THEATRE MAKERS

WITH AN EXHIBITION OF ARTWORK, WOODWORK AND MUSIC

OCTOBER 8th

6 PM

THORNHILL & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A.G.M

Tuesday 6th Oct 2026

Thornhill Friendship Club

7pm

ALL WELCOME

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UPDATES FROM BRIDGEND COMMUNITY GARDEN



Gather at the Bridgend Community Garden this Sunday, 4 October to give a fantastic send-off to the Buccleuch & Queensberry Caledonia Pipe Band! As the official starting point for their 10k sponsored walk, the garden is the perfect place for our community to come together and show these dedicated walkers some major local love. Let's line the paths, bring our best cheers, and give them a massive boost of encouragement just as they set off on their journey. Your presence makes all the difference, so please bring your friends and family along to help wish them the very best of luck!

If you would like to sponsor, a sponsorship form can be found at the Three Villages Café, just ask our café crew.

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

🌍 Let's Get Climate Ready Together! 🌍

Nith Life
invites you to join us in Climate Week
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



As part of Scotland's Climate Week, join your friends and neighbours at Bridgend Community Garden on Sunday, October 4th to celebrate and protect our beautiful local environment!

Kicking off at 10:00 AM right after our local Pipeband sets off for their sponsored walk, this free, family-friendly event is a wonderful hands-on opportunity to discover the incredible wildlife living right on our doorstep. Come along to splash in the water, check out the health of the Scaur by searching for riverflies and minibeasts, and learn how we can tackle invasive species together.

Every big change starts with small, local steps. Whether you want to roll up your sleeves for a bit of citizen science, or simply enjoy a warm refreshment and a chat with fellow residents, there is a place for everyone. No prior experience is needed, and you can drop in at any time until 11:30 AM. Let's come together to show our community pride and make a positive impact for Scotland's future—we can't wait to see you there



INTRODUCING OUR NEW AUTUMNAL
FRIDAY NIGHT TEA TIME MENU



THREE VILLAGES COMMUNITY CAFE
FRIDAY NIGHT TEA TIME

MENU

Breaded Haddock, chips & peas £10

Homemade Steak Pie, chips & peas £10

Sausages, Mash & Onion Gravy - £10

Chicken BLT, Chips & Coleslaw £10

Steakburger BLT, Chips & Coleslaw £10

Creamy Pesto Prawns & Noodles £9

Sweet & Sour Chicken/Tofu, Rice £9

Chicken Tikka Masala (Homemade) Rice £9

Mutter Paneer Curry (V) & Rice £9

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

