

# 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.**

## NEW SOLAR-POWERED LIGHTS IN SITU ON THE PENPONT TO THORNHILL ACTIVE TRAVEL PATH

Exciting changes have officially arrived for users of the Penpont to Thornhill Active Travel Path. Following an installation that took place on Tuesday 22nd September, cutting-edge, solar-powered ground stud lights are now in situ along the Glebe Field section of the route.

The trial was made possible thanks to a successful partnership brokered by Dumfries & Galloway Council. Through this collaboration, the KPT Development Trust accepted a free trial from the manufacturer, Clearview Intelligence Ltd, allowing the community to experience this advanced technology firsthand without initial cost barriers. Designed to make evening walks and early morning cycles much safer and more enjoyable as the winter months approach, these weather-resistant lights sit completely flush in the ground. This design required zero disruptive trenching or cabling during the quick 2-to-3-hour installation process, meaning the path remained fully open for daily routines.



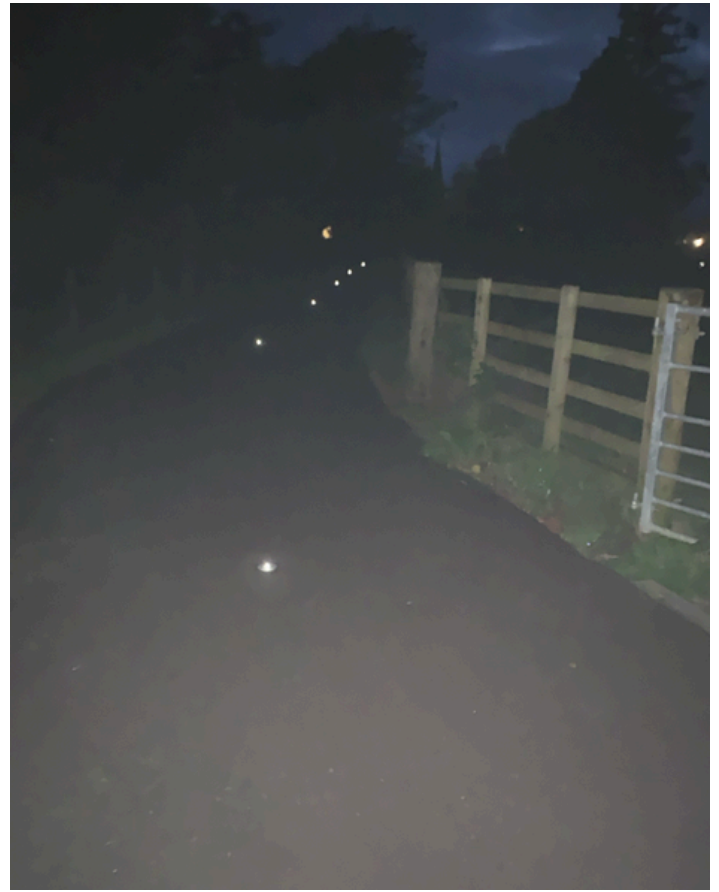
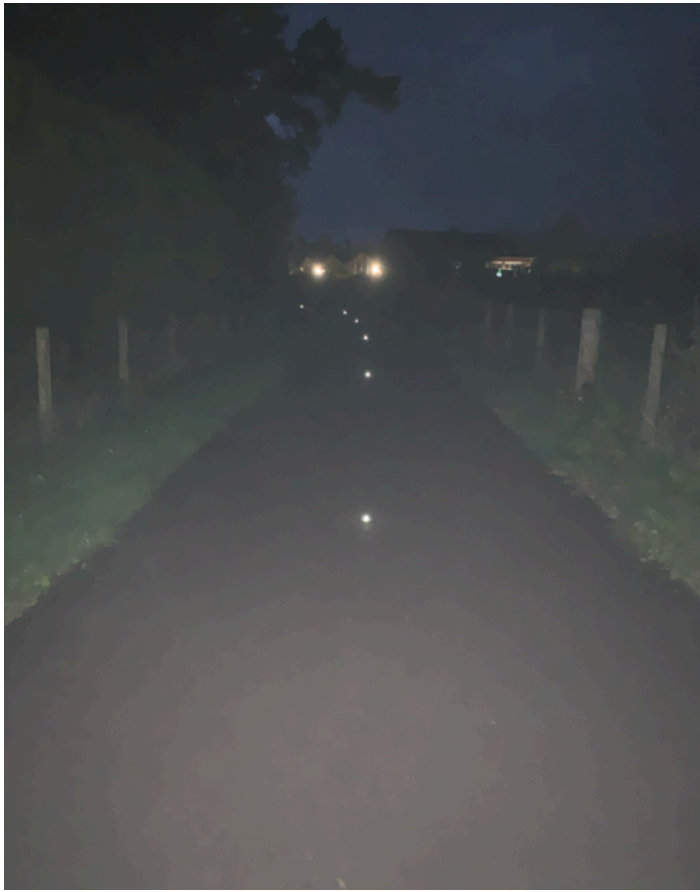
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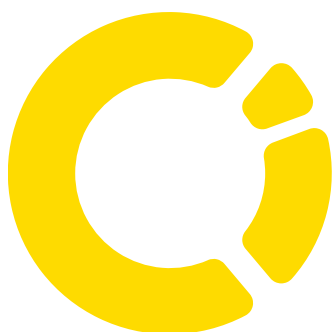
### **Eco-Friendly and Wildlife Safe**

Engineered with zero upward light spill, the studs provide clear visibility for people on the ground while fully protecting local wildlife and preserving the beautiful night skies. They are also 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 on Scotland's Waterlip Pathway.

### **Shape the Future of Our Path**

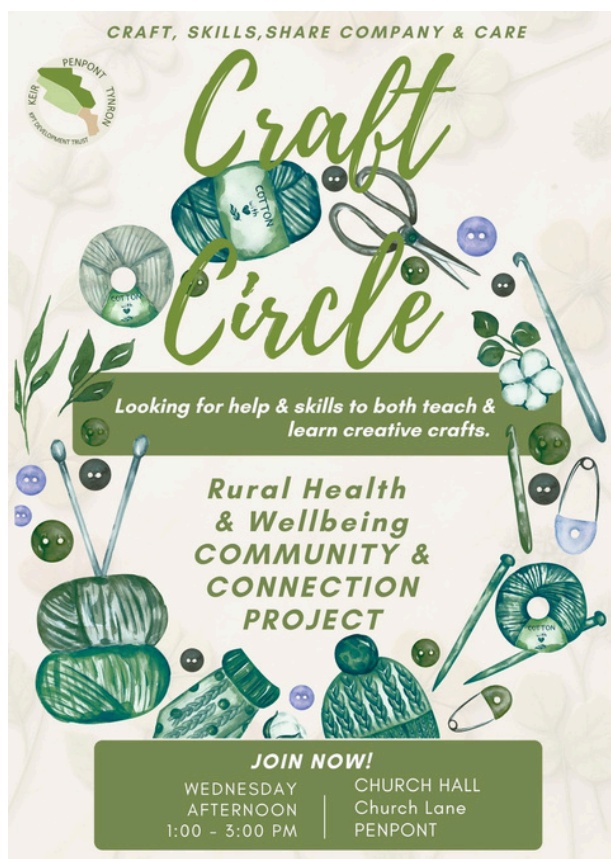
Because this is a community-driven initiative, the Trust needs your feedback! If the community response is positive over the winter, the Trust will explore future funding streams to permanently light up the entire path between Penpont and Thornhill.

The winter lighting trial aims to make the route safer, more accessible, and more enjoyable during the darkest months of the year. To gather comprehensive data on how the trial performed, the Trust will circulate feedback materials in the Spring next year. These materials will allow residents to share their experiences with positive feedback providing the community mandate needed to pursue this long-term vision.



# Clearview Intelligence

## HONOURING A LEGACY - KPT CRAFT CIRCLE STEPS UP FOR THE POPPY DRAPE TOUR



The regional Poppy Drape tour made an incredibly meaningful stop at The Church Hall in Penpont on Wednesday, 23rd September, bringing together local hands and warm hearts to advance a beautiful community tribute.

The initiative, originally launched last year by the late Doreen Johnston alongside Mark Jardine's The Peoples Project and Caring for our Community, aims to blanket The Garden of Remembrance which is situated on Brooms Road, opposite St Michael's Church with a sea of stunning, beautifully handcrafted poppies.

The drapes are being stitched with thousands of handmade poppies made from across the region. Following Doreen's passing, her cousins have proudly taken up the mantle to complete her vision. The 2026 tour officially kicked off on Tuesday, 22nd September, in the community room at Morrisons Dumfries, where Morrisons Community Champion Myra Smith ceremonially handed the drape over to her cousin Michelle Johnston (Development Officer for the KPT Development Trust).

Michelle J brought the drape directly to Mid Nithsdale to collaborate with the incredibly talented ladies of the KPT Craft Circle. The workshop drew a dedicated group of local volunteers, including several veteran crafters who previously gave their time to the vital "Scrubs for D&G" effort during the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as those who contributed to the first phase of the Poppy Drape last year. Working side by side, they spent the afternoon sewing, assembling, and attaching intricately crafted poppies to complete the project's final panels.



Michelle Johnston and Myra Smith



Claire, Violet, Sandy and Sonya

**Where Will the Drape Tour Next?**  
**Could your community group or venue be the next stop?**

If you are part of a local friendship circle, church congregation, WI organisation, or community hub in the region that would love to host and assemble the Drape, the organizers want to hear from you! You can reach out directly via the KPT Development Trust Facebook Page to coordinate a tour stop.

Alternatively, please keep the poppies coming they can be dropped off into Morrisons, in Dumfries or they can be dropped off into the KPT Development Trust office, Main Street Penpont.



Diane, Claire, Violet, Natasha, Sandy, Sonya, Jan & Alison

For individuals looking to help out with ongoing assembly, further open sessions are scheduled throughout late September and October at Morrisons Dumfries:

Tuesday, 29th September: 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, 30th September: 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

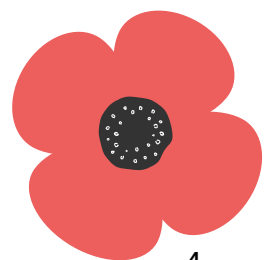
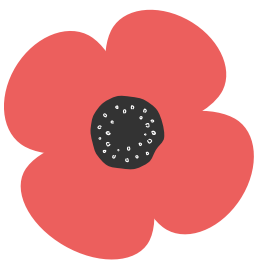
Monday, 5th October: 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Thursday, 8th October: 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

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

Let's come together as friends and neighbours to ensure we finish what Doreen started.

Lest We Forget



## PICK UP A PICNIC - PILOT PROJECT



# 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 [www.kptdevelopmenttrust.org](http://www.kptdevelopmenttrust.org) or email [info@kptdevelopmenttrust.org](mailto:info@kptdevelopmenttrust.org)  
For further information contact:  
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](http://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](http://www.kptdevelopmenttrust.org)

### 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! Launched 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.

We all appreciate that as the days grow shorter and the weather cools, we sometimes need a little extra motivation to get out, stretch our legs, and keep moving. That is why, although launched for TravelWise Week, this pilot project will continue running over the next few weeks to keep us all inspired, active, and moving throughout the autumn months!

#### 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.

## 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**

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 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!

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES

## THORNHILL & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

### A.G.M

**Tuesday 6th Oct 2026**



**Thornhill Friendship Club**

**7pm**

**ALL WELCOME**



CELEBRATE SCOTLAND'S CLIMATE WEEK AT BRIDGEND COMMUNITY GARDEN! 



# Nith Life

invites you to join us in Climate Week

## Bridgend Community Garden

### Penpont

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

Find us with what three words  
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## Refreshments All Welcome



GALLOWAY AND  
SOUTHERN AYRSHIRE  
BIOSPHERE



Net Zero  
Scotland  
Scottish  
Government



LET'S DO  
NET ZERO



D&G  
CLIMATE HUB

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.



**UPDATES FROM THE CAFE  
SAVE THE DATE!**



**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  
email [threevillagescafe@gmail.com](mailto:threevillagescafe@gmail.com), message us on Facebook  
or call in

### **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](mailto:threevillagescafe@gmail.com)**

**Message: Contact us directly on Facebook**

**In Person: Drop by and call in!**

