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**IT'S OFFICIAL**

**NEILSTON**  
Cycle Friendly Village



One of this summer's many led rides for all abilities.

From a standing start! Neilston's Roberta Findlay, champion graduate of the Bike Hub's Cycling Proficiency training, powering along on the Pedal for Scotland 56km ride this September.

Last year, NDT's Cycle Neilston programme was selected from 100+ applicants across the country to help Cycling Scotland develop a Cycle Friendly Communities Award. Nothing to do with Lycra-clad heroes (though we do them too) but because we've made cycling *matter*; from the Trust's Bike Hub, its partnership with ERC in Active Travel projects (Go Neilston!) right through to the heart of the Neilston Charter, with its emphasis on people-friendly streets and spaces.

At the award ceremony on 30th Oct, Keith Irving, Chief Executive of Cycling Scotland, said 'Cycling Scotland has been working in close partnership with NDT for several years. We've been impressed by the ideas and commitment of NDT staff, volunteers & partners. Neilston has set a great example to other communities across Scotland and the community is deserving of our award as an accredited Cycle-Friendly Community!' Congratulating NDT for its Bike Hub successes, Keith went on to list the innovative relationships and activities undertaken by the Trust, including working with Sustrans and the local council, with local schools on Bikeability and Active Travel plans, and Barrhead's Melo Velo Club, to say nothing of its efforts to put Neilston on the map as a destination for cyclists across Central Scotland.

## CYCLE NEILSTON AND BEYOND GUIDE

Pop into the Bank and pick up a copy of the NEW Cycle Neilston guide: 9 great bike rides for cyclists of all abilities from Neilston and surrounding areas.



## BIKE HUB NEWS

Our cycle training programme for beginners or lapsed cyclists of all ages continues. Get in touch to find out more

### HUB WORKSTATION SERVICES

Don't forget our **bike hire and bike repair services!** Or if you want to do it yourself, **bike maintenance training** (adapted for age/capacity) is also available.

**Don't forget!** 10% cost reduction on all services for Bank Card members. Bring your card along and if you are not yet a member, sign up to join on the day!

*'All we need now is a bike!' The Poynt family get to grips with the free to use Air Pumps and Fixstations located at the Bank and the Leisure Centre*



## BIKES FOR SALE

**(WHO MENTIONED CHRISTMAS?...)**

We have a great collection of quality, upcycled bikes for sale.

**PS: We're always on the lookout for donations of bikes in reasonable shape; especially women's.**

For all cycling and Bike Hub news, visit [cycleneilston.co.uk](http://cycleneilston.co.uk), like NDT's Facebook page, pop into the Bike Hub (to the rear of the Bank) on Saturdays and Mondays 10am-Noon, call NDT on 0141 561 1201 or email [admin@neilstontrust.co.uk](mailto:admin@neilstontrust.co.uk).

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# TRUST NEWS

At a time of real hardship for a lot of people - benefits cuts, temporary contracts, Christmas coming- access to affordable and non-exploiting loans seems a good idea.

This year the Trust has been working with East Renfrewshire Credit Union (ERCU) to promote the values of Credit Union saving and borrowing. The Neilston Bank cafe is now effectively a satellite office of ERCU..... And as an incentive to new Neilston members and for a limited period, NDT is topping up savings with a little bonus.

Even if you don't need a loan at present, by saving with ERCU you're contributing to the common good and taking a stake in a local financial institution, regulated like any other but local and accountable to its members.

## TRUST PEOPLE: VOLUNTEERS

NDT couldn't deliver its services and activities without volunteers; a great way to make friends, develop new skills, help with experience for a new job, or simply to "give something back".

There's something for everyone: helping in the garden or organising community clean-ups, at the Bike Hub, in the Café; becoming a First Responder; or supporting any of the Bank's many activities. Interested? Get in touch with Laura on 561 1201.

## NDT AGM

**THURSDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, THE BANK, 6.30PM**

We'd love to see a great turnout to hear your views. A glass of something and an extra £1 if you've opened an ERCU bankcard, which you can join on the spot!

\*Members who have moved house - please let us know!

**So for Christmas, why not open a new savings account for yourself or a young relative and if £25 is saved in the next year the Trust will add £5 to that child's account!**



Swap plastic card for genuine card!

## TRUST PEOPLE: STAFF

Big thanks to Colin Monger, with his SVQ completed, off into employment and further volunteering. Andrew Campbell, a local graduate intern is now employed by ERC.



Staff young team

### WELL DONE!

Shannon McGregor completed her SVQ 3/Master apprenticeship Hospitality Supervision and Leadership SCQF level 7.

Rose Daly, on student placement with us last year, on her BA Hons in Community Education.



### BEST WISHES

For a speedy recovery to smiley Lynn MacDonald. We miss you!

# ON THE MENU



1st responders CPR demo

It's been a busy couple of months, with a variety of Healthy Eating Events for schoolchildren, parents and toddlers, cyclists, walkers, our Seniors groups, and providing support for the First Responders during their recent CPR training day.

Thanks to ASDA we have provided healthy-heart snacks, quick lunch ideas, pints of fruit smoothies and fruit and veg galore to 250 approx. visitors.

**SHORT OF TIME OVER LUNCH?  
Give us a call on 0141 561 1201  
with your order.**



Healthy eating at the Bank

### THANK YOU, BRIAN!

Our star baker, Brian Black has left for health reasons. If anyone fancies a go at being our **volunteer in-house baker**, please give us a call or drop in for a chat.

## SANTA RUN ALERT!

Welcoming Santa to the village every year takes a lot of organisation at a very busy time. How's about a new sleigh supremo to organise the elves, round up the reindeer and get the show on the road? Seriously, folks, **we need your help**. If you think you have something to offer **PLEASE call Laura Carswell at NDT on 0141 561 1201 or email admin@neilstontrust.co.uk**.

*These elves look like they could do with a hand!*



**NEW  
CAFE  
HOURS**

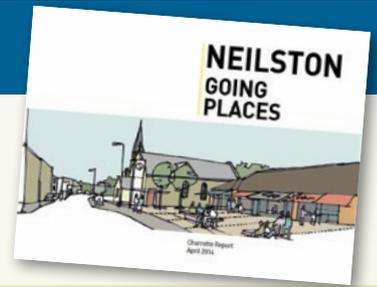
**BANK CAFE  
OPEN 7 DAYS  
UNTIL CHRISTMAS**

**Mon-Fri from 11am-3pm  
Sat 12.30pm-4pm**

**Open for a pilot period  
Sun 8th Nov-Sun 20th Dec  
11am-3.30pm**

# CHARTER CHAT

It's not gone away, folks. Here's an update on key proposals (in bold type) which were agreed and listed by ERC in Supplementary Planning Guidance in the Local Development Plan. Doesn't sound earth-shattering, perhaps, but in terms of local people leading in the planning of their place, it's a first.



**1 Build a new 46-space car park next to the Leisure Centre:** ERC has confirmed that it currently does not have funds to support this. Parking remains a priority but the exact configuration for this item may wait a while as plans for the leisure centre and library emerge from the Leisure Trust.

**2 Achieve a solution to the poor condition of the car park to the rear of the shopping parade on Main Street.** Some months ago ERC marketed the leases on the shops, car park and market square. The sale is still in process and concern



Shops car park

has been expressed at the potential loss of public ground around the market square. Meantime NDT has applied to Scottish Government for funds to upgrade the car park and make a start on improving the market square. News on the outcome next issue.

**3 Town Factor Company Business Case** Local Authorities are hard pressed for funds to maintain streets and spaces. NDT has commissioned a study to see if the will and the funds exist to support some form of locally managed maintenance team for village spaces, building on existing local initiatives. But the budget has to be there; people pay Council Tax for it. Can we help ERC resources work better for Neilston?



Main Street

**4 Facilitate a Traders' Group and Village Centre Working Group.** Although this group is not formally constituted, NDT has been working closely with the relevant shop owners in the village centre to frame the grant application mentioned above.

**5 Undertake Micro Projects**

- Bins for dog walkers
- Planting in Kirkstyle Lane
- Boundary treatment to Kingston Playing fields (see No. 6)
- Enhancement of junction of Main Street and Double Hedges Road
- Village centre spring clean



Kirkstyle planting

The Community Council and Hillside residents have taken action on these and residents will have seen welcome changes happen around the village.

**6 Create a Kingston Park client group to develop the playing fields into a village park.** Trees will be planted along the Kingston Road boundary in the spring, generously supported by funds from J&M Murdoch (see below). This is the very first stage of a much bigger project which will take as long as it takes to find funding.



From plan to reality; what a gift to our grandchildren!

**7** With funding support from Scottish Government, a report has been produced on finding a financial model to deliver small pockets of rented and shared **Housing within the village** (as opposed to green-field development). NDT is in discussions with various bodies including ERC to take forward proposals for genuinely affordable housing in Neilston.

**8 Cowdenhall** remains on the list, but has to wait until more resource is available to scope further work.

## WAR MEMORIAL

Congratulations to the team whose years of fundraising and research have brought the project to completion. Pictures of the dedication ceremony next issue.



## THANKS TO THE MURDOCHS

....AND BELATED CONGRATULATIONS ON 50 YEARS OF SUCCESS IN BUSINESS.

Last year NDT registered as an Environmental Body, enabling it to receive Landfill Tax funds direct from J&M Murdoch for use in environmental projects approved by them. £12,000 approx was spent on essential repairs to the Bank roof and £24,000 approx allocated to Kingston Park (see above), where the Community Council is leading on working with the landscape architect and community engagement, whilst NDT is responsible for accounting for the funds.



# BANK ACCOUNT

## SILVER SCREEN IS BACK!



Join us for a new season of films at the **Silver Screen Club** which meets monthly on Monday afternoons at 2.30pm-4.30pm. On 14th December, it's the classic Christmas film 'It's a Wonderful Life'.

**£2.50 admission includes tea/coffee, biscuits and film.**

## UKE CLASSES

Uke classes for beginners commence at the Bank **fortnightly Tuesday evenings 7pm-8pm with next meeting November 17th.**

The Uke is great fun, really easy to learn. Instruments available to try out. All ages welcome, from 11yrs+

**Costs £5 adults/£3 Under 18s.**

## WEDNESDAY WALKERS



*Boys can come too!*

Group walks around Neilston, start and end at The Bank. Good walking boots/shoes and appropriate clothing recommended.

**10am start for a long walk 60 mins+**

**New short health walk (15 mins plus) starting Mondays 23rd, 30th November and 7th, 14th December at 10.30am.**

All welcome. Join us for a cup of tea at the end.

## NEILSTON PHOTO GROUP DISPLAY

Make sure you drop by the Bank and see the wonderful display of works from the Neilston Photo Club. Viewing when the café is open.

## UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA

**INFORMATION OPEN NIGHT 10TH DECEMBER 6PM - 9PM AT THE BANK**

You are invited to come along to an informal evening to **raise awareness about Dementia**, to assist us in becoming a more Dementia Friendly Community. You will meet someone with Dementia who will share their lived experience, along with people supporting people to live well with the condition. Alzheimer Scotland will also be holding Dementia surgeries in future. All welcome.



## TIME FOR HOBBIES?

There's a lot of great clubs and groups at the Bank and new members are always welcome.

### KNIT GROUP

**Mondays fortnightly 7pm-9pm**

Contact Pam Faulds 0141 881 8436



*Knitting demo*

### HAPPY CRAFTERS

**Mondays fortnightly 7pm-9pm**

Contact Gail Cameron 07867 507415

### GARDENING GROUP

**Tuesdays weekly 11am-1pm**

Contact Laura Carswell 0141 561 1201



*Gardener Myra and pal at Neilston show*

### UKULELE

**Tuesdays fortnightly 7pm-8pm**

Contact Laura Carswell 0141 561 1201

### SEWING GROUPS

**Wednesdays and Fridays**

All ages and abilities are welcome.

Children/ beginners: Wednesdays 3.30pm

Adults/beginners:  
Fridays 7pm-9.30pm

Adults intermediate:  
Wednesdays starting November 18th 9.30am-12pm

Contact Francesca 07796 498207 and chat about what you would like to make and learn.



Learn to sew Glasgow



@GlasgowSewing



*Ukes in full swing*



*Learning to sew*

### PC CLUB - GET TO GRIPS WITH IT!

**Thursdays weekly 9.45am-11.45am**

Contact Willie at 07545 304461



*Need help with all things IT?*



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