

## NEILSTON'S JOINT CAMPUS

### A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR THE WHOLE VILLAGE: BUT WHERE'S BEST?

Neilston's Joint Campus will be the biggest investment in Neilston for generations to come. NDT wholeheartedly welcomes this, but believes there is a strong case for a whole-village discussion about where the campus should be located, and how the sites vacated by the school and leisure facilities might be developed. NDT is also concerned that ERC has not considered all potential sites for the joint campus, despite being requested to do so before, during, and after the consultation period.

#### WHY NDT CARES

NDT was formed in 2006 by Neilston residents to look at how local improvements could be made, including how the village looks and functions. The Neilston Charter, The Bank and the £2m Neilston Windfarm Legacy fund have been some of NDT's contributions to village life.

#### NDT AND KINGSTON PARK

NDT has already raised £30,000 for Kingston Park enhancements, and is fully committed to its retention as a lively, improved leisure space. In commissioning the indicative layout below (NB not a building design), the brief was to explore whether Kingston could accommodate the campus, and retain the park as a park and sports pitches.

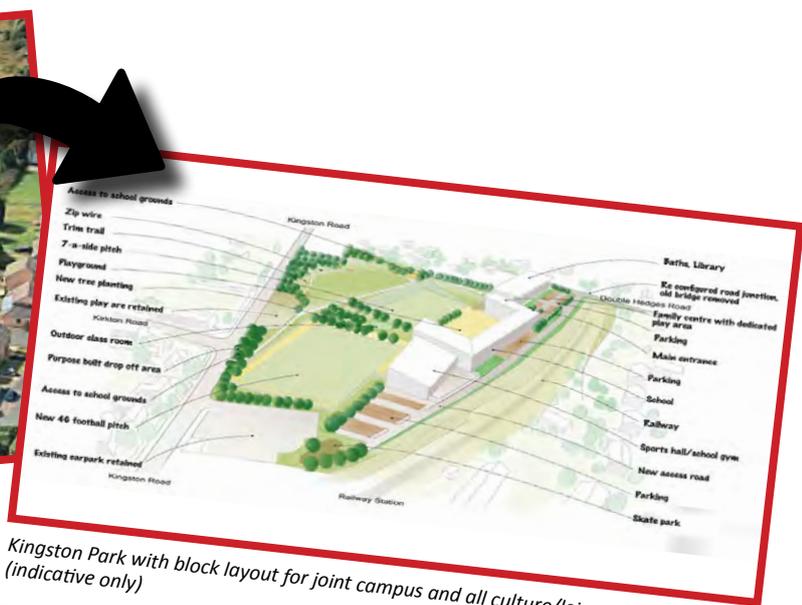
#### THE CURRENT OFFER

ERC's own report acknowledges the inevitable disruption caused to pupils during construction and demolition if the Neilston Primary School site is used. Many other issues are at stake, but this alone argues for another look.

Read the full case for a new options appraisal at [www.neilstontrust.co.uk](http://www.neilstontrust.co.uk) or pick up a printed copy from the Bank. Watch out for updates on NDT's Facebook page or bulletins and in the next edition of the SPACE. Email your thoughts to [jointcampus@neilstontrust.co.uk](mailto:jointcampus@neilstontrust.co.uk)



Current view of Kingston Park



Kingston Park with block layout for joint campus and all culture/leisure facilities (indicative only)

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# G.E.T. Local

**GET LOCAL IS OUR INITIATIVE ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO WORK TOGETHER TO REDUCE THEIR CARBON FOOTPRINT. THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO DO THIS.**

## GET GROWING

Over 50 households and workplaces participated in our Spud Spectacular scheme to encourage the growing of food at home. NDT supplied chitted potatoes, grow bags, compost and instructions while those participating supplied enthusiasm. As the growing season progresses we will keep in contact with our growers to offer advice and guidance.

There has been a similar level of interest in our request for people to host a raised bed for us. These 1 sq.m. beds are perfect for growing salads, kale and spinach, or anything else that takes your fancy.

Growing your own food makes a positive impact towards fighting climate change. The resources that go into producing a bag of seasonal salad include land, water, artificial light, plastic packaging, delivery mileage (often air miles if shipped from abroad). Much of it eventually goes to landfill if there is a cold, wet spell. Compare that to growing some salad in your own back garden, walking outside to collect it, and eating it.

It is this sort of small change in lifestyles that maybe seems insignificant, but collectively it can add up to something wonderful. So, thank you to those joining us on our growing journey so far, and here's to more people coming aboard.

Our food growing in schools programme is having a very successful year, we are currently working with 8 primary schools throughout East Renfrewshire to develop food growing sites and to encourage an understanding of the importance of growing food in the school pupils. Through a series of lessons, they will grow potatoes, kale, beans, peas, courgettes and other vegetables.

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## GET CYCLING

Another way to reduce your carbon footprint is to travel actively, be it walking, cycling, running, or using public transport. NDT offers a number of opportunities for people to GET more active though cycling. We offer Saturday Family Rides throughout the summer, and there will also be Wednesday evening social rides. We will also offer cycling lessons to those who either can't cycle, or who would like to improve their cycling skills. We work with employers to guide them towards Cycle Friendly Employer status, and can provide tuition on cycle maintenance also.

**If you are interested, contact our Cycle Hub Manager [gerardo.ballesteros@neilstontrust.co.uk](mailto:gerardo.ballesteros@neilstontrust.co.uk)**

## GET COOKING

We continue to offer cooking classes focussing on how to maintain a healthy, tasty diet that is also a positive contributor to your carbon footprint. Our classes will showcase a number of vegetarian meals or, if using meat, encouraging it to be bought locally to reduce your food miles. We also focus on reducing food waste by using all the food you buy, will encourage batch cooking, and how to bulk out food with low carbon alternatives.

We recognise that to many people meat is something they like, but we would encourage you to try skipping meat in a couple of meals a week, and at the other times using good quality local produce. By shopping locally, you reduce your carbon footprint by not driving and you support the high street in your local community.

**If you are interested in our cooking classes, contact [charlie.cairns@neilstontrust.co.uk](mailto:charlie.cairns@neilstontrust.co.uk)**



# BANK CAFE CLOSURE

For over seven years, the Bank Café has provided a great service to the village. During that time, new cafes have opened locally - a positive thing for the village, but resulting in reduced footfall at the Cafe, despite the great work done by our staff and volunteers. NDT is a charity which has to try to balance the books, so, finally and very reluctantly, the Board took the decision to close on 29th March.

The impact it has had on our staff has been a particular matter of regret. We wish all outgoing staff the best of luck in the future.

The Bank, however, isn't just another café. A period of review will allow a rethink of how best to use this great community space, and bring something extra to the village mix.

**We'd love to hear your ideas about how we can bring even more life and welcome to what we do at the Bank...please feel free to chip in your thoughts.**

All current groups and activities, including GET Local (cooking classes, food growing and active travel) will continue as usual.

Meanwhile, our thanks to all NDT café staff, customers and volunteers over the years.

Please check NDT's Facebook or contact us at [admin@neilstontrust.co.uk](mailto:admin@neilstontrust.co.uk) or call 0141 561 1201 for more information.



# NEILSTON SHOW

**It's the first Saturday in May and that means only one thing in Neilston!**

Time to look out your wellie boots and get ready for a great day out at the 193rd Neilston Show Saturday 4th May.

Hopefully you are in shape for the Pad Race and have perfected your baking skills to enter the Homecraft section! If not, there is so much to do and see. Full details and entry forms are available online at [www.neilstonshow.co.uk](http://www.neilstonshow.co.uk) and Twitter @neilston.show.

Make sure to visit NDT at our marquee and find out more about our GET Local project, "What's on" at the Bank, and how you can get involved. Plus make time for smoothie and some recycled craft fun. Don't leave without entering our prize draw.



**COMING SOON**

## NDT WEBSITE RELAUNCH

NDT's website was in need of some tender loving care and we are proud to announce our new website goes live in May.

We have taken this as an opportunity to reflect on NDT's continued work and role in the community. We also aim to signpost people to the great work supported by local groups and other key players in the village.

We are also refreshing our logo so keep an eye out for our fresh exciting new branding coming soon!

# BIG SPRING CLEAN & UPSTREAM BATTLE

**Fed up with Neilston looking untidy and the litter on hedges, pavements, doorways and generally, blowing around?**

Why not join the Neilston Litter Pickers for a **Big Spring Clean on Sunday 28th April, 12-2pm**. Make your way to the Bank for 12 noon and pick up your litter grabber and bin bag and we'll put you in one of the teams targeting the village centre. All welcome even if it's only for a short time! If you can't join us that day, why not tidy up the pavement where you live at a time that suits you? We can lend you a grabber and provide you with bin bags.

**SUNDAY  
28th  
APRIL  
12-2PM**

All welcome to join us at the end for a well-earned refreshment! For more information follow Neilston Litter Pickers on Facebook or call Laura on 0141 561 1201.

**NDT are one of several anchor organisations supporting Keep Scotland Beautiful (KSB) with a high profile new litter reduction study and campaign called "Upstream Battle".**

The project is an attempt to raise awareness of our littering behaviours. We will be surveying a local river (the Lavern as it bubbles through Neilston to Barrhead) four times over 2019 and identifying how much and what quantity of plastic and other litter there is on the river surface and on the nearby banks. For more information and to get involved contact Laura at 0141 561 1201 or [laura.carswell@neilstontrust.co.uk](mailto:laura.carswell@neilstontrust.co.uk) or follow us on [Facebook.com/NeilstonTrust](https://www.facebook.com/NeilstonTrust)



**DID YOU KNOW THAT 80% OF THE PLASTIC AND LITTER IN THE RIVER CLYDE IS WASHED DOWN LOCAL BURNS AND STREAMS, FROM PLACES LIKE NEILSTON, INTO THE CLYDE?**



# THE BANK PROGRAMME



## MONDAYS

**Strength, balance & health walk** Weekly 10.30am  
Join our short walk (15+ mins) and activity and finish the session with a cuppa!

**Knitting Group** Fortnightly 7-9pm  
Contact: pamfaulds@outlook.com  
or 0141 881 8436



**Card Making (Happy Crafters)** Fortnightly 7-9pm  
Contact: Gail Cameron on 07867 507 415

## THURSDAYS

**PC Club** Weekly 10.15am-11.45am

**Crochet Club** Weekly drop in 1-3pm  
Come and join our drop in group to improve your crochet skills

## FRIDAYS

**WW The New Weight Watchers** Every Friday at 6pm  
Contact: ptempleton@weight-watchers.co.uk

## SATURDAYS

**WW The New Weight Watchers** Every Saturday at 9.30am  
Contact: ptempleton@weight-watchers.co.uk

Unless otherwise indicated, contact NDT on 0141 561 1201 or email [admin@neilstontrust.co.uk](mailto:admin@neilstontrust.co.uk) for details of all services and activities listed above.

## TUESDAYS

**Gardening Club** Weekly 10am-12pm  
Help grow food and learn or share skills



## WEDNESDAYS

**Wednesday Walkers** Weekly 10am  
Join us for a longer walk (60 mins+).  
Just turn up!

**Neilston Book Club** Monthly 8pm  
Next date 17th April 2019  
Great reads and great chat.  
£1.50 Tea/coffee provided.  
Contact: Lindy Coleman, [Lindy\\_coleman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Lindy_coleman@hotmail.co.uk)  
or find us on [www.facebook.com/NeilstonBookClub](http://www.facebook.com/NeilstonBookClub)



## BANK BIKE HUB

Mon and Sat 10am-12pm  
Drop by to book a repair, hire or  
buy a bike.



## BANK CAFE NOW CLOSED



## ELMA MUIR

Elma, who died in February, was one of our first café volunteers. Many will remember her and the others who helped establish the café in the early days, and we are truly grateful for her long period of service. She will be fondly remembered as one of the Bank's founding supporters.



## NDT MEMBERSHIP

Would you like to get more involved in NDT's activities or even just support our work?

Did you know you can become a member of NDT for £1? This entitles you to vote at our AGMs and become part of the wider NDT community all working for the good of Neilston.

Or, if you have previously joined as a member but not heard from us – get in touch so we can make sure our members list is up to date and correct. Pop into The Bank, email [admin@neilstontrust.co.uk](mailto:admin@neilstontrust.co.uk) or call 0141 561 1201.

BECOME A  
MEMBER  
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## STAFF WELCOME

A big welcome to Jennifer Carroll – our new Bookkeeping and Administrative Assistant. Jennifer lives in the village with her husband and two children.



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