

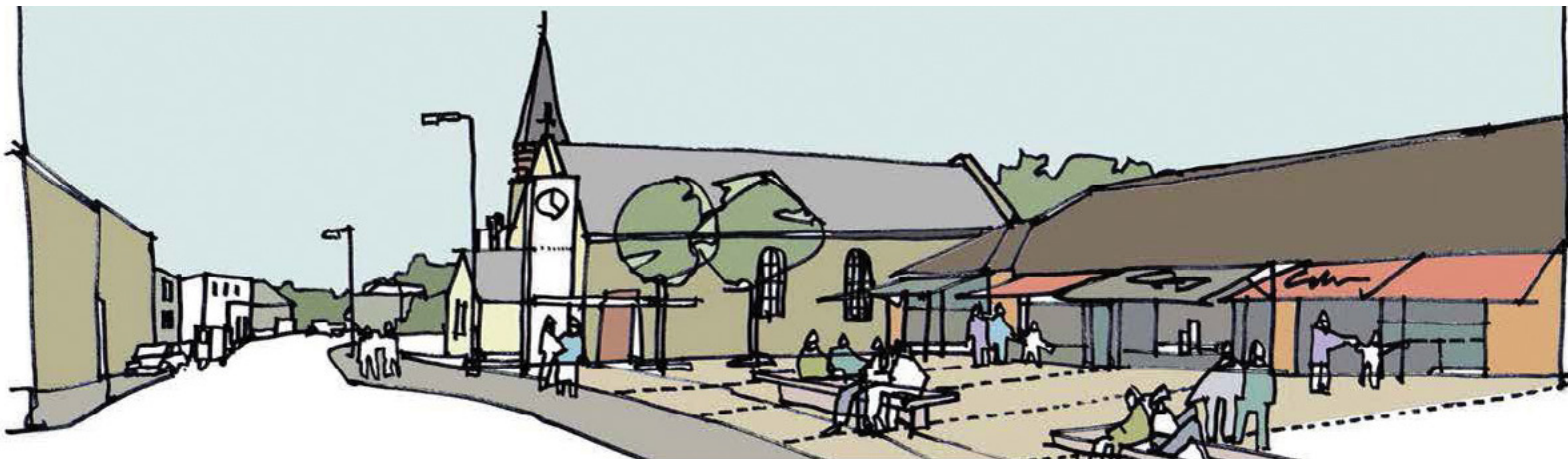
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A PLACE FOR US ALL



The Going Places report takes the Neilston Charter to a new stage. It is probably the most comprehensive and inclusive document ever to consider Neilston's future development.

The Report is out now; read more about it on page 4. For the full report, go to www.neilstontrust.co.uk or see copies in the Library, Bank and Glen Halls.

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NEW CAFE OPENING SATURDAYS

Need your weekend coffee fix? Fancy a fresh scone or a tasty, filling bowl of soup?

From Saturday, 12th July, we will be open from 9.30am until 2.00pm for breakfast rolls, home baking and super soups. Perfect for popping in to visit the Bike Hub, or simply meeting up for a chat in our bright and airy café space.

Come and pick a book from our selection in the café, or catch up with our notice boards for upcoming local events, either in the Bank itself or around Neilston. Free WIFI available.

Highchairs, children's crockery and selection of children's books and colouring sheets available for the little ones too.

Here's hoping for a glorious summer, when we throw open our doors and have lunch on the terrace area, and any four legged friends tired out after a walk can relax outside with doggy bowls and free biscuits.

Watch out for special opening offers, including Coffee & Cake for £2.50 and remember our Hot Drink Loyalty Card.



Sign up to our mailing list to receive regular updates at <http://ow.ly/hvS5D>

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THE BANK ACCOUNT



BIRTHDAY BOYS

Archie McPhail (95) and his great grandson Thom Spearey (1) each had their birthday party at the Bank recently. Two great lookin' guys, we think you'll agree!

BANK FOR HIRE!

The Café space is becoming very popular for parties, on a DIY basis or catered by NDT. Call us to check out reasonable rates and sample menus.

The cafe is still available on Sundays for parties and gatherings, and it and other rooms can be hired throughout the week. Call Gillian on 561 1201.



Siena Rose popped in for her birthday lunch. We all enjoyed the cake!



Hello to Linda Hood

HELLOS AND GOODBYES

Farewell and best wishes to First Responders, who have outgrown their space at the Bank and moved over the road. And hello and every success to our new tenant, who has fitted out a smart new office upstairs at the Bank in the space they vacated.

Welcome, too, to Linda Hood, who has replaced Diane Risbey as volunteer coordinator. Linda would love to hear from you if you'd like to give a couple of hours as part of the merry band of helpers.

Last but not least, **welcome to David Boyle**, who joins us as facilities assistant. (Your pic next time David, no escape!)

HI THERE, LOCAVORE!

Locavore exists to take forward initiatives which contribute to the creation of sustainable local food economies. We're developing one hectare of farmland on the outskirts of Neilston into a productive market garden, which will supply fresh produce to our veg bag scheme, our shop in Nithsdale Road and other local markets. The Market Garden will function both as a productive garden supplying local organic food and supporting local community plots, volunteering, and wider outreach work in Neilston. Contact the Bank for more info and watch the Space for news of progress.



Volunteers at Locavore Market Garden



When Harry met...Maria



Can he fix it? Yes he can!

SILVER SCREEN

The Silver Screen sessions have been going like a fair. High Society, June's offer, drew a great crowd, tempted indoors in spite of glorious weather.

July's offering is on **Monday 21st July at 1.30pm** and features Tom Hanks in **Captain Phillips**. Best £2 worth in town - includes tea and cake!



WALKING GROUPS CELEBRATE THE COMMONWEALTH

In case you wondered, the colourful characters sporting flags, hats and kilts (and yes a wig or two!) winding their way to Cowden Hall recently were the WEDNESDAY WALKERS on their Big Fit Commonwealth walk! Don't they look good? (normal attire tends to be of the anorak variety).



Slight shortage of saris and grass skirts, but never mind.

The Wednesday Walkers welcome you, with or without funny hat. Join the longish walk 10am (60 minutes plus) or the gentler 10.30 walk (20-25 minutes) and back to the Bank for a cuppa.

MONDAY WALKS

A successful pilot led by one of our new Walk Leaders, Ivy Cowan was supported by East Renfrewshire Council's new Walking Network (a joint initiative between Community Health Care Partnership and Paths for All). More Monday walks will be scheduled for the autumn.

DON'T FORGET...

- GARDENING GROUP** TUESDAYS 11AM-1PM
- WALKING GROUPS** WEDNESDAY 10AM & 10.30AM
- PILATES** WEDNESDAY 6PM, 7PM & 8PM
- COMPUTER CLASSES** THURSDAYS 10.15-11.45AM
- SOLICITOR'S SURGERY** FRIDAY 11AM-12PM
- UKULELE GROUP IS ON HOLIDAY UNTIL AUGUST**
- AND OF COURSE THAT BIKE HUB OUT THE BACK!**
- MONDAY & SATURDAYS 10AM-12PM**

QUEENS BATON RELAY HITS TOWN...

SET YOUR ALARM!

A special day for the village – our own little piece of the Commonwealth Games action, with five locals doing the honours: Kerry McMahon, Stuart McDougall, Harry Hogan, Morven Considine and Richard Spearey.

See the Relay and make a day of it. There's only one snag - the Baton comes through at 7.45am! (assemble at Bank 7.15-7.30). The whole event will be very strictly timed, so you have to be there prompt.

The first lap leaves Brig-O'lea 7.45am, reaching Leisure Centre 8.05am approx. with handovers in between.

Local traders will be joining in the spirit with special food on offer. Come out and enjoy a gentle and fun day of song, cycling, walking and 'potted sports'.

Commuters! Leave the cornflakes at home, come along to the Relay before you leave the village and pick up a local breakfast as you go....

Join our POP-UP CHOIR for a rousing rendition of the specially commissioned song Our Common Wealth (Composers Phil Cunninghame and Karin Polwart) - only performance in East Renfrewshire!

PROGRAMME:

7.30am	WELCOME THE BATON piped from the Bank with Pipe Major Iain Macdonald
BREAKFAST!:	Grab a Baton Roll!
10.30am:	TAKE A WALK! (long or short, leaving from the bank)
11.00am -12.30pm:	'POTTED SPORTS' organised by Neilston Parish Church
12.30-2.30pm:	NEILSTON UKES and strolling singers take the Common Wealth song around the village
LUNCH!:	Treat yourself at the Bank Café and other great eateries in the village.
2.30pm:	Hour-long FAMILY BIKE RIDE led by Bike Hub Ride Leaders (from Bank)

Look out for flyers and posters throughout the village, NDT's Facebook and website for further details including rehearsal times for the Commonwealth Song.



THE BIKE HUB - AT YOUR SERVICE

The Bank Bike Hub is open for summer!

It's an ideal stop-off point and cycle-friendly venue, providing information on rides, training and events locally and across the region, plus secure parking, refreshments and free water top-ups.

The workstation is open for repairs and hires every Saturday and Monday 10am-12noon, or by arrangement (call us on 0141 561 1201 or email admin@neilstontrust.co.uk).

Our summer programme of ride-outs begins July, catering for cyclists of all abilities: from off-road easy rides to Rouken Glen and Whitelees to more challenging (but definitely doable!) rides locally and beyond. Don't miss out on the special BMX and mountain bike training sessions for young people.

For full details of activities, training, and cycling news visit www.goneilston.co.uk, our new dedicated site.



Cycling's getting bigger!

BREAKING NEWS!

Once the dust has settled on the Commonwealth Games, Neilston will become the proud owner of a shiny bike rack as part of the Legacy 2014 initiative. Look out for bikes on display at the front of the Bank.

RECYCLE THE BICYCLE

The Bike Hub is looking to recycle bikes. If you have a bike in the garage you'd like to donate, please get in touch. Our team of mechanics will be delighted to get it back on the road and make it available, at a modest charge, to a new owner. Contact the Bank for more information.

HELPERS NEEDED

We're looking for people to help us keep with the Hub. If you would like to get involved in supporting cycling please get in touch. An hour once a week would be a great contribution. You don't even have to be a cyclist to help.

NEILSTON GOING PLACES



GOING PLACES REPORT OUT NOW!

It's a big read, but the report is truly comprehensive, covering issues such as community input, the cost of delivery and the wider planning situation. Look at the full document on www.neilstontrust.co.uk, which will take you to the Neilston Going Places site, where you can trace the whole process and see videos and accounts of the many ways in which people came forward to give their views. Or pop into the Bank, Library or Glen Halls to read a print copy of the report.

THERE ARE 9 IMMEDIATE RECOMMENDATIONS, designed to unlock the prospects of other projects happening. They're not plucked from mid-air; there's a direct connection between these and some of the bigger ideas in the report, which cover **Village Centre** enhancements, **Open Space** proposals and **Housing Opportunities**.

With the emphasis on 'doing the doable', getting movement on these key 9 steps will make a start.

1 Build a new 46-space car park next to the Leisure Centre: a relatively modest but essential project that will help address wider parking issues and unlock other projects.

2 Achieve a solution to the poor condition of the car park to the rear of the shopping parade on Main Street. NOTE: since the report, ERC has marketed the leases on the shops site. This will have a bearing, positive, we hope, on future moves.

3 Town Factor Company* Business Case. Seek funding to assess operational viability and scope its fit within the Charter governance framework.

**Town Factor; a concept to create a responsive, locally managed maintenance team for village spaces, building on existing local initiatives*

4 Facilitate a Traders' Group and the Village Centre Working Group, to scope and agree outline proposals contained within this report.

5 Undertake Micro Projects

- Bins for dog walkers
- Planting to raised floor beds in Kirkstyle Lane
- New boundary treatment to Kingston Playing fields, along Kingston Road
- Enhancement of junction of Main Street and Double Hedges Road
- Village centre spring clean

IMPORTANT NOTE: While the proposals contained in the report are clear and will be incorporated in the SPG, much detail remains to be resolved as projects go forward, so look out for further ways to become involved.

6 Create a Kingston Park client group to develop and transform the playing fields into a village park. First action: apply for funding to support a scoping a business case appraisal of the works required, on going community participation and project delivery mechanisms.



Kingston Park

7 NDT to seek the acquisition of proposed housing land at Kirkstyle Lane: finalise a development business case, obtain Council agreement in principle for the sale and seek funding from Scottish Land Fund for acquisition and pre-contract expenditure, including community engagement.



Housing opportunities in the village centre

8 Ensure that the historic importance of Cowden Hall is recognised and that it forms part of the SPG. Thus funding may be unlocked for a study, restoration and future development work in this historic garden.

9 Utilise this Report to inform the Council's Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG). SPG will provide planning guidance on the development sites identified in the plan which will be subject to separate community consultation.

GOING PLACES ALREADY!

The Community Council and Hillside Residents have been getting stuck into planting up the raised beds at Kirkstyle Lane and have plans for other micro projects. The planting and pictorial representations were carried out by the two local primary schools and Family Centre.

Madras children proud of their planting



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