

the SPACE



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**LET'S GO TOGETHER!
COMMUNITY WALKS
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WHO'S GOING PLACES?



When this reaches you, the NEILSTON GOING PLACES programme will be well underway. You'll have seen the posters and fliers. Some of you will already have come along to events, visited the website or shared your thoughts and aspirations on ideas cards. All these activities are there to make sure you get a chance to have your voice heard about the future of the village. Now's your chance!

This edition of the Space contains all you need to know about the current state of the Charter process. Please read it and, even if you can't make it to events, please share your views online at www.neilstongoingplaces.com, email hello@neilstongoingplaces.com or on Facebook. You can also write and sketch your ideas on the enclosed flier and hand into the Bank. **There's still time to sign up for the working groups on 18th March. Be part of the solution.**

"Ok so I go along and say my bit. What happens then?"

This is the exciting part. The team are making *real* plans which will feature in the Local Development Plan – what could go where, on the ground, not blue sky. The events of the next few weeks are all about listening, sketching, thinking, revisiting and moving forward with ideas - so that what comes out at the end of the process works for us.

CAFE NEWS



Café staff have applied to work towards the **Healthy Living Award** (healthylivingaward.co.uk).

healthyliving award
the sign of healthier food

This means a commitment to help customers make better, healthier choices. Over the next few months we will be making a few small changes to the way we prepare, serve and present our menu.

The award criteria are based on Scottish Government's dietary targets, helping prevent obesity, and promote healthier eating choices for children and adults.

Hope this doesn't put an end to the cakes!

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NEILSTON GOING PLACES

THE SPACES: 12 key sites, many possibilities

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1. KINGSTON PLAYING FIELDS

An important area for children, dog walking and generally enjoying open space. What if this was a community leisure park?

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7. SCHOOL GATES

What if the school gates areas could be safe, social meeting space?

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2. STATION ENVIRONMENT

An important 'in and out' point of the village. Key to visitor perceptions. How could the overall station environment be improved?

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8. MAIN ST / MARKET SQUARE

What if this area had more life and purpose? Community events? Parking facilities? Improved appearance? Increased footfall for trading?

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3. OLD RAILWAY LINE (WELLPARK)

What if this area was a green, multi-use pathway, part of a new network for pedestrians and cyclists?

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9. COMMUNITY HUB

What if the library, leisure centre and other services combined in a community hub? What functions would this have?

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4. COWDEN HALL GARDENS

Offers opportunities to become a place of recreation and visitors.

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10. HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

Housing? Too small for big developers! These sites provide an opportunity to create more affordable housing for the village, using local builders and tradesmen.

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5. THE MILL

15-16 businesses operate here. Mill owner keen to explore opportunities. How can we build on these assets to give the Mill a new life for the future?

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11. PIG SQUARE

What if this area provided opportunities for mixed community housing or retail?

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6. MILL COTTAGES

How can this area be improved? What are the key issues?

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12. BRIG O' LEA

Neilston Juniors are keen to move! What to do with the site if they do?

THE WORKING GROUPS: getting down to business

Where does your passion lie? The Village centre? Safer streets? Good facilities? The issues raised by the 12 spaces will be taken forward by our 3 themed Working Groups. These groups will form the basis of project development after March programme is over. So if you want to be a part of the change you wish for the village, now's your chance.

Come along to Neilston Primary on Tues 18th March 7pm-9pm.

VILLAGE CENTRE will consider how to sustain the centre; with retail and parking issues working together, improved appearance and the creation of a real central focus or hub.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES will discuss housing needs and locations and potential for small scale 'infill' sites. What forms of tenure would work best?

OPEN SPACE will look at *all* the open spaces in Neilston, aiming to create good quality places with clear functions, assets to the village and capable of being maintained.



THE SESSIONS: bring your passion & positive thinking

GOING PLACES TOGETHER - COMMUNITY WALKS



One of our most successful events ever was our big community walk, way back when. As our walking group can testify, it's a great way to combine looking, chatting and simply

being together in the open air with no big agenda, other than the sharing of how we see our place.

**SUN 16TH & SAT 22ND MARCH
1PM- 3PM**

Assemble at the Bank at 12.50pm and return for a cuppa and goodies.



WORKING GROUPS

Heads down for focused discussion on **Village Centre, Open Space and Housing Opportunities**. Meet at Neilston Primary.

TUES 18TH MAR 7PM - 9PM



DESIGN STUDIO AT THE BANK

Drop in for an informal chat.

**TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS 10.30AM-3PM
(UNTIL END MARCH)**



DESIGN CHALLENGE 2

Neilston teenagers present their ideas!

TUES 18TH MAR 4PM - 6PM



PLENARY* 2

Bringing it all back home. Meet at Neilston Primary.

SAT 29TH MARCH 1.30PM - 4PM

*'Plenary' means all together. Will you be with us?

PLUS... MEET THE TEAM OUT AND ABOUT

Fill in the prompt cards at spots throughout the Village and follow online, including filmed interviews with the Neilston commuting community.

Can't make ANY of the sessions? Go online and give your views at www.neilstongoingplaces.com, email hello@neilstongoingplaces.com or follow on Twitter [#neilstongoingplaces](https://twitter.com/neilstongoingplaces)

THE TEAM: professionals & locals working together



Tom Sneddon (Team lead) is an architect with long experience of community led projects. He's also very involved as a resident in the regeneration of his own community, Carluke.



Matt Lowell and Alex Clarke are from Snook, who specialise in getting communities involved in the design process.



Richard East (He's not fierce at all!) is a landscape architect with a long track record in community projects.



Steven Tolson is acting as consultant to NDT for the Going Places programme. He's also a Chartered Surveyor, so that's handy!



ERC is the client for the **NEILSTON GOING PLACES** programme, in partnership with NDT, and has committed significant staff time to ensuring the process is a success.



NDT's role in Charter delivery is on-going, acting as coordinator of the process in collaboration with the community, the Advisory Group and ERC.

CHARTER ADVISORY GROUP

Making sure everyone has the chance to have their voices heard and that all processes are transparent is another big piece of work. The Advisory Group is a standing committee, meeting regularly, recruited from representative organisations throughout the community. A full Rogues' Gallery in a future edition!

THE BANK ACCOUNT



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DONATIONS CAN BE MADE AT THE BANK. REFERRALS TOO.

NEW

GET ONLINE NOW!



Got a computer, laptop, tablet or mobile? Still trying to get your head round it? Friendly, experienced volunteer tutors are available to help you get the best from your device.

Drop in sessions at the Bank are tailored to suit your needs; this is not a structured learning programme.

THURSDAY MORNINGS FROM 10.15AM - 11.45AM

£3 PER SESSION

Benefit changes due to come into effect in April 2014 mean that nearly all claim applications and job searches will be made online. Be prepared.

For further info contact Willie on 07840 936952.

NEW

MEDITATION

"My name is Thomas and I live in Neilston. I have been practicing meditation for over 8 years. Science has proven that meditating can help you reduce anxiety and stress, be more patient and tolerant, be more creative and improve memory. As a qualified practitioner I am now able to offer the community an opportunity to learn the art of meditating."



Sessions cost £22.50 per 6 week block or £4.50 per session. Tea and coffee provided.

Enrolment is by booking only. Call 0141 587 5305 or go to www.hypnoworksscotland.co.uk

COMING SOON

SILVER SCREEN FILM CLUB

The cinema on your doorstep. Senior residents in Neilston will soon be able to experience the stars of the Big Screen 'up close and personal' when the **monthly Silver Screen Club starts at 1.30pm on Monday 28th April (and every third Monday of the month after that).**

Look out for programme fliers, and more details in April's newsletter.

UKULELE GROUP

The group is in full swing and would love more folks to give it a try. Ukes available. No music reading skills required.

WEDNESDAYS, FORTNIGHTLY

BEGINNERS 7PM - 8PM IMPROVERS 8PM - 9PM

Charge per session £3 under 16s; £5 over 16s. All ages welcome.

WEDNESDAY WALKERS

The Wednesday walkers welcome you to join them for their weekly stroll, at **10am (walk 60 minutes plus)** or at **10.30am (20-25 minutes)** starting and finishing at the Bank with a cuppa and a chat.

PILATES

Sessions are ongoing on **Wednesday evenings**. For more information see insert.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

Qualified solicitor Graham Sykes continues to offer legal service on all areas. Initial meeting without charge.

CLINIC EVERY FRIDAY 11AM-12PM.

Call Graham directly on **07977 260 837**.

THE BANK BIKE HUB

The Bank Bike Hub is getting ready to open for Spring 2014. The new programme will be launched in May/June and plans for 2014 include an enhanced service and a programme of cycle activities and events to appeal to all ages and capabilities. Full info coming your way soon.

GOING PLACES WITH THE BIKE TRAIN

We know that the main barrier to getting people on their bikes and cycling locally are concerns about road safety and traffic.

We're working to deliver a safe and well planned weekly led-ride to school for parents/carers and children, on road, during the **Give Me Cycle Space campaign** end of April-June.

Further info around the **village and website over the coming weeks.**

NEILSTON PAD RUN

SATURDAY 3RD MAY

Make this the year you take part in the Neilston Pad Run at the Neilston Show.

Registration via www.neilstonshow.co.uk, at the Bank, download an entry form at www.neilstontrust.co.uk or register at NDT's stall at the Show.

Entry fee **£8/£6 for SA members. Entrants 16 years +**

NEW TO THE BANK: FIRST RESPONDERS

We are delighted to welcome **Neilston & Uplawmoor Community First Responders Group** to the Bank as one of our regular tenants.

A Community First Responder is a member of the public who volunteers to help their community by responding to medical emergencies while the ambulance is on its way. Their early intervention can be vital.

Look out for a fuller, fascinating article on their training and valuable voluntary contribution in a future edition.



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