

West Calder & Harburn Community Development Trust



SKATE PARK

GREAT NEWS! Funding approaching £80,000, so far, has been secured for the new Five Sisters Skate Park in West Calder. The park, to be completed in Summer 2018 will be located near the new School Campus.

Three specialist companies have been invited to tender for the design of the new park. The Trust will be organizing a focus group to assist in the decision making process. The tenders will be presented for consideration by a focus group in August. Two design options by the chosen contractor will be displayed at The Trust Open Day in September. If you are a Skater and you want to get involved in the project, we'd love to hear from you.



Co-operative Bakery Building Survey Funding Success!

The Trust has successfully raised & matched funding to carry out a full survey and study of the old Co-operative Bakery building at Society Place.

The Bakery and what its future would be was the number one issue that the Community had for The Trust as detailed in The Community Action Plan. The results of the survey & study will tell us if there is any potential for the building and whether or not to progress some of the ideas for The Bakery's redevelopment. It's an exciting opportunity for the Village, watch this space!

Save the Date!

FUN DAY!

19th August 17

From 11am
Lots of Family
Friendly Activities
at West Calder
Community
Centre's annual
event.

Harvest Festival

27th August 17

At 2-4 pm
OPEN TO ALL!
Polbeth & West Calder
Community Garden
invites you for lots of
family fun!

Trust Open Day

28th September 17

12-8pm
OPEN TO ALL!
Come along to the
Community Centre to
hear all about our
recent projects.



24-Hour Public Access

Two new defibrillators have been funded for the Community.

The first new, 24-Hour publically accessible 'Defib' was installed at Harburn Village Hall in time for the Grand Harburn Festival. The second new unit is located in Union Square & installed with the kind permission of Mavor Property outside their offices.

The 'Defib' units are in place for emergency use and secured in a weatherproofed and temperature controlled box. Registration via The Scottish Ambulance Service & a programme of training courses in their use, for all who wish to get involved is to follow soon.

Funding for Public Art

The Trust has raised £5000 to put towards a piece of public art to be located at the new High School entrance between West Calder & Polbeth.

Working together with Polbeth Community Council, who matched the contribution, a total of £10,000 will be added to the existing WLC planning contribution of £15,000 from Morrison Construction.

This will enable us to put something really impressive in place for the Community. The Artists brief is currently being finalising and we hope there will be focus sessions with our School & Community in due course.

Memorial Miners Bench

The Burngrange Disaster Commemoration in January this year was widely praised as a success by the Community. As part of that project The Trust in partnership with The Calder History Group has raised money for a memorial bench.

While discussions are ongoing with WLC about upgrading the lighting & street furniture in Union Square, we plan to install the Burngrange Memorial Miners Bench as part of the upgrade to the area on Cleuch Brae so that the community can enjoy & respect it sooner than might be otherwise.

See the Cleuch Brae story opposite for further details.

COMMUNITY EVENTS DIARY

Community Events for your Diary

19th August	Community Centre Fun Day	West Calder Community Centre	11-3pm
27th August	Community Garden Harvest Festival	Polbeth & West Calder Community Garden	2-4pm
28th September	The Trust Open Day	West Calder Community Centre	12-8pm
28th September	The Trust AGM	West Calder Community Centre	6.30pm
7th October	Fireworks Fundraiser Ceilidh	West Calder Community Centre	7-11pm
3rd November	Fireworks Event	West Calder Community Centre	6.30pm
12th November	Remembrance Service	West Calder War Memorial	10.45am
9th December	Christmas Lights & Carol Service	West Calder Union Square	12-4pm

Action Plan Updates

Harburn Right of Way

Work has been progressing to improve the walking access from West Calder to the Hermand Birchwood Woodland an SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest), which is managed by the Scottish Wildlife Trust & loved by local walkers. Muddy sections of track have been filled, fences moved & trees cut back. Further improvements will be made with the installation of new gates, signage & further upgrades to the paths, making the route easier to navigate.



Cleuch Brae Update

To improve the appearance of Cleuch Brae, an important entrance and gateway to our village, dangerous leaning & weak trees have been removed & thinned over the last few months. Volunteers helped refurbish the old fence in July and what a difference it's made. Invasive Knotweed is also being treated & further plans are in place to smooth the lower area and improve the soil in order to plant fruit trees & bushes to create a new community orchard for the Burngrange memorial bench.

West Calder in Bloom

The hanging baskets this year are beautiful and have attracted so many lovely messages from residents & business alike, funding was via our small grants scheme & a big thank you to the Business Association for getting involved. This year the planters on the Main Street were a real community effort with plugs grown on by Dixon Court residents in their new CDT funded greenhouse & planted out by children from St. Mary's Primary School & Little Flyers Nursery.



Five Sisters Online Community

A new website & community resource is being created for our local villages. The Trust wants to help share and advertise what's on and available in our area. All local clubs, groups & facilities are invited to get involved. We have chosen the Five Sisters Communities name, as though primarily for West Calder & Harburn we hope it will include & be used by our neighbouring communities, such as Polbeth & Addiewell. Find us online at www.westcalder.org

Getting in Touch

Our offices are based in Union Square and we just love folk popping in to tell us about what they do & how we can help and so many of you do! Lots of people also stop every day to read our notice boards in the windows, so if you have a community story, a project, an idea or a poster you want us to put up, come in & see us. We are open 9am-3pm every day. We look forward to seeing you soon!



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