

North Queensferry Walking and Strolling Group 2025

The meeting point is NQ Church car park every alternate Wednesday at 10.00am. Volunteer drivers will take walkers to minimise the use of cars. In most cases, there will be the opportunity for a coffee or light lunch.

For further information please contact Eileen Donaldson on 01383 412874.

Date	Walk	Type	Distance	Details
27 August	Limekilns and Estate	C	3.5-4 miles	Starting at the harbour car park, you'll pass the 14 limekilns and then head inland around the Elgin Estate. Some parts of the route can be muddy.
10 September	Powmill to Rumbling Bridge	L	4 miles	Starting at the Milk Bar and along a quiet road, then down between open fields to the Crook of Devon with views of the Ochil Hills. Follow the River Devon to Rumbling Bridge and return. All mainly on good paths.
24 September	Aberdour Silver Sands to Burntisland	L	4 miles	Part of the Fife Coastal Path taking you along the foreshore with terrific views over the Firth of Forth.
08 October	South Queensferry to Dalmeny House	L	4 miles	Undulating along the foreshore on good, mainly sheltered paths passing Barnbogle Castle.
22 October	Lochore Meadows	C	3-8 miles	On good level paths through woodland and open countryside around the loch, with views to Benarty Hill and beyond.
05 November	Townhill Loch, Dunfermline	C	3 miles	Starting at the car park this walk takes you around the loch and then into Townhill Park and Woods. A mixture of surfaced and unsurfaced paths.
19 November	Linlithgow Loch	C	2.5 miles	An easy walk with surfaced paths, this circular walk takes you around the loch with impressive views of the palace. A good choice of cafes in Linlithgow.

Update on the Albert—continued

their services for a much smaller fee than would be usual, and hope to recover the balance from the Ministers in the event that the Appeal is successful (a modified version of “No win, no fee”); and a number of well-wishers and supporters in the village have agreed to contribute to any legal expenses which might be found due to the Ministers, should the Appeal not succeed.

In these circumstances, the Trustees (with the full support of the ACG) is satisfied that the Appeal has been effectively de-risked and decided confidently to proceed with the Appeal.

The Appeal will be heard at Dunfermline Sheriff Court on 16th September at 10.00 am, and is open to the public, so please feel free to attend if you are able.

If the Appeal succeeds, it will have the effect of “putting the clock back” to the point at which the original procedure went off the rails. In effect, this means that the Trust and the ACG will be given an opportunity to revisit the viability of the project in light of changes in the market, condition of the property etc. since the application was originally lodged, and to make any changes to the business plan which might be required.

The fight for the Albert goes on.

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Forth Bridge Tourist Trail

The final directional signs for the Forth Bridges Trail were installed before Easter in both North and South Queensferry. The last stage of this



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What's on at the Community Centre

September 6th- Get your teams together for our next pop up bar and quiz night.

October -(date to be confirmed): Wellness day workshop, more information to follow soon.

The following classes may vary during the summer holidays so check regularly for any updates.

Monday :- , Lora's Express Pilates Circuits:12:30 - 40mins

Nacho's Yoga 7-8.30pm

Tuesday:- Arts and Crafts: 7-9pm

Wednesday: - Nacho's Chair Yoga 11-12pm

Chill and Chat cafe 12-2pm

Monthly Energy Group meeting (see noticeboard for dates)

Thursday:- Toddlers 9.30-11.30am

Pars' Kids Football 5-6pm (MUGA)

Laura's Pilates 6.20 pm

Youth Club (in term time) P4-P7: 6-7.30pm,

P7 onwards:7.45-9pm

Monthly Community Council meetings

Friday:- Laura Pilates 9.20-10.20am

Monthly Advice Surgery (Annabelle Ewing MSP) 12.40-1.20pm

Sunday: - Rugby Tots 10.00-10.45am

Saffi's dog training classes continue throughout the week, Monday-Sunday(not Fridays)

Remember, we have two fantastic halls if you are planning an event, such as a birthday party, ceilidh or wedding reception. Enquiries to:-**Facilities@nqcommunitycomplex.org.uk**

The Centre's warm space sitting area can be used by the community whenever the centre is open.

Our newest Wednesday class is Nacho's Chair yoga, if you know anyone who would benefit from this please share with them, it has been very popular so far! Just turn up on the day and pay as you go. Note the Chill and Chat cafe is on straight afterwards for you to relax and have a chat with a cuppa and a biscuit.

If you want to guarantee a slot on the MUGA you can book a place by emailing

Facilities@nqcommunitycomplex.org.uk - please note that booked events will take priority.

If you are on Facebook, follow our page '**North Queensferry Community Complex**' for up to date information.

Warming Up North Queensferry

The small hall at the Community Complex was well filled for the Home Energy Scotland (HES) 'Warming Up North Queensferry' event at the end of April. This was arranged and hosted by the North Queensferry Climate Action Network. Home Energy Scotland is part of the Energy Saving Trust and is funded by the Scottish Government to provide information and advice on ways that householders can make their homes more energy efficient. The team of two from Home Energy Scotland were supported by two representatives from Greener Kirkcaldy, who cooperate with HES in providing detailed individual house surveys and reports in this part of Fife.

The presentation by HES began with the obvious first consideration: checking and upgrading the insulation of a house. This can bring significant savings in power bills and a number of insulation improvements are relatively inexpensive. The presentation went on to show how installing solar panels and a battery, though initially costly, will soon pay for itself over the following years and

reduce energy bills in the long term.

For many homes in North Queensferry, switching to an air-source heat pump should be a consideration when the gas boiler comes up for replacement. The HES presentation could give only a brief outline of what is involved, but there are lots of up-to-date information about government grants and sources of funding available, either through their web-site (<https://www.homeenergyscotland.org/>) or through a home visit arranged with Greener Kirkcaldy (**Call 01592 807930 or email info@cosykingdom.org.uk**).

The meeting continued with a lively question and answer session and ended with a number of people booking in for individual house surveys. A small group within the climate action network will be planning a follow-up around the beginning of autumn. We can learn from and help each other, and it would be good to bring together those with questions and problems and those who have ex-

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Brock Street Play Park Refurbishment---Update

Many thanks to the staff of the Community Centre who organised the recent "Eurovision" night with donations going to the Brock Street Play Park Fund. A further £50.00 was raised, so thanks to everyone who donated on the night.

The Tenders have been returned, although some clarification is required before the contract is finally awarded. So there has been a slight delay in the process.

Hopefully, the contract award isn't too far away

and procurement of the equipment can proceed thereafter. The start date on site will depend on the current workload of the successful contractor, but hopefully work will commence in the fourth quarter of 2025.

Maybe Santa Claus or one of his Helpers can officially open the Park!!

Santa on the Zip Wire (Flying Fox) would be a big attraction!!

Copies of the final design and layout are now on display at the Primary School and Community

North Queensferry Community Trust

Update on the Albert

It is about 18 months since the Community Trust submitted an Application under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 seeking to exercise a Community Right to Buy in respect of the Albert with the Albert Community Group as the nominated purchaser.

Eventually, in March 2025, the Scottish Ministers issued their decision refusing the Application. Most of the statutory criteria had been met, and, although the Ministers found that, if the application were not granted, the property would continue to deteriorate, nonetheless the Ministers declared themselves not satisfied that the purchase would bring economic and other benefits to the community. Their reasoning was that they were not satisfied with the business plan, and, if permission were granted, and the hotel acquired by the community, then, since (as they determined) it was not established that the business plan would work, then the result would be that the Albert would not be viable, so the asset would likewise continue to deteriorate. Thus, since either way there would be a deteriorating asset, the community would not be deprived of any benefit if the Application were not granted.

Behind this decision there lay what the Trust has been advised is a number of procedural errors, not the least of which was that the Ministers did not share with the Trust, nor seek its comments on (first) representations made by the owners and (second) information obtained by the Ministers themselves.

The Trust obtained the advice of solicitors and counsel who stated that an Appeal to the Sheriff would enjoy a reasonable prospect of success. In light of this advice, the Trust has brought an Appeal against the Ministers' decision.

The grounds of Appeal include the following:

Ground 1: *irrational failure to engage properly with the business case*

Ground 2: *irrationality and inadequate reasoning in relation to assumed salary levels of staff as gathered by the Ministers from the Internet*

Ground 3: *inadequate reasoning in relation to staffing challenges*

Ground 4: *relevant evidence left out of account*

Ground 5: *failure to allow comment*

Ground 6: *relying on material not available to the Trust at the time of application*

Ground 7: *Unlawfully treating the existence of a legally-binding agreement between the Trust and the ACG as a mandatory requirement*

Ground 8: *Failure to take relevant considerations into account in assessing the public interest.*

When it became clear that the Ministers were going to oppose the Appeal, this brought into prominence the question of funding. However, the Trust's solicitors and Counsel agreed to provide

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North Queensferry Climate Action Network - Biodiversity and Nature

Members of the biodiversity and nature group of the North Queensferry Climate Action Network (NQCAN) have had a busy start to the year. They helped raise awareness of the need not to disturb nesting birds in the West Bay and helped promote 'No Mow May' to allow bees and other pollinators to do their job. A large group of volunteers turned up to help plant hundreds of trees around the Community Centre in March and this was followed by a popular talk in May from the Forth Hedgehog Hospital on how we can help support the hedgehog's habitat and help them thrive.

Here are two further dates for the diary where the people of North Queensferry can get involved:

Firstly, you can record North Queensferry's butterflies by taking part in the Big Butterfly Count - it only takes 15 minutes!

The **Big Butterfly Count** is a UK wide survey which assesses the health of our environment by counting butterflies. It was launched in 2010 by the Butterfly Conservation charity and has rapidly become the world's biggest survey of butterflies. Butterflies are counted because, not only are they beautiful creatures but, they are also extremely important - they are vital parts of our ecosystem as both pollinators and components of the food chain. Sadly, there has been an **80% decline of butterflies in the UK since the 1970s** which makes monitoring them all the more important.

Getting involved is easy! Join a team of volunteers from NQCAN on **Sunday 10th August** at **11am** at the **Community Centre**. We'll provide tea and biscuits and position ourselves at different points around the playing field and **watch for 15 minutes**. You'll be provided with a butterfly ID chart (or why not download Butterfly Conservation's free app for iOS and Android?), so you can

Conservation's interactive map so we can all see how our village's data is contributing to conservation science and research: <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/map>



Secondly, you can scour our beaches for nurdles to support the Great Nurdle Hunt!

If you've ever looked closely, you'll see lots of TINY nurdles on beaches, including beaches around the village. This October, volunteers from North Queensferry Climate Action Network (NQCAN) will be participating in the Great Global Nurdle Hunt! **Why not join us?**

The process is simple: choose a beach, **search for 30 minutes**, and pick up as many nurdles as you can within that time! Once the 30 minutes are up, count your nurdles and submit your results here: <https://www.nurdlehunt.org.uk/take-part/submit-your-finds.html>.

What's a nurdle?

A nurdle is a small plastic pellet, typically about the size of a lentil, used as a raw material in the production of various plastic products. Nurdles come in different colours and, because they are manufactured nearby, have been spilling into the Firth of Forth for years!

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Nurdles continued

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Every nurdle hunt helps gather crucial data of nurdle pollution that will be shared with policy makers to call for change to end nurdle pollution.

Last year's hunt saw over 1,300 volunteers across 29 countries taking part!

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North Queensferry Community Council

North Queensferry Community Council has been involved in a number of important matters concerning the village, including planning applications, rights of way, car parking and the new toilets at the Battery Road Car Pak amongst others.

However, one issue which has been of particular concern has been the Forth Bridge, and, in particular, both dirty water falling onto properties beneath the bridge and articles falling from the bridge. Your Community Council has been active in pursuing these matters with Network Rail (NR) and in seeking that NR engages more fully with the community. In the past, a lack of responsiveness and poor communication from Network Rail has been a particular concern.

In recent months there has been a considerable improvement first, with the opening by NR of a channel of communication with Roddy MacDougall, Network Rail's Head of Legal and, second, with the appointment of David Boyce to the newly-created post of Head of Communications (Communities) and his involvement in the weekly meetings which now take place between the Chair and Vice-chair of the Community Council and Network Rail. This has enabled a number of advances to be made, including the following:

Dirty Water: As previously promised by Network Rail, it is looking to carry out works on the bridge to mitigate this problem, though it does take some time for various aspects of the work to be scoped, designed and materials etc to be tested. It is likely to be the Autumn before a comprehensive plan can be finalised. In the meantime, and in recognition of the ongoing issues, the Community Council negotiated ex gratia payments from Network Rail to the affected residents for both 2024 and 2025. These have now been paid.

Falling Objects: This is a matter which the Community Council raised both to Network Rail directly, and, along with Fife Council and the Fife Coast and Countryside Trust to the relevant regulator, the ORR. The ORR inspection is still continuing, but Network Rail has already agreed some improvements in its Inspection Regime.

Complaints: We have identified a number of defects in the NR Complaints procedure (for example, the lumping together of discrete claims and an over-eagerness to close complaints when they have not been fully resolved). NR accepts that these are issues and is working to address them.

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Poor Communications: David Boyce is strongly of the view that communications from Network Rail (for example, as to proposed works) are inadequate and not fit for purpose. He is working to reform this aspect of NR's engagement with residents.

Accountability: In addition to the weekly meetings, Network Rail has undertaken that David Boyce and/or other appropriate representatives of Network Rail will attend each future Community Council Meeting in order to give residents an opportunity to engage directly on matters of concern.

These are all very hopeful signs that, after a period of poor engagement, Network Rail is now taking its responsibilities seriously, and it is to be hoped that this will lead to an improvement in the issues which have hitherto been causing concern.

The Community Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Community Centre at 7.30, and remote attendance is also possible on MS Teams. Residents are encouraged to attend.

North Queensferry Youth Club

Tuesday evenings at the Community Centre

6.00-7.30 pm for young people in P4-6

7.30- 9.00 pm for P7 onwards

Lots of different activities to interest members including taking part in holiday activities and trips during term time.

50 pence a week (first week free)

Tuesday 4 September: Club resumes after the summer

**Forthcoming Events at Fife Forthview Parish Church
North Queensferry**

V. J. Day 80th Anniversary

Coffee Morning

in N.Q. Church, Ferryhills Road.

Wednesday 20th August

10.30 – noon

All proceeds will go to a Military Veterans' Charity , likewise the current fund from the Rag Bag Collections will be sent to the Veterans.

Village Coffee Mornings are every second Wednesday of the month, 10.30a.m. – 12noon:

23 July, 6 August, 3 and 20 August, 3 and 17 September, 1, 15 and 29 October.

To find out more about all the many events in N.Q. and the wider Forthview Parish (including Messy Church Events):-

Visit our website - www.forthviewchurch.org.uk

Email-office@dalgety-church.co.uk

Phone the church office -01383 824092

The Church raised over £1000 (including Gift Aid) for Christian Aid's 80th Anniversary

Useful information

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- September will see the return of two charity events at the Forth Bridge: Barnardo's Your View 19th-21st September at the north approach and Heart & Stroke Scotland's abseil from the south approach on Sunday 28th September.

BEAR are featuring the Queensferry Crossing in their Doors Open Day event on Saturday 27th September. Details of how to enter and the trips inside the deck of the bridge will be shared via BEAR's X channel and on the Forth Bridges website.

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- The Supernova event returns for its second year on the Forth Road Bridge on the evening of Saturday 1st November.
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North Queensferry's Mobile Library

The Mobile Library stops in North Queensferry fortnightly on Monday afternoons.
You can find the mobile library on Brock St, opposite the school
from 2.20pm to 2.50pm on **21st October; 4th and 18th November; 2nd and 16th December.**
There's a decent range of books in the library van, however, if you can't see what you want the staff in the Van can request books from the library catalogue and will bring them for you next time.
Remember to take your MyFife card with you to this library .



It is worth knowing that the Mobile Library Van also keeps a stock of hearing aid batteries. You will need to show your Audiology card.

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Community Council

Why are we here?

Although your Community Council finds itself heavily committed to dealing with the many issues which affect the village, it is good to step back and remind ourselves as to why we are here.

This is put very well on the Scottish Community Council's Website:

"A Community Council is a voluntary organisation set up by statute by the Local Authority and run by local residents to act on behalf of its area. As the most local tier of elected representation, Community Councils play an important role in local democracy. Community Councils are comprised of people who care about their community and want to make it a better place to live."

In pursuit of this aim, the Community Council has been dealing with a large number of issues, including (but not restricted to) the following:

Roads and footpaths – A lot of pressure from the Community Council has finally led to plans for the replacement of the failed setts on the road at the War Memorial and in front of Rankins with a more suitable surface. We are also engaging with Fife Council over Rights of way and, again after a lot of hard work by the Community Council and your local Fife Councillors (who attend all meetings of the Community Council) hope very shortly to see the installation of automatic barriers at Battery Road Car Park to relieve local residents of the task of daily locking and unlocking of the car park. We have also been engaging with Fife Councillors on the proposed additional parking in Brock Street.

Edinburgh Airport Flight change proposals – Perhaps the most significant development confronting the village is the Edinburgh Airport Flight Change Consultation, which is a matter so important to the village that it features in a separate article in this edition of the FerryNews. The Community Council was successful in persuading Edinburgh Airport to extend the Consultation, so it would be **good if as many residents as possible could please respond to the consultation.**

Police Engagement – In the days of Fife Constabulary and, for a while following the setting up of Police Scotland, a police representative would regularly attend Community Council Meetings, enabling us to discuss residents' concerns directly with the police. For some time now, however, no police representative has attended, and, for a period, we did not even receive written reports from the police (though this has recently resumed). We appreciate that police have many pressures placed upon them, but we are continuing to press for at least an occasional police presence.

Forth Bridge – After a long delay (reported in the last edition of the Ferry News) Network Rail

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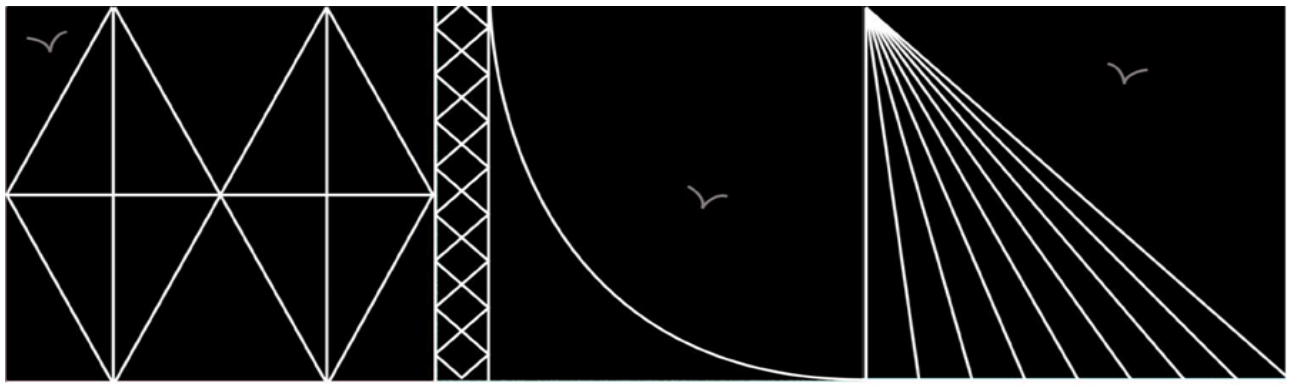
Community Council continued.

has now re-engaged on the question of the dirty water coming off the bridge, and is working up detailed proposals for the long-term remediation of the problem. These will be shared with the Community Council. Discussions are under way between Network Rail and the Community Council regarding setting up a scheme to last until the remediation work is finished, in order to deal with problems such as dirty water falling on cars, windows, paintwork and paths. Progress on the more concerning issue of falling objects is slower, but the Community Council is working with Fife Councillors, Fife Council and Fife Coast and Countryside Trust to drive a solution to this problem as well.

Fife Council – All four local Fife Councillors (from three different parties) regularly attend the Community Council and work tirelessly to help the Community Council in its dealings with Fife Council – and this bears a great deal of fruit. So often what one reads about in the newspapers is the more political aspects of what Fife Council does, but there is no doubting the way that, at the Community level, all of our Fife Councillors work together with the Community Council to seek the good of the whole community.

Membership – The above is but a cross-section of the work carried out by your community councillors. However, the Community Council has recently lost a number of its members, either through people moving out of the village, or retiral, or pressure of work, meaning that fewer community councillors are having to take on an increasing amount of work. We have a real need of recruiting new members, particularly a new Secretary to help handle our correspondence, and our Treasurer is hoping soon to be able to hand over to a successor. It may be that there are residents out there who, rather like Monty Python's "What have the Romans ever done for us?" have not really appreciated just how much they can do to help the village through becoming a Community Councillor. If so, we should be delighted to hear from you. Just email: lgm@igmitchell.co.uk if you find yourself inspired to learn more.village through becoming a Community Councillor. If so, we should be delighted to hear from you. Just email lgm@igmitchell.co.uk if you find yourself inspired to learn more.

Remembrance Sunday – the Remembrance Sunday commemoration (which the Community Council organises each year) will be held at the **War Memorial at 10.55 on Sunday 10th November**, following which the Community Council invites all of those attending to have coffee at Rankins (subject to there being enough room in the Cafe for everyone!). Before the ceremony at the war memorial, the Church has a remembrance service starting at 10.00 am which will finish in time for those attending to make their way down to the Memorial.



North Queensferry Community Trust

North Queensferry Community Trust was set up as a Charity in 2011 by representatives of the different community groups in NQ to work on projects to provide and improve facilities and services in the village.

The Trust's current major project is to manage NQ Marina and West Bay for which a 50 year lease was signed in 2015. The Harbour is home to NQ Boat Club and NQ Coastal Rowing Club as well as providing kayak storage for Lothian Sea Kayak Club. There are two community - use workshop spaces for a whole range of crafts and activities. The Wood Workshop is currently being managed by Rosyth Men's Shed who welcome anyone who would like to learn or practice their woodwork skills.

The Trust also works as an umbrella organisation through which any group of residents who want to make something happen in the village can get together and raise money or run a project without having to set up an entirely new organisation with its own bank account and constitution. This is how Pierhead Playpark Project successfully received grants and donations for the regeneration of the park a few years ago. The Trust is now working in a similar way to support the work of NQ Climate Action Network and is also holding the funds for the Local Action Plan and supporting the work of the Albert Community Group. You can find out more details at:-

www.nqcommunitytrust.org.uk

or you can email nq.community.trust@gmail.com

Another of the Trust's significant projects is the Trust's Part 5 Right to Buy Application under the Community Land Act for the Albert Community Group to purchase the Albert Hotel. The Application went in a year ago, in October, 2023, and Third Part Observations were received from the present owners, and responded to by the Trust in January this year. We are still waiting for a decision on the Application from the Scottish Ministers. It is very frustrating that the project cannot advance until a decision has been made, but the legislation does not impose any time limit on the Ministers to reach a decision. However, since the Application has been registered ,since last October, this prevents the owners from seeking to sell the property to any other buyer. The only other development was the submission by the owners in February 2024 for retrospective Listed Building consent for the unauthorised demolition of internal walls and other unauthorised work carried out in the basement, which Application was subsequently withdrawn.

We just have to keep on waiting for the Ministers' decision.

Harbour Yard Open Day

On Saturday September 21st we had an Open Day at the Harbour Yard. Visitors came to learn about electric vehicles and to have their broken household items and clothes mended by the expert team from Grow West Fife. By the end of the day 16 broken items had been repaired including a lamp, a radio, a record player, many items of clothing and several teddies! Rosyth Men's Shed were also on hand to show everyone the workshop space they are managing with a display of what they have been making recently a North Queensferry Coastal Rowing Club had one of their skiffs on show.

It was great to see lots of new faces: all enjoying tea and cake and making new connections.



Beer-brewing classes

NQ Community Trust ran a series of three sessions covering all the basics of learning to brew your own beer. They culminated in a crucial tasting session on Saturday 19th October. We had excellent and friendly tuition from a local amateur brewer who showed us how to make an IPA and a Stout without having to invest in any fancy kit. At the bottling session we learned how to measure the alcohol content and proudly bottled and capped about twenty bottles each of "You Make Me Want to Stout" and "Don't IPA the Ferryman" ready for drinking a fortnight later.

Hopefully we will be having some more sessions and possibly buying some of the kit required to have more control over the brewing process so that everyone who comes to Brew school can borrow it.



Community Centre Newsletter

Great to see everyone at the Pop Up Pub on 5th October. A big thank you to Jackie Chan for organising this and to all those who helped on the night.

We hope to organise more of these and other events, including screening the Six Nations Scotland games during February and March. So look out for more information soon

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Our usual classes continue at the centre.

Monday: Yoga 7-830pm (downwardfacingdog@protonmail.com)

Tuesday: Arts & Crafts 7-9pm

Wednesday: Art Group 2-4pm

NQ Climate Action Network 730pm-9pm (every 2nd Wednesday of the month)

Thursday: Toddlers 930-1130am

Pars foundation (small hall) 345-430pm

Pars foundation (muga) 445-545pm (Kelly@parsfoundation.co.uk)

Pilates 6-7pm (laura@lauraspilates.co.uk)

Youth Club P4-P6 6-730pm

P7+ 745-9pm

Councillor Barrat/Neal (Drop-in surgery) 7-730pm (every 2nd Thursday of the month)

NQ Community Council 730-930pm (every 2nd Thursday of the month)

Friday: Pilates 915-1015am

Chill & Chat Cafe 2-430pm (all welcome)

Sunday: Rugby Tots 930-1045am (ryan@rugbytots.co.uk)

Saffi's dog training classes are on throughout the week, all days except Friday's. Contact:- (fifedogtraining.co.uk) for more information.

We continue to have our warm space sitting area which can be used any time the centre has a care-taker present. There is also a small selection of hot and cold drinks and snacks available to purchase.

We have several rooms occupied by local artists, including Karen Trotter, a multimedia artist (contact Instagram [karen.trotter1](https://www.instagram.com/karen.trotter1), Email karen.trotter1@gmail.com or Mobile 07765860584 to arrange a studio visit or to purchase art). Also a small business called Ecopartisans which specialise in skin care products.

We have 2 function rooms/halls available to hire for parties or events. Please contact facilities@nqcommunitycomplex.org.uk for further information.

We look forward to seeing you!

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Date	Walk	Type	Distance	Details
30 Oct'24	Pattiesmuir	C	2-4.5 miles	This is a figure of eight walk and can be done as one of two short walks or one long one. To the North up through open farmland with views to Dunfermline Abbey etc. To the South is over the Coffin Road to Rosyth Old Church ruin (actually Limekilns), then return along the foreshore.
13 Nov'24	St David's Dalgety Bay to Ballast Bank	C	2-3 miles	Park at St. David's Harbour, then follow the Coastal Path (West) along the foreshore to the Ballast Bank, Inverkeithing and return.
27 Nov'24	Cramond Brig to Cramond Village	L	3-4 miles	Starting from the Crammond Brig car park, the walk is on generally good paths taking you to Cramond Village.
11 Dec'24	Blackness to Abercorn Church	C	4-5 miles	Starting next to Blackness Castle, generally on good level paths through woodland to Abercorn church (circa 1100's). Returning by the high or low level path. The walk can be extended to include Mid Hope Castle.
15 Jan'25	Townhill Loch, Dunfermline	C	3 miles	Starting at the car park this walk takes you around the loch then into Townhill Park and Woods. A mixture of surfaced and unsurfaced paths.
29 Jan'25	South Queensferry to Dalmeny	L	4 miles	Undulating along the foreshore on good, mainly sheltered paths passing Barnbogle Castle.
12 Feb'25	Linlithgow Loch	C	2.5 miles	An easy walk with surfaced paths, this circular walk takes you around the loch with impressive views of the palace. A good choice of cafes in Linlithgow.

Key: C—circular walk L—linear walk

More info to follow, or get in touch with laura@lauraspilates.co.uk

Floral Enhancement---North Queensferry Station

the Spring, there will be far more colour than in previous years.

Meanwhile members of the Floral Enhancement Group continue to meet every Tuesday at 10.00 to look after the areas of open garden in the village. At present the Group is busy planting bulbs in tubs and at the station.

Floral Enhancement would welcome more volunteers to help with general gardens or to look after pots near them.





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