

# THE GREAT NURDLE HUNT

Nurdles are small plastic pellets that are melted down to make almost all plastic products. To better understand how bad the problem is on North Queensferry's beaches, teams of nurdle hunters will be at **Port Laing, West Bay, South Bay, Cult Ness and Ferrycraig beach** on **Sunday 26 October 2025 at 11am** as part of a UK-wide campaign. **Everyone's welcome.**  
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**What to bring: gloves and something to collect the nurdles in. This is what nurdles look like:**



The Nurdle Hunts are this Sunday -,26 October.....drop everything and come along. No matter what your age you will have fun and enjoy!

# Brock Street Play Park Refurbishment---Update

Progress has been made with the completion of the Tender Assessment and a formal contract awarded to the successful contractor.

The Play Park equipment is on order and site work should commence in late October 2025.

Completion Date?

Well, this will depend on a number of factors including weather conditions, but the intention is to have the refurbished park complete or nearing completion by the end of November 2025.

Please be aware that the existing park will be

closed off during the refurbishment period.

Again, many thanks to all who made a contribution to the project, as without your support, the project would have just been a dream.

Special mention to the pupils (over the years!) of NQ Primary School, who assisted with the design and various fund raising events, not forgetting the fun we had on our stall at numerous Village Shows!!

Certainly, a mention should go to Fife Council, and in particular, the Community Project Team, who have assisted and guided us through this long, and at times, challenging journey.

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## North Queensferry Community Council

North Queensferry Community Council continues to grapple with important issues affecting the village and seeking to ensure Fife Council, Network Rail and others properly engage with residents' concerns.

A new matter which has arisen (or, rather, and old one which has come back) is Edinburgh Airport's latest Airspace Change proposals, about which EAL is about to launch a public consultation.. One of these proposals would entail a considerable increase in aircraft flying low over North Queensferry Community Council, bringing with it not only a significant increase in noise, but also possible threats to the health of those who will be overflown. You can read more about the proposals elsewhere in the edition of the Ferry News,

North Queensferry is working with village residents to prepare a strong, co-ordinated response to the airport's damaging proposal, to which end the Community Council is convening a special meeting at **2.30pm on Saturday 1 November in the Church Hall**. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Another matter about which feeling continues to run high in the village is the future of the Albert Hotel. The court challenge by North Queensferry Community Trust to the Scottish Minister's refusal to allow a Community purchase of the Albert was due to be heard at Dunfermline Sheriff Court on 16<sup>th</sup> September, but a shortage of Court time means that it has been postponed until 10.00 am on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at Dunfermline Sheriff Court. There was a good turnout of residents for September hearing, but we should like to see an even bigger turnout of residents to show their support on 18<sup>th</sup> November.

The Community Council continues to pursue with Network Rail the issues of falling items and dirty water coming off the Forth Bridge. Progress is being made on these matters and the Community Council continues to engage with Network rail as it develops its proposed solutions.

In addition to these matters, the Community Council continues to seek an effective solution to continuing problems with the Battery Road Car Park barrier, and to deal with planning, traffic and

## North Queensferry Youth Club

The Youth Club had a summer full of fun with various trips and activities to keep everyone happy. We started the summer with the Ferry Festival which had a silent disco; facepainting, games and festival food favourites. Over the rest of summer we headed off to the bowling, had a fun night at Karaoke and to round off summer ended up at Blair Drummond Safari park

This term has been a quick one and the Youth Club hopes that more young people will start coming. If you are in P4 and above your club starts at 6pm. First night is free and then 50p each week after.

First week back will be our Halloween night - come along dressed up or not for some spooky fun! See you on **Thursday 30th October**

For more information please like our Facebook page - 'South West Fife Youth Work'



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## North Queensferry Parent Council

North Queensferry Parent Council aims to support our Nursery and Primary School and all its young people. We do this in many ways including providing feedback to staff at the school; promoting partnership between parents, carers and staff through regular meetings; supporting activities in the school such as discos and fundraising for equipment, resources and trips to benefit our children. We value the contributions of all in our community - whether that involves attending meetings, volunteering time in activities, or supporting our fundraising ventures. We are always keen to increase the involvement of the wider community, and if you think you could support us in any way please do get in touch on [nqparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:nqparentcouncil@gmail.com)

Recent funding has allowed P6 pupils to complete a Munro challenge, climbing Beinn Ghlas in the Grampians and our former P7s benefitted from a leavers' trip playing Crazy Golf. We have also purchased a picnic table and storage unit for our nursery pupils which have been used extensively over the summer period. We hope our future activities will enable us to purchase a basketball net for the playground. We are very grateful to North Queensferry Community Council for their recent contribution of £150 towards the Munro challenge.

The highlight of the year is always the Christmas Fayre with a chance to bring the whole school together with our wider community. This year the Christmas Fayre will be held during school hours on **Wednesday 3rd December from 1:00-2:45 pm in the school**. We hope everyone from our community will be able to come along to join the festive fun. There will be plenty of home baking and a raffle! Our pupils look forward to welcoming you there.



# North Queensferry



## 2nd Community Tree Planting Day!

The Community Complex together with NQ Climate Action Network and The Fife Coast and Countryside Trust hope to plant over 200 trees at the edges of the long grass around the community complex. Please come and join in! Children with a parent/guardian welcome.



**Where:** at NQ Community Complex **When:** Saturday 1st November 10am –12 noon. **What to bring:** gardening gloves & a spade if you have them. Refreshments will be available at the community centre. Further tree care days and further planting TBA.

Contact Jackie or David at [facilities@nqcommunitycentre.org.uk](mailto:facilities@nqcommunitycentre.org.uk) for more information.



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## Fife Forthview Parish Church News

In January 2024, five local churches came together to form Fife Forthview Parish Church, serving the communities of North Queensferry, Inverkeithing, Rosyth, Dalgety Bay, and Aberdour. Three ministers were appointed to care for these areas, helping to build new connections across our shared parish.

I'm Rev. Elané Sassenberg, and I'm delighted to introduce myself as minister for North Queensferry and Inverkeithing. I'm looking forward to becoming part of the community and serving you in any way I can. Please feel free to get in touch

at [esassenberg@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:esassenberg@churchofscotland.org.uk), or come along to the Village Coffee Morning at North Queensferry Church every second Wednesday from 10:30am to 12:00pm, everyone is welcome!

I've had the privilege to meet some of the children at North Queensferry Primary School during assemblies. It was also a real joy to celebrate Harvest with the School on 10 October, and I look forward to working together again in the future. A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who supported our VE and VJ coffee mornings over the summer, and to those who joined us for the Macmillan Coffee Morning, where we raised

an impressive £424

Each month, donations from the fortnightly coffee mornings go to a nominated local or national charity — your generosity truly makes a difference.

Some of you may have read about the church's history on the North Queensferry Heritage Trust website. The original stone church at the foot of The Brae was demolished in 1958, and the current Ferryhills Road building opened in 1963, with the adjoining hall built through local fundraising. Originally expected to last 25 years, these buildings have served the community for over 60 years — a real testament to the dedication of those who care for them. However, increasing maintenance costs will require careful consideration of the building's future. Many thanks also to everyone who crafted beautiful poppies for display at the Village Show. We invite you to visit the Remembrance displays on Sunday 9 November as we come together to honour those who served.

Finally, Advent begins on Sunday 30 November, marking the start of the festive season. We would love for you to join us at our services and events as we celebrate together.



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## **Consultation by Edinburgh Airport on changes to flight paths that will impact the village.**

Aircraft Noise has a detrimental impact on people's health. The government recognises this impact which has been demonstrated by numerous studies of health outcomes for people exposed to noise compared to others who are not. The impact is analogous to the impact of smoking in that it happens even if people have beliefs or opinions that it doesn't matter. It does. Studies have shown that for every ten decibels of sound increase there is a 10% increase in risk of Hypertension which is linked to increased risk of heart attacks, Dementia and Stroke. Noise at night in particular is detrimental to restorative sleep. Noise does reduce the ability of children to concentrate at school and is detrimental to their educational attainments.

That said there are requirements on Edinburgh Airport to minimise that impact when and where possible. The Airport is currently applying to make changes to the flight paths of aircraft that overfly many communities and they are about to consult on those changes.

### **The airport will propose several significant changes to the present flow of air traffic which will directly impact North Queensferry residents.**

The Airport currently routes most traffic to London and Europe by heading west over Livingston then turning south. That route has been determined to be troublesome with congestion as these flights merge with other traffic from the midlands. Edinburgh Airport are going to propose re-routing much of this traffic to turn right out of the airport. This traffic will then climb over North Queensferry while continuing to bank and head towards the south or head up the Forth towards Europe. The Airport is proposing three different options. **Option 1** will climb over North Queensferry at between 5000 and 7000ft above us. 7000 ft is similar to the present height of the traffic over Inverkeithing. This will happen on the 70% of days when the wind is from the west. **Option 3** will carry on towards Linlithgow before beginning to turn and will then be over North Queensferry at approximately 18000ft. This option will have much less impact on North Queensferry. **Option 2** is a compromise and will fly over the village at an intermediate height.

The decision on which option will be taken forward will depend on how many people's health will be impacted across each of the optional routes and it will depend on the communities' response. It may also be dependent on the airlines response and industry influence so our voice and its strength in November is vital to the decisions which will be made on our behalf by the Civil Aviation Authority who oversee the process. The Community Council's representation on the Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board has, to date, made a difference. The existing route that flies over Inverkeithing and impacts the east of the village will likely be pushed further north of Dalgety Bay and will then be higher by the time it reaches North Queensferry. That route will also carry less traffic as all of the European traffic to the east will continue straight down the Forth. Traffic to the south will continue to be spread between this new adjusted route and the existing route that turns south over East Lothian.

All of the route changes will be required to be supported by evidence of the impact of noise on people and this evidence should be clearly illustrated in the consultation material. Edinburgh Airport have said they are willing to come to discuss the proposals with the community. It is recommended that this offer is taken up and prepared for by writing to the airport and requesting to be included in

## **Consultation by Edinburgh Airport continued.**

their community contact.

### **Noise Action Plan**

On a closely related matter every five years Edinburgh Airport is required by the Scottish Government to lay out plans to reduce wherever possible the impact of noise from their operations on the affected communities. The airport are about to announce a public consultation on its past performance and its new Action Plan for the next five years. By the time you receive this the consultation will have begun. They have not yet notified the date of commencement for this six week period which is the opportunity for feedback and response from communities. **You are urged to give feedback to the airport and to attend the meeting in the Church Hall at 2-30pm on Saturday 1 November.**

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## **North Queensferry Local Action Plan**

This plan was developed and delivered over a 3-year period from 2021-2024. The establishment of the community forum was ratified by the South West Fife Area Committee which awarded the community forum £15,000 to support the establishment of the forum and to authorise small funding pots to community groups across North Queensferry.

Some examples of the use of this funding includes

Purchasing sports equipment for the North Queensferry community complex

The refurbishment of the Brock Street Playpark (Dave Neill, Community Forum member) has been an excellent lead in driving this project).

Printing costs of the Ferry News newsletter

Supporting the work of the North Queensferry Climate Action Group.

There is a small amount of the £15k budget remaining, the NQ Local Action Plan community forum continue to authorise small amounts of funding to local community groups, that meet the outcomes in the NQ Local Action Plan.

To access the NQ Local Action Plan funding and to request a funding application form, email **Gemma.mcguinness@fife.gov.uk**.

The applications are sent on to the NQ local action plan community forum members to discuss and authorise applications where the applications meet the local action plan outcomes.

For any more information on the North Queensferry Local Action Plan and the work of the community forum, please contact David Manderson, Fife Council Community Worker

### **Mobile Library**

The Mobile Library van is due at Brock St (opposite the school) from 2.20pm – 2.50pm on 20 October, 3,17 November, 1,15 December. There will be a break over Christmas and New Year, with the service restarting on 12 January 2026. After that it should be fortnightly if it follows the same pattern as this year, so 12,26 January, 9,23 February, 9 23 March 2026.

#### **You can't miss the Mobile Library van, it's turquoise!**

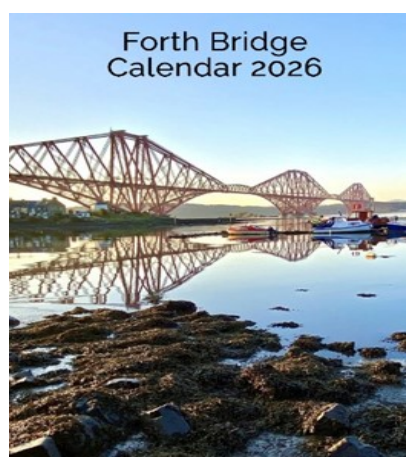
The van carries a good range of books to borrow. You can also join the library, return books and request any book from the Fife Library catalogue. The catalogue is viewable online at [www.onfife.com/libraries-archives/librarycat/](http://www.onfife.com/libraries-archives/librarycat/)

## North Queensferry Walking and Strolling Group 2025-26

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	TYP E	DIS- TANCE	DETAILS
03 Decem- ber	Blackness to Carriden	L	2-3 miles	From Blackness village we head West along the foreshore to Carriden The aspect is open although the path is unsurfaced and narrow in places.
17 Decem- ber	Loch Leven	L / C	2-5 miles	Starting from the car park at Loch Leven's Larder, there are various walks to suit all with fantastic views over the loch. Eventually having a light lunch and possibly a bit of Xmas shopping.
31 Decem- ber	<b>Public Holiday</b>			<b>Public Holiday.</b>
14 January 26	Pittencrieff Park, Dunfermline	C	2-3 miles	Various tarmac paths suitable for all abilities There's a café located in the Park.
28 January	Inverkeithing to Dalgety Bay	L	2-3 miles	Starting at the Ballast Bank, Inverkeithing, the route is part of the Fife Coastal Path following the Firth of Forth.
11 February	Blairadam For- est	C	1.5-4 miles	A large choice of walks in the forest on good wide paths.
25 February	Falkland	L and C	1.5-4 miles	A number of options, but the main walk is from the centre of Falkland, up through Falkland House estate and follow the Mapsie Burn through he den to the waterfall and return. All on good paths.

**Key:** C—circular walk / L—linear walk



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# *Christmas carols in the village* **WED 17 DECEMBER 2025**

The village singing group **Take it to the Bridge** will be carol singing around North Queensferry on December 17th - and we would love for you to take part!

We will have open practice sessions in the Community Centre on **Wednesdays 6.30-8pm** from Nov 5th until Dec 10th. Come join us for some or all of the sessions if you can.

You don't need to read music or have any singing experience. Celebrate the joy of the season with us; it's festive, free & fun!

*...and we often have home baking too.*

## **Floral Enhancement**

We have had a busy summer keeping the village tubs and various garden areas blooming and looking tidy

The group of friendly volunteers meet on a Tuesday morning . New volunteers are always welcome. Two of our local Councillors, David Barratt and Sarah Neal have helped with water problems on the Brae and obtaining compost from Fife Council.

Thanks to all the residents who help to water tubs in their area and donate plants from their garden

## What's on at the Community Centre?

Saturday 1st November: the Rowing Club ceilidh. Tickets (£15) includes a plate of stovies. Tickets available from Rankins or Wright' shops.

Saturday 29th November: get your teams together for the Community Centre's next pop up bar and quiz night.

Classes currently running at the centre...

Monday - Nacho's Yoga 7-8.30pm

Tuesday - Arts and Crafts 7-9pm

Wednesday - Nacho's Chair yoga class 11-12pm

Chill and Chat cafe - 12-2pm

Energy Group meeting 20 November (regular meetings will be the 2nd Wednesday of the month Feb-Nov 26)

Thursday - Toddlers 9.30-11.30am

Mini Kickers 3.45-4.30pm Small hall

Pars Kids Football 5-6pm (MUGA)

Laura's Pilates 6-7pm

Youth Club (P4-P7) 6-7.30pm

(P7 onwards) 7.45-9pm

Monthly Community Council meetings

Friday - Laura's Pilates 9.15-10.20am

Monthly Advice Surgery ( Annabelle Ewing MSP )12.40-120pm

Sunday - Rugby Tots 10.00-10.45am

Saffi's dog classes continue throughout the week, Monday-Sunday (excluding Fridays)

Remember, we have two fantastic halls if you're planning an event, such as a

birthday party, ceilidh or wedding reception. Enquiries to [Facilities@nqcommunitycomplex.org.uk](mailto:Facilities@nqcommunitycomplex.org.uk)

Our warm space sitting area can be used by the community whenever the centre

is open.

Our newest class running here on a Wednesday is Nacho's Chair yoga class, 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 also pay as you go. Then our Chill and Chat cafe is on straight after so you can relax and have a chat with a cuppa and a biscuit.

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

**[Facilities@nqcommunitycomplex.org.uk](mailto:Facilities@nqcommunitycomplex.org.uk)**

If you are on Facebook, follow our page 'North Queensferry community complex for up to date information.

We look forward to seeing you!



North Queensferry  
Community Complex

# POP-UP PUB QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday November 29**  
**7.30pm-11.30pm**

**£10 PER TEAM**  
**(MAX 6 PEOPLE)**

**WIN CASH, PRIZES & GLORY!**

The pop-up pub quiz is back! Save your spot or join on the night (if you don't have a team we will try to match you up). Table tennis & pool also available.

Beer, wine, spirits, soft drinks & non-alcoholic options behind the bar - now with bar snacks!

**SAVE YOUR SPOT NOW!**



Children welcome - with a parent or guardian

# Report from the Transport Group of North Queensferry Climate Action Network

This Group seeks to improve the quality, sustainability and safety of all forms of transport within the village and in particular to foster safe and healthy walking and bicycling.

An update is as follows:

1. The idea of a shuttle bus from the Station to Ferry Toll is still alive- which is encouraging – and the Group think that Fife Council are working up a shuttle bus specification to go to tender.
2. The possible foot crossing at the bottom of the Forth Road Bridge steps does not seem to be making much progress. There has been talk of getting electricity to operate the pedestrian crossing from the FRB itself. The Group are not sure that electricity is needed; after all pedestrians have had no protection whatsoever for 50+years so some protection is better than nothing, although Fife Council probably see things differently..
3. The same is true regarding the pinch point (where the road narrows further opposite No. 7) on Ferryhills Road, although the Council seem uninclined to do anything beyond, perhaps, a sign warning of the narrowness. We prefer a deliberate narrowing so that only one vehicle can go at a time (as under the rail bridge) and this thus solves both the pinch and speeding issues in one go. At 4.2 metres, the width is not sufficient to allow two largish cars to pass, let alone a car and van – or something bigger; it is 1.8 metres narrower than required for a bus route.
4. The traffic surveys on the two entrances to the village, Main Road and Ferryhills Road, have been completed but no results are yet known. When they are, they will have impacts on the pinch point and the FRB crossing
5. The charging point at Battery Road is moving very slowly and at Brock Street we do not think that the principle, let alone the practicalities, has been agreed. Until Councils, including Fife, complete their procurement exercise and appoint a new provider of charging points progress is not expected. This is probably true of any possible EV point at the station. The idea of providing charging points at the Community Centre is in the early stage of investigation. We also understand that where Electric Vehicle charging points can be sited and the supply they can provide are both impacted by limitations in the available electricity supply.
6. We are trying to interest Fife Council in bringing in simple pedestrian crossings at road junctions (without lights or Belisha beacons) because under the new Highway Code pedestrians have priority over traffic leaving or joining the main road at junctions, such as at Brock Street and Ferryhills Road. The Scottish Government are discussing the idea with the UK Government.
7. There will be a meeting at the Community Centre with the local Councillors (we hope all four) on Wednesday 11 February 2026, primarily to deal with Transport matters but also to deal with questions on any CAN topic raised by members; ideally, the Councillors would be given prior notice of questions, in order to improve the quality of the answers.
8. An application has been made to the Crown Estate Scotland funds managed by Fife Council to help with a feasibility study costing perhaps £30,000 for a Fife Coastal path improved route between NQ and Rosyth; the end objective would be to create a safe and direct walking and bicycling route between NQ and the new High School in Rosyth. The first task would be to create a new section of path through the woods between Admiralty House and Inchcolm and the second more costly and complex one would be for a new path around St Maragret's Marsh. The critical requirement of obtaining buy-in from Fife Coast and Countryside Trust is being sought; a meeting with the Trust as held on 6 October at which a promising start was made.

If you have any questions (either on Transport matters or for the meeting with Councillors on 11 February 2026) please contact us on: [nq.climate.action.network@gmail.com](mailto:nq.climate.action.network@gmail.com)

**Useful Information**—see FerryNews articles for details

## **October**

**26** Great Nurdle Hunt— various village shores/bays— see poster.

**30** Halloween at the Youth Club

## **November**

**1** Rowing Club Ceilidh at the Community Centre.

**1** Special Community Council meeting to co-ordinate the village's response Edinburgh Airport's new plans for aircraft departure routing. 2.30pm in the Church Hall.

**1** Community tree planting —see poster.

**20** Warming up North Queensferry (2), a NQ Action Network meeting, 7,30pm, at the Community Centre. A follow-up meeting from the one in April now looking at practical problems and obstacles to making the changes needed to make our homes more economical in their use of energy and move us away from gas to clean, green electricity. Bring your questions, problems, and difficulties with making the changes to the meeting. Come with your experience if you have made some of the changes.

**29** Community Pop-up Pub and Quiz Night- see poster

## **December**

**3** School Christmas Fayre—1:00-2:45 pm in the school.

## **2026**

### **January 2026**

### **February**

**11** NQAN meeting, 7.30pm at the Community Centre with an emphasis on transport issues

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