



Callander Connect



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Who's been in?



Community Council Surgeries

Callander CC have been holding their surgeries (now once a month the Saturday before their Council Meetings) to listen to local queries and concerns.

Hello To Spanish

Beginner level Spanish classes have been taking place every Wednesday evening for a 7-week course.



HelloToSpanish.com
Learn Spanish For Your Holidays

Knit & Knatter

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, a newly formed band of knitters and knatterers practise their skills over a hot drink and a blether!

Callander Jazz & Blues Festival

We were glad to host the Callander Jazz and Blues organisers in early October to provide them with a central base for the popular festival.



Scrabble Club

Every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, join the growing group of wordsmiths for a few relaxed games of Scrabble.

Create Club

We were thrilled to host local art teacher, Jodie, and her Halloween themed felting workshops for children and teenagers last month.

Local Place Plan Priorities Update

Pedestrian Footbridge (1.i.a) & Safe Walking Routes to School (1.i.b & 1.ii)

Contrary to our last newsletter, we have been informed that Stirling Council have yet to begin consultations regarding the levelling of the Creep footpath up to McLaren High School. We apologise for this misinformation. We are awaiting further updates from Stirling Council for this project.

Main Street Regeneration (5.i & 5.iii)

An application has been submitted to Stirling Council's Premises Improvement Grant Scheme for signage and paint for eligible shopfronts on Main Street, for any business owners who would like this.



Meadows Masterplan (2.i)

The Green Adventure Gateway project held its second engagement event last month to gather ideas from the community about ways to improve the Meadows and Station Road car parks area of Callander - for residents, visitors and wildlife. Using this feedback, as well as advice from stakeholders such as Forth Rivers Trust, SCOTO, Trust In The Park, Stirling Council and Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park, design options have been drafted which are on display at Callander Connect and the Visitor Information Centre window.

See next page for early design options based on the feedback we've received so far. Let us know your thoughts about these ideas!

You can also view these online:

<https://padlet.com/callanderconnect/localplaceplan>

Callander Meadows

A Connected River Parkland

Callander Meadows Concept

These proposals have been developed in response to community contributors and in accordance with the Callander's Local Place Plan (CCDT / CCC 2022) and the Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Development Framework (LITNPA 2024).

The concept vision for the Meadows is to reduce the dominance of vehicles in this space, and reimagine it as a river parkland.

Resident, business & emergency vehicular access is maintained, and provision for an increase in accessible parking is provided.

Hardstanding areas are redeveloped to provide a connected parkland, safe pedestrian and cycling routes and access to the water but reducing the hard edge to the river.

Creation of a pond and softening of the riverside edge are possible nature based solutions or part of, to improve flood water capacity.

Biodiversity is enhanced through creation of more diverse habitats and positive landscape management. The experience of play extends into the landscape offering more play on the way.

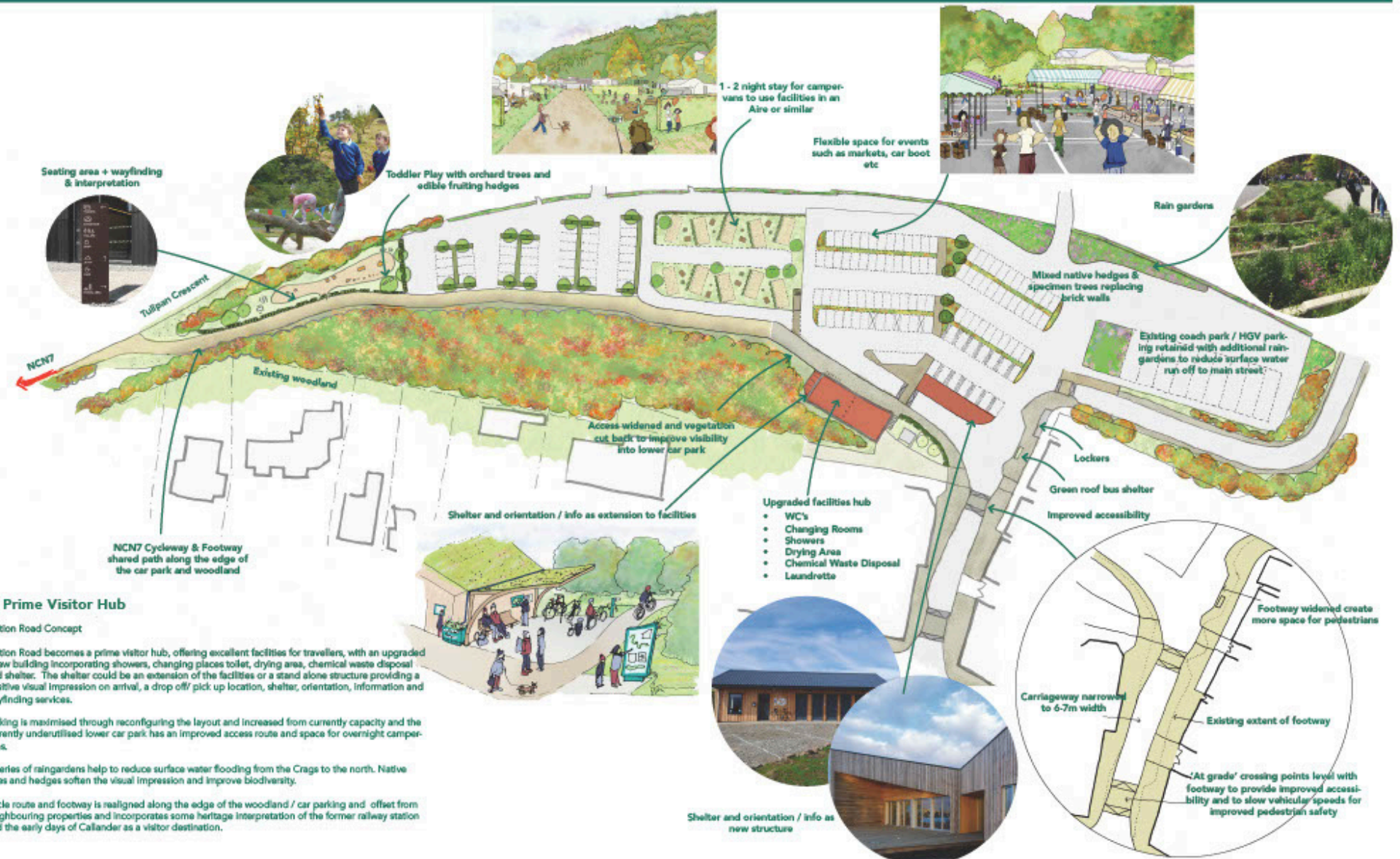
Sketch view towards open amenity area west of pond



Sketch view of Callander Meadows from River Teith



Station Road Car Park



A Prime Visitor Hub

Station Road Concept

Station Road becomes a prime visitor hub, offering excellent facilities for travellers, with an upgraded / new building incorporating showers, changing places toilet, drying area, chemical waste disposal and shelter. The shelter could be an extension of the facilities or a stand alone structure providing a positive visual impression on arrival, a drop off/ pick up location, shelter, orientation, information and wayfinding services.

Parking is maximised through reconfiguring the layout and increased from currently capacity and the currently underutilised lower car park has an improved access route and space for overnight campervans.

A series of raingardens help to reduce surface water flooding from the Craigs to the north. Native trees and hedges soften the visual impression and improve biodiversity.

Cycle route and footway is realigned along the edge of the woodland / car parking and offset from neighbouring properties and incorporates some heritage interpretation of the former railway station and the early days of Callander as a visitor destination.

Development Trust update



Thank you to all those who attended our Annual General Meeting last month - it was great to see both members and non-members there, as well as a selection of our Associated and Affiliated Organisations with information stalls. And welcome to our new members!



We were very happy to receive several applications for the third and penultimate round of Hydro Fund awards for 2024. We are in the process of contacting applicants, all of whom we hope to support in some way.

CCDT is inviting ideas for how to redecorate the disconnected phone box near Camp Place, which is now community-owned. Book exchange, seed swap, plant swap, historical exhibit, art installation - all suggestions welcome!

Community Council update



Callander Community Council is still open for nominees for Callander Citizen of the Year 2024. We know there are citizens in the community who have done amazing work during this last year, and we would like them to be publicly appreciated. To be nominated for CotY, some of the criteria are repeated below:

Purpose: To award and thank a local citizen for outstanding contribution to Callander community life particularly during that year (2024).

Criteria: Any resident of Callander can nominate a person or even a group of people for outstanding service. Awards will usually be for volunteer work but may be for paid services.

People making nominations must give the full name of the person(s) they are voting for and the reason for the nomination and, if possible, why they are outstanding in that year in particular. Nominations would not normally be for someone being good at their job, this is for exceptional service. Nominations should be sent by email to: callandercc556@gmail.com to arrive by no later than 31st January 2025.