

CCDT QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

CALLANDER COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Complementing our monthly Callander Connect newsletter, welcome to your new quarterly CCDT newsletter!



Welcome

In these newsletters, we will share updates on the work of CCDT. Whereas our monthly Callander Connect newsletter will touch on the happenings at our joint base with Callander Community Council at 43 Main Street, this mailshot will delve into our projects, the great causes we've funded through our Hydro Scheme, and the work done by some of our brilliant members!



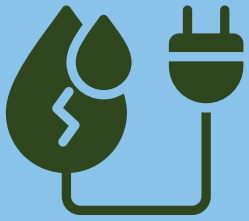
CALLANDER CONNECT

Generally open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to the public, but our joint home with the Community Council is available for booking 7 days a week by local groups, clubs or activities! Pop in to see what's on and to make use of our fantastic seed library!

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

As at the end of June, we had welcomed over **8,000** visitors to the Visitor Information Centre so far this season! If you are interested in sharing your local knowledge with grateful visitors as a volunteer - we would love to hear from you!





HYDRO TOURS

We were thrilled to run two free tours of our Hydro Electric Scheme above Loch Lubnaig earlier this summer. The first community Hydro plant to be set up in the UK - it was launched in 2014 and has since helped to fund various local initiatives such as the Callander Jazz and Blues Festival, defibrillators for the Primary School and Loch Venachar Sailing Club, the Craigard lunch club for over 60s, as well as the Callander Citizens Advice Bureau - see case study below. We are open to organising more tours of the Hydro, so if you would be interested, do let us know by emailing secretary@callandercdt.org.uk.



E-BIKE SHARE SCHEME

In June, we launched our community e-bike share scheme! Thanks to funding from Cycling UK, Callander locals can rent one of our four e-bikes for between 1 and 4 weeks at a time, replacing short car journeys with a greener, more active mode of travel. Either sign up as a member of the scheme for £24/year or pay as you go for just £5/week! Email us to book your induction today at secretary@callandercdt.org.uk.



JOIN CCDT

We are always keen for new people to get involved with the work of CCDT, and there are lots of ways you can contribute. Whether it's helping out with one-off events or projects, imparting your knowledge of the area to visiting tourists in the Visitor Information Centre, helping to push forward one of the priorities of Callander's Local Place Plan, or having a say in the general direction of the Trust by joining its Board - we welcome fresh insight, energy and enthusiasm! Call in at Callander Connect (43 Main St), or drop us an email at secretary@callandercdt.org.uk to find out more in how you can actively participate in the community.

citizens advice bureau

Hydro Fund Grantee Case Study: Callander Citizens Advice Bureau

Over the past few years, the Hydro Fund, owned by CCDT, has granted more than £70k for a caseworker from Citizens Advice Bureau to come to Callander each week to offer their life changing services to those in short-term crisis here. Some of this money has also gone towards creating a Community Support Fund, which can be accessed and distributed locally by CAB, to those who most need it.

In the last year, this funding has helped unlock more than £360k (that we know of) in benefits and financial support for the almost 700 individuals who used it. More simply, for every £1 given by the Hydro Fund, about £17 has been gained in statutory aid to around a staggering 20% of Callander's population.

“Receiving the CCDT fund at the time of crisis and not having to wait days or weeks for a decision about an application was life changing in that moment.”

CCDT Member Spotlight: Greener Callander

Greener Callander is a group of volunteers who grow and nurture several green initiatives in the town. From the hanging baskets on Main Street, to the Friendship and Frerichs Gardens, to the St Kessogs beds and more. They do a wonderful job growing plants and flowers in their own gardens, planting them up in the Callander Hostel polytunnels, and delivering them around Callander. At their recent annual plant sale they raised over £1,000, which will pay for next year's plants! New volunteers are always welcome! Follow Greener Callander on Facebook for more information.



LOCAL PLACE PLAN UPDATES

CCDT have recently been awarded funding from FVL CLLD to undertake a feasibility study of the Meadows and Station Rd Car Park. To start this project, you are invited to submit photos of the Meadows and Station Road Car Park throughout the years/seasons by emailing development@callandercdt.org.uk with a short description and date. These images will help create a landscape gallery in Callander Connect and be used as part of discussions about the future of the Meadows and Station Rd car park. Stay tuned for upcoming engagement events to discuss the future of these spaces.

If you are keen to become more involved in LPP projects, email development@callandercdt.org.uk



LATEST NEWS

As many of you will be aware, the recent announcement of the closures of our local post office and bank has caused significant concern among residents and businesses.

In light of these closures, CCDT and Callander Community Council are actively exploring viable solutions to ensure that the needs of the community continue to be met. Our primary goal is to find a sustainable alternative that will maintain the essential service provided by the post office, hopefully also incorporating a banking hub.

A task force comprising members of both organisations has been established to reach out to stakeholders to discuss what the options could be, should no other solution be forthcoming, and we will be seeking community input on our findings.

The Wishing Tree - come and add your ideas at Callander Connect!



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