

June Newsletter



Welcome to our June newsletter.

Grab a brew and see what NSI have been up to

Funding

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Co-op Members can help us receive a share of £5m from the Local Community Fund.

Choose us on the Co-op App or at coop.co.uk/membership



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Are you a Co-Op member? If so you can vote for NSI as the local cause you would like to support. You can do this via the app or visiting www.coop.co.uk/membership. Every vote counts. The more votes, the more funding we will receive in 2026. The funding we receive will be going towards Vibe 75 costs.

We have received some more funding from a private donor through Foundation Scotland to deliver some more crafting workshops at Vibe 75 which Christy is currently working on behind the scenes

Funding was received from the Holywood Trust and the National Lottery to employ a new admin assistant for 15 hours per week.

Introductions

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you, virtually, to Lauren Keenan, who is our new admin assistant. She is currently based in the centre office, Mon-Fri 930-130 but will soon be moving to the Old Town Hall. We also have Andy Openshaw who has recently joined us as a new trustee, all the way from Bolton, new to NSI and fairly new to the town.

NSI Community Shop

To be able to deliver the projects for our town we rely on funding and profits from our community shop. If you have anything to donate or looking for gifts/kitchen items/clothing do pop along to our shop at Dashwood Square or one of our pop-up events in Vibe 75 to help support NSI.

We are always looking for volunteers in our shop so if you have a few spare hours, want to give something back to the community or develop your confidence drop into the shop for an application form.

Happy Daze

Held on the last Thursday of the month at Vibe 75 from 12-2pm. Last week we had the well kent Margaret Shankland join us for a talk on the local area. Ken also premiered his latest reanimated video, 'Local Folk at Work', which was launched at the latest Happy Daze session and warmly received.

Happy Daze now has its own Facebook page for comments, interest and to be kept informed which you can find here

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61585968225602&locale=en_GB

If you would like to come along and give a talk on the history of the town or an element of it, we would love to hear from you. Just drop us an email to info@newtonstewartinitiative.net

Vibe 75

If you want to get in touch with anything regarding Vibe 75 please email Christy at vibeprojectworker@outlook.com.

Gather is the new pop up café running three Wednesdays per month at Vibe 75 from 10-2, with coffee and cake, seed, plant and produce swaps, you can bring your knitting, a book or just yourself and enjoy the community café vibes.

Janette will still be holding her pop up café on the second Wednesday of the month from 10-12pm.

The Newton Stewart Wellbeing Hub is on every other Monday from 10-1230pm, where you can pop along for a cuppa and a chat.

There is also a weekly darts group on a Wednesday evening for young people.

Old Town Hall

We have been granted the license to occupy whilst the CAT is still being formalised with DG Council. The ground floor is now decorated and we are hoping to begin moving our office from the centre to the Old Town Hall in the next couple of weeks. Once we have an opening date, we will let you know.

Website and social media

www.newtonstewart.net

www.newtonstewart.org

www.facebook.com/NewtonStewartInitiative

www.instagram.com/NewtonStewartInitiative

AGM

Our annual AGM was held on Friday May 15th alongside the Community Shop Awards. Once the minutes are approved at our next Board meeting they will be published on the NSI website. Thank you to everyone who came along.

That's all for now folks