

Newton Abbot Community Interest Company 2014/15 Annual Report

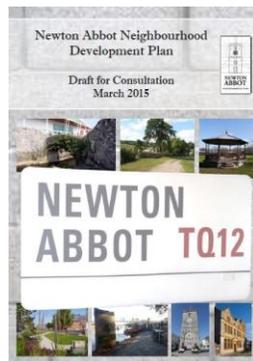
Introduction

Newton Abbot CIC has been involved with a diverse range of project work during 2014/15.

Newton Abbot Neighbourhood Plan

The CIC has been delighted to play our part in developing the Newton Abbot Neighbourhood Plan. If adopted the Plan will become an important part of the planning framework for the future of the town.

The CIC has managed the consultation process for the Plan, organising a series of drop-in events during 2014. The CIC has also drafted the Neighbourhood Plan document and will be supporting the process of revising the Plan until it is submitted to an Independent Examiner later in 2015.



The Plan provides a vision for future planning of the town. It also sets out a series of projects which were raised as priorities during the consultation process. It is hoped that the CIC will be involved in delivering these activities in future years.

Buckland Activities Coordinator

The Buckland Activities Coordinator has delivered several new activities for the Buckland estate, focusing particularly on the Community Centre. Many new activities have been started as well as the very successful Summer and Christmas Fairs and a popular Book Club.

Buckland Community Centre

The CIC has worked closely with the BMCA Trustees during 2014/15 to support the management of the Community Centre. The Centre has now been refurbished and delivers a busy programme of activities. With improved facilities and a focus on promotion and marketing bookings at the Centre have increased significantly over recent months.

Looking for a meeting or conference venue?

Why not try:

Buckland & Milber Community Centre

- Variety of rooms available including a large hall for up to 200 delegates
- Free Wifi
- Fully equipped computer suite
- Large free car park
- Kitchen facilities with lunches available by arrangement
- Easy access from the A380 and via the foot bridge from Brunel Road Industrial Estate



For more details visit:
<http://communitycentre-bucklandandmilber.bick.co.uk>
give us a call on (01628) 206690
or email bmca@newtonabbotcic.org.uk

Buckland Youth Club

Newton Abbot CIC secured funding for the Buckland & Milber Community Association to re-open the Buckland & Milber Youth Club following its closure by Devon County Council in July 2014. The Association has used funding to appoint a Play Leader to work alongside a dedicated team of volunteers. The Club has now re-opened for the 6-11 age group. The Play Leader works closely with the Activities Coordinator to deliver joint activities for young people during the School holidays.



Schools Council

The CIC has supported the Newton Abbot Schools Council during 2014/15. We have attended meetings of the Schools Council and organised a visit for the students to meet with the Leader of Teignbridge Council to discuss their priorities for the town. The CIC has also attended meetings of the Schools Councils at Haytor View Primary School and Coombeshead College to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan and future priorities for the town.

Board of Directors

Newton Abbot CIC is led by a Board of Directors with a broad range of skills and experience. The current Directors are:

- Chair - Lynn McElheron, local resident.
- Vice-Chair - John Pike, local resident.
- Vice-Chair – Councillor Daphne Watts – Town Councillor and local resident.
- Councillor Anne Fry Town, District and County Councillor and local resident.
- Councillor Ken Lewis, Town and District Councillor and local resident.
- Paula Birbeck, Director of Services, Teign Housing.

Priorities for 2015/16

The CIC's work falls under three broad themes; delivery of projects, supporting other organisations and activities, and lobbying for action on issues around the town.

The CIC will be continuing our work on the Neighbourhood Plan over the next few months. We have secured funding from Teignbridge District Council to deliver some work around resident engagement and skills development on the Buckland estate. We are also helping to deliver improvements to parts of the town centre, particularly Golden Lion Square. We also persevere with our objective to ensure there will be adequate community facilities and other infrastructure to support the new growth across the town.

Postscript

Newton Abbot CIC relies on grant funding and income raised through consultancy work to fund our core costs. We are grateful to Newton Abbot Town Council for their continued support of the CIC team and our work in the town.

The CIC Team are:

- Emily Farrell – Business & Community Development Manager.
- Fran Bennett – Buckland Activities Coordinator.
- Faith Cummins – Administrator.

You can find out the latest news about our work by visiting our website, where you can also find details of how you can get involved in the CIC's work by becoming a member.



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