



# Newton Abbot Community Interest Company

## 2017/18 Annual Report

### Introduction

Newton Abbot Community Interest Company has supported and delivered a wide-variety of projects during 2017/18

### Penn Inn Roundabout

The CIC has begun the process of tidying-up and re-planting Penn Inn roundabout following completion of the flyover. We are very thankful for the amazing team of volunteers who worked so hard to complete the planting of the first flowerbed and the re-seeding of the wildflower meadow. The team worked tirelessly over many weeks, digging in all weathers to create the new bed. Removal of the invasive weeds from the wild flower area is ongoing. Further work including tree planting and wild flower seeding is planned for the autumn. It is hoped that future work will include an art project with local Schools and voluntary groups.



We are grateful for the support from Newton Abbot Town Council, Teignbridge District Council and Devon County Council, including the purchase of the wild flower seed by Teignbridge Councillors and other individuals. Plantworld has sponsored the flower bed, being instrumental in getting this first phase of the project completed.

### Community facilities for new developments

With 4,500 new homes planned for Newton Abbot, the CIC continues to lobby for the delivery of community infrastructure within the new areas of housing.

To date our focus has been on the new development to the west of the town. We are currently working with Teignbridge District Council to develop plans for a community facility within the area known as Houghton Barton. We are working with local residents and other agencies to talk about what is needed to create a strong, sustainable community.

### Buckland & Milber Community Centre

Following completion of the improvement works at the Centre, the CIC has continued to support the Community Association by providing on-going management and administration of the building and its facilities. The CIC recently appointed an Administrator; Merry Hooper who will be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the building and lettings.

### Buckland & Milber Youth Club

The CIC supports the Buckland & Milber Youth Club which provides a Club for local children aged 9-15 at Buckland & Milber Community Centre. The CIC provides line management for the Youth Worker and administrative support for the Club.

### Newton Abbot Schools Council

The CIC supports Coombeshead Academy to run the Newton Abbot Schools' Council (NASC). NASC includes pupils from local Primary Schools. The Council learn about local democracy through a series of visits to Newton Abbot Town Council, Teignbridge District Council and the Houses of Parliament.

### Priorities for the year ahead

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 is represented on a wide-variety of organisations in the town. Over the next 12 months we plan to continue our existing projects and activities. We are always keen to discuss new issues and opportunities so please get in touch if you have any suggestions or would like to get involved.

### 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 support of the CIC team and our work in the town.

You can find out the latest news about our work by visiting our website at [www.newtonabbotcic.org.uk](http://www.newtonabbotcic.org.uk).