



Newton Abbot Community Interest Company

Annual Report 2018/19

2018/19 has been another busy year for Newton Abbot Community Interest Company (CIC). During the year we've celebrated our 10th Birthday and delivered a wide variety of projects and activities. This report includes a few the highlights.

The Buckland Centre

In March 2019 the lease for Buckland & Milber Community Centre transferred to Newton Abbot CIC. Day-to-day this change will make no difference to regular users of the Centre, as the CIC has been involved in running it for a number of years. The Centre continues to offer a broad mix of groups and activities as well as rooms for private hire.

We are planning some improvements to the building, including a new name to reflect its location within Buckland. The Centre has been re-named The Buckland Centre. Signage around the building is currently being replaced, and we are developing a new website with an online booking facility.



We have recently re-opened the Base Youth Club at The Buckland Centre and have appointed two new Youth Workers to manage and develop the facilities on offer for local young people.

Penn Inn Improvements

During 2018 the CIC led a fantastic team of gardening volunteers to make improvements within the central island. New shrubs, bulbs, trees and flowers have been planted and further work is currently being planned including an art project with local Schools.

One of the highlights was the Poppies at Penn Inn Project designed to tie-in with the World War One Centenary in November 2018. Children from Haytor View Primary School made poppies out of a variety of craft materials and placed them under the flyover for Remembrance weekend. The children were given a chance to reflect on the significant of the anniversary, as well as to take part in bulb and tree planting.



Newton Abbot Schools Council

The CIC continues to support the Schools Council which engages year 5 pupils from local Primary Schools in a series of visits to learn more about how decisions are taken by Newton Abbot Town Council and Teignbridge District Council. Pictured are the students at a recent visit to Teignbridge District Council hosted by Cllr Christophers.



Facilities for new communities

The CIC continues to work with the District Council to seek to ensure that the new areas of housing in the town are supported by adequate infrastructure. This is a lengthy process and not something we are going to resolve quickly. We have provided a new noticeboard for residents of the 'Our Fairways' community on the western edge of the town, and discussions are continuing regarding other possible projects.



About Us...

Newton Abbot CIC is a social enterprise set up to support those living and working in Newton Abbot. We do this in 3 ways – direct delivery of projects, supporting other organisations to deliver projects, and working with others to lobby for change and improvements in the town. We rely entirely on grant funding to support our work and are very grateful to Newton Abbot Town Council for their on-going support of the CIC. The CIC is run by two part-time members of staff, and a Board of Directors who are all volunteers. You can find out more by visiting our website at www.newtonabbotcic.org.uk