

# NEWSLETTER



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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Here we are at the start of yet another busy period for North Yell. What with the re-launch of our Tuesday lunches, developments to our Sellafirth offices, Yell show entries to get ready and the start of Up Helly Aa preparations to get underway it is sure to be the usual busy place.

The summer period often allows us the chance to get outside and reflect on how lucky we are to live in such a wonderful place. Sadly, this year the weather hasn't been particularly good, but I hope that most of us still had the chance to consider the benefits North Yell has to offer and how we could develop living further. As always, we are very open to hearing the community's ideas and issues. Please get in touch if you have any reflections you would like to share or ideas for how we could improve our community of North Yell.

Very Best Wishes,  
Mark

## NORTH YELL COMMUNITY SHOP

As some of you may be aware NYDC are in the process of purchasing the Cullivoe Shop and establishing the North Yell Community Shop. As with all things of this nature it has been a lot of work behind the scenes and very slow going. We still don't have a firm date set for when the handover will take place, but we are hopeful it won't be too long.

We are asking for your support and patience as we find our feet with this new venture. There will be small changes coming but we hope they will be for the best and we will be able to offer the same excellent service that Henderson's have done for all these years.

We will keep you updated through our Facebook pages when we can.

## HOUSING AND POPULATION GROWTH

One of the main priority identified in the NYDCs 2022-27 Development Plan is housing and population growth. This year we engaged an Orkney firm to undertake a Housing Needs Assessment for us through community consultation and engagement with businesses.

We will be using this assessment to formulate a housing strategy for North Yell. We will keep you updated with plans as we go along.

The Housing Need Report will be available to read on our website once approved.

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## NYDC JUNIOR MEMBERS



New this year, we have the NYDC Junior Membership which is open to all bairns resident in North Yell aged 12-16.

August was the first of the Junior Members Forum. It was very inspiring to get such a passionate group together to discuss what North Yell means to them and plans that they have for the future of their home.



## SELLAFIRTH BUSINESS UNITS

Again, as some of you may be aware NYDC are in the process of purchasing 2 units at the Sellafirth Business Park from Global Yell. Again, this has proceeded rather slower than we would have wished, but we are hopeful that the sale will be concluded shortly.

A robust business plan for Sellafirth has been developed, encompassing carbon reducing and renewables projects; economic, social, training, digitisation and heritage initiatives, and exhibition, performance and retail areas.

NYDC have already submitted funding applications to turn the units into a renewable demonstrator hub, and to establish a digital and oral heritage unit within the building. We will keep you posted on progress.

## ELECTRIC MINI BUS

NYDC have purchased an electric minibus as part of a community transport project we are working on with Community Energy Scotland. We are currently in the process of obtaining licences for community use of the vehicle, which we hope to have in place shortly.

Autumn 2024  
Sept-Nov

## GET NORTH YELL GOING AGAIN

Get North Yell Going Again was a 2 year project coordinated by Kate from September 2022- September 2024. This project included Community Lunches, Wicked Wednesdays youth group, prescription and shopping deliveries, community events and day trips, classes and workshops. The project was conceived as a post covid social recovery project to encourage people back out into the community and make social connections.

The project has achieved a great deal over 2 years and we hope that you have managed to make it to some of our events and celebrations be that community lunch on a Tuesday, the Coronation Party at the Hall, the bus trip to Whalsay Charity Shop or our circuits fitness class.

Due to the successes of the Community Lunches and Wicked Wednesday we will continue to seek funding for these projects and if none is available then we keep funding them ourselves. We will also continue providing prescription and shopping deliveries as we feel this is a valuable service to the community.

Kate has written a full evaluation of everything achieved throughout the 2 years of the project that will be published on our Facebook and website in October.

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## COMMUNITY LUNCHES

Community lunches restarted at the end of August and attendance has been great. Lunches will run every Tuesday during the school term times from 12 -2pm at the Cullivoe Hall.

Everyone is welcome. If you have any dietary restrictions, then let Kate know and we will do our best to cater for you.



## PRESCRIPTIONS AND SHOPPING DELIVERY

Kate delivers prescriptions for anyone in North Yell and shopping for over 60s every Friday afternoon.

If you would like to arrange a delivery then contact Kate on [kate@northyell.co.uk](mailto:kate@northyell.co.uk) or through the North Yell Development Council Facebook page.

## CARBON NEUTRAL ISLANDS PROJECT

NYDC are the anchor organisation for the Carbon Neutral Islands Project. Hannah Eynon has been employed as the CDO for this project, taking over from Barry Nisbet this Spring. Hannah has moved here from Northern Ireland with her daughter is settling into her new role and new home.

The CNI newsletter will be included alongside this NYDC newsletter for full details of what the project is working on this year.

## WHAT'S ON

### September

- Saturday 7th- Yell Show- East Yell. See Yell Show Facebook page for details.
- Saturday 14th- Cullivoe Up Helly Aa Handover night- A night at the Movies- 8pm onwards Galley Shed- Fancy Dress encouraged.
- Saturday 21st – Doors Open North Yell (multiple events through North Yell)
  - Cullivoe Primary School Teas and Fancies- 10-11 am
  - Cullivoe Galley Shed- Look around the UHA exhibition items, refreshments provided- 11am-1pm
  - Garth Windy Farm Tour- 11am- bus leaving from Cullivoe School at 11am or meet at the windfarm gates at 11:10.
  - North Yell Marina- 12:30-14:00
- Sunday 22nd- Doors Open Mid Yell
  - Whalefirth Men's Shed- have a look around what the Men's Shed has to offer and maybe join in yourself- 10am- 12.
- Saturday 28th- Yell Show Prize Giving- see Yell Show Facebook for details.

### October

- Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th- Resilience Hub Open days- Full details to follow on Yell Halls facebook pages and CNI facebook- various teas and suppers available at each hall in Yell and a chance to learn about the resilience hub project.
- Tuesday 8th- Last community lunch before the October break (returning 5th November)
- Friday 11th- Last day of school

### November

- Friday 1st- Cullivoe Guizin (provisional date)
- Friday 8th- Remembrance Service- Cullivoe Kirk
- Saturday 9th- Mid Yell Variety Concert- Mid Yell Hall- 7-10pm