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COMMUNITY BENEFITS

North Ayrshire Community Benefit News



Welcome to the June 2026 Community Benefits Newsletter!

We're halfway through 2026 already and it's a good time to take a step back and reflect on the progress we've made so far this year.

As ever, the support you provide to local communities through your Community Benefit contributions continues to keep us busy, and this issue shines a light on the impact your investment makes to North Ayrshire's people and places.

As ever, If you can help any of the projects on the back page, get in touch with Karen on khayburn@north-ayrshire.gov.uk, and let us know how your community benefits delivery is going!

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Thank you to all the contractors who have reached out in support of community organisations over the last quarter! Since our last newsletter, another 18 wishes have been delivered and we cannot thank you enough!

From the Wish List alone, your support has:

- invested £7,000 directly into community and voluntary projects in North Ayrshire
- provided 4 laptops to groups who needed digital support
- bought a new kit for a youth football team
- donated 4 IBCs and a truckload of soil to an inclusive gardening project
- got 20 tonnes of stone and gravel to community-managed woodland
- and given time to support the management of a community garden

This was possible thanks to the support of Formadome UK, Hawthorn Heights, Lowmac Alloys, McFadden Civils Ltd, Morgan Sindall, NRG Riverside, Re-Tek Valley Group, Wellwood Communications, Wills Bros and Woodall-Nicholson. Thank you!



Hawthorn
Heights Ltd.



Here's Andy from **Dalry Men's Shed** with their new wood dust extractor, purchased thanks to a donation from **Formadome UK**. Andy got in touch to say "the dust extractor arrived safely today at lunchtime. Just finished assembly of the unit, it is certainly an impressive unit...Big big thanks again it will certainly make our workshop a much better environment"

We're also marking an important milestone in June, with **100 individual community groups** now having been supported by the Wish List since it launched in October 2021. A huge thank you to everyone who has helped us get the support out to so many people!

Community Benefits News and Thanks

Residents and visitors on Cumbrae are now able to benefit from the donation of a new defibrillator for the island thanks to **Union Technical** as part of their contract to install battery storage systems and solar panels on the island.

The new defib has been installed at the fire station in Millport and will serve over 300 households.

Scott Watson, Carbon Neutral Cumbrae's Community Development Officer, has worked closely with residents and Union Technical ensuring positive outcomes and satisfaction within the local community.

He said: "We are delighted to have been working with the Council and Union Technical on the latest phase of this partnership project. Their contribution of a defibrillator, which replaced the dated public unit at Millport Community Fire Station, alongside the care and time taken to work with local residents and their engagement with the wider community, will have a lasting and positive impact on Cumbrae well beyond these installations."



Union Technical



Thanks to AtkinsRéalis for hosting three work experience placements for Irvine Royal Academy pupils at their office in Glasgow.

The pupils had a packed timetable for the week learning about the different aspects of the business, including their work on the Maritime Mile project.

Thanks to all the staff at AtkinsRealis for giving the pupils a valuable and insightful experience, and to DYW Ayrshire for helping to organise it.

AtkinsRéalis



Atkins Realis

TACT Volunteer Awards Night: 3rd June 2026

What an incredible Volunteers' Week it has been, filled with celebration, recognition, community spirit and plenty of memorable moments.

Thanks for all the amazing support from our suppliers for the Awards night!



Spotlight on: Ashleigh Construction

Ashleigh Construction are currently working away at two sites in North Ayrshire; Ayrshire Central Hospital in Irvine and School Road in Kilbirnie.

The team has been absolutely smashing their community benefit delivery across the two sites, with careers fairs, community projects, school visits, apprenticeships and work experience being provided to a really impressive number of local people.

In Kilbirnie...

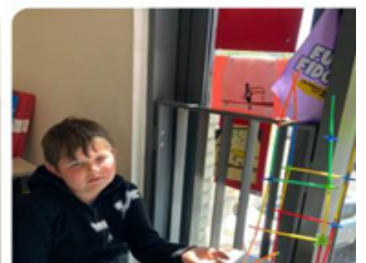
- 65 hours of school engagement
- 5 local projects supported with donations
- 6 weeks of work experience provided, focusing on joinery and quantity surveying



Keir Wilson (Greenwood Academy)

In Irvine...

- 59 hours of school engagement
- 7 local projects supported with donations
- 10 weeks of work experience provided, focusing on joinery and bricklaying



Community Benefits Wish List: Giving back this summer

After all this warm weather we're all thinking about the summer ahead, and with annual leave on the horizon for many of us it can be a tricky time for coordinating support to community projects. If you can support any of the groups below, drop us an email at communitybenefits@north-ayrshire.gov.uk so we can get things moving before your out of office kicks in!



- **Barrmill Conservation Group** are looking for 3-4 tonnes of woodchip for use in paths and around the children's play area
- **Garnock Valley Men's Shed** are hoping to develop a 3D printing and engraving room which will enable them to generate their own income towards Shed upkeep costs. If you can contribute towards their £3,600 target they would be most grateful!
- **Dalgarven Mill Trust** are looking for an investment in their IT services to maintain their country life and costume collections. If you can support with the provision of desktop computers, printers, servers or monitors, please get in touch!
- **Dalry Old Folks Welfare Committee** are looking for support with the redesign and replanting of their garden space
- **Ardeer Thistle Football Club** are looking for support to put in a new pathway to allow wheelchair access into the grounds
- **North Arran Community Benefit Society Ltd** bought out the Lochranza County Inn, which is now owned by the community. They'd like to install a bike shed that can also charge e-bikes, and are looking for support towards their £3,000 target
- **Springside Community Association - Garden Project** are looking for volunteers to support them to cut back trees, clear beds and build raised beds to get the site ready for groups over the summer
- **Harbourside Men's Shed** would like to host a community open day and would be really appreciative of a £500-£1,000 donation to be able to provide food and refreshments for people coming along
- **Crossing Together** would like to provide mental health and wellbeing courses, including trauma-informed courses to support people to find better emotional coping strategies, which costs around £750
- **Fullarton Community Association's** 50th anniversary celebrations are happening this summer and they would be really grateful for any sponsorship or donations towards the cost of the community event to mark the date
- **The Social Garage Project CIC** are a brand new social enterprise using mechanics and car maintenance to build skills, reduce social isolation and offer affordable repairs to the community. If you can help them with donations of garage equipment or branded clothing for their volunteers, please let us know!