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Introduction

by The Duke of Fife

Welcome to the summer 2015 issue of ChapeltonNews. It has been almost six-months since the first residents made Chapelton their home and with many more now living in the town, the community is forming quickly.

Recently, the town's inhabitants came together to mark their arrival by planting the first trees of Chapelton Community Wood. In this issue we will learn more about this developing green space and what it has to offer.

As well as the growing local community, many more properties and local amenities are beginning to take shape. Small, yet important, elements such as traditional street signage have been installed and in the coming months we are set to see the town's first art initiative being established. A restored phone box is due to be installed in Hume Square and this will house a light installation to add some further nighttime interest to the scene.

Lastly, we meet Ian Ross of structural and civil engineering company Fairhurst, who has been on the advisory team for eight years.

By way of explanation, I should say that following the death of my father, I have adopted his title in place of Earl of Southesk. His passing was very peaceful and he had the pleasure of seeing the birth of Chapelton. He enjoyed his visits to the site, particularly to Teacake where Anita's cakes proved an irresistible attraction. We will continue to ensure that the development is something he would be proud of.

We very much hope you will enjoy reading this issue of ChapeltonNews.



The latest from Chapelton



Telephone art box

Harking back to days gone by, but adding a contemporary twist, Chapelton is set to have a telephone box installed on a plinth in Hume Square – the first of many local community arts initiatives in the town.

The restored iconic red telephone box, which will feature lighting effects from leading designers Lighting Design International, will be a bit of fun for residents and visitors to enjoy. In the coming months local artists will be invited to display their work on the plinth in Hume Square.

If you are a local artist interested in having your work displayed in Hume Square, please contact info@chapeltonofsick.com.

Left: An iconic red telephone box. Image courtesy of Dan Sellers.



100 new homes to be built

The construction of Chapelton has now entered a second wave of development after the three house-builders signed up to build the next 100 homes.

With more than 75 per cent of properties now sold in the first release and over 170 workers on site each week, AJC Homes, Stephen and ZeroC have received great feedback from visitors to each of the show-homes. The three house-builders are continuing to see high demand for properties of all sizes and are now working towards the completion of phase one and the commencement of phase two with the release of a wide range of properties.



Town street signage

Chapelton's first streets are now complemented by their own signage designs. In keeping with the traditional style of the properties, each sign features a dark navy and white design clearly naming the town's very first lanes, drives and streets.

Roads in the town displaying the carefully crafted signage include Black Street and Nether Cairnhill Drive where several houses are now occupied.

Left: The plan shows the 100 proposed new properties. The areas marked in aqua will be built by AJC Homes, the beige by Stephen and the pink by ZeroC.

Above: The distinctive navy signs in situ.

Chapelton Community Wood



On Sunday 26th July, more than 40 residents came together to commemorate their arrival by planting 500 trees at Chapelton Community Wood – a 10-hectare green space gifted to residents that will be a lasting legacy for the town.

The woodland will provide an outdoor area for locals and those from neighbouring communities to enjoy, as well as a stable habitat for native wildlife. The woodland features a variety of tree species including silver birch, sessile oak, apple and pear as well as wild flowers and grass areas.

The residents of Chapelton will also be able to help with the maintenance of the recreational woodland by watering plants and trees during dry spells, weeding and checking that tree guards are in place.

With careful community management, the Chapelton Community Wood will offer a positive contribution to the local ecosystem. Following expansion in the coming years, it will also become a feature of the town's landscape.

For more information about Chapelton Community Wood, email info@chapeltonofelsick.com

Above: Chapelton residents mark their arrival by planting more than 500 trees in new community woodland.

Having your say

You can find the latest news and share your views on Chapelton via our Facebook page and website:

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In the meantime if you have questions you would like us to answer, please get in touch at info@chapeltonofelsick.com. We will respond directly and print some of the answers in upcoming issues. People and their views are at the heart of the community.

Meet the team

Ian Ross, Fairhurst



How did you arrive in your current role?

With a background in infrastructure requirements and design, I started my involvement with Chapelton in 2010. I quickly began working on satisfying the varied and challenging aspects of providing transportation solutions and services for a new town and have since concentrated on design aspects.

What skills does your role require?

My principal role at Chapelton is design. I focus primarily on road, drainage and water supply so there are of course many related skills.

It is important to be able to visualise the plans for the town as well as understand and convert ideas into facilities on the ground. These skills are of particular importance to my role.

Which project are you most proud of?

Perhaps not surprisingly, I am very proud of the less exciting and more traditional civil engineering projects that I have worked on. Constructing a dual carriageway through the centre of Aberdeen was extremely complicated due to overcoming many civil engineering related challenges. I am very proud to have worked on this project which caused minimal disruption.

What are the engineering solutions that have been implemented in Chapelton?

Many solutions focus around the street design in Chapelton, in particular these provide priority for pedestrians rather than cars and other traffic, which is the traditional method. Other solutions include larger elements such as drainage and water provision.

Consulting structural and civil engineering company Fairhurst first became involved in Chapelton's design phase in 2007.

As a Consultant and former Partner at Fairhurst, Ian Ross leads the civil engineering and infrastructure design of the current house-building phase at Chapelton as well as the wider town development.

How will your role in the Chapelton team evolve as the town develops?

There are numerous opportunities for my role in the team. One of my main responsibilities is likely to focus on ensuring that solutions at Chapelton are kept simple by working closely with EDC.

What do you think Chapelton will bring to the local area?

Chapelton is sure to bring a fresh approach to housing developments with an emphasis on creating a sense of place and a community that can flourish.



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What do you think makes a good community?

There are several contributing factors to a good community but I think giving people the right environment to live in is very important. Chapelton not only provides high-quality properties but also a prospect for a sustainable community and a range of local amenities. The overarching concept of putting people first and making movement and connectivity easy creates the perfect foundations for a good community.

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