

# ChapeltonNews



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## Welcome

### from the Duke of Fife

Welcome to the latest issue of ChapeltonNews. The recent months have been one of my proudest times during the development of Chapelton. Thanks to the passion and strong spirit of local residents we have seen a huge increase in the sense of community.

The summer months always bring opportunities for new events but this year they have been on a completely different level, welcoming hundreds, if not thousands, of new people to the town, as well as familiar faces.

The Bike Ride, the 5K Walk and the annual Chapelton 10K run once again raised much-needed funds for local charities, whilst new additions, including the Farmers Market and Drinks Tasting, saw so many get together and enjoy each other's company over fine food and a tippie, or two.

And let's not forget Chapelton's very first Scarecrow Festival - an inspired idea from the Cairnhill Allotment committee which attracted people from across the North East keen to see the brilliant creations that local residents and organisations crafted. It really was wonderful to see the different designs spread across Chapelton and so many people from near and far taking in the sights.

Whilst the events calendar has been bustling, building works have also been busy in the next stages of development in the town. Slate & Grain has now opened as part of the Brio Retirement Living community and we are also excited to announce that we are well on the way with a series of new land deals that will push on the growth of the town. The first to be announced is Snowdrop Developments and they will be joining the existing housebuilders in helping to shape the landscape of Chapelton.

In this issue, we hear more about all of this exciting news as well as some other updates which I'm sure you'll be glad to know about. I hope you enjoy the latest edition of ChapeltonNews.

# Summer Round Up



It's been a busy time for events in Chapelton. From the town's first Farmers Market to the annual Bike Ride and 5K walk there really has been something for everyone to enjoy this summer. And the calendar doesn't stop there, we have plenty planned for the autumn. Read on to find out what's been happening as well as what's coming up.

## Chapelton 10K and Kids Run

Nearly 400 runners joined this year's Chapelton 10K on Sunday 14th July helping to raise over £4,000 for local charities.

The event saw people of all ages go head-to-head in a 10K race, along with a shorter kids fun run, before enjoying an afternoon of entertainment and much-needed food and drink from local outlets.

Sponsored by Hall Morrice, WM Donald and Brio Retirement Living, the day raised funds for causes such as Muchalls and Newtonhill Scout Group, Chapelton Baby and Toddler Group, Friends of Newtonhill School, Newtonhill Pipe Band, Pillar Kincardineshire, Police Scotland Youth Volunteers and Portlethen and District Voluntary Community Ambulance Association.

## Farmers Markets

After the success of the town's very first farmers market on Sunday 21st July we are very excited to reveal that this event will now become a regular feature in the Chapelton events calendar.

On Sunday 22nd September the market returned offering visitors the chance to purchase produce from a great range of local suppliers including Bannerman Butchers, The Principled Pig and Cove Honey Bees.

The next farmers market will be on Sunday 17th November providing an opportunity to buy lots of things needed for the festive season including Christmas gifts, decorations and treats.

## Drinks Tasting with Porter's Gin

Hosted in the ZeroC showhome, Porter's Gin drinks tasting was a sell-out success. Attendees learned about Porter's modern distillation, botanicals and flavours whilst sampling a gin cocktail and a taste of Porter's products before some went on to a delicious three-course set menu at Chapelton's Teacake.

## Bike Ride and 5K Walk

Hundreds of budding cyclists and walkers gathered to take part in Chapelton's fourth annual bike ride and walk on Sunday 1st September raising nearly £7,000 for North East Sensory Services.

This year's event, sponsored by Brio Retirement Living and Burness Paull, brought a big crowd to Chapelton for the 42 mile and a 12 mile cycle course around the town's roads and pathways and the surrounding areas. The 5K walk was also very popular with local families offering them the chance to stretch their legs and take in the grounds of Elsie House.



# Town Updates



## Snowdrop Developments Joins Chapelton

Chapelton is continuing to grow as Aberdeenshire housebuilder Snowdrop Developments joins the existing housebuilders in shaping the next stages of the town.

Snowdrop will offer a range of new homes and housetypes including five-bedroom properties for prospective buyers, with interest already extremely high. To find out more about the Snowdrop and previous developments including Royal Deeside, St Cyrus and Stonehaven, visit [www.snowdropdevelopments.co.uk](http://www.snowdropdevelopments.co.uk)



## New Help to Buy Homes at Liddell Place

There are now a collection of Help to Buy Homes available in the Cairnhill neighbourhood of Chapelton, perfect for first time buyers looking to take their first steps onto the property ladder.

Popular Chapelton housebuilder AJC has recently reduced the prices of its beautiful Findon family home. With prices starting from £197,250, the two bedroomed property is now eligible under the Scottish Government's Help to Buy scheme, meaning it can be purchased by first time buyers with just a five percent deposit.

To find out more about the Help to Buy properties available at Liddell Place, visit: [www.ajcscotland.com/developments/liddell-place](http://www.ajcscotland.com/developments/liddell-place)

## Upcoming Events

### Autumn Ranger Walk & Storytelling Adventure

On Sunday 6th October Kincardine and Mearns countryside ranger Helen Young and storyteller Diana Peers will be in Chapelton to take pre-schoolers and young children on an autumnal adventure.

Wrap up with hats, scarves and jumpers and head out on the walk to explore for crunchy leaves, muddy puddles and autumnal colours. Afterwards, return to The Hut for a cosy hot chocolate and an interactive story with Diana from the Grampian Association of Storytellers. Tickets are required for children only and are priced at £6.

### Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Get creative this Christmas with Karen from This is 36 Florals at a wreath making workshop on Sunday 15th December. Tickets are priced at £48 per person with all materials provided to create your very own luxury wreath using seasonal foliage, trimmings and ribbon. No experience is required and tea, coffee and a mince pie will be included.

## Having your say

You can find the latest news and share your views on Chapelton via our Facebook page and website:  
[www.chapeltonnewtown.co.uk](http://www.chapeltonnewtown.co.uk)

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In the meantime if you have questions you would like us to answer, please get in touch at [info@chapeltonnewtown.co.uk](mailto:info@chapeltonnewtown.co.uk).

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

Rachel Rollo



## Tell us a bit about what your role in Chapelton involves

In March this year I took on the responsibility for managing Chapelton's social media channels and events programme. This includes regularly meeting up with the housebuilders, talking to residents and business owners and generally finding out what's going on in the town so that I can produce a schedule of content and imagery for Facebook and Instagram. On the events side, my role is to come up with ideas for events, organise and promote them, and run the event itself.

## What's your favourite aspect of your job?

I really love talking to residents, hearing their backgrounds and finding out why they chose to live in Chapelton. The town has a really positive vibe about it and even though I don't live here, I feel part of the community. I always enjoy seeing an event go from initial concept through to taking place on the day. It's so rewarding to see the community come together to enjoy the events, as well as seeing new faces in the town.

## Do you have a favourite place in Chapelton?

It's hard to choose. I graduated from Gray's School of Art with a degree in design and Chapelton is a really inspiring place to work as it's so full of colour, texture and great architecture. I love taking a walk along the pedestrianised streets in Chapelton. Bunting Lane is so quirky with a mix of different house styles and apartments and I love the colourful wild flowers there. Rennie Place with its multicoloured gates and doors is a favourite of mine for taking photos and I've also really enjoyed watching the allotments transform into a patchwork of colour.

## How do you like to spend your time when you're not working?

My husband Martyn manages local football club, Stonehaven FC which keeps us both busy and my daughters Beth (8) and April (4) love to dance so I am usually found driving them to their classes and activities. We have family time on Sundays which typically involves eating out, going to the cinema or taking the girls on their bikes to the park.

## Your role includes arranging events in Chapelton. What's been your favourite event in the town so far?

I am most proud of bringing a Farmers' Market to Chapelton. Hume Square is the perfect venue for it. I feel I have selected a good mix of quality stallholders, offering a range of local produce. The hot food has really gone down a treat, selling out at both markets so far. The next market will be the Festive one on 17th November so I'm really looking forward to adding a Christmas twist with mulled wine, decorations and a selection of gifts on offer as well as the food stalls.

It's also great to be involved in Chapelton events that are organised by the residents themselves such as the Chapelton of Elswick 10K, the Bike Ride and the Scarecrow Festival, which was fantastic for Chapelton. It was so much fun making a scarecrow entry (Forky) and helping to promote the festival on social media. It really showed Chapelton's community spirit and brought so many new visitors to the town as well.

## If you could describe Chapelton in three words what would they be?

Welcoming, dynamic, inspiring.

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