

ChapeltonNews



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Welcome

from the Duke of Fife

Welcome to the latest issue of ChapeltonNews and the first of 2020. As we enter a new decade I've recently thought about how far Chapelton has come. Over the last ten years we've moved from the town being an idea in planning to a fully functioning community, now home to hundreds of people. Chapelton really is a great place to live, work and play and I'm incredibly proud to see the town flourish as we had hoped.

The physical build of Chapelton is moving forward as we move into the next phase of the development, with the growth of the community keeping up. We learn about this in this issue as well as the recent and upcoming community news.

Over the past year the event calendar has seen great success and we've taken your feedback on board to continue to provide these, for both Chapelton residents and much welcome visitors. Following the bustling Christmas events we have a series of celebrations and activities planned for the coming months which we're excited to share.

Finally, I'm very pleased to welcome another resident to this edition of the newsletter as we hear from Chapelton local Susan Matson. Read on to find out how Susan and her partner became home owners in the town.

I hope you enjoy this latest issue.



A Growing Events Calendar



The Chapelton events calendar has been busy in recent months and as we move into the early stages of 2020 this is set to continue. Things have already got off to a great start with the first event of the year selling out in just a matter of days. Here, we round up some of the recent events and those still to come.

Festive Farmers Market

The final farmers market of 2019 had a festive twist with stalls boasting Christmas gift ideas, decorations and art. The Liberty Kitchen and Bannerman Butcher were also on hand to warm up attendees with local produce and hot food as they browsed.

Christmas Lino Printing

Attendees of this event learned the art of lino cutting alongside local business Juniper Press. Creating their own Christmas cards, envelopes and tags, visitors practiced traditional cutting techniques before taking home their own lino blocks to carry on the hobby in the future.

Christmas Lights Switch On

The local community gathered in Hume Square in early December to enjoy the annual lights switch on. Teacake served up takeaway soup whilst Slate & Grain opened for the occasion welcoming locals who had sung carols around the tree decorated with crafts handmade by children living in Chapelton as well as from local groups.

Wreath Making Workshop

Things got creative at the sell-out wreath making workshop with This is 36 Florals. All materials were provided for attendees to create their own luxury wreath using seasonal foliage, trimmings and ribbon.



Drinks Tasting

A celebration of Robert Burns, with cocktail mixology using some of the best spirits Scotland has to offer, took place on Saturday 1st February in the AJC showhome.

Hosted by Aberdeen bar Orchid, the event offered a welcome drink to attendees as well as a series of cocktails and the option to continue the evening with a four course meal at Chapelton's Teacake.

Cosy Clothes Swap Shop

The first event of 2020 was another sell out success with more than 20 people gathering for an afternoon of clothes swapping. Perfect for beating the January blues and saving the pennies, this event allowed people to bring along a piece that they no longer wear and exchange it for a new pre-loved piece. Hosted by Swish Swish Bish, the event also promoted sustainable fashion and how one person's trash is another's treasure.

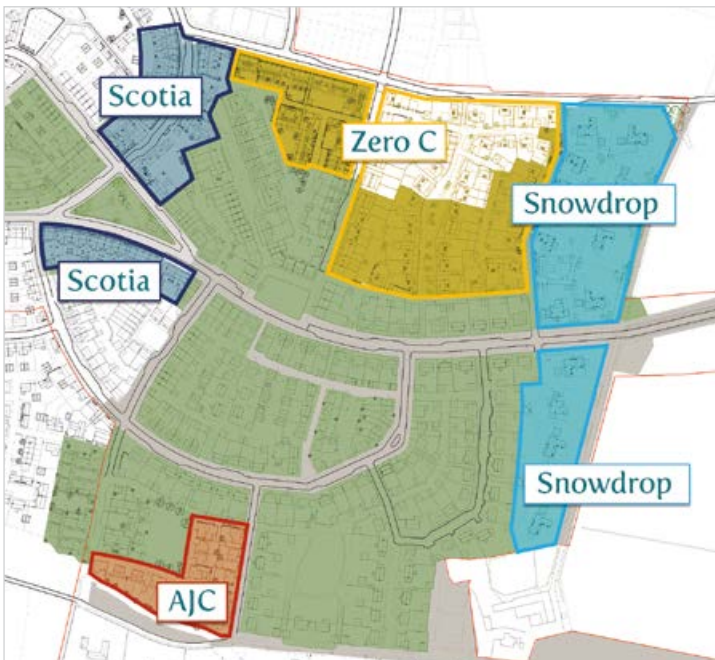
Development Plans Continue Apace



This year will bring forward a significant new phase of building in Chapelton. The existing three housebuilders have been joined by two new firms, Scotia and Snowdrop, and all are working with Elswick Development Company to create a variety of new homes. Everyone is keen to continue to offer prospective buyers a range of detached, semi-detached and single storey properties as well as apartments.

With 175 new homes planned for the next stage the built area of the town is set to double in size. Over 140 properties are well underway through the planning process, with consent already granted for the first five homes to be built by Snowdrop. Applications for the remainder are expected to follow shortly.

Building work will take place per the diagram which shows the areas that the various companies will be working in.



Top Tips for Living More Sustainably in 2020

Re-use and Recycle - find new ways to recycle clothing and household furniture. Turn to charity shops and online sellers like eBay, Gumtree and local clothes swap events.

Look to Loan - borrow items from friends, family and neighbours to limit unnecessary purchasing. They may have just what you're looking for.

Make Compost at Home - turn food waste into compost that can be used to help your garden or allotment flourish.

Love Local Produce - buy local products to lower carbon footprint whilst supporting small businesses.

Prep Meals - plan meals for the week ahead to reduce food waste and spend.

Meet the Residents

Couple find first home together in Chapelton



Susan Matson had long been interested in purchasing a home in Chapelton but was holding out for the perfect property. Both Susan and her partner, Jim, loved the look and feel of the town and its community and when right property became available they jumped at the chance to call Chapelton 'home'.

Susan and Jim are now the proud owners of a three-bedroom ZeroC property. Speaking of their experience, Susan said: "We started looking at properties in Chapelton quite some time ago when the town was first under development. We instantly loved the design of the houses, the landscape and the community atmosphere but unfortunately we didn't find a home perfect for us.

"Both Jim and I had sold our own properties and a few years later, whilst visiting Newtonhill, we decided to nip to Chapelton to see how the town was looking. We had always had a three-bedroom home in mind and when sales adviser Sally from ZeroC showed us a couple of properties, including the Ardler and the Fiddes, we were surprised to find that we may have come across our dream home.

"The Fiddes has a little extra living space and ended up being the first home we purchased together. We love the open plan kitchen, dining and living room at the rear of the house with the

wood burning stove being a particular favourite of mine.

The large windows and high ceilings throughout the property allow for plenty of light to flow through - the sun tunnels are a unique feature which instantly grabbed our attention.

"Since moving in last summer we've met most of our neighbours and quickly become part of Chapelton's bustling and growing community. We've been invited to plenty of occasions and celebrations, from gin tasting and street BBQs to a Halloween party. Everyone is incredibly friendly and we both love bumping into people on our walks around the town. Whether we're on a short stroll or nipping into the town's café, Teacake, everyone is always very welcoming."

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We really do love our new home
and the life we've made together
in Chapelton.
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