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Welcome from the Duke of Fife

The Christmas period is a good time for reflection and, when I look back on the past year, there has been a great deal of activity in every aspect of what we do. 2023 has represented a year of great expansion for Chapelton - the best so far. The number of homes that have been handed over to residents has increased by over a third in the last 12 months, with over 400 houses now occupied and several new streets emerging.

On the back of a busy year, the housebuilders have been busy planning and preparing their next stages of homes at Chapelton and in this issue we take a quick look at what they have to offer.



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We have always put the sense of community at the heart of what we wanted to achieve, and this has taken on a life of its own this year. Several residents set up the Chapelton Community Association last year and they are now running a vibrant programme of events for all ages. They organise regular meet-ups and one-off events, some of which are featured in this edition.

The Boxes were introduced to show that Chapelton is more than a collection of houses and it felt like a good opportunity to give local start-up businesses affordable premises. We are very proud that so many of the businesses that have chosen Chapelton as their starting point have moved on to bigger things. It is always worth a visit to see what is currently there.

Andy Lawson has been chosen as our focus for 'Meet the Team'. On behalf of Places for People, he has been planning the next stages of Cairnhill alongside us as we move towards the neighbourhood centre and he has long been a part of Chapelton's progress.

Up and Coming From The Housebuilders



With only 2 properties left in Benton Crescent, **AJC** are embarking on the construction of a further 20 homes of varying sizes in that area, details for which will be announced shortly. At the same time, they are starting on some new house types with a very modern twist on the south side of Cairnhill near the allotments.

Planning permission has been granted for 197 homes alongside retail that will be delivered by **Places for People** over the next four years. The ambitious project including social, mid market rent and shared equity means that it will be delivering two separate building teams to ensure a smooth building programme. There will be every size of property and a multitude of designs. PFP are also encouraging local businesses to be in touch because there are several opportunities for premises.

Snowdrop have already sold the first few of their homes at Queen Elizabeth Drive at the southern fringes of Cairnhill. There are five differing core designs to choose from and each of those has options so there can be personalized. Altogether there will be around 30 of these larger homes south of the Pheppie burn.

Brio Retirement is blossoming.

Landale Court at Chapelton is growing apace, with 40 properties occupied and several under offer. A few bungalows and apartments remain in the first phase and further 22 homes are having their finishing touches completed for further residents.

What sets Landale court apart is the friendly and welcoming atmosphere alongside incredible facilities like the fitness studio, hobby rooms and a fantastic restaurant. Residents also join in the Chapelton events programme below.

Interest is high and there are several open days for viewing starting on 3rd and 4th February. You can call Sharon or Lisa to confirm your place on 07341 998917 or 07789 965732. They are on hand to select the right home and explain the process of reserving from start to finish, whether it be for a sale or a rental.

AJC's Benton Crescent, Geddes Square in the Cairnhill centre, Brio's Landale Court has a variety of new housetypes.



A Full Events Programme



Interspersed with the familiar Chapelton events such as the Bike Ride, Farmers' Markets, Scarecrow Festival and Christmas lights, there are now several regular events run by the Chapelton Community Association. With a strong committee of volunteers there are several activities every month.

January will see the crochet club on the last Thursday, a wellness evening with ABWR at the Boxes and the monthly over 60's club. They will be launching their 200 club shortly and for any information please look at their website www.chapelton-ca.uk

Left and front cover: It was a festive and snowy night for Chapeltons Christmas Lights Switch On

The Boxes Are a Stepping Stone



The Boxes started as Covid lifted as a boost to start up businesses. With set rent and utility fees and a week's notice to vacate, many small companies have tested the water over the intervening years. For some it has not worked, either for family or commercial reasons, but many new companies have expanded and have moved on to bigger and better things. We hope that some will choose to have a permanent home in the neighbourhood centre.

At the boxes now, Fits the Scoop and Red Rocks have doubled in size and designed the space in an original way. Paul Hosie has moved on to run the fitness suite at Brio, VerySpexy, who provides designer frames for prescription glasses, is heading into the centre of Aberdeen on the back of its popularity.

Anyone wishing to take their small business to the next level should email info@chapeltonnewtown.co.uk.

Left: Red Rocks shows off the versatility of a double container.

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Meet the Team



It is surprising that Andy Lawson has not been featured in ChapeltonNews before now. He is well known to many of the residents because he has been involved in the Zero C (and then Places for People) construction team since the beginning. In that time, he has risen through every rank from that of Construction Director through Build Manager and Head of Build to his present title of Regional Build Director. His role now consists of managing the upfront design, technical and commercial teams in close communication with the Elswick Development team and then conveying on to the construction delivery team.

How long have you been on site?

"I first came involved at Chapelton back in 2013 when we started the tender process for the first homes, starting at our showhouse and building up to Hume Square and the Café, Lounge and the Nursery. Work began on site in 2014 and over the years we have built over half the homes at Chapelton mainly on the northern side of Greenlaw Road.

"I feel very privileged to be one of the key members of the team at Chapelton, where we are delivering probably one of the most ambitious construction projects in the UK at this time. I do enjoy the design approval process but really the most enjoyable part of it is when the properties start to get occupied, and the community continues to grow."

What is coming next?

"We have been working hard over the past 2 years in conjunction with EDC to work up the design for the first neighbourhood centre which will deliver a wide range of commercial opportunities, access to Chapelton's first primary school which is due to open in

August 2026 and access to a variety of commercial sites. We will also be building our Moray Place North to complete this area and construction on both sites are due to commence very early 2024."

What do you feel is different in your Chapelton job?

"In my previous roles as a site manager, you were given a box of drawings and told to just get on and build it with no discussions into the design, how it looked or operated. You just needed to build it and move on. At Chapelton the journey is completely different. We have a say and involvement in the actual design of the sites and in developing Elswick Development's aspirations for the specific areas."

What do you enjoy doing outside your work?

"I was born in Stonehaven and have lived in the Auld town virtually all my days. I was born into a fishing family where my father was a commercial fisherman for many years so boats and the sea have been a huge part of my life. I have been mucking about in boats since the age of 10 going from a rowing boat, creel boat, speed boat, sailing dinghy and I have now settled on a sailing boat.

"I have been involved in the sea cadets now for over 40 years and sit on the management team. I was involved in the Stonehaven Independent lifeboat station MRI until 2012 and moved to the RNLI in 2013 as one of the helms and moved onto the Lifeboat Operations manager which I did for 3 years before leaving to spend more time on sailing."

And your family?

"I have been married for 32 years and have 2 children and a lovely dog called Tess and we all still stay in the same place."