



# ChapeltonNews

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## Welcome

from the Duke of Fife

At the end of September, we hosted the prestigious King's Foundation Annual Event to demonstrate what we have achieved at Chapelton to those who have either commenced a project akin to Chapelton or are hoping to do so. The heavy rain and winds on the day did not dampen spirits and we had many compliments from all who attended. With nearly 500 homes occupied it is already one of the most developed new urbanist projects in the country.

It was disappointing that the delegates were not able to see the landscaping through the gloom. Every year the hedges, trees and gardens improve and compliment the buildings and this summer the back lanes and countryside park are looking their very best. Chapelton has won many awards through the years, nearly all gained by the Housebuilders for their remarkable buildings.

As a project we won the most prestigious of all awards, the very first Community Award given by the Kings Foundation. We were keen to put something further into the landscape and the £5000 prize money was put towards a S shaped stone bench with panoramic views of the sea and the sheltered side overlooking the playpark. It was fitting that Ben Bolgar from the Kings Foundation was able to unveil this with the help of the Community Association.

In this edition of ChapeltonNews we reflect on a busy summer of events, most of which have been part of our calendar for some time but this year new twists were added. We can share our new map, designed for visitors, which reflects the growing community and highlights where the businesses are located.

We provide an update on all four builders and what they have to offer in the coming months.

And finally, we meet Shona Tough, who has been a familiar face at the Boxes with her Wellness hub, ABWR. For over two years she has been very supportive of all that goes on at Chapelton, sponsoring the Bike Ride and decorating her fantastic Box with loving care.



# Summer and Autumn Events



July's 10k run, organised by the committed group of local runners, was fully subscribed and raised £5,200 that will be shared between eight charities and local organisations including; Friends of Anchor, The Brain Tumour Charity, Portlethen Community Ambulance, Police Scotland Volunteers, The Larder Portlethen & Surrounding Areas, Chapelton Men's Group, Dunnottar Pipes and Drums, Portlethen Rainbows.

And in August the Allotment Committee delivered a brilliant Scarecrow Festival with a Scottish theme. Residents are ever more creative with the passing years and there were some great interpretations. It has become a highlight for local families and a great way to finish off the summer holidays.

*Clockwise from above: Halloween Community Association Challenge entry, Chapelton 10K runners, Piper at the Bike ride, Scarecrow Festival entry.*



The Bike Ride is a staple of the calendar but this year it was given a new lift with Lathallan school taking over the sponsorship. It brought in families from far and wide and the school also offered their piping expertise to add to the atmosphere.

Halloween is a big tradition at Chapelton, and this year a Community Association challenge has really brought out the competitive spirit. The spooky theme was alive and well throughout the streets last month.



## And to Come

The final Farmers Market will be held on **Sunday 17th November**, with additional craft options as well as all the fresh produce and hot food stalls.

The Christmas Lights turn on will be on **Friday 29th November**, when the Boxes will be providing all sorts of surprises. The Community Association run this and so many other events for every age group as does the Brae cafe.



# House News



Scaffolding and cranes seem to be everywhere around Chapelton, and there is a noticeable increase in the pace of building as the development moves in all directions.

## AJC

The 8 homes released in Benton Crescent at the time of the last ChapeltonNews have all been sold or reserved and 6 further homes have been released as part of the extension of this current build area with one reserved immediately. At AJC's second area, Nether Cairnhill, which overlooks the country park, foundations are in and three of the four have their structures well underway to these open plan, part timber clad modern homes. These have attracted a lot of interest with one already reserved.

## Places For People

There are two building teams operating in three main areas, on Greenlaw Road as it meets our first neighbourhood centre, behind Quarryline alongside Brio Retirement and on the edge of the Cookney road as an extension of their Moray Place. There are endless choices for buyers from the Auchliesh, a terraced 2 bed home to the Dalziel, a spacious 5 bed with spectacular views with everything in between. Places for People are also offering shared equity which is a huge help for first time buyers.

## Snowdrop

The first 8 homes, and all the edge plots, on Queen Elizabeth Drive have been sold or reserved and, with the bridge in full operation, building is full steam ahead. There remains a choice of designs overlooking the Pheppie burn and these homes will have a view of that wonderful green corridor. If you want a modern twist with open plan spacious living, this is for you.

Above: Looking along Quarryline Street with new building starting next to Brio Retirement.

## Brio's Landale Court Wins National Award

Landale Court is bustling with activity and with a new manager in place, a second Morag, Morag MacIndoe, to run it, is attracting a lot of interest. On top of that the Chapelton Brio has been awarded Retirement Housing Scheme of the Year at the Health Investor Senior Housing Awards 2024.

Morag joins Landale Court just as the development has launched its second phase of later living properties. For the first time there are seven larger 3-bedroom properties on offer, whilst an additional seven 2-bedroom cottages and eight 1-bedroom apartments are also available to buy, rent or a combination of the two for those looking to move to the vibrant development.



The pace of building means that we have updated the Visitors Map to show all the new streets and roads along with the businesses. If you need to guide someone to a particular place please download the PDF map from the website.

# Meet the Business

We meet Shona Tough who has been a part of the Chapelton community for over 2 years and has brought a big smile and warm heart to the Boxes. Her caring nature and wonderful sense of design make for the best welcome.



Can you tell us what's on offer at AB Wellness and Reflexology?

*"Here at AB Wellness & Reflexology we're a collective of wellness therapists, each an expert in our own field. With myself being a Clinical Reflexologist and owner of ABWR, Reflexology was our first offering and still is our most popular therapy.*

*"Our team also includes Heather who is our Swedish Massage Therapist, Claire our Sports Massage Therapist and Katy our Kinetic Chain Release Therapist. All our therapies are an hour long so that you can fully relax and immerse yourself in the treatment.*

*"We also have a small wellness shop within our unit where clients can purchase products after their appointment with us and provide a free weekly wellness newsletter and blog that is open to anyone who'd like to be a part of our community."*

What drew you to Reflexology?

*"Reflexology came into my life several years ago but my real interest began as a stay-at-home mum with two young children. Through looking after all my family's needs, I started to neglect my own and I was feeling exhausted. I wasn't obviously ill, however, I didn't feel the best version of myself and wanted to have more energy again.*

*"This is when I embarked on my wellness journey, retraining as a clinical reflexologist. I qualified in 2019, attaining the highest possible qualification within the UK which is credited by Edinburgh Napier University.*

*"My biggest passion is in wanting to help others feel as well as they can and I have a particular interest in helping women who find themselves in a similar situation to the one I found myself in."*

Why did you choose Chapelton for the location of your business?

*"I initially started offering reflexology within Chapelton as a pop up within the boxes when they first opened in 2021, after seeing it advertised on Instagram through the Chapeltonlife account. The community were so warm and welcoming to me when I arrived, and the environment of the new town was so calming and peaceful. I quickly realised this was the place for me to be relocate my business fully. Then shortly after my first couple of pop-up events, a space became available permanently within the box park."*

What's your favourite thing about Chapelton?

*"The community is my favourite thing about Chapelton. Everyone's so friendly and welcoming. They all deeply care about the town and their neighbours which can be so rare to see nowadays. It's got such a great community spirit and I'm so very thankful to everyone who's supported my team and I here within Chapelton."*

Tell us about how you like to unwind?

*"There's nothing I love better than relaxing on a Sunday with my family and friends on my day off. You'll normally find me walking by the sea, followed by a brunch or coffee in a cute cafe. Then later in the day, I'll be in the kitchen cooking up a Sunday roast with a glass of rose in my hand. I find cooking so therapeutic when I have the time.*

*"I think it's so important to carve out space for ourselves throughout our day-to-day, as life and work can be so busy. This is why I always schedule appointments in my diary just for myself to go for regular treatments so I can rest and unwind. I also love to travel and explore new places.*

*"If anyone would like to join our online community they are able to via our socials on Instagram and Facebook and also by signing up to our weekly wellness email through our website: [www.abwr.co.uk](http://www.abwr.co.uk)"*

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