



Portpatrick Community Development Trust

PCDT—Working for the Community

Covid –19 D&G in Tier 1

We look forward to Christmas, and the great news about the roll-out of vaccines. We are all pleased that D&G has been placed in Tier 1, however, we are also reminded that we still need to protect the vulnerable in the community.

The Scottish Government web site is quite clear. In Tier 1 we can meet another household indoors, in a public place such as a bar, pub, café or restaurant. The maximum number of people who can meet indoors in a public place is 6 which can be from up to 2 separate households, but the restriction on homes remains you should not meet anyone who is not in your household indoors, in their home or in another person's home. Self Catering Accommodation follows the same rules as private dwellings.

It is great for our businesses that Hotels, B&Bs, self-catering, caravan and camping sites) can stay open. But travel into or out of Level 3 and 4 local authority areas remains restricted except for essential reasons.

There is also good news on the planned relaxation over Christmas to reduce loneliness and isolation. However this plan is causing some confusion and concern in that between **23 and 27th December** people can travel anywhere in Scotland and the rest of the UK. However this is only to enable families to meet .

Accommodation providers are asked to remind people booking that this is for a maximum of 8 people that can meet/stay in self-catering accommodation (or second homes) between 23 and 27 December – **but only where this is located in a council area that a member of the bubble lives in.** - See overleaf.



the gaitherin place

In October we agreed a long term lease with the owners and a specification for the re-fit. Over the last few months PCDT members have been working to re-fit the former dress shop at 7 Main Street Portpatrick, to bring it into community use as a Community Resource Centre. You can read about the work overleaf.

In view of these continuing restrictions we will be having a “virtual” opening. In the short term the “Gaitherin Place” will be used to provide a range of support services and this will be on a 1 to 1 appointment basis. This will be a continuation of the work we have been doing to provide advocacy, sign-posting and a listening ear service.

As restrictions ease we will be able to open up more and provide a wider range of services and activities. As we noted last time, we believe that the economic and social impacts will continue to be felt for some time. Loneliness, social isolation, money worries and access to social and medical services remain issues for many in our community.



the gaitherin place

The shop requires extensive re-fit and we agreed a re-fit plan with the owners. All work has been done under covid-19 restrictions and has involved strip out of the old shop fittings, re-wiring, re-plumbing re-painting and new flooring throughout. We are delighted with the support of donations of materials, equipment and fittings received from local businesses thanks to:

- **Anderson's** : Skirtings, plywood fixings
- **Brush Strokes**: All paint used
- **Howden's** : Flooring, Doors
- **Plumb Centre** : All plumb fittings, new taps
- **RS Windows** :
- **Stranraer Carpet Co.** Vinyl Flooring
- **Travis Perkins** : Kitchen Units and worktops, plywood sheeting, new sink

Thanks also to local people with particular thanks to And to local people (A&S MacLeod, D Higgins, G McKee) for donations of furniture, and equipment.

If you or any one you know needs support over the festive period please contact us at the details below. - ***Please keep safe and look after each other.***

Covid-19 Christmas Rules Continued:

The relaxations are planned only to apply from **23rd to 27th December** and **there are no separate arrangements for Hogmanay and the New Year**, with existing Tier levels continuing to apply including travel into or out of Level 3 and 4 local authority areas.

See <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/>

The guidance for the Festive period is here: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-festive-period/>

Between 23 and 27 December,

- you can form a Christmas **a single** bubble of up to 3 households, including 1 extended household, up to a maximum of 8 people (not including children under 12)

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Starting Point: Old Shop Fittings—



Blank Canvas : Strip out complete



Getting There : New woodwork and paint

- you can travel anywhere in Scotland and the rest of the UK to meet people in your bubble – but you should follow local travel rules once you arrive
- bubble members can meet/stay in each other's houses, in self-catering accommodation within a council area a member of the bubble lives in, public outdoor places and in places of worship
- you do not have to form a bubble if you do not want to – the safest way to spend Christmas is to stay in your own household, in your own home and your own local area
- you should not go to a pub or restaurant or entertainment venue, for example a cinema or theatre, with your bubble
- if you don't form a bubble you must follow the rules in the local authority area you live in.



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