



## Portpatrick Community Development Trust

PCDT—Working for the Community

*The Board of PCDT would like to wish all members associates and friends, “Peace, Prosperity, Health and Happiness for 2021”.*

### Covid –19 Resilience Response and Recovery

As of 4th January we are heading for a second lockdown. Full details have yet to be announced, but you will be able to find an update on our web site as it becomes available.

Back in March 2020 we started support work through the #SupportDG initiative and received the first emergency funding in conjunction with **Stranraer Development Trust** with a grant from the “Supporting Communities Fund” from Scottish Government, administered through the **Development Trust Association of Scotland**. This provided immediate help to vulnerable Portpatrick residents, with food parcels, collecting medicines and shopping.

We then received additional support for resilience action through the “**National Lottery Awards for All**” and the “**Community Response, Recovery, and Resilience Fund**”. Administered by Foundation Scotland.

Together these have provided funds to allow us to support those particularly vulnerable in the community through this pandemic. By October we had helped 67 unique individuals, driven around 2000 miles and given



PCDT Board—Left to Right David Telford (Chair), Katie Lammie ( Treasurer) Harry Harbottle, Alex Palmer Tommy Monteith

1100 volunteer hours of service. PCDT are ready to responded again as needed. **If you need help please do not hesitate to contact us—details below.**

**2020** has been a difficult year for many in our community and with the roll-out of the vaccines we can all look forward to 2021, once we get through this latest development of the pandemic.

### The Gaitherin Place

In October we secured a lease on the shop at 7 Main Street and agreed a re-fit plan with the owners. Working under Covid restrictions, Board members Alex Palmer and Tommy Monteith led the refit work, with the help of other volunteers members and friends.

We were also delighted with the support of donations of materials, equipment and fittings received from local businesses , with thanks again to:

- **Anderson’s** : Skirtings, plywood fixings
- **Brush Strokes**: All paint used
- **Howden’s** : Flooring, Doors

### Our Contact Details:

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- **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 (A&S MacLeod, D Higgins, G McKee) for donations of furniture, and equipment.

In the short term the “Gaitherin Place” will be used to provide a base for our resilience and recovery support services and this will be on a 1 to 1 appointment basis.

We will be continuing the work we have been doing to provide advocacy, sign-posting and a listening ear service, as well as more immediate aid for those who are vulnerable and shielding.

### Looking Forward

As restrictions ease we will be able to open up more and provide a wider range of services and activities to support economic and social recovery. Once we get through the immediate infection risks, with the roll-out of the vaccines it is apparent 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.

There is much that communities can do to support each other and support a more cohesive and inclusive recovery. At PCDT we are looking to build on the achievements of this last year, supporting unincorporated groups and bringing together those with common interests.

### Other projects started in 2020

Prior to lockdown, we also received funding from **Kilgallioch Community Fund** which has allowed us to purchase a St Ayles Skiff Kit for Coastal Rowing, although this project has been put on hold due to the Covid restrictions.

We were also successful in obtaining funding for poly tunnels and raised beds to support the eco-committee at Portpatrick Primary School through the Coastal Communities Fund. This project was also put on hold as the School’s priorities changed due to Covid.



### Get involved

It does not matter if you are a member or not, if you would like to become involved with one of our projects, would like to learn more or just fancy a chat then contact us on facebook

facebook : [@pcdt.scot](#) ,

email: [info@pcdt.scot](mailto:info@pcdt.scot) or go onto our web site <https://pcdt.scot> or simply chat to one of our board members.

Would you like to get involved in shaping our activities, delivering improvements in our local community or even just support our work?

Did you know that PCDT is open to all individuals, organisations and businesses that support the objects and activities of the Trust.

Joining as a member of PCDT is a way of influencing, contributing and supporting PCDT’s aims and work, to make Portpatrick and the surrounding area a better place for residents, business and visitors alike.

### Chris Cain

In February 2020 we lost a good friend and one of the founding Board members of PCDT. **Chris Cain** (Capt. Cain) died suddenly in February 2020. Chris helped guide the formation of the Trust and was a tremendous help, support, and inspiration. He is sorely missed and remembered with great affection.