

THE ABERFELDY ANNOUNCER

The newsletter from Aberfeldy Big Local



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Aberfeldy Big Local Updates

In October, we took part in the Aberfeldy Spooks event and ran Halloween arts and crafts sessions during half-term which were very popular with local residents.

Plans for a Meanwhile Space winter event are underway, the date is confirmed for **Saturday 4th December 2-5PM**, so save the date!

ABL is working with John Morris to inform Aberfeldy residents on all the upcoming developments happening in the area. We are holding a public meeting at St. Nick's on **Wednesday 24th November 5-7PM**, bring your questions!

The ABL team are looking to speak to young people who live on Aberfeldy. We want to hear your views and listen to your ideas for activities and opportunities for you. If you are interested, text us your details to **07436 568 483** and we will get back to you.

Read on to find out what's coming up and how to get involved!



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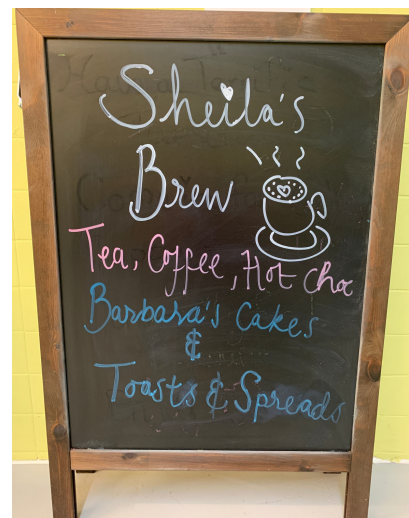
Sheila's Brew

The ABL staff team are based at 39 Aberfeldy Street where Sheila's Brew is run by board member Sheila and is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

In August, we asked you to vote on the new name for the Tea Room, formerly known as Tommy's Tea Room based at the Tommy Flowers pub. After several weeks of voting from local tea room users, the weekly bingo group and residents on our social media, the Aberfeldy Big Local Tea Room was re-named Sheila's Brew.

Pop in for a hot drink, a slice of cake or toasts and spreads.

Donations are welcome!



ABL Community Food Resource

We hope this winter will be a happy and healthy one but we know news about rising food prices won't put a smile on anyone's face!

ABL signed up with The Felix Project, who collect and deliver food to charities and schools, to start a Community Food Resource (CFR) for Aberfeldy residents. From November to January, ABL will get a weekly delivery of a range of food items.

To join the CFR you can email us at hello@aberfeldybiglocal.com to request a registration form, giving us your name and contact details or come and see one of the team at 39 Aberfeldy St.

Collections will be from **39 Aberfeldy St** from 2pm on Wednesdays, make sure to bring a bag with you.

We won't know what we will get until it arrives, the first week we had lots of breakfast cereal, fresh veg and tins. Please share any recipes you make with us, to help initiate conversations and ideas on how best to use these products.

Thanks to LBTH Tackling Poverty team for coordinating the bike deliveries.



Community Chest

In March, Aberfeldy Big Local opened the Community Chest grants for up to £1,000. There was a lot of interest generated from the local community with a varied range of exciting projects for all ages.

The ABL board members agreed and decided on the successful Community Chest grants based on project objectives, outcomes and best value for money.

The activities delivered for children included healthy cooking workshops, homework & art club, football & boxing sessions and toddler play activities. Through these projects, more than 100 children and their families have been able to participate and engage.

For the adults there were sewing classes, befriending and walking groups which have all been well attended. These projects were able to benefit over 50 residents and some groups continue growing.

The Community Chest grants will reopen in March 2022, look out for further information.



Parks Updates

Aberfeldy Big Local have been working with LBTH Parks team consulting and engaging Aberfeldy residents in plans for the 3 existing green spaces on Aberfeldy.

You've told us you really value these green spaces, they are used by all ages for children's play, sport and exercise, dog walking, sunbathing, connecting with nature, hosting events and socialising. Plans were changed to include what you asked for, better connections, new gym and play equipment, more seating, planting and trees.

Detailed plans for Braithwaite Park and Leven Rd have been submitted as part of the masterplan for the area. Parks and green spaces benefit physical and mental health as well as being places the community meet.

ABL would like to hear from anyone interested in caring for these green spaces. With winter approaching, getting out for a walk, chat and litter picking would be a good way to care for green spaces, meet neighbours and get our daily steps up!

If you are interested in being active in the parks this winter, please contact the ABL team.



What is Aberfeldy Big Local all about?

Funded by the National Lottery through Local Trust there are 150 Big Locals in England. Each Big Local was awarded £1 million pounds to create positive change, led by local people working together, identifying local needs, and taking action to respond.

A strong community spirit is key to Big Local aims so having places where neighbours can meet, opportunities for people to get together and the power for people to have a voice in changes that affect them are the central part of ABL's Local Plan.

How to get involved?

All Big Local's are driven by a Big Local Partnership. The Partnership are residents who drive the delivery of a Big Local Plan which has been written based on the views, opinions, and aspirations of local people.

The Partnership meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month for around 2 hours. The Partnership is not a legal body, it is supported by Quaker Social Action (QSA) as a Local Trusted Organisation. QSA, on behalf of the BL community hold the funding, employ staff and take care of all legal requirements, this enables the Partnership members to focus on actions and decisions.

The ABL's Big Local Plan has 3 key themes, they are PEOPLE, PLACES AND POWER.

Are you interested in becoming involved? Do you want to make your community an even better place? Do you want to meet other local people and together put your skills to good use, be involved in planning and shaping the Big Local on Aberfeldy?

If yes, please contact one of the ABL staff team, Noore Rahman, Veronica Sarmiento or Eleanor Image on **07436 568 483** or email us at hello@aberfeldybiglocal.com.

Or come and meet one of the team at 39 Aberfeldy Street. While we work from 39 most days from 10am to 6pm, there are times that we work elsewhere so 39 will be closed. If you post a message through, call, send us a text or email, we will get back to you.

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