

GARTCOSH DEVELOPMENT TRUST NEWSLETTER



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Stop Press - We have purchased the Park

Finally, Gartcosh Memorial Park is safely in the hands of the community.

The restoration work is set to begin next spring, with our primary focus over the winter being to secure funding and continue our fundraising efforts. We have gathered valuable input through residents' questionnaires and drawings created by local children, which reflect the desires of different age groups and generations for the park. Although the area is just under half an acre, we are committed



to making it the best it can be. However, we can't do it without your support. We're seeking volunteers for various tasks, including unskilled labour, as well as skilled and professional assistance. We also hope to encourage young people to get involved in this project.

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Local Place Plan

Gartcosh & Mount Ellen

A Local Place Plan for Gartcosh & Mount Ellen is an opportunity for local residents in the community to have their say about future development in our area over a 5 or 10 year period. Your views will define the ideas, priorities and considerations that will make up the Plan.

Our Plan will influence planning policy and community sector services including investment by the public & private business in the future. Our Local Place Plan is a pathway and opportunity for communities to have their voice heard in the planning process ahead of developments and decisions that affect their area.

The Gartcosh & Mount Ellen Local Place Plan will highlight our local priorities and opinions topics such as:

- Housing development
- Infrastructure eg school
- Community Amenities
- Green space
- Roads, active travel paths
- Heritage
- Economic opportunities
- The Seven Lochs projects at Johnston Loch
- Healthcare Access
- Wildlife and Biodiversity preservation.

It will be a live document to be referenced in decision making by statutory bodies, community groups, landowners and business.

The Plan will communicate the community's aspirations and vision of

our area. We are starting the place plan consultation with 3 wishes.



There is a 3 wishes card with this newsletter, and on the back you can scan it, and either complete on line or you can fill it in and place it in one of the 3 Wishes box locations around the village.

Please get the views of all members of your household of all age groups (3 wishes for each person).

If you complete the card manually, you can drop your card at the following locations:

- Gartcosh Social Club
- Gartcosh Community Hall
- Gartcosh Primary School
- Gartcosh Community Garden
- Gartcosh Parish Church Hall
- Shops where you see our poster

Gartcosh Memorial Park

In creating the Gartcosh Development Trust (GDT), our aim is to have an organisation that represented as many residents as possible, so our Board has membership from community organisations and can reach as many residents as possible. The GDT is also the right kind of organisation to hold community assets and to develop them.

Our community park has been our first initiative, and we have established the following targets and priorities:

Initial Objective: To transform the area into a functional park featuring play equipment. The site encompasses half an acre, and we may need to implement the project in two phases due to the costs associated with installing and planning for play equipment suitable for a wide age range.

Phase 1 Targets:

- **Acquisition of the Park:** Successfully purchased from the previous owners (completed).
- **Community Fundraising:** Ongoing efforts to raise funds for the project.
- **Funding Opportunities:** Identify funding sources that align with a one-year timeframe.
- **Site Preparation:** Clear the area for development.
- **Installation of Play Equipment:** Implement the first set of play equipment.
- **Ground Surface Installation:** Ensure appropriate ground surfacing beneath the play equipment.

- **Seating Installation:** Provide seating for visitors.
- **Low-Maintenance Planting:** Incorporate low-maintenance planting in the landscape design.

Phase 2 Objectives:

- **Pathway Creation:** Develop pathways throughout the park.
- **Additional Play Equipment:** Install further play equipment to enhance recreational opportunities.
- **Biodiversity Preparation:** Prepare areas for biodiversity elements, such as wild meadow planting.
- **Additional Seating:** Provide more seating options for visitors.

Play Equipment is something that needs to be installed professionally along with the play surface, but to keep cost down there is work volunteers can do, for example:

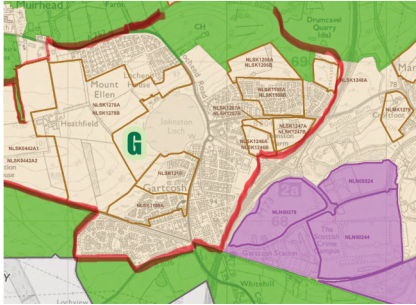
- Help lay paths
- Create planting beds
- Create or anchor position seating
- Look at ground drainage.
- If you are a local business, can you help us out with skills or advice?

For more information, please fill out the volunteer form on our website -

gartcoshdevelopmenttrust.com/volunteer

General Information

Here is a map of our bonded area, including the golf course land, allowing us to decide if we want housing development there. We've also marked land that may accommodate future housing. Sites highlighted in brown are part of the NLC development plan for new housing—some are already built, while others are still pending development.



Since these sites are designated for development, we've included them in our bonded area. You can provide feedback on land use during The Place Plan consultation process.

Our contact details are below. Please keep this newsletter handy for easy reference.

Website: gartcoshdevelopmenttrust.com (includes a contact form). Visit the Projects section for more information and check out our volunteer registration form.

Facebook: Garton Development Trust (follow us to stay updated).



Scan for website

GDT invites you to become a member! You can find the Membership Form on our website.

We need your help! If you're able to volunteer, please fill out our volunteer registration form. We're looking for volunteers to join our team for the park project starting in March.

Upcoming Events

Halloween

Thu 31st October

Christmas

Sun 8th December

Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook for updates and further announcements