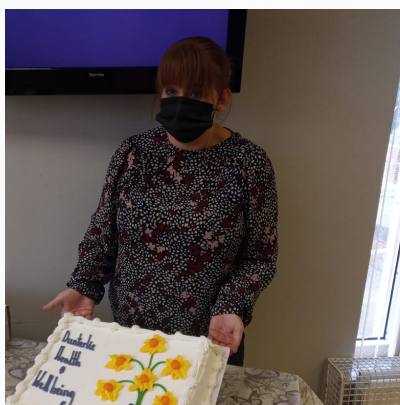


# DUNTERLIE

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING - WHAT WE'VE LEARNED



## SNAPSHOT

Corra's work to support community priorities in 2021 included:

- **Comic Relief - Participatory Grantmaking** processes is providing a rolling grant programme to help local groups get back to usual activity
- **Dunterlie Centre User Group (Dunterlie Action)** have been working to support the community to access space within the centre
- **Dunterlie Foodshare** have been exploring the 'magic' of the Foodshare with SCDC through the Knowledge is Power research project

Keep reading to find out more about what's been happening in Dunterlie...

## HEALTH ISSUES IN THE COMMUNITY

From the beginning of the pandemic everyone has been experiencing change, with many people facing real challenges around health and wellbeing. Since August last year, we have been working alongside local people to explore some of these challenges through conversations focused on Health and Wellbeing.

Coordinators from Falkirk and Fife visited Dunterlie after completing their Health Issues in the Community Facilitator training, to spark conversation and find out if there was an appetite to take action around this.

Initially this involved Corra hosting conversations with a focus on understanding how people have been feeling and adjusting. We hosted two conversation sessions initially to find out how life has been over the last two years and how they are feeling as we emerge from Covid restrictions. This then led to conversations between the group and the Health and Social Care Partnership around a strategic direction for the group.

The group then secured funds to host a health and wellbeing themed afternoon tea. There was a focus on inviting people who have not been able to make it back to the groups they attended before the pandemic, and a wish to welcome people back in to the centre. These conversations will continue and the group are keen to host further conversations to contribute to the upcoming Scottish Government Consultation on Older People's Health and Social Care strategy.



## DUNTERLIE CENTRE USERS GROUP

Dunterlie Centre User Group (Dunterlie Action) have been involved in conversations around local community plans with East Renfrewshire Council's Community Learning and Development and Environments team. They have supported consultation processes, made strong contributions to planning conversations and are now a constituted group hoping to support more local people to access the space at Dunterlie Resource Centre.

## COMIC RELIEF

Corra has been supporting members of the community in Dunterlie to distribute £20,000 of Comic Relief funding for the benefit of the local community.

After much disruption, due to the continuing restrictions from the pandemic, a rolling grants programme has been running to support groups coming back together.

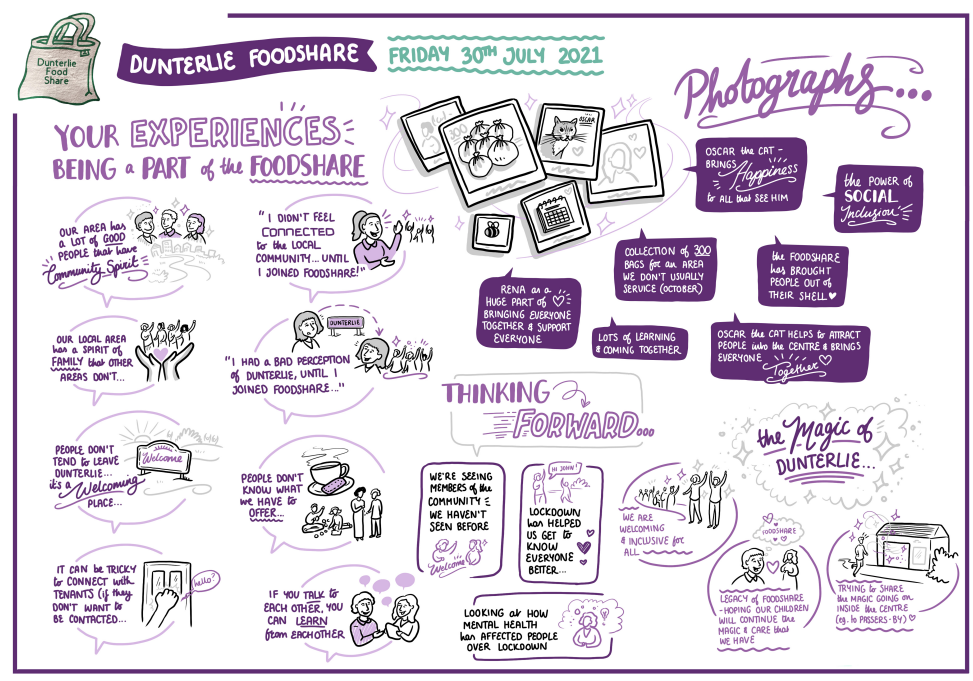


# KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Dunterlie Foodshare volunteers have been working on a community-led action research project as part of the Scottish Community Development Centre's Knowledge is Power programme.

Due to the pandemic, the 18 month project has been stretched out across the last two years. Volunteers had hoped to explore what the 'magic' of Dunterlie Foodshare is, to better understand the benefits of involvement for local people, services and volunteers.

Click the image (or go to <https://youtu.be/Yj4ome0SWt4>) to watch a video of the volunteers from Dunterlie Foodshare discuss the experiences people have when they come to the project.



## WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED TOGETHER?

Dunterlie Resource Centre was able to re-open to most groups in August 2021. Groups were supportive of each other to get back up and running - providing peer support around preparing for reopening, risk assessment and COVID-19 protection procedures.

All of the groups have recognised the importance of working collaboratively over the last few years, particularly in light of the pandemic. This has created opportunities for new ideas to emerge and for groups to sustain themselves and each other through challenging circumstances.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Dunterlie Action continue to work towards supporting the wider community to feed in to planning conversations. Corra will continue to provide support to enable this listening to happen.

Dunterlie has an exciting year ahead with lots of improvements to the physical environment supported by East Renfrewshire Council. The local football pitches will be refurbished and the centre will benefit from a Wi-fi connection and employability hub.



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## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

This year we have welcomed the time and energy of young people from Barrhead High School to Dunterlie. We will work to develop this partnership and find new ways to involve more young people in shaping next steps in Dunterlie.

Corra hopes to continue to engage people in meaningful conversations around health and wellbeing. We have recognised the massive impact of the pandemic on the lives of people in our community and we hope to bring people together to connect, heal and take action on the things most important to them.

## PEOPLE IN PLACE - MOVING FORWARDS

People in Place continue to work alongside 8 communities in Scotland, supporting local people to connect, collaborate on ideas and take action to create positive change. The local activity and learning from each community help shape plans for the place, the wider programme and to influence policy.

2021 was another challenging year, with communities continuing to be impacted by Coronavirus. Community groups, voluntary organisations and local authorities worked together to support individuals to transition through – and move towards recovery from the pandemic. Corra has listened to communities to understand the challenges and provide support as best we can. Across each community the themes of participation, support, money, relationships, and space are most evident with specific challenges relating to food insecurity, access to community space, mental health and wellbeing, and financial concerns.

As communities strive to recover from the impact of Coronavirus and look towards healing, support for health is of particular importance. Corra is currently working with local Health and Social Care Partnerships to identify how best to help community members access the support they need locally, while focusing on preventative approaches. Corra is also working alongside Healthcare Improvement Scotland to test and develop community-led approaches to improving health outcomes.

In 2022, Corra will continue to help communities and partners collectively understand, identify opportunities to influence and to change local systems to better support community aspirations and need. People in Place is focused on supporting and developing the enabling factors that will allow communities to grow and build forward better, such as, accessing and developing space, community-led grant making, building capacity, and sharing learning. This will involve balancing time and space for collective reflection with supporting momentum behind community ideas as we all continue to transition from the pandemic'. To reinforce this, an Idea into Action accelerator approach has been designed to direct funding and resources to what is needed in each of the communities with additional resource allocated to capacity building support and the development of space.



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