# Community Development Company of Nesting Newsletter No. 17, October 2025



#### **NEW DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

After three years with CDCN, Mark Ratter has moved onto new pastures, so through the summer we advertised for a new DO and at the end of July our new appointee, Brydon Sinclair, started in post. With over 19 years experience working in the SIC, Brydon will be picking up where Mark left off and delivering on several key aims in the Community Action Plan over the next year. If you need to contact the new DO then email <a href="mailto:developmentofficer@cdcn.co.uk">developmentofficer@cdcn.co.uk</a>.

#### **CDCN SET TO BECOME SOLAR POWERED**

Over the last few months, CDCN managed to secure funding to install a total of 54 405w solar panels for the roof of the Scrapstore. With the installation of the panels and their accompanying batteries completed, CDCN is set be powered predominantly through renewable energy, with the excess generated to be sold back to the grid.

#### **FUTURE NEWSLETTERS**

For future newsletters we're keen to include news and updates from the various groups in Nesting, Girlsta and Wadbister, so if you're interested in contributing or have anything you'd like advertised in the next newsletter (which should be in the Spring) then please get in touch.

#### **BIRD HIDE**

The new Bird Hide behind the Aald Skül has been completed. Overlooking the Loch of Benston, it offers a quiet spot to observe the local and visiting wildlife to South Nesting and is free for all to use.

#### AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Community Action Plan showed a whopping 80% of people surveyed wanted to make the Nesting, Wadbister and Girlsta area their home, and to help with that CDCN will begin to look into what it can do to help with affordable housing in the area. To aid in this, we'd be interested to hear from anyone who may be considering selling land or vacant properties in the future, as part of our options appraisal.

#### **AALD SKÜL BUSINESS SUITE**

The Business Suite at the Aald Skül is going to be used by the Nesting Local History Group over the coming winter—please see the advert on the back of this newsletter.

#### WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH CDCN?

You can choose to become a CDCN Member, which means you'll get copies of our minutes and an open invite to all meetings. If you have more time to offer then you could volunteer to become a Director. Find out more by attending our AGM—check the advert on the back of this newsletter.

## **Nesting Local History Group Annual General Meeting**

### **Tuesday 4th November, 7.30pm Aald Skül Community Hub Everyone welcome**

The NLHG has been mothballed for some years following renovations to the Aald Skül and Covid. A crossroads has been reached and the future of the NLHG will be decided at the AGM.

We would encourage all members and anyone who has an interest in taking an active role in revitalising the history group to come along.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Jennie Bradley (Chair)



**Tuesday 11th November, 8.00pm South Nesting Public Hall Everyone welcome** 

#### **Community Development Company of Nesting**

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