

# Community Development Company of Nesting

## Newsletter N° 16, September 2024



### COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

The Community Action Plan (CAP) for Nesting, Girsta and Wadbister has been completed and is now available! In late 2023, CDCN received a grant through the Scottish Government's Community-Led Local Development Funding (CLLD) to commission Community Enterprise to develop a plan for the area, identifying the key community priorities for the area over the next 10 years. The plan can be downloaded from CDCN's website at: [www.cdcn.co.uk/who-we-are/documents](http://www.cdcn.co.uk/who-we-are/documents). Hard copies are available at Skellister Stores and CDCN's office at the Aald Skül in South Nesting. CDCN is currently evaluating which of the plan's priorities it will take forward and which are best suited for delivery by other community groups.

### GROWING SPACES NESTING

This Aald Skül community growing project, funded by the Scottish Government's Islands Programme and Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), is nearing completion. Four Polycrubs have been built and rented to local growers since May, with eight more people on the waiting list. We are also preparing outdoor allotments, aiming to rent plots from next year. To join the waiting list for an allotment or Polycrub, email [developmentofficer@cdcn.co.uk](mailto:developmentofficer@cdcn.co.uk) or call 01595 890 770.

Other features of this project include a picnic bench, over 1,000 trees planted with local volunteer help, and an upcoming bird hide overlooking Benston Loch. A large Polycrub shed has also been built for storage and a tree planting project, where CDCN will grow and sell trees through the Scrapstore. **We are currently seeking volunteers to help with potting, watering, and other tasks for this tree project – so if you are interested, please contact us on the above details.**

### FUNERAL/ BURIAL SERVICES STUDY

CDCN received funding from Scottish Government's CLLD initiative, SIC Economic Development's Grant Scheme, and the Shetland Community Benefit Fund to commission a feasibility study to look into several potential funeral and burial service options for Shetland. However, after careful consideration, CDCN has decided not to pursue any of the assessed options due to high start-up costs, legal barriers, and uncertain demand – meaning the overall financial and operational risks were too significant. Instead, CDCN is now focussing on other income-generating opportunities identified in the Community Action Plan. We have, however, shared insights from the study with the SIC's Burial Services, and other stakeholders, to ensure the findings are still beneficial.

### OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CDCN is currently seeking funding from CARES and HIE to support the installation of **SOLAR PV AND BATTERY SYSTEMS**, as part of our commitment to transitioning towards net zero.
- CDCN has purchased a **PORTABLE GENERATOR** for use during extended power outages in the area. Funding for this was awarded through the SSEN Community Resilience Fund.
- The Nesting Scrapstore is doing well and has recently extended its Wednesday opening hours. It is now open every Wednesday from 1–4pm and Sundays from 2–5pm. We are also **RECRUITING FOR A NEW SCRAPSTORE TEAM LEADER** — see the job advert on the back!
- **HJEMLI REFLEXOLOGY** is now offering treatments (clinical reflexology, Indian head massage, reiki, and Emmett Level 1 & 2) in the Aald Skül's Salon Room, alternating days with **AVYANNA BEAUTY SALON**. You can find more details by searching these businesses on Facebook.
- CDCN continues to operate the **COMMUNITY FOODBANK** from the Aald Skül. If you, or anyone you know, needs support, please email [developmentofficer@cdcn.co.uk](mailto:developmentofficer@cdcn.co.uk) or call 01595 890 770.



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**NESTING SCRAPSTORE TEAM LEADER** (fixed-term contract to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2025)

**Salary £13 per hour, 20 hours per week**

***Are you a self-motivated person who would like to support our social enterprise to reach its full potential – all whilst promoting community reuse and recycling of goods? If so, we would like to hear from you!***

Scrapstore Team Leader duties and responsibilities will include:

- Leading Scrapstore activities by coordinating and assisting volunteers
- Marketing and promotion of the Scrapstore
- Maintaining and enhancing the Scrapstore Facebook page
- Identifying new reuse/ recycling opportunities

Strong communication skills and the physical ability to perform the tasks required by the role are essential. Previous experience in leading or supervising workers or volunteers is desirable.

There is some flexibility with work times, although there is a requirement to work on Sundays during Scrapstore opening hours (2-5pm), and Wednesdays (1-4pm). The post will be based at the Aald Skül, South Nesting. Some occasional travel within Shetland may be required, and therefore car access is essential (mileage allowance is provided for this).

A job share may be considered for this position.

To receive the Scrapstore Team Leader job description and person specification, plus instructions on how to apply for this position, please email: [admin@cdcn.co.uk](mailto:admin@cdcn.co.uk)

The closing date for submitted applications is: **5pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

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