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Supporting resilience and investing in our community

We are pleased to share that Udny Community Trust (UCTC) has officially completed the adoption of 15 grit bins that were previously earmarked for removal by Aberdeenshire Council. These bins now feature stickers indicating UCTC's ownership, with our contact details. A sixteenth bin—found to be damaged during the adoption process—is currently being replaced by the Council and will join our network shortly. We have made arrangements for all the adopted bins to be filled, and while we hope we are well past the worst of the weather for now, this means they will be ready for use when the next icy spell hits. Note that grit bins without UCTC stickers remain the property and responsibility of Aberdeenshire Council and issues with those bins should be reported to the Council through the usual channels.

In addition to improving our infrastructure and resilience, our focus remains on empowering local groups. We have recently awarded funding to several fantastic projects, including the Swap Shop; First Aid training for staff & parents of Udny Station Pre-school & Playgroup, and Udny Green's wonderful community events: the summer village picnic and Christmas concert. If your community group or charity is planning a project for 2026, we would love to hear from you. We are currently accepting grant applications and we encourage eligible Udny-based organisations to apply. For more information on the criteria and how to submit an application, scan the QR code or visit www.udnycommunitytrust.org.uk/grants.



Spotlight

Become a Trust Member



Membership of Udny Community Trust is open to everyone who lives in Udny and it is free to join.

As a member, you have a say in what goes on at the Trust and can get involved in a few different ways.

Project Evaluation Group (PEG): As a member, you can join our Project Evaluation Group and review large grant applications, helping the Board of Directors to make decisions on how we invest in our community.

AGM voting rights: Ordinary members* have voting rights at our Annual General Meeting.

Become a Director: Ordinary members are eligible to apply to join our Board of Directors.

*Ordinary membership is open to Udny residents only. If you have a connection with the Trust and support our work, but live outside Udny, you can still join as an Associate member.

Want to join? Scan the QR code to visit our website and to apply.

www.udnycommunitytrust.org.uk/get-involved



Highlights

Udny Community Cinema: FREE Easter Special.

The community cinema is showing *Risen* on Saturday 4th April. Entry is free but tickets must be reserved online. See 'Key Dates' for details.

Fundraising Quiz. The Cafe48 quiz is back by popular demand on Friday 24th April, this time raising funds for improvements to Pitmedden Park. See 'Key Dates' for details.

UCTC Large Grant Deadline. The next deadline for large grants (over £1,000) is Monday 27th April. Terms & conditions apply. For more information and to apply, visit www.udnycommunitytrust.org.uk/grants

What's On

Everyone welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

at The Medan Centre



Daily
Mon - Sat
10am - 3pm
Quarry Room



Weekly
Monday
10am - 12noon
Quarry Room



Weekly
Tuesday 10am
Cuppas & blether after!
Quarry Room



Weekly **Adults only**
Tuesday
1.30 - 3.30pm
Bronie Room



Weekly
Tuesday
2.30 - 4.30pm
Quarry Room



Weekly
Friday
Approx 2.20 - 2.45pm
The Medan Centre



Fortnightly
Fridays
3.30 - 5pm
Quarry Room

April
10th, 24th
Adults only



Monthly
Second Monday
2.45 - 4.30pm
Bronie Room

April
13th



Monthly
Third Monday
6 - 8pm
Quarry Room

April
20th



Monthly
Last Thursday
10.30am - 12.30pm
Quarry Room



Monthly x 2
Afternoon & evening
groups. A different book
each month. Get in touch
with Teresa for details!

Event schedule subject to change. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages for latest info and details. For more information contact Teresa Costanza: 01651 843776 or admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk



Key Dates

Community Events and Activities - April 2026

- Wed 1st, 8th, 15th** **Threads & Yarns, 7-9pm, Quarry Room, The Medan Centre**
Sewing, knitting and crochet community group. Come for a cuppa and a natter. Adults and children aged 12+ (if younger, must be accompanied by an adult). **For info call Julia (07817 762723) or Lynette (07971 117599).**
- Sat 4th** **Community Cinema Easter Special: Risen, 7.30-10pm, Dr Spence Memorial Hall**
Risen is the epic story of the resurrection, told through the eyes of Roman military tribune Clavius. Certificate 12. Doors Open at 7:00pm, screening at 7:30pm. **Free of charge - tickets required.** Buy tickets online via the QR code.
- Tue 7th** **Asthma & Allergy Foundation @ Open Doors, 2.30-4.30pm, Quarry Room, The Medan Centre**
The Asthma & Allergy Foundation is a dedicated asthma charity providing evidence-based health information, confidential advice and practical support to people living with asthma and allergies. They will be at Open Doors with a pop-up stall on 7th April. **Contact Teresa for info: admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk**
- Mon 13th** **Conversation Cafe: Spring Gardening - Plants, Wildlife & Bees, 3-4.30pm, Bronie Room, The Medan Centre**
Come along and catch up over a cuppa and a fine piece. Chat with local gardeners and a local beekeeper about gardening for nature in the Spring. **Contact Teresa Costanza for info: admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk.**
- Mon 13th** **Udny Community Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Quarry Room, The Medan Centre**
Udny Community Council meets on the second Monday of every month. Meetings are open to parish residents. **Contact udnycsecretary@outlook.com for information.**
- Tues 14th** **Social Group, 7.30-8.30pm, Bronie Room, The Medan Centre**
A simple space to connect with others, have a chat, slow the pace a little, and enjoy being around people. Relaxed social connection and wellbeing are the focus. **For more info visit: www.facebook.com/Jotransforminglives**
- Sat 18th** **Community Litter Pick, 10 - 11.30am, Meet outside the Bronie Room @ The Medan Centre**
Join in a local litter pick to tidy up Pitmedden for Keep Scotland Beautiful's #SpringCleanScotland2026. Litter picking equipment will be provided and participants will receive a discount voucher for Cafe48. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Contact Teresa for info: admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk.**
- Mon 20th** **Book Bug @ Baby & Toddler Stay & Play, 10am-12noon, Quarry Room, The Medan Centre**
Boost language skills and meet other families through rhymes, songs and stories. Our regular Baby & Toddler session with added Book Bug bonus. No need to book. Contact Teresa: **admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk.**
- Tues 21st** **Bereavement Café, 5.00-6.00pm, Bronie Room, The Medan Centre**
Peer support group for those who have experienced loss, either recently or in the past. Grief has no time limit. **Contact Teresa Costanza for info: admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk.**
- Fri 24th** **Udny Community Cafe, 11am-12.30pm, Dr Spence Memorial Hall, Udny Green**
Monthly scones on the last Friday of the month, 11am-12.30pm, back hall. Proceeds support the upkeep of Dr Spence Memorial Hall.
- Fri 24th** **Fundraising Quiz, 7.30pm, Cafe48 - Quarry Room, The Medan Centre**
Raising funds for Pitmedden Amenities Trust subgroup, for improvements to Pitmedden Park. Bring your friends, your family and your brains. To book a table call 01651 842346 or email **cafe@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk.**
- Wed 29th** **Co-op Community Conversation, 3-5pm, Quarry Room, The Medan Centre**
Come along for a free, friendly get-together with the Co-op. Connect with local groups, hear what's happening in the community, and find out more about Co-op campaigns. There'll be time to chat, network and enjoy free Co-op refreshments.
- Thu 30th** **UCTC Guided Long Walk: Haddo, 10.30am - 12.30pm, Meet in Haddo House car park**
A long walk around the grounds of Haddo House, with friendly and experienced local walkers leading the way. **For info, contact Teresa: admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk**





The Medan Centre

Your Community Hub



Cafe48



Tues - Sun, 10am - 3pm

Sit in and take away. Fresh local food and home bakes. Regular specials and offers. Booking is recommended!



Senior Tuesday Deal

Tuesday 10am-2.15pm

Soup & Main OR Main & Dessert

Two Courses - Only £10.50!



PitmeddenCafe



SCAN TO BOOK A TABLE ONLINE



01651 842346



cafe@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk



Community Information Point

This month, our Community Information Point will focus on:

Bowel Cancer & Testicular Cancer

We also have a 'Services & Support Directory' containing information on a wide range of health, wellbeing and social care topics.

The Community Information Point is outside the Bronie Room, in The Medan Centre.

To access professional support you can speak to a Healthpoint Adviser. They will help you find free and confidential advice on health and wellbeing matters.

Call 08085 20 20 30

Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm

Room Hire

We have rooms for hire at competitive rates and we welcome volunteer-led community groups to use our space for low or no cost.

Rates and information on our spaces can be found on UCTC's website. To find out more about our spaces or to book, contact Ruth Cluness: 01651 843776 or facilities@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk



Udny Community Shelf



Open daily, 9am to mid-afternoon.

Udny Community Shelf helps our community to reduce food waste. Volunteers collect surplus food from local stores, saving it from landfill.

Everything in the Shelf is free of charge.

The Shelf operates from a trailer in The Medan Centre car park.



Visit us...

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Speak to us...

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