

# Blether



Udny Community Trust ~ October 2026 ~ Issue 013

## Making Things Happen for Udny

As ever, there's been lots happening at Udny Community Trust over the past month, and we're delighted to share a few updates with you. The flat roof replacement is coming along on schedule, with work on the main flat roof due to be completed in early October and some secondary work happening over the next couple of weeks.

We've also taken the opportunity, while contractors are on site, to give the Quarry Room a major renovation and refurbishment. This means it will be closed for a little longer, but we're really excited about the planned improvements and upgrades, which will transform the Quarry Room into a versatile, welcoming community space. We'll be sharing more news as the work progresses, so watch this space for details of our grand reopening!

The Garden Room will remain open through the autumn, with additional heating being installed as the temperatures begin to fall.



*Thank you, as always, for your patience and support while we continue to improve the facilities at The Medan Centre. There's lots to look forward to!*



Looking at our wider work beyond The Medan Centre, the third round of Udny Community Fund grant funding for 2026 awarded a large grant to Formartine Parish Church to replace and upgrade the kitchen at Pitmedden Church. The new kitchen will help support the popular Big Breakfast project and benefit many other local groups who use the facility. We were also delighted to award small grants to Inverurie Orchestra for their 2027 summer concert providing musical opportunities for local young people, Pitmedden Tiny Tots for the delivery of their much-valued playgroup, and Udny Station Pre-school and Playgroup for development of their outdoor learning and play area. We are proud to support the fantastic work of all these groups!

## Spotlight

### Co-op Community Conversations



Co-op Community Conversations are a friendly way to meet local people, hear what's happening across our community and make new connections.

Previous gatherings at the Medan Centre have brought together local groups, residents and Co-op members to share news, ideas and opportunities – with free Co-op refreshments too!

**The next Community Conversation takes place at The Medan Centre on Weds 28th October, 3–5pm.** Everyone is welcome, so pop in for a cuppa, a chat and the chance to find out more about what's going on locally.



For more information, contact  
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## Highlights

**hArticulture** delivers creative experiences inspired by art, culture, gardens, ecology and heritage. They are running a **Flower Stamping Workshop on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Oct, 10am - 12pm** at The Medan Centre. Register online: <https://bit.ly/3VfJK3n>

**UCTC Guided Walk:** Join the final guided long walk of 2026 on **Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Oct, 10.30am** to ramble along the Oldcraig path and enjoy the latest addition to the Udny Paths Network, opened in summer 2024, linking Pitmedden to the Formartine & Buchan Way. See 'Key Dates', p.3 for details.

**Udny Community Fund:** deadlines for the final round of funding in 2026 are approaching. Large grant applications must be submitted by **Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Oct**; small grants by **Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Nov**. For application forms, terms and further information visit [www.udnycommunitytrust.org.uk/grants](http://www.udnycommunitytrust.org.uk/grants).

To discuss projects or for support with applications, please contact Ruth Cluness, [manager@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk](mailto:manager@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk)

# What's On

Everyone welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

*at The Medan Centre*



**Weekly**  
**Monday**  
**10am - 12noon**  
**Garden Room**



**Weekly**  
**Tuesday 10am**  
**Cuppas & blether after!**  
**Garden Room**



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

**Adults only**



**Weekly**  
**Tuesday**  
**2.30 - 4.30pm**  
**Garden Room**

**Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>**  
(Taking a break for school holidays)



**Weekly**  
**Friday**  
**Approx 2.20 - 2.45pm**  
**The Medan Centre**



**Fortnightly**  
**Fridays**  
**3.30 - 5pm**  
**Bronie Room**

**Oct 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Adults only**



**Monthly**  
**Second Monday**  
**3 - 4.30pm**  
**Garden Room**

**Oct 12<sup>th</sup>**



**Monthly**  
**Third Monday**  
**6 - 7pm**  
**Bronie Room**

**Oct 19<sup>th</sup>**



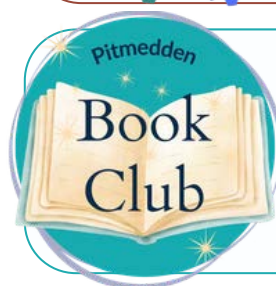
**Monthly**  
**Third Monday**  
**6 - 8pm**  
**Cafe48**

**Oct 19<sup>th</sup>**



**Monthly**  
**Last Thursday**  
**10.30am - 12.30pm**  
See 'Key Dates' for walk location and details

**Oct 29<sup>th</sup>**



**Monthly x 2**  
Afternoon & evening groups.  
A different book each month.  
If you'd like to be part of it, contact Teresa for details.

These activities are delivered by our amazing team of volunteers. Please join us in saying 'THANK YOU' next time you're at a session!

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](mailto:admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk)

The Medan Centre, 14 Oldmeldrum Road, Pitmedden, Aberdeenshire, AB41 7AG



# Key Dates

## Community Events and Activities - Oct 2026

Fri  
2nd

### Fundraising Quiz for The Good Companions, 7.30pm, Cafe48

Raising funds for the local friendship group, The Good Companions. Bring your friends, your family and your brains! **To book a table call 01651 842346 or email [cafe@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk](mailto:cafe@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk).**

Cinema tickets



Fri  
2nd

### Community Cinema Nuremberg, 7.30-10pm, Dr Spence Memorial Hall

Psychological drama Nuremberg follows a U.S. Army psychiatrist evaluating high-ranking Nazi Hermann Göring ahead of the war crimes trials. Doors Open at 7:00pm, screening at 7:30pm. Adults £8, 16 and under £5. **Buy tickets online at: [bit.ly/4AJaZUc](https://bit.ly/4AJaZUc) or via the QR code →**

Sat  
3rd

### Udny Community Turbine Open Day, 10am - 3pm, Udny Community Turbine, Tillymaud

See the turbine up close and discover how Udny Community Trust, Udny Resilience Group & Udny Climate Action support community development and resilience. **Contact Teresa Costanza for info: [admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk) or scan the QR code →**

Open day info & location



Mon  
5th,  
19th

### Boccia, 2-4pm, Dr Spence Memorial Hall, Udny Green

A seated, inclusive game of strategy open to anyone. Takes place fortnightly. £5 per person, per session including tea, coffee and biscuits. **Contact Brian for info: 07538 543646**

Tues  
6th

### Open Doors Litter Pick, 2.30-4.30pm, Garden Room, The Medan Centre

Join us for a community litter pick as well as the usual cuppa, cake and Blether. Keeping Udny Beautiful for Climate Week North East. **Contact Teresa Costanza for info: [admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk).**

Weds  
7th, 14th,  
21st

### Threads & Yarns, 7-9pm, Bronie 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 contact Julia (07817 762723) or Lynette (07971 117599).**

Mon  
12th

### Udny Community Council Meeting

UCC meets on the second Monday of the month. See Udny Community Council on Facebook for details. **Contact [udnycsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:udnycsecretary@outlook.com) for info.**

Mon  
12th

### Udny Conversation Café: Frontline Care, 3-4.30pm, Cafe48, The Medan Centre

Pop along to Cafe48 to learn from local pharmacist Sophie Webster how the NHS Pharmacy First scheme can save you a trip to the GP by providing fast, free clinical advice and treatments at your local pharmacy counter for common health conditions. **Contact Teresa Costanza for info: [admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk).**

Mon  
19th

### Udny Repair Café, 6-8pm, Cafe48, The Medan Centre

Run by Udny Climate Action. Pop along with items needing to be repaired or restored. To enquire about potential repairs contact [udnyrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:udnyrepaircafe@gmail.com)

Mon  
26th

### Udny Community Fund: Large Grant Deadline

Large grants available for projects in Udny seeking from £1,000 to £10,000. Ts&Cs apply, see UCTC website or scan the QR code. To discuss a project or for support with an application, contact Ruth Cluness: [manager@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk](mailto:manager@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk)

Grants



Wed  
28th

### Co-op Community Conversation, 3-5pm, Bronie 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.

Wed  
28th

### Udny Community Trust AGM, 7.30pm, Cafe48

Everyone welcome. Come along and find out more about the Trust. Members have voting rights. Register your interest with Teresa on [admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk) - walk-ins also welcome.



Thu  
29th

### UCTC Guided Walk: Oldcraig Path, 10.30 - 12.30pm, Meet at The Medan Centre

Join us for the final long walk of 2026 down Udny's newest path, lovingly developed by the Udny Paths Group. Register your interest with Teresa on [admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk)



# The Medan Centre

## Your Community Hub



### Cafe48



**Tuesday to Saturday, 9.30am - 3pm**

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

**SUPER DEAL!!**

**Breakfast Bargain**

**October Only!!**

**Tuesday - Saturday 9.30 - 11.30am**

**Buy one full cooked breakfast, get a second for £1.**



PitmeddenCafe



01651 842346



[cafe@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk](mailto:cafe@udnycommunitytrust.org.uk)



SCAN TO BOOK A TABLE ONLINE



## Community Information Point

This month, our Community Information Point will focus on:

**Breast Cancer, Menopause, Cost of Living**

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.

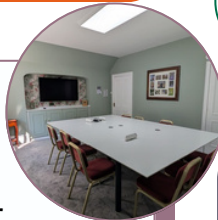
Call 08085 20 20 30

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](mailto: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...**

14 Oldmeldrum Road, Pitmedden, AB41 7AG



**Speak to us...**

01651 843776 or 07436 811759



We're on WhatsApp



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