

**ASSET TRANSFER UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT
NOTICE OF ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST**

An asset transfer request has been made to Midlothian Council under Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

The request has been made by **Newtongrange Development Trust (NDT)** and relates to **Newtongrange Welfare Park Former Bowling Club and Green**

The request is for ownership and will allow NDT to develop:

- The Pavilion as an office base for NDT for admin, etc and replace the current rented shop premises. Some of NDT's existing groups and activities will transfer to the Pavilion – the Pantry, Renovate hub, CAB outreach, Crochet/sewing group and the Singing Group. Other groups like the Tai Chi group and the Mothers & Toddlers will stay where they are but could make use of the outdoor space for summer sessions and activities.
- A Café /coffee shop with a simple menu (soup and sandwich, cake, good coffee, etc) and kids' snacks.
- A kitchen suitable for training; this links well with the community gardeners and would make good use of their produce.
- Introductory events for people new to the village – to help social integration, community involvement, etc.
- Tool hire.
- Asset library – for party – gazebo, fairy lights, PA system
- Pop-up shop or stalls for crafters, etc.
- Children's parties – outdoor and indoor space
- Hire for small events and parties and hire of space for groups, meetings, etc

The documents relating to this request can be viewed online at:

https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/200284/your_community/487/community_asset_transfer/

or by contacting Karen McGowan on 07990 136821.

Anyone may make representations about this request to Karen McGowan, Senior Communities, Lifelong Learning and Employability Officer. Representations must be in writing and include the name and address of the person making it. A copy of the representation will be given to the organisation making the request.

Representations must be made by **1st December 2023**.

They should be sent to Karen.McGowan@midlothian.gov.uk

General information about the asset transfer scheme is available at
<https://beta.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/asset-transfer/>