# **DIRECTIONS**

# Compass Project Newsletter

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# Site Safety & Security

- CCTV & Lights: Cameras are now installed at key points across the site. These are actively monitored and have already alerted us to activity on site. One of the positive aspects is that we've seen a family of deer regularly passing through the site! You can view this lovely wildlife footage on our website.
- Police Dog Training: Police dogs continue to train and exercise onsite.
- How to help: We are grateful to the local community for keeping watch when they are in the area and reporting anything suspicious to us. Please keep up the good work!

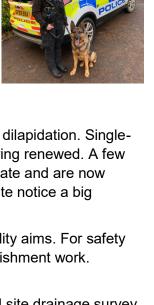


# **Buildings**

- Roofing: We have made good progress with essential repairs to prevent further dilapidation. Singlestory section of main building has been re-roofed with recycled slates and guttering renewed. A few glazing units have still to be replaced by overall buildings are in a much better state and are now largely wind and water tight. We hope that those regularly walking through the site notice a big difference!
- Surveys: Energy efficiency surveys are being explored as part of our sustainability aims. For safety reasons, asbestos surveys will be carried out in each building prior to any refurbishment work. Quotes are currently being considered.
- Drainage: Diamond Drainage have been awarded the contract to carry out a full site drainage survey and flush through. This should be completed by early February.
- Sports Hall: Current focus is the upgrade of heating and lighting. Timescale for opening is likely to be extended until Summer / early Autumn.
- How to help: Anyone wishing to note an interest in renting the sports hall space is encouraged to get in touch with us as soon as possible.

## **Outdoor Spaces**

- Clear-Ups: The December clear-up achieved clearance of extensive over-grown brambles and manicuring of the box hedge. You can watch a video clip of this work on our website.
- Tree Management: Permission has been granted by Aberdeen City Council to proceed with tree management in accordance with our tree survey to ensure site safety and promote a healthy, diverse woodland area. All wood generated will be utilised i.e. chippings for mulch and pathways, planks for construction, logs for firewood.
- Southern Field Lease: Compass are keen to support a community project / community use of the empty field below the Compass site which was, for many years, leased to the Waldorf School by Aberdeen City Council.
- How to help: We are looking for anyone with organic / no dig gardening expertise who would like to help Compass. Please get in touch: <a href="mailto:compass@cwt.scot">compass@cwt.scot</a> or 01224 862008.



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### **Volunteers**

Local support: A huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers who have donated over **650 hours** of their time to the Compass project! This has resulted in great progress on the site and a real feeling of community engagement.

Unfortunately current Covid restrictions limit the possibility for volunteer days. However, individual volunteers can be facilitated during the week until outdoor

meet ups are allowed again.

Please get in touch by emailing Andrew, Project Coordinator, on compass@cwt.scot









## **Fundraising**

Phase 1: to end March 2021

Current amount raised: £101,444.50 Target: £200,000

- **Neal's Yard Shopping Event:** The online shopping event in November raised approx. £150.00 for Compass.
- Fundraising page: Our Virgin Money Giving Campaign page for compass was launched in November: https://virginmoneygiving.com/fund/Compass
- **Next steps**: If you, or anyone you know have fundraising ideas for the Compass project, we would be happy to hear from you.



### PR

- Website: Find the latest updates at www.camphillwellbeing.org.uk/compass including our Photo Gallery which shows progress from volunteer onsite days and a time lapse video of the hedge-trimming below the main building.
- Facebook page: Follow us here: https://www.facebook.com/CWTCompass
- Press & Media: We have submitted articles to the MBC and Culter Courier newsletters with further updates to go to Drumoak and the Westhill bulletin for their latest newsletters.
- **Next steps**: We will be looking for other opportunities to raise the profile of the project. If you or any contacts you have would like to get involved, please let us know.

# **Upcoming Events**

Saturday 16th January 2021: POSTPONED due to Covid restrictions. Individual volunteers still welcome, please email <a href="mailto:compass@cwt.scot">compass@cwt.scot</a> or phone 01224 862008.

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