The FerryNews

Bus Service Changes

Unfortunately, the FerryNews publishing schedule means that this is being written shortly before the bus service changes - that kicks in on August 17th , so it's based on the best information available in advance. By the time you read this, we'll know just how good that was.

The combination of a small team at Fife Council plus folk away on summer holidays meant that there was no real consultation in advance. However, I'm assured that the new services aren't set in stone and that minor changes can be made as we go along.

The biggest change is the removal of the 87 service from the top of the village and its replacement with an amended 88, which has been known as the "Inverkeithing Town Bus". It'll now be the 'Inverkeithing and North Queensferry Bus'.

The new service will:-

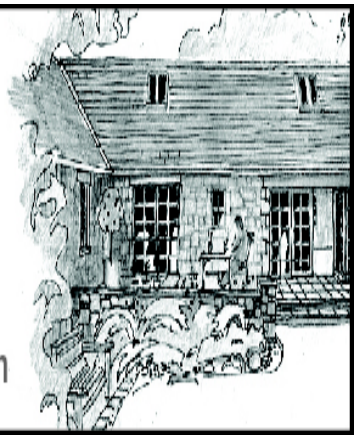
- Come down Hope Street, turn left into Ferryhills Road and go up to the top of NQ
- Come back down, turn left and go to Ferrytoll
- Go down to Battery Road
- Come back to Ferrytoll
- Go back up Ferryhills Road to the top of NQ
- Come down Ferryhills Road, turn right and go off round Inverkeithing

That's been designed to give direct links between Ferrytoll and both the top and bottom of the village, which fits with the idea of linking at Ferrytoll to direct services elsewhere. It also offers a service from the bottom to the top of the village for anyone who doesn't fancy The Brae.

What's gone is the 87 link to Dalgety Bay and beyond. One alternative to change is-buses at Ferrytoll but another, which Fife Council is keen to promote, is the expanding Go-Flexi service. This has been extended to allow travel from NQ to the far end of Moray Way North by Dalgety Bay Art Club and there's a request in for more Dalgety Bay destinations. The best way to book is via the Go-Flexi App. but you can also call 01382 540 624.

Councillor Dempsey has been in regular dialogue with Fife Council and will look to continue that, so, if there are any problems or suggestions for improvement, please send them in to **cllr.dave/dempsey@fife.gov.uk or call 07585 112996.**

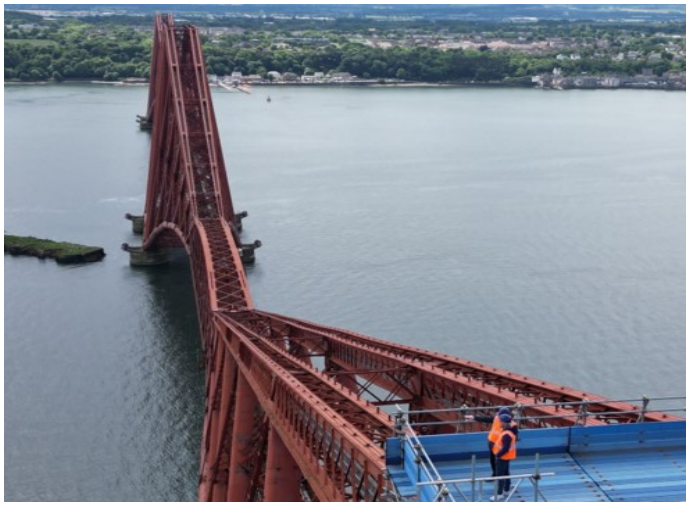
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Update on Forth Bridge World Heritage and Forth Bridges' Tourism

Forth Bridge World Heritage Site Management Plan



The Forth Bridge World Heritage Site Management Plan 2026-2035 update has been completed and stakeholders on the Forth Bridges Forum are reviewing the Plan. Once the review has concluded, the Plan will be designed for publication and available online. The Forth Bridge World Heritage Management Group will continue to oversee the Action Plan at its quarterly meetings. North Queensferry Community Council and Heritage Trust are represented on this Group.

News Updates

The Forth Bridge is included in the new UK Industrial Heritage Trail which covers UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Tentative List sites, UNESCO Cities of Literature and Film and Global Geoparks to tell the story of industry across England, Scotland and Wales. From mills, mines and quarries to canals, railways and industrial cities, the trail connects places and landscapes shaped by innovation, labour and geology - inviting visitors to explore how industry transformed everyday life and left a lasting cultural legacy. Copies of the new UNESCO UK Industrial Heritage Trail map are available at North Queensferry station...



Charity Events

Barnardo's Your View raises vital funds for children in Scotland. This year's event with trips to the top of the Forth Bridge from North Queensferry will take place 18th – 20th September.

The Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland (CHSS) abseiling event is back at the Forth Bridge in South Queensferry on Sunday 4th October. Sign up to raise money for CHSS or a charity of your choice via the CHSS website.

BEAR Scotland is taking part in the annual Doors Open Day on 26/9/26 with a free exhibition at the Contact & Education Centre in South Queensferry. The ballot for trips inside and on the deck of the Queensferry Crossing closed on 21/8/26, raising funds for Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS).

Supernova returns to the Forth Road Bridge on the evening of Saturday 7th November when the carriageway is closed for participants to walk, wheel or run across the bridge.

Summer 2026

Planning for the Future

NQCAN is seeking your ideas









Our story so far...

The North Queensferry Climate Action Network (NQCAN) has been going strong for over two years and we thought it timely to ask the community what other activities you would like to help us deliver.

In the past two years we have: organised an electric car & bike demonstration as part of the West Bay Open Day; hosted popular information sessions with Home Energy Scotland to advise villagers on how to save energy and transfer to renewable technologies; organised teams across five local beaches to count nurdles as part of the Great Nurdle Hunt; led a count at the Community Complex for the Big Butterfly Count; assisted in tree planting sessions at the Community Complex; participated in half a dozen beach cleans organised by Deep Sea World; hosted talks on nature and screenings of documentaries pertinent to the climate crisis.

In addition, we have met with local councillors to raise specific concerns; responded to local initiatives, such as the recent Fife bus consultation; and have had meetings with stakeholders, such as the Fife Coast & Countryside Trust, to help shape and take forward ideas and also helped raise awareness of national campaigns, such as #NoMowMay.

Do you want to get involved? Email nq.climate.action.network@gmail.com or leave us a note at the shop, Rankins or the Community Centre and share your thoughts to help us plan future activities.



North Queensferry Floral Enhancement Group — Summer 2026

It has been a busy spring and summer for the Floral Enhancement Group. Despite the dry weather earlier in the season, the village planting has continued to look colourful and cared for, helped by nearby residents, volunteers and plenty of quiet work behind the scenes.A small team of children from North Queensferry School kindly helped plant up the boat-planter at the top of the brae, using the opportunity to learn a little about the ecology of gardening.

We have been liaising with the council to restart quarterly maintenance at Pierhead Play Park. In the meantime, we dealt with overgrown grass and vegetation ourselves so the area could be enjoyed more comfortably over the summer.

We also raised with the council the issue of overgrown grassy borders, kerbs and the unkempt picnic area beneath the Forth Bridge. The latter is a shame in such a prominent World Heritage setting. We understand the council is liaising with Network rail to address the issue.

There has been good progress at the new Brae Bench area. We arranged for it to be added to the council team's regular grass-cutting schedule, and we trimmed it on an interim basis while arrangements bedded in. We also planted a protective hedging barrier to help define the area and provide a natural boundary.

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.Floral Enhancement continued



The village flower barrels were planted up for summer and needed regular watering during the unusually dry spell. Around the Jubilee Well area, we have carried out extensive maintenance to keep the planting tidy and healthy.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped with watering, donated plants, or simply offered encouragement when passing by — it all makes a real difference. New volunteers are always welcome: we meet every Tuesday at 10.00am - normally at the village war memorial. To get involved, please contact Eileen Donaldson on 07767407671 or by email at eileenwwoodburn@gmail.com

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National Emergency Briefing

People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis

North Queensferry

In November 2025, the National Emergency Briefing brought together leading experts to present the latest evidence on the climate and nature crisis to politicians and other influential people in Westminster. That evidence is now publicly available and NQCAN will be hosting a free film screening on the topic at the Community Centre followed by tea, coffee, biscuits & conversation

North Queensferry Community Centre, **Sunday 20 September** at **4pm**. Please register via Eventbrite: bit.ly/4f6YB6j or scan the QR code or email: NQ.climate.action.network@gmail.com
All welcome (age 16+ only)

www.nebriefing.org

Tiny Actions, Big Impact: Local Volunteers Help Protect Our Coastline

Sometimes the biggest difference starts with the smallest actions. At East Bay, North Queensferry, a fantastic group of local volunteers came together with one shared goal—to help protect the coastline they love.



Armed with litter pickers, gloves and plenty of enthusiasm, our volunteers spent time exploring the shoreline and uncovering the hidden litter that can often go unnoticed. While East Bay looked clean and beautiful at first glance, the team discovered that even our most treasured coastal spaces need care and attention.

Working together, the group collected an incredible **6.8kg of rubbish**, helping to protect this special environment for local wildlife, marine life and everyone who enjoys the beach.



Although 6.8kg may seem like a small amount, every single piece removed makes a difference. Litter left on our beaches can break down over time into smaller pieces, including microplastics, which can enter the marine environment and be mistaken for food by marine animals and seabirds.

This beach clean is a fantastic example of the positive impact communities can make when they come together. A few hours of teamwork, dedication and care can help create a cleaner coastline and support the ongoing effort to protect our oceans.

Stamps - Help the Royal institute for the Blind create a world without barriers for people with sight loss.

Collect your used stamps, bring them to the Community Centre and put them in the special envelope.

Thank you

13 Year Reading Group

This village book group has just celebrated its 20th anniversary despite its name!.
Started by friends who met on the Fife Coastal Path and decided that a monthly meeting with tea and cake around the discussion of a book sounded enjoyable. Various other friends were recruited until the group became 16 members at which point it was felt that no more could be fitted into the homes involved. Some of the original members are still involved, others have moved on and new members have joined.
The Fife Library Service provides Reading Group boxes which we borrow monthly. This has been a useful tool in introducing new books that some had never considered. At other times members have brought their own choices to recommend. There is always a lively discussion and rarely a full consensus of opinion!
Our web-site creator and a founder member Trevor Watkins has now moved on to new surroundings after nearly 50 years in North Queensferry. He will be sorely missed but the book club continues.... another 20 years?
If you would like to join this Reading Group - there are spaces. At the moment we meet on the second Sunday of the month in a Group members house for book discussion and…. tea and cake!

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The Mobile Library

The Mobile Library van is turquoise! It stops opposite the school on Brock Street you can't miss it.
The Mobile Library schedule hasn't been published beyond 21st August, to check the timetable in case the times or dates have changed follow this link:



https://www.onfife.com/read-learn/borrow-browse-request/mobile-and-home-delivery/#timetables

However, if the timetable continues fortnightly the mobile library van is due from 2.20pm - 2.50pm on August 24th, September 7th and 21st, October 5th and 19th, November 2nd, 16th and possibly 30th if St Andrew's Day isn't a public holiday for OnFife.

The van carries a good range of books to borrow using your MyFife card. You can also join the library, return books and request any book from the Fife Library catalogue. The catalogue is viewable online at **www.onfife.com/libraries-archives/librarycat/**

North Queensferry Community Trust

North Queensferry Community Trust turns 15!

North Queensferry Community Trust (NQCT) was incorporated in 2011 for the benefit and development of the community. What have we been doing?

In 2015 NQCT took on the lease for the West Bay Harbour and developed it into a community hub supporting NQ Boat Club, NQ Rowing Club, Lothian Sea Kayak Club, a base for craft sessions, Rosyth Men's Shed, kids' summer holiday activities and more.

In 2020 two of the founders of the Albert Community Group joined the board. In 2022 NQCT began applying for a community buyout of The Albert Hotel in partnership with the Albert Community Group as prospective purchasers. Although we were refused, we have successfully appealed and are waiting for the Scottish Government's response to fresh information.

NQCT provides support to other village initiatives. Being a formal charity with a properly audited bank account means the trust can act as an umbrella for other groups who want to fundraise or make something happen without having to set up a new organisation with its own bank account. Currently these are Ferry News and North Queensferry Climate Action Network, previously we supported Pierhead Playpark Group and the Red Cinema.

Is there something you would like to see happen in North Queensferry? Let us know. You can contact us through our website: **www.nqcommunitytrust.org.uk** or on **FaceBook.**

Membership of NQCT is free and open to anyone over 16 years who lives in the village. There is a junior membership for 11-15 year olds.

Please support NQCT by joining using the form below.

North Queensferry Community Trust
Scottish Guarantee Company SC402773
Scottish Charity Number SC042598
Membership Form

Name:.....	I apply to become a Member and accept the terms of the Articles of Association (The Articles can be viewed at www.nqcommunitytrust.org.uk)
Address and Postcode:	Signed: .....
.....	Date: .....
.....	I am aged 16 or over (please tick)...☐
.....	I am under 16 but over 10. My Date of Birth is .....
Landline number:	I'm interested in becoming a Trustee of the Trust (over 15's only)...☐
Mobile number:	If you have any ideas about facilities, services or events that you would like to see in NQ, please say.
E-mail address:	

Please return this form to: NQCT, 3 Carlingnose Point, North Queensferry, KY11 1ER

Osteoporosis

COMMUNITY CAFE

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COMMUNITY CENTRE

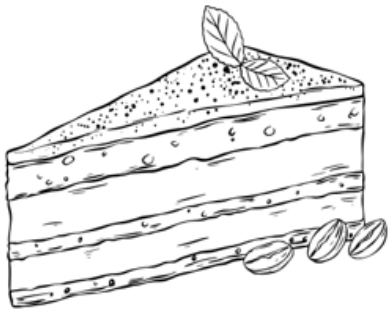
16th September

2-4pm

The Lydia Project Community Cafes are a safe and welcoming space for people living with osteoporosis and osteopenia, as well as those caring for someone with the condition. It offers an opportunity not only to access information, but to share experiences, ask questions and ensure that lived experiences are heard. This time we'll be joined by a guest pharmacist, who will be available to answer questions and offer practical advice on understanding and managing the condition.

Teas, coffees and cakes!





Good chat!

Pharmacist guest speaker!

FREE! but please book a ticket

BOOK HERE : bookwhen.com/lauraspilates
CONTACT: laura@lauraspilates.co.uk, 07739 351 938

School News

We're looking forward to welcoming our pupils back for the new school year on **19th August**, and a special welcome to all the new children joining our school community! To celebrate the start of the new term, we'll be holding a **Colour Run** at the Community Centre fields on **Friday 28th August**. It promises to be a fun-filled afternoon, with plenty of colour and excitement, and we'd love to see lots of families and members of the community come along to cheer on and support our runners. If you would like to sponsor our runners, you can do so through our Go Fund Me page. **All money raised will go towards improving the outdoor areas of the school**, helping to create fun and engaging spaces.

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Waugh, who will be retiring in October. She has been a fantastic Head Teacher and will be greatly missed by the children, families and wider school community. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication to our school, we wish all the very best! At the same time, we're looking forward to welcoming Mrs Wood, who will be joining us as our new joint Head Teacher with **Aberdour Primary School**. We're excited about this new chapter for **North Queensferry Primary** and hope this partnership will create lots of exciting opportunities and experiences for our children. We wish Mrs Waugh all the very best for the future and look forward to welcoming Mrs Wood to our school community!

Go Fund Me page: https://gofund.me/f954e4def



Fife Forthview Parish Church – North Queensferry

Looking back over the last month, we held our first official *Name That Tune* in North Queensferry on Friday, 26 June – and what a fantastic night it was!

There was plenty of music, laughter and friendly competition, with everyone getting into the spirit of the evening. Congratulations to our winning



team, and a huge thank you to everyone who came along and took part. If you missed out this time, don't worry – there will be a return match next year!

We're already looking forward and planning our next social event, so please keep an eye out for posters and updates on our social media. We hope to see many of you there for another enjoyable evening together. Until then, there are plenty opportunities to get involved over the coming months:

21–22 August,10am–2pm: Created to Create. Come along for a relaxed workshop where creativity meets faith. We'll explore how creative expression can deepen our faith through art, reflection, and conversation

20 September,4pm–6pm:Messy Church. This is for families of all shapes and sizes to come together, enjoy a story through arts and crafts and finish off with a meal.

18 October,4pm–6pm:LegoClub,Inverkeithing.

Come together, create and build Lego reflecting on a story and sharing a meal at the end. All ages welcome.

We hope to see you at some of these events, together with the village coffee morning every second Wednesday and our Bible Study exploring the book of Revelation. All are welcome.

For more information about any of our activities or pastoral care, please contact Elané Sassenberg at **esassenberg@churchofScotland.org.uk.**

Elané would like to leave you with some encouraging words, whether your battles are big or small. May the words of Joshua 1:9 bring you comfort and strength: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

The Bridges Play Park, Brock Street Update



We are patiently waiting on Fife Council to meet their obligations to complete the playpark to the satisfaction of the Community Project Group.
As reported in the May'26 issue (114) of the Ferry News, we still await the installation of a particular bench and the permanent signage, the details of which were submitted to Fife Council back in November 2025.
The playpark is certainly functional, but this continued delay is extremely disappointing.
Hopefully, we will have more positive news in time for the next edition of the Ferry News.



Path from Ferry View past Admiralty House to St. Margaret's Marsh

In the map there is a path marked which is used regularly by several people. At a meeting with Fife Coast and Countryside Trust it was agreed that we need to try and establish :-:

-How many people use this path / route, and how often

- When did people start using this path / route so that we can get an idea of how long this route has been used by villagers

- Any other information relating to this path/route e.g. knowledge of it being used in the past, any dated photos or information

This information will help to establish the continued existence of this path / route, particularly with the up coming sale of the Admiralty House, and with a possible view to re-routing the Fife Coastal Path

Please message or contact Nicol Kerr directly so that responses can be collated. - Thanks for your help.

Please reply as quickly as possible because the Admiralty House auction is in one week's time (20th August)

Please send your contributions for the next FerryNews to:-

lin@ferrynews.org.uk

by Thursday 12 November

The FerryNews would like to invite local firms to advertise in the village newsletter which is delivered to every household in the village.

Full page: £85 Half page: £50

Quarter page: £25 Sixth page: £20

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VILLAGE SHOW

SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST

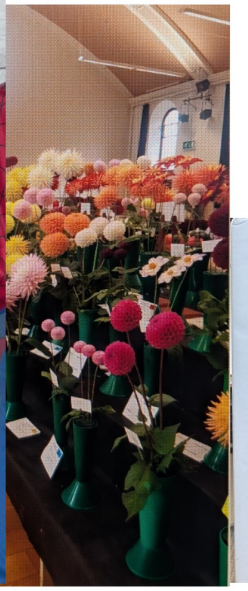
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If you have a Scarecrow entry - email us, no later than 21st August to info@nqht.org





Children's Scarecrow Photograph

To encourage your child to take photographs we will print them out for judging. Email their best one to info@nqht.org by 21st August.



JUDGING DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF AUGUST

North Queensferry Walking Group, Autumn/Winter, 2026-2027

The group meets at Battery Road Car Park every alternate Wednesday @ 10am.
Volunteer drivers take other walkers to minimise car use.
On most days there is an opportunity for a light lunch.
For further information please contact Eileen Donaldson on 01383 412874.

7 October.

Rumbling Bridge Circular 4 Miles

Start at Milk Bar along a quiet country road with views to the Ochils, then down between open fields to Crook of Devon. Follow the river Devon to the Gorge at Rumbling Bridge then back to the start. All mainly on good paths.

21October

Aberdour to Barefoot Point Linear 2.5 -3.5 miles

Start at roundabout to Oil terminal. Straight on for Monks Waiting Room and medieval ferry to Inchcolm, Sometimes seals on rocks, or,1/2 way down, turn right for fortifications and ammunition landing jetty. Paths are generally good.

4 November

Loch Leven Liner – distance up to you!

Start at Holiday Park, down to sluice for the loch and over the “cut “which drains the loch. Then along the path as far as you like. Abundance of birds and other wildlife. All on good paths.

18 November

Blairadam Circular, 03.miles

Start at Kelty Community Centre, skirting the village then under the Motorway into Blairadam forest following any of a number of tracks. All on good paths.

02 December

Torryburn Circular 03 miles

Start at carpark on Torryburn sea front along very good path next to river with expansive views up down and across the river. At Crombie Point House turn inland and uphill to Bullions where we turn west along side fields to the ruined church??? Downhill to the river and back. Good tracks

Dates for your diary

17 August:: Bus Service changes commence **21–22 August: Created to Create**.
28 August.: North Queensferry Primary School **Colour Run 29 August**: **The Village Show.**

16 September: Community Osteoporosis Café 18t–20h September. **Barnardo’s ‘Your view’ ,**
20 September: Messy Church,20 September: ‘**People’s Emergency Briefing’ . Free film**

25 October. Nurdle Hunting at West Bay
12 November: FerryNews deadline for contributions

What's on at the Community Centre?

The Community Centre is excited to announce that we are hosting our first-ever Pop-Up **Mexican Restaurant on Saturday 19th September 2026!** Expect a delicious Mexican set menu, with children's meal options available, a relaxed evening with friends and family, and plenty of Mexican flavour! **This is a BYOB event: there will NOT be a bar.** We'd love you to come along and support this exciting new community event and make it a night to remember!

Classes currently running at the Centre...

Monday - Tai Chi 11.00 -12.00,
Nacho's Yoga 19.00 -20.30

Tuesday - Arts and Crafts 19.00 -21.00

Wednesday - Nacho's Chair Yoga 11.00 -12.00, This class is going strong and the Centre gets excellent feedback from everyone who attends. If you know anyone who would benefit from this, please share with them. Just turn up on the day and pay as you go.
The Chill and Chat cafe 12.00 – 14.00; straight after the Chair Yoga so you can relax and have a chat with a cuppa and a biscuit.
Buff Bones Gym 1300 - 1400,
North Queensferry Community Action Network group usually meet on the second Wednesday of the month Feb-Nov 1930 - 2100

Thursday - Toddlers group are on a break at the moment,
Laura's Pilates 18.20-19.20,
Youth Club (P4-P7) 18.00 – 19.30, (S1+) 19.45 – 21.00
Community Council meet the second Thursday of the month 19.30- 21.00,
All residents welcome. For more information see **NQCC.co.uk**

Friday Laura's Pilates 09.20 - 1020 and 1025 - 1125

Saffi's dog classes continue Monday-Sunday (excluding Fridays). See **Fifedogtraining.co.uk**

Remember, we have two fantastic halls if you're planning an event, such as a birthday party, ceilidh or wedding reception. Enquiries to:-

Facilities@nqcommunitycomplex.org.uk

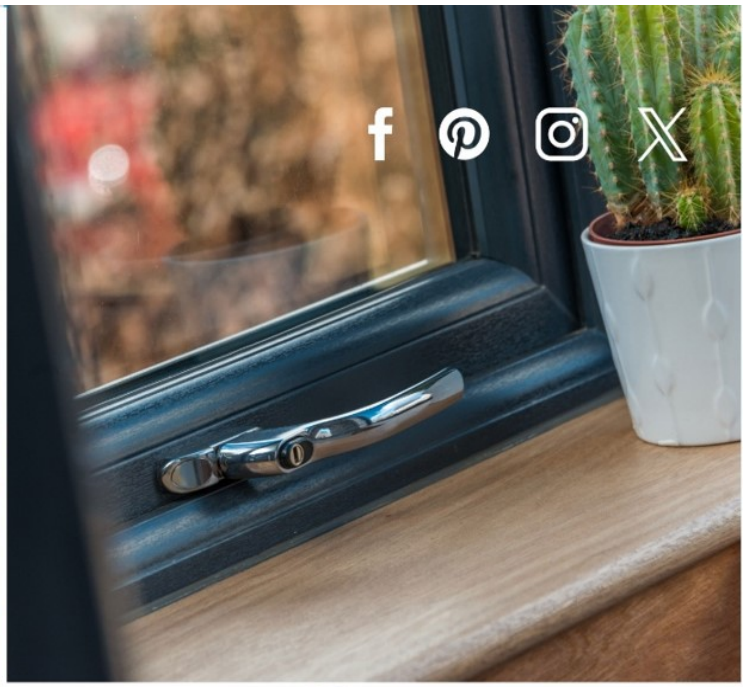
Our warm space sitting area can be used by the community whenever the centre is open.

If you want to guarantee your slot on the MUGA you can book a place by emailing Facilities@nqcommunitycomplex.org.uk

Follow us on our Facebook page 'North Queensferry community complex' for up-to-date information.

We look forward to seeing you!









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