

# MIDSTEEPLE

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Midsteeple Quarter is a community benefit society breathing new life into Dumfries town centre by redeveloping empty High Street properties to create a new neighbourhood with a mix of uses built on principles of local prosperity and well being.



Dumfries is the main town in the region of Dumfries & Galloway in South West Scotland

People use the cities of Glasgow and Carlisle for shopping and entertainment

69% of the Scottish population live in towns and villages NOT in cities

# Including everyone in the conversation



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'Square Go' 2016

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'Charter 14' 2014

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# Community-led Planning

Empowering people to have a voice in local decision-making and initiate community-led partnership projects

**TAKEOVER:**

**ACT AS IF WE OWN THE PLACE**

6-8.30PM Thursday 15th June 2017  
The Sloop, 100 High Street  
[www.thesloop.org](http://www.thesloop.org)



public transport      cycling

walking      parking

Southern Bypass      rail links      green solutions

Open public meeting for local people to think and talk about transport issues in Dunfermline. Can we imagine a future Dunfermline with transportation systems that work for all our citizens and our visitors?

Ph: 01387 252435  
Free tickets available in advance from The Sloop Cafe

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'act as if we own the place' 2017

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## Midsteeples Quarter Dumfries

**Midsteeples Quarter** re-imagines a strip of empty shop buildings on Dumfries High Street as a community-run mixed development of live-work/education/enterprise/social spaces.

Our idea is that the Midsteeples Quarter will bring new life to a concentrated area in the very centre of the town and stimulate new growth around it - especially in the direction of the well-known Riverside area and also the Railway Station that is the main transport link to our whole region.

These empty buildings on the High Street are fine Georgian and Victorian buildings that have traditionally had housing on their upper floors - currently there is only ONE resident on Dumfries High Street - equipping the heart of the town will bring life and energy back to the regional capital of South West Scotland.

Using new legislation the town council of Dumfries will buy back these buildings for the town and operate the Midsteeples Quarter as a community enterprise.



the stove network

Town Centre Concept Plan



Midsteeples Quarter Courtyard



Midsteeples Quarter High Street Elevation

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# Buying Back Our High Street

## Community Empowerment

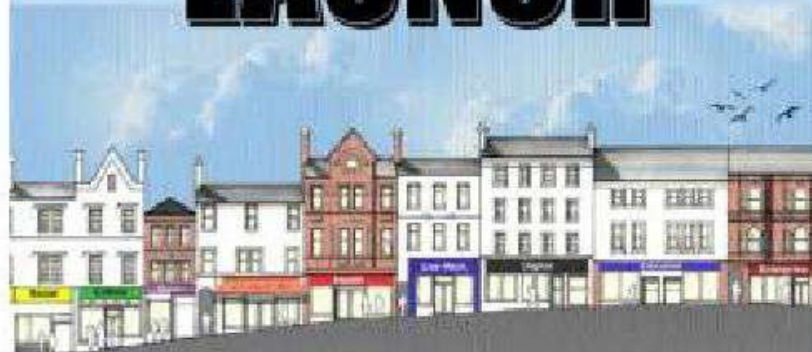


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Create  
the  
Delivery  
Vehicle

# MIDSTEEPLE QUARTER COMMUNITY BENEFIT LAUNCH



COME ALONG ON THE 7TH APRIL (11AM-3PM) AND SIGN UP TO BE PART OF THE MIDSTEEPLE QUARTER COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY. A LIVE DAY OF MUSIC, SPEAKERS, FUN AND SOLIDARITY, TAKING PART AROUND THE MIDSTEEPLE QUARTER AND THE STOVE, DUMFRIES.



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Finding the right  
organisational  
structure to  
deliver the project

Midsteeple Quarter  
is born as a  
standalone venture

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# Express the Mission in a form that fits with the agendas of all partners

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### **A Blueprint** for the heart of Dumfries

Revitalising Dumfries town centre through  
innovative community-led development

The Midsteeples Quarter Project will see the local community take control of a group of underused and neglected High Street buildings and refurbish these as a contemporary living, working, socialising, learning and enterprising quarter - a new beating heart for a more diverse town centre and a catalyst for a thriving and resilient future Dumfries.

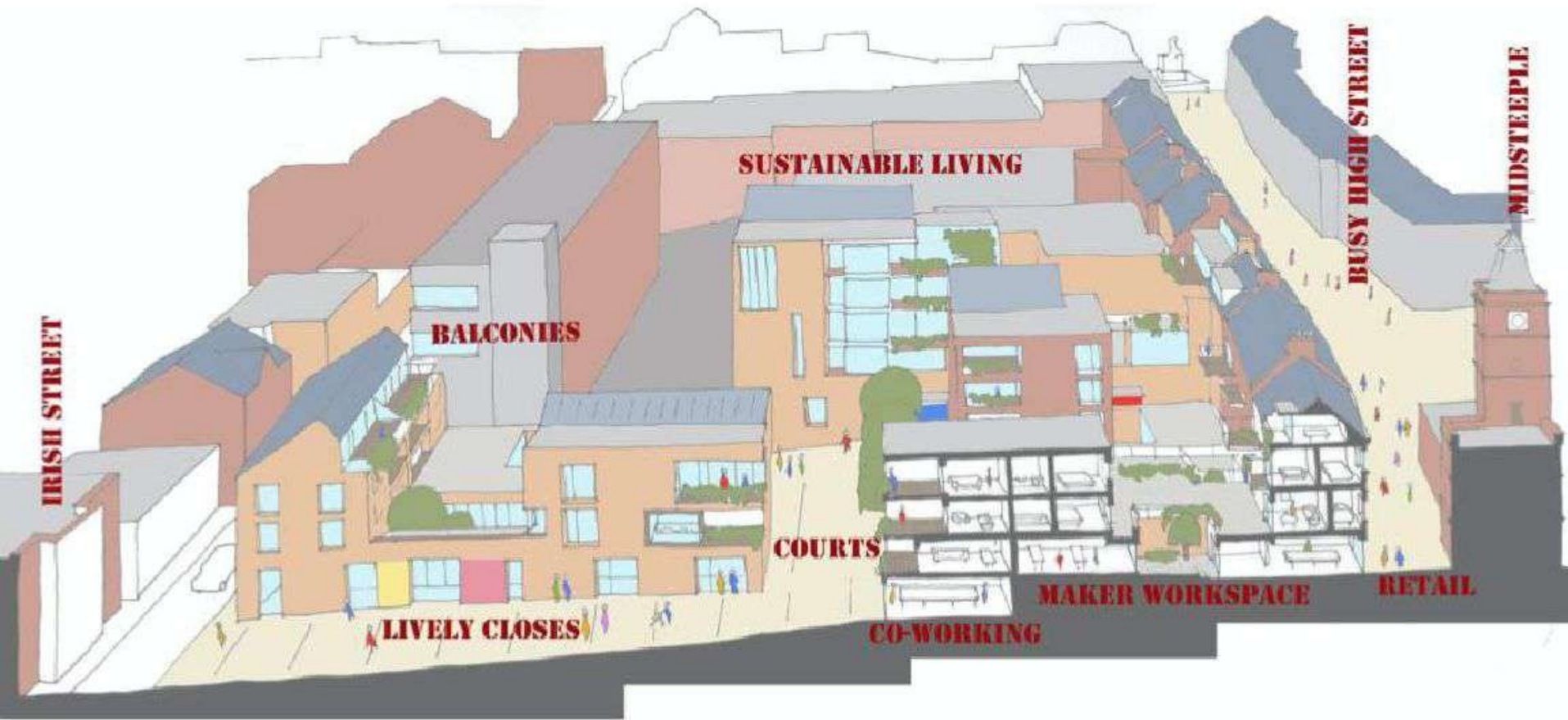
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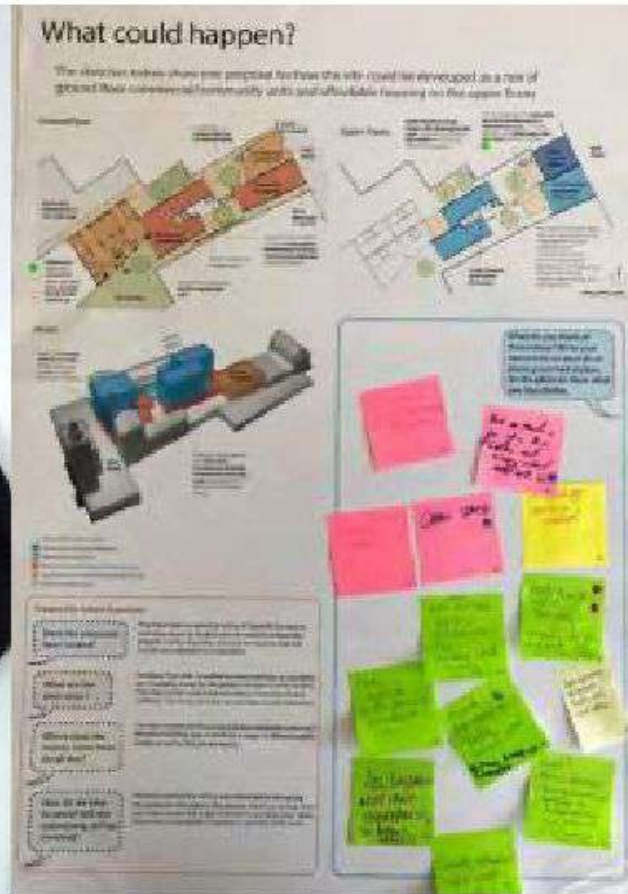
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# Community decision making



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Standard Close Elevation

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# Our Partners



The Scottish Government  
Riaghaltas na h-Alba



Dumfries & Galloway



The Holywood Trust



DEVELOPMENT TRUSTS ASSOCIATION SCOTLAND  
The community-led regeneration network

COMMUNITY+  
LAND SCOTLAND



SOUTH of SCOTLAND ENTERPRISE



SCOTLAND'S TOWNS PARTNERSHIP

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CO-OPERATIVES UK  
MEMBER



scottish empty homes partnership



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Dumfries & Galloway Communities Housing Trust



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# From campaign group to Community Property Development Organisation



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## #reclaimthehighstreet

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