

DBT NEWS

Dalbeattie Set for 20mph Speed Limit

Following the introduction of 20mph speed limits in Annan, Dalbeattie is now set to implement the same restrictions as part of an 18-month trial aimed at improving road safety and reducing accidents. The initiative is part of Scotland's broader strategy to create safer streets for pedestrians and cyclists.

The Scottish Government has allocated £4 million for the national rollout of 20mph speed limits, with Dumfries and Galloway Council receiving £215,280 to support implementation in the region. The funding is intended to cover signage, road markings, and other measures to ensure compliance.

Transport Scotland has outlined plans for the rollout across Dumfries and Galloway, with local councils responsible for identifying key areas

where the lower speed limit will be enforced. The trial will assess the impact of reduced speeds on accident rates and pedestrian safety, with findings informing future decisions on permanent implementation.

The trial is expected to begin later this year, with monitoring throughout the 18-month period to evaluate its success. If proven effective, the 20mph limit could become a permanent fixture in Dalbeattie and other towns across Scotland.

**Have You Filled Out the
Dalbeattie Survey?
If Not, Why Not?**

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*Don't leave it to others!
If you care about Dalbeattie,
fill out the Survey!*

Creativity and Play Come to Dalbeattie High Street

Dalbeattie's High Street is welcoming two new businesses, each bringing something unique to the town's community. Dalbeattie Wood and Dinkies have opened their doors, offering creative and family-friendly experiences that are set to enrich local life.

Dalbeattie Wood, located at 27 High Street, is a haven for families looking to explore creativity. The business offers its Make and Create Workshops, where visitors can craft using wood and recycled materials. These workshops provide hands-on activities for families to enjoy together. The shop will also feature a range of handmade wooden and other products, many sourced locally, including



Dalbeattie Wood's full range of nature exploration tools and flower presses, all designed and made in-house.

Meanwhile, just down the street at 17 High Street, Dinkies is bringing a fresh approach to family-friendly entertainment. Designed as an indoor play space, Dinkies offers a secure and imaginative environment where children can engage in physical activity, creativity, and social interaction. The facility features a play café with bookable sessions, ensuring a relaxed and uncrowded atmosphere for families to enjoy.

As Dalbeattie Wood and Dinkies settle into their new homes, they are sure to bring fresh energy and creativity to the High Street.



Dalbeattie Town Hall - Repairs Extended

As previously reported in DBT News, Dalbeattie's Town Hall has been undergoing a series of crucial refurbishments. However, the project has faced unexpected delays after further water damage was discovered in the tower once work commenced. As a result, the reopening, initially anticipated earlier, is now expected in May or June.

The restoration aims to address long-standing maintenance issues while modernising key aspects of the historic building. Among the improvements, waterproofing the clock tower remains a priority to prevent further deterioration. Additionally, the ceiling in the room behind the stage upstairs is being replaced, alongside updates to

floor coverings, including those in the entrance area.

Both kitchens will receive significant upgrades to enhance functionality and hygiene standards. The installation of energy-efficient LED lighting and independent thermostatic controls in each bookable space will improve sustainability and accessibility.

Dumfries and Galloway Council is funding these renovations through various budget allocations, underscoring the importance of the Town Hall's restoration for the community. Any incomplete work during this phase will be carried forward into future financial years as additional funding becomes available.

While the extended closure may cause some inconvenience, the long-term benefits of a revitalised and well-maintained Town Hall are expected to outweigh the disruption. Once completed, the upgraded facility will provide an improved and more efficient space for the residents of Dalbeattie.



Dalbeattie Community Pantry

Opening Times

Monday: 10am - 2pm

Wednesday:
10am - 2pm and 6pm - 7pm

Friday:
10am - 12noon and 3:30pm - 6:30pm

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Dalbeattie Clean-Up Group Recognised

The Dalbeattie Clean-Up Group, a Dalbeattie Community Council initiative, was the brainchild of community councillor Robert Widdowson, who leads the group. His vision has driven efforts to maintain public spaces, with volunteers regularly cleaning signs, benches, and park structures.

Emma Harper MSP has acknowledged their commitment and invited members to visit the Scottish Parliament, where they will have the opportunity to attend First Minister's Questions and take part in a tour of the chamber.

Since its formation, the group has carried out five clean-up operations, working across Colliston Park, Station Drive, and Urr Road Park. Volunteers have cleaned play and gym equipment, washed benches and signs, removed litter and dog waste, and even placed bottles containing dog bags at key locations. Light poles have been scrubbed down, and bins are being maintained to improve cleanliness throughout the town.

The group plans to continue by tackling David Road and Craigmath parks before moving on to broader initiatives such as street sweeping, scraping weeds,

clearing overgrown paths, and—come summer—low-water cleaning of the burn. Woodland maintenance is also on the agenda.

Meet-ups are scheduled at 10:00 or 10:30 AM at different locations, with flexible participation to accommodate volunteers. Numbers vary, with initial meetings drawing around 20 people, while clean-up sessions typically involve three or four volunteers. Robert hopes to expand engagement and welcomes anyone interested in joining.

Participation is voluntary, with no fixed time commitment—whether an hour or a full session, every bit of help is appreciated. Clean-ups take place on rotating schedules, with Robert leading efforts on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays one week, and Tuesdays and Thursdays the next. Weekend work is encouraged, with tools and supplies available for those willing to help outside the set timetable.

New members are required to fill out toolbox sheets for safety purposes, and anyone interested can contact Robert via email, phone (07510855384), or Messenger to get involved.