

Nith Valley LEAF Trust

Community Land Scotland

NVLT overview – what does the trust do, how and why was NVLT set up

2009 Company limited by guarantee – linked to Community Council with 3 Councillors on NVLT Board

‘Enables’ Projects the Community wants

Raises grant aid, earns and borrows money and manages projects:

- Affordable housing
- Playing field and shelter
- Community Garden
- Village shop and community café/hub
- N76 Active travel – travel paths, cycle library, e-bikes
- Wellbeing activities- from knitting to Nordic walking
- Baby and Toddler club



Key activities - what helps guide our work?

An action plan

Community engagement - meetings, social media and face to face

What other communities are doing



Important milestones so far?

Saving Assets

Building facilities and homes

Expanding social, cultural and economic activities



What next?

The Church

A safe route to Thornhill and BEYOND!



Top Tips – Key learning points

Speak to other communities to learn ‘how’

Get Council, Councillors, policy folk, politicians, funders ‘on board’

Use national community organisations like CLS

Be ambitious

Patient BUT Determined

Join with others



Challenges

Bureaucracy

Lack of revenue funding

Volunteer Fatigue

Expectations



Thank You

Any Questions

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