

# Fittie, Past, Present & Possibility

Fittie Community Hall, New Pier Road, AB11 5DR

Saturday 22 – Sunday 23 April 2023

10am – 3pm

## Visual Guide

### About the Event

The **Fittie Past, Present & Possibility** exhibition is a celebration of our **Safe Harbour Open Sea** project which has been running in Fittie for 18 months.

A collaboration between Open Road and the **Fittie Community Development Trust, Safe Harbour Open Sea** initiated events, creative projects and podcasts that celebrate the rich history and heritage of Fittie – a unique sea-facing community nestled against a global oil port. As well as casting an eye to the future of Fittie as a coastal community, exploring ways to be 'Good Ancestors' as Aberdeen, Scotland and the world prepare for a net zero carbon emissions future by 2045.

**Fittie Past, Present and Possibility** explores Fittie's relationship with the sea, along with the harbour's history as an embarkation point for emigrating Scots. We'll also share experiences of arrival from some of Aberdeen's migrant population and the role of community halls in access to, and participation in, the cultural life of a city.

### Where and how to find the venue?

**The address of the venue is:** Fittie Community Hall, New Pier Road, AB11 5DR

See the '**How to Find Us**' section for directions to the hall and transport info.

If you use **what3words**, the Fittie Community Hall is: **skill.straw.finger**

You might find it easiest to download the what3words [app](#)

You can arrive at anytime between 10am and 3pm and you can stay for as long or as short a time as you want.

If you arrive before 10am you can wait outside or in the garden. We might be able to let you in to the hall early if we are ready.

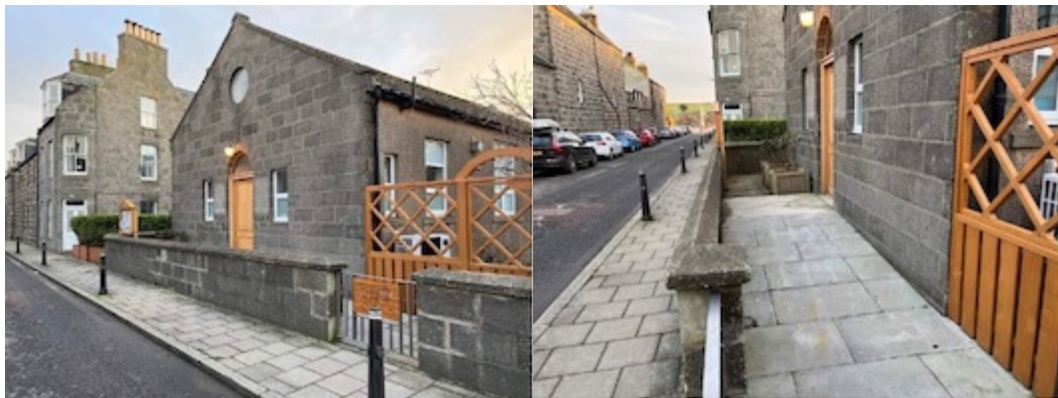
If you are in the hall at 3pm you can keep looking at the exhibition until you are finished, but we will stop letting new visitors into the hall at 3pm.

## **Arriving at the Hall**

When you arrive, you'll know you're at the right place because the gate has a sign which says **Fittie Community Hall**.



The front door will be open and there will be a poster outside the building for the exhibition to help everyone find it.



The hall is wheelchair accessible. Once you come through the gate, you'll find a ramp which everyone will use to access the front door.

## **Inside the Hall**

Through the front door, is the lobby. This is where the toilets are located.

Straight ahead is the main hall where all the exhibition is. The doors to the main hall have windows, so you can see inside before you enter the hall.

There are lots of interesting exhibition panels to look at and there will be a large map of Fittie on the floor. There will also be recordings of people talking about Fittie playing in the background. There will be some objects around such as lobster creels and a decorative fishing net.

Someone will be by the door to meet you. There will also be a small stall selling merchandise.

There will be fold up chairs for you to sit on and have a rest. There will not be any refreshments for sale, but you are welcome to bring something to eat and drink. There is a garden if you would like to eat outside.



Image by Geraldine Heaney

This is a photo from a previous exhibition - you can see the size of the hall, and the layout with windows on both sides.

## **Outside in the Garden**



The outdoor space at the Fittie Community Hall can be accessed from the front of the building, through the wooden gate on the right-hand side. The pathway down is wheelchair accessible, however it is a little windy and powered mobility aids may struggle.

This is a good place to rest or enjoy some peace if you need a break from the exhibition.

## Toilet Facilities



The hall has an accessible toilet off the main lobby which has plenty of room for a wheelchair. The accessible toilet is fitted with grab rails around the toilet for anyone who needs them. This toilet also has a baby changing station in it and is fitted with an emergency alarm which you can pull if you need help. It is a private single cubicle, so it can only be used by one person (plus their carer) at a time.

There is second toilet off the lobby which you can also use if you wish. It is smaller than the accessible toilet, so can only accommodate one person at a time. This cubicle is not designed to accommodate a wheelchair.

The toilets both have painted signs on the outside of the door to help you find them, and you can lock the toilet doors from the inside for privacy. There are paper towels in the toilets to dry your hands.

## Other Considerations

The hall is quite small, so it might get noisy if there are a lot of people. There will be some audio played on a loop, so you might want to use **ear defenders** if there are auditory considerations.

The hall may also be busy. You're welcome to leave the hall and come back as many times as you wish. You are also welcome to use the community garden where it will be less crowded.

There is an accessible toilet with baby changing facility. This is not a fully-equipped changing space.

Parking next to the venue can be challenging. If mobility is an issue, we would suggest that you drop off at the door and drive on to a parking space. See the '**How to Find Us**' section for some nearby locations to park.

Please be aware that there is another Hall in Fittie – the Footdee Mission Hall in North Square – not to be confused with the Fittie Community Hall on New Pier Road.

## **How to Find Us**

### **By Bike**

The nearest bike parking is on the Esplanade next to the public toilets, a few minutes walk from the Community Hall. To get the Fittie Community Hall from the bike racks, walk towards York Street and take a left down New Pier Road. The Hall is around half the way down the road on the right hand side.

### **By Bus**

There is a limited bus service to Fittie, served by the number 13 bus which stops at the end of New Pier Road/York Street.

### **By Car**

Parking in and around Fittie is limited and primarily used by Fittie residents.

It is worth checking York Street for available spaces. Depending how far up York Street you park, it is a 5 – 7 minute walk to reach the hall. To reach the hall from York Street, walk South up York Street until you reach the Esplanade. Cross over the Esplanade onto New Pier Road and continue until you reach the hall which will be on your right (around halfway down the road).

If you need to park closer to the hall for accessibility reasons, it is worth looking for spaces on Pocra Quay (the road on which meets the Esplanade, York Street, and New Pier Road). From here it takes two minutes to walk to the hall.

To reach the hall from Pocra Quay, follow the road back around to the Esplanade and turn right down New Pier Road. Alternatively, follow the road in the opposite direction to the bottom of New Pier Road. Turn left up New Pier Road and the hall will be on your left halfway up the road.

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