# CALDERWODE



# CALDERWOOD LAUNCHES SCOTLAND'S FIRST MOBILITY HUB!

Stirling Developments held an Open Day event for the Calderwood Mobility Hub on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021. Representatives from Lothian Buses, Edinburgh Cycle Hire Scheme, West Lothian Council, Hiyacar and Swarco were all on hand to demonstrate how the mobility hub works, facilitate taster sessions for residents and visitors, and answer questions.

Mobility Hubs locate shared and public transport modes together, providing communities with sustainable transport options within their local area and beyond. Peter Stirling (Managing Director at Stirling Developments) said: "Our business recognises the important of sustainable growth and assisting the region to achieve climate change objectives. Stirling Developments is proud Calderwood has delivered Scotland's first mobility hub as part of our aim to create an exemplar development".





# X27 SERVICE COMMENCES AT CALDERWOOD

The week of the Open Day coincided with the commencement of Lothian Buses X27 service through the Calderwood development.

The X27 now operates a regular service every 30 minutes connecting Calderwood with Edinburgh, as well as providing services to Livingston and other local towns.

For live departure times and service updates, download the official app for Lothian Buses using the QR code right.







# E-BIKES ARE COMING TO CALDERWOOD

Edinburgh Cycle Hire Scheme (the team behind the successful Just Eat bicycle hire scheme in Edinburgh) were in attendance at the Open Day with a fleet of e-bikes for residents and visitors to try.

Edinburgh Cycle Hire Scheme will launch their new generation fleet of e-bikes at Calderwood later this summer!

Stirling Developments is also exploring options to include additional e-bikes at nearby Kirknewton Station.



### CALDERWOOD CAR CLUB

The mobility hub is home to the Calderwood Car Club vehicle – an electric BMW i3 now available to residents for hire.

Calderwood Car Club vehicle is not very catchy, so we asked the Calderwood community for name suggestions for the car. We received lots of great suggestions (including Beamie McBeamface which was particularly amusing!), but Woody was voted by Calderwood residents as the favourite.

Meet Woody!



It's hoped Woody will kickstart the community's car club encouraging residents to use it as an alternative to private car ownership. The car club can also accommodate residents' cars for hire, with the aim of reducing car dependence within Calderwood.

### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

The Calderwood Car Club is hosted by Hiyacar - the UK's longest trading peer to peer car sharing platform.

- 1. Download the Hiyacar app on your smartphone (your phone becomes the car key, so make sure you have the app downloaded before you go and pick up the car!).
- 2. Create an account with Hiyacar. This will be verified by Hiyacar's 24-hour UK-based team.
- 3. Book Woody on the Calderwood Car Club landing page (see handy QR code above).
- 4. Unlock the car using your mobile phone and drive!

The moment you hire the car, you're protected with comprehensive insurance and breakdown cover.

#### Did you know?

Each car club car takes around 14 private cars off the road, giving more space back to pedestrians and cyclists.

### **COMING SOON**

Swarco will be installing a fast charger for the Calderwood Car Club at the mobility hub in August. Swarco's eVolt brand is recognised for its ease of operation, performance and reliability.



# SECOND PLAY PARK COMING TO CALDERWOOD THIS SUMMER!

Stirling Developments is delivering a second play park at Calderwood this summer. This play park will provide a variety of play elements to accommodate all ages (see Kompan plan below).

This will complement the existing play provision at Calderwood and embrace our ethos of enjoying life outside the home.

## NEXT PHASE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Work has started to deliver 69 affordable homes for Home Group Scotland. The development will provide a mix of two and three-bedroom homes for social rent.

Sandra Brydon, director of Home Group Scotland, said:

"We're delighted to be working with Taylor Wimpey on our first development in West Lothian. The mix of two and three bedroom houses will offer customers affordable living in this popular area – something that has been in demand for a while – and I'm excited to see their development."

A further 172 affordable homes provided by Barratt/Places for People have also recently been approved. The Calderwood Mobility Hub is ideally located to cater for these adjacent affordable properties, the school and village square.

Let's play





#### INTRODUCING CALDERWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES

A on-site factoring team was first envisioned a number of years ago when it became apparent that Calderwood's extensive landscaping could one day support its own dedicated team.

It was thought this model would not only provide better value, but the team would come to know Calderwood inside out and establish a daily on-site presence that would become familiar to residents.





## MEET THE PROJECT MANAGER

Neil Colburn is Project Manager of Calderwood Community Services (CCS).

Where do you live?

Most of my life has been spent living in Edinburgh but made the move to Dunfermline 14 years ago where I live with my wife and two daughters.

When did you join Stirling Developments?

I joined Stirling Developments in August 2018. The role appealed as it tied in well with my previous experience in project management, quantity surveying, site management and property management.

What did you do before Stirling Developments?

My last role prior to Stirling Developments was at Rettie & Co. Within this position I oversaw the management of several hundred residential units that were being managed for blue-chip clients. The properties were formed in individual estate developments and were based throughout Scotland. The management structure included for internal and hard/soft landscaped areas of the properties and wider development. Along with the physical management of the developments, I also supplied financial reporting that guided my clients through the ownership of large property portfolios.

#### Favourite hobbies?

I try to play golf as often as possible and enjoy spending time in the garden, but most of my time is devoted to my family.

What experience are you bringing to your new role with CCS?

I believe my experience in property management will fit best with the skills required to manage Calderwood. Along with this, my background in construction management should serve me well. I have worked on many multi-million pound construction projects, ranging from residential to office and retail sectors. For a time I was site manager and would oversee the completion of housing and also the full landscaping of developments.

How will the landscape service provided by CCS differ from others?

From previous experience, working with factors, it always troubled me that they would only be on site for a short amount of time. You might see them on occasion, but generally, there wouldn't really be a tangible presence. With CCS, we will be based at Calderwood full time and will be the only development we manage.

#### Biggest challenge so far?

The biggest challenge to date has been sourcing staff.

Landscaping/gardening staff are exceedingly hard to come by right now because lots of people have been getting work done in the garden while they've been spending more time at home.

#### Longer term ambitions for CCS?

As we concentrate on getting things right at Calderwood we also look to the future. The long term goal for CCS is to have further facilities in place for the community. We are considering things like a nursery/garden centre to be based in Calderwood itself. We feel this would be a real asset to the community and provide supplementary green spaces for residents. We have also been thinking about a community club that would supply residents with deals and offers around local facilities, utility providers etc.

#### What is CCS's involvement with the Calderwood Car Club?

CCS, with the aid of SDL, have implemented Calderwood's new car club. There will be a 22kw fast charger in place shortly to make sure 'Woody' can be quickly charged for the residents to use as they require.



## CALDERWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE

Construction of Calderwood Primary School is progressing well and remains on schedule to open in October 2021. The new school will be a stepchange in primary school design providing a state-of-the-art learning environment.

When the building opens its doors it will have nursery capacity for the entire development as well as two streams of primary schooling. The school has been designed to accommodate 3 streams of classes as the development grows.



The architect and client wanted open, light spaces for children to learn in. The dining and gym hall space connect to form one large area that can be used for community events.

The open nature of the school affords pupils a different learning environment in comparison to a typical classroom – areas like the Hellerup stair (see image above) provide an informal seating area.

The school forms part of the village centre, which will provide residents with shops, shared offices and a gastro pub as part of Calderwood's 20-minute neighbourhood. More details of the village centre will be provided in the autumn newsletter.



#### **CALDERWOOD CAFE**

Come rain or shine the Calderwood Café continue to serve the Calderwood community with a smile!



### **DESSERTS EVENING SOON!**

Calderwood Cafe are having a dessert evening!

Kenny and the team have been putting together some tasty treats for you for their next evening event on Friday 16th July 5pm – 7pm.

- Homemade Raspberry Pavlova with raspberry coulis.
- Eton Mess Sundae with ice cream, strawberry sauce, crushed meringue, fresh strawberries and whipped cream.
- After Eight Sundae with ice cream, mint sauce, Belgian chocolate sauce, whipped cream and After Eight Mints.
- Salted Caramel Sundae with ice cream, Belgiar chocolate sauce, salted caramel sauce, whipped cream, Cadbury flakes and Cadbury Carame Chunks.
- o Buttermilk pancakes and Nutella.

To order online on the 16<sup>th</sup>, scan the fun QR code right!



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