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Biggar & District Community Heritage



Passing of Gerald Weiner

Gerald Weiner was a moving force in the creation of BDCH. Without him, the organisation would not have come into being. He sadly passed away on 28th September 2023 at the age of 97.

Gerald was the Deputy Director of the erstwhile Animal Breeding Research Organization (ABRO) in Edinburgh. When he retired in 1986 he moved to Biggar with his wife Margaret.

In Biggar, Gerald took an active role in the affairs of the Kirk, becoming an Elder, and was involved in the work of the church's Community Centre. Through friendship with Lord and Lady Clydesmuir he came to spot a derelict woodland on their property. He then helped to drive through the establishment of Biggar and District Community Heritage Ltd, which then rented, for a token sum, the derelict woodland and developed it into Little Mitchellwood Community Woodland.

He remained chairman of BDCH until he and Margaret moved to Inverness in 2008. He is survived by a son, a daughter, and grandchildren.

Gerald had come to the UK in 1939 on a 'Kindertransport' from Nazi Germany as a 12-year-old unaccompanied child refugee. He loved Britain and settled here. He contributed a great deal to his adopted country, and to Biggar in particular in his later years. Think of him as you enjoy Little Mitchellwood.

David Chalmers (Chair)

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