



## Welcome

Hello, and welcome to our Summer 2019 Update. The Trust's program of work is really beginning to take shape. Following six successful grant applications in the latest OLCF funding round, as well as funding from the Scottish Government Improving Public Access programme for the Glen and from Dumfries and Galloway Council for capital works at the hall, I am pleased to announce that development work is beginning on some of the large projects in the parish.

The new link path between Dunragit and Glenluce along the old railway line is now open, work on the village square will begin shortly, the Trust has taken over management of the public toilets in Glenluce, and community information events are being held on the proposed Community Asset Transfer of two sites in Glenluce and on the future of local GP services. We would encourage all residents to attend these sessions and have your say on the future of your community. The Friends of the Hall are hosting a quiz night on 21 June. The event is family friendly with questions for the kids and the adults, but adult-only teams are also welcome, so please go along and support your hall.

There are lots of volunteering opportunities outlined in the newsletter. We'd love to see you get involved.

Michael Lane  
Chairman

## GP Premises

Members of the OLDT and NLDT have met with Dr Griffin and practice staff at the GP premises in Glenluce to explore how they could assist in ensuring that the GP Practice has premises that are fit for purpose now and in the future.

The current GP premises are too small for the services supplied, with a two-room portacabin now on site. Further pressure on the practice is anticipated following full implementation of the new GP Contract, which is intended to supply related services, such as physiotherapy and podiatry within GP Practice premises.



Community Consultation meetings are being held in New Luce on Tuesday 2 July at 7pm and Old Luce on Wednesday 3 July at 7pm to gauge the opinion of residents of both Trust areas to fully explore the options for supplying the required premises within Glenluce. We hope to see you there.

## Dunragit-Glenluce Link Path

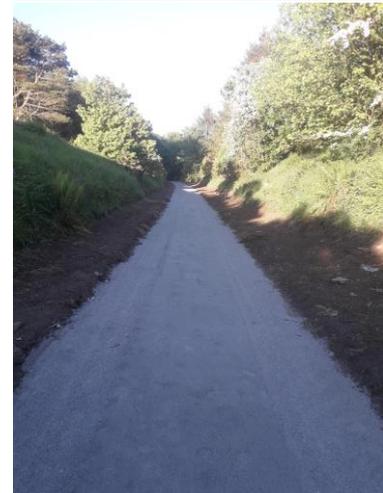
A new path along the railway line between the viaduct and the Dunragit road is now open, allowing walkers and cyclists a non-trafficked route between the villages. We hope that you will make good use of the new path.



Before



After



Please note that the path is in a working rural environment and some parts of the fencing are electrified. Please observe the signs and take care when walking along the path.



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through the Old Luce Community Fund*



### Community Asset Transfers



The Trust continues its work on the potential community asset transfer of the station car park, as an area that could provide improved parking in the village, and of the industrial estate.

Various surveys and reports have been completed as part of the due diligence, funded by grants from the Old Luce Community Fund. In addition to improving parking opportunities, the Trust is hoping to provide electric vehicle-charging points at both sites. A tender was put out for the creation of a Business Plan for the sites and as part of this work a Community Information Drop-In and Meeting is being held in Glenluce Public Hall on Wednesday 26 June. Come along and tell us your views and complete the consultation survey at

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GlenluceSurvey>



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### The Village Square

Funding to redevelop the site at 21 Main Street into a village square has been secured. Following community consultation feedback and design revisions, the project has now been successfully tendered. The Trust is finalising approvals and will commence work on the square shortly. With this in mind, the Trust would kindly ask that all bins be removed from the site by 1 July.



*Artist's impression of original design*



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### The Café

Unfortunately, following the stripping out of Brambles, a number of structural issues have been identified that were not previously visible. A Structural Engineer's report has recommended that the building be part-demolished and rebuilt. The Trust has now applied for listed building consent for this work. The Trust remains





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committed to the provision of a community space on the Brambles site.



The Trust has been successful in applying for two grants for work in the Glen, one from the Scottish Government for assistance in Improving Public Access for all, including footpath surfaces, signage and seating. The second grant was awarded through the Old Luce Community Fund, to undertake a full arboreal study and develop a Woodland Management Plan. This work is in progress.



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*through the Old Luce Community Fund*



*Funded from the SLF, and  
ScottishPower Renewables through the*

*OLCF*

## Friends of The Glen

The Friends of the Glen group held its inaugural meeting in January 2019. The group has been set-up to steer the improvements and maintenance of the Glen over the coming years in line with the Woodland Management Plan.

If you love the outdoors, or enjoy the Glen, please give some consideration to being part of this group. If you would like to register your interest, please email Tracey.

## The Glen



## GSAB

The Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere (GSAB) Place Project has been to visit Glenluce. Old Luce is part of their Wigtownshire Moors Landscape Area, along with Kirkcowan and New Luce. The Project has funding to be spent in the area and is planning to arrange a tour of the Glen during the summer months to inform residents and visitors of the plant species and wildlife

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found in the Glen, and/or produce information boards or leaflets for the Glen.

GSAB are also holding three events nearby, a Wigtownshire Moors Place Name and Heritage Walk on Sunday 23 June, It's Wild Out There family event on Sunday 30 June and a Deserted Farmsteads of Galloway talk on Sunday 7 July.

## Glenluce Village Hall



As well as the new AV equipment funded by Greencoat Northwind, through the OLCF, the Village Hall is undergoing a program of capital works funded by Dumfries and Galloway Council. The ramp has been resurfaced, with a new handrail and lights. New energy efficient lights in the main hall have replaced the previous ones, which were obsolete. There will be a new heating system to reduce hall heating costs and the downstairs areas will be redecorated, allowing the community shop to move in to the large room and the current shop room to become a 10-12 person meeting room. This will allow for a larger shop space and for two bookings to be running at the hall at the same

time. New curtains are nearly finished and will soon be hanging in the hall.

Despite these improvements, bookings at the hall are low. There is real danger that the Trust, which took on management of the Hall from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 for a period of two years, will not be able to make a business case for the transfer of the hall to community ownership. Use of the hall must be increased to sustain its future.

Do you have a burning passion to set up a local art group, singing group, Zumba or something completely different? If you are concerned about the cost, hall fees may be able to be met through micro grant funding from Old Luce Community Council.

 *Hall running costs funded by ENGIE, through the Old Luce Community Fund*

## Hall Bookings

The hall can now be booked online at [www.oldluce.org.uk/glenluce-hall](http://www.oldluce.org.uk/glenluce-hall)

You can still also book the hall with Fiona Phillips on our hall bookings number 07391 474737, but we would encourage you to book online where possible.

## Friends of the Hall

The Friends of the Hall group continues to look at ways to promote, encourage and develop the use of the hall. The group welcomes new members and meets every second Thursday of the month at 7pm in the hall.



The PLACE Project

The PLACE project is a community focused project (working in partnership with the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere and funded by HLF) initiated to connect communities with their landscape, focussing on People, Land, Art, Culture and Environment (PLACE). The project will use a series of events and workshops to help reconnect communities with their landscape and each other. The communities we are currently working with are Ballantrae, Colmonell, Barr, Pinwherry & Pinmore (2Pms), Barrhill, Kirkcowan, Old Luce, New Luce and Borgue. Each of these 9 communities belong to a landscape area, which were carefully selected due to their distinctive and unique landscape character and the desire of local communities to engage more with their natural heritage.

The Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere

Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere has been recognised internationally as a world class environment for people and nature. The UNESCO Biosphere designation is recognition of the fantastic array of landscapes, wildlife, cultural heritage and learning opportunities that SW Scotland offers for communities, businesses and visitors to experience and celebrate in a sustainable way. The Biosphere brings us an opportunity to brand and market the businesses and communities of SW Scotland under the international banner of being a UNESCO Biosphere in a way that makes us stand out from the rest of the crowd! The Biosphere designation brings no new rules or regulations but rather encourages us to work together to create a better future for people and nature.



WIGTOWNSHIRE MOORS  
PLACE NAME AND  
HERITAGE WALK

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

Start and finish at New Luce Village Hall

Start Time 9.30am

PLACE Project Officer

Lynsay Bradford

Phone: 07741660388

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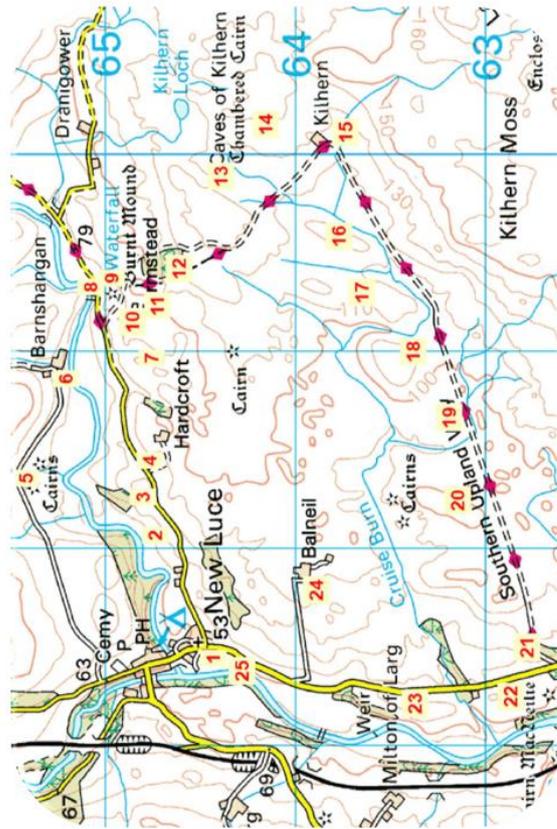


## The walk

### Background

The Wigtonshire Moors Place Name and Heritage Walk, is part of the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere's PLACE Project. The 10km walk will take you from the quaint, picturesque village of New Luce towards Barnshangan, where we will observe a waterfall and join the Southern Upland Way. We will Follow this route until reaching Cruise in which we will make our return to New Luce. Along the way Place Name specialist will point out and explore special historical and natural features.

The walk itself is approx. 10km estimated to take 3.5hours with stops. The terrain is easy/ moderate and flat most of the way. Gate access throughout. We will start and finish at the New Luce Village Hall.



## What do you need to bring?

- ✓ Appropriate footwear for a long walk, walking boots suggested
- ✓ Appropriate walking clothing and jacket
- ✓ Binoculars if you have them
- ✓ OS Map if you have one
- ✓ Water
- ✓ Mobile Phone
- ✓ Light Snack
- ✓ Sunscreen

## IMPORTANT

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY DURING THIS WALK. WE WILL HAVE A TRAINED WALK GUIDE WITH US AND AN EMERGENCY PHONE IF REQUIRED. THERE MAY BE UNEVEN FOOTING IN PLACES. LIVESTOCK ARE IN SOME FIELDS AND THEREFORE **DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THIS EVENT**. PLEASE BE AWARE OF BITING INSECTS AND TICKS.

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. New Luce                 | 14. Craig Nab and Kilhern Well |
| 2. Field Names              | 15. Kilhern Farm               |
| 3. Drumdarragh              | 16. White Hill                 |
| 4. Hardcroft                | 17. Drumfleugh                 |
| 5. Hill Mabreedia           | 18. Dornemullie                |
| 6. Barnshangan              | 19. Burnt Mound                |
| 7. Craigfolly               | 20. Smithy Hill                |
| 8. Loups of Barnshangan     | 21. Cruise                     |
| 9. Burnt Mounds             | 22. Cairn MacNeillie           |
| 10. Fauldinchie             | 23. Drumdown                   |
| 11. Hut Circles/Dell's Seat | 24. Balneil                    |
| 12. Tierahan                | 24. Lincraig/Lady Well         |
| 13. Caves of Kilhern        |                                |



## Community Shop

The Friends of the Hall Community Shop operates in the basement of the village hall. It is open every Saturday from 11am to 2pm. The shop income supports the running of the hall. The shop currently relies on a small number of volunteers and urgently needs more people to help run the shop on Saturdays. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Tracey or call in to the shop.

## Public Toilets

The public toilets at the hall are now managed by the Trust and a contractor has been appointed to clean them three times a week. We are looking for a group of volunteers to open and lock the toilets at weekends on a rota basis. Please contact Tracey if you are interested in helping keep the toilets open seven days a week.

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## Dunragit Community Hub

The Trust has received funding from the Old Luce Community Fund to undertake a valuation and legal due diligence of the former shop site in Dunragit, with a view to creating a community Hub on the site. The work will allow the Trust to progress an application to the Scottish Land Fund for funding to purchase the site.

## Join the conversation ...

### Community Asset Transfer Information Sessions

#### North Street Car Park and Industrial Estate

**Wednesday 26 June**

**Drop-in 3pm to 5pm**

**Meeting 7pm**

#### Glenluce Public Hall

Come in and see the plans, tell us what you think and vote on your preferred option

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### Surgery Meetings

**Tuesday 2 July 7pm**

**New Luce Memorial Hall**

**Wednesday 3 July 7pm**

**Glenluce Public Hall**

We invite all residents of Old Luce & New Luce to meet and discuss the provision of GP services, the future, and options available to safeguard the excellent GP surgery in our community. What do you want to happen?



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The community space would be managed by residents of Dunragit, and so best placed to meet the changing needs of residents.

If you would like to be part of the group developing this exciting opportunity for Dunragit, please get in touch with Diane Lowe or Jack Plunkett.



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## Village Entrances

The Trust would like to thank the band of volunteers who are spending a few hours every four weeks to maintain the village entrances, following the Council program being cut to only once a year. We are looking for more Volunteers to help with strimming, litter picking & mowing. Please contact Richard Rankin on 07713 092461. All help gratefully received.

## When & where

Saturdays at 10am, Tarff Valley.

22 June • 6 July • 3 August • 31 August

Keep Our Village Beautiful

## Getting Involved

We would like to thank all our volunteers who have contributed to the various ongoing activities and events in the past 6 months. Your efforts are hugely appreciated by, and essential to the work of, the Trust in improving our community. As each of our projects reaches fruition we are looking for people from across

our community to become involved in the management, maintenance and continuing development of projects. This is especially important for large assets such as the woodlands in Balkail Glen, and Glenluce Public Hall. We would very much welcome all offers of help, however large or small.



## Require funding for your organisation?

If you are a resident in the Old Luce parish, and have a project that will make a positive contribution to the parish, then make an application to the Old Luce Community Fund: [www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/old-luce.aspx](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/old-luce.aspx). Grants between £500-£50K can be awarded. For funding of less than £500, a micro grant through a written letter or micro grant form can be made directly to the Community Council.

## About Us

The Trust was established in 2016, in response to the 2015 community consultation report, undertaken by the Community Council on how to deploy community benefit funds from the Windfarm developments.

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We are committed to enhancing the community by:

- Connecting People
- Enhancing our Natural Environment
- Improving our Built Environment
- Providing Opportunities for jobs and volunteering

The Trust, through community engagement has prioritised:

- Community Hub/Village Hall
- Providing a café
- Derelict Buildings
- Improving the natural environment

## Membership

Membership of the Trust currently sits at 181. Full membership of the OLD T is open to all adult permanent residents of the parish; there is an associate membership available for people who support the work of the Trust who do not reside in Old Luce.

Full membership provides members with the ability to vote at AGM, stand for election as a director, as well as become directly involved in the day-to-day projects. Membership forms are available online on the new Old Luce website.

[www.oldluce.org.uk](http://www.oldluce.org.uk)

## Contact Us

The Trust meets on the last Wednesday of each month. If you would like to get in touch, provide feedback, or wish to send completed membership forms, please email

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Our Development Officer, Tracey Murray, can be contacted at [tracey@oldluce.org.uk](mailto:tracey@oldluce.org.uk), on 01581 300767 or drop in to the office downstairs at the village hall.

Our Hall Keeper, Fiona Phillips, can be contacted on 07391 474737 and hall bookings can be made at [www.oldluce.org.uk/glenluce-hall](http://www.oldluce.org.uk/glenluce-hall).

## Directors

<i>Michael Lane (Chairman)</i>	<i>Eunice Crosbie</i>
<i>Bobby Graham</i>	<i>Diane Lowe</i>
<i>Lorna McDowall</i>	<i>Jim McClung</i>
<i>Jack Plunkett</i>	<i>Richard Rankin</i>
<i>Drew Sloan</i>	

## Old Luce Parish





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## Deserted Farmsteads of Galloway



The PLACE Project invites you to a FREE event that explores Galloway deserted farmsteads and the tales behind them.

An illustrated talk by Peter Norman.

This talk will describe remote deserted farm houses, ruined corn kilns, land with traces of historic cultivation, and abandoned livestock enclosures. Do you have any local knowledge that might help answer the questions of who farmed there, how did they live their lives, and why did they leave?

Date: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Time: Starts at 2pm

Where: Kirkcowan Village Hall

Tea, coffee and cakes available.

Please email Lynsay for more information

[lynsay@gsabiosphere.org.uk](mailto:lynsay@gsabiosphere.org.uk)

You are invited to bring along stories, pictures, tales and artefacts to help close the gaps in history surrounding Kirkcowan Parish and reinvigorate the booklet 'Out of This World and Into Kirkcowan'.

*'People without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots'*



## It's Wild Out There!



Free family event



The PLACE Project invites you to a FREE event that explores the natural diversity of historic New Luce Curling pond and surrounding area.

Come along and learn about the different plant species, and what wildlife you can expect to see.

And how you can help improve natural diversity and how the PLACE Project aims to help you achieve this.

**Meet at the New Luce Village Hall 1pm on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.**

Wear appropriate clothing for a short walk and the weather. Tea, coffee and cakes supplied.

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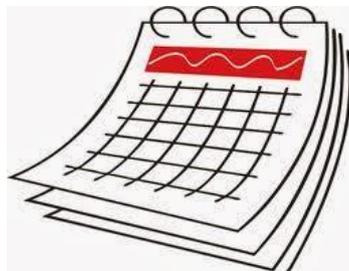


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### Dates for the Diary



All events take place at Glenluce Public Hall unless otherwise stated.

### Weekly events

- Mondays** 10:30 to 11:30 Chair exercise  
(except July & August)
- Tuesdays** 12:00 to 13:00 Post Office
- Thursdays** 10:30 to 12:00 Boccia  
(except July & August)
- Saturdays** 11:00 to 14:00 Community Shop

### June

- 21 June 19:00 Quiz Night
- 23 June 09:30 GSAB Walk  
(New Luce Village Hall)
- 26 June 15:00 CAT Community Drop-In
- 26 June 19:00 CAT Community Meeting
- 30 June 13:00 GSAB Family Event  
(New Luce Village Hall)

### July

- 1 July 20:00 Community Council
- 3 July 19:00 Surgery Meeting
- 6 July 10:00 Village Entrance Mowing  
(Meet at Tarff Valley)
- 7 July 14:00 GSAB Deserted Farmsteads  
(Kirkcowan Village Hall)
- 11 July 19:00 Friends of the Hall
- 31 July Sports Committee Bingo Night

### August

- 1 August 13:00 Flower and Vegetable Show
- 3 August 10:00 Village Entrance Mowing  
(Meet at Tarff Valley)
- 8 August 19:00 Friends of the Hall
- 31 August 10:00 Village Entrance Mowing

## Friends of the Hall



## Quiz Night

**Friday 21 June**

**7pm**

## Glenluce Public Hall

Come and test your knowledge

Adults £1.00 Children 50p

Tea, coffee and squash provided

Raffle

All proceeds will go towards the support and upkeep of the Glenluce Public Hall