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#### Welcome

Welcome to our Autumn 2022 update! We hope all had a very enjoyable summer, catching up with loved ones you might not have been able to see for some time and recharging your batteries under the sun.

The weather was absolutely stunning on 4 June for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and the official opening of the Village Square. In light of the Queen's passing just a few months later, this celebration will now stand as an enduring gift to our community with especially cherished memories for many years to come. Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the Royal family as we mourn and remember Her Majesty's long, historic reign, devotion to duty and support of many charities and communities.

Our AGM on 29 June was well attended by the Membership who were keen to hear all about our activities and projects this past year. Kenny McKinstry and Stephen Ogston stepped down as Trust Directors due to other commitments and we welcomed Adele McCallum and Cheryl Garrity in their stead. Heartfelt thanks must go to all of our Directors who have put in a lot of hard work on our projects to date and we look forward to working with our fresh new faces also.

As the leaves turn and the days draw in, we're looking forward to the spirit of community and gathering that is Harvest and Christmas, with plenty of wonderful activity and cheer planned together. We look forward to seeing you out and about over a blether and some seasonal fare.

Mike Lane, Chairperson





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### **Our Projects**

#### **Village Square**

The Village Square was officially opened on 4 June as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee-Street Party celebrations organised in conjunction with the Old Luce Community Council—and what a fabulous day it was!

The Village Square ribbon was cut by Miss Mary McDowall, longest-standing resident born in the village. The communities of Glenluce, Dunragit and Auchenmalg gathered in numbers across all ages to enjoy a stunning summer's day, live music, memorabilia displays, kid's activities, delicious food, drinks and, of course, a good old blether.

The garden beds planted out by our garden designer Sian Roberts and some community volunteers in the Spring have really filled out now and are providing plenty of enjoyment into the cooler months. Not just a welcome spot for folk to sit awhile, but also much visited by bees, birds and butterflies.

Official opening of the Village Square by Miss Mary McDowall, assisted by her daughter Frances McDowall, the Glenluce Primary School house captains and OLDT Chairperson Mike Lane



Delays in the supply of oak have held up the final touches, but we hope to install the final benches, noticeboard and opening plaque in the coming weeks.

Jubilee Day celebrations in the Village Square in June



Autumn has arrived in the Village Square











Funded by Glenchamber Windfarm Community Benefit Fund, Carscreugh Renewable Energy Company Ltd, ENGIE and SSE, through the Old Luce Community Fund.



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#### **Brambles**



In light of the closure of the Glen Café, the Trust has now opted to return to the initial proposal of redeveloping Brambles into a café and restaurant, rather than a short-stay accommodation with retail frontage space. This will be in keeping with the existing streetscape and aim to benefit the community with a new opportunity for local business to thrive. We are in discussions with the design team to progress this café / restaurant proposal ASAP.



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Power Renewables through Old
Luce Community Fund.

#### **Glenluce Public Hall**

Our local Hall has been a hive of activity recently, with Thursday yoga and mindfulness classes, Monday and Thursday boccia and new age curling sessions, Friday Night Cinema Club, private parties, vaccination clinics, a Third Sector Roadshow plus some interactive NHS Workshops planned for our Glenluce Healthy Living Campus project Some interest has also been expressed in organising badminton and various craft activities in the future.

A weekly Post Office service is available upstairs every Tuesday from 11.30am-12.30pm. Our friendly Community Shop volunteers are also ready to welcome you with a smile and some retail therapy down the ramp every Tuesday from 10am-1pm, Thursday 1-4pm and Saturday 11am-2pm.

This is YOUR Hall and we LOVE to see it buzzing with all kinds of activity! If you're a social, creative, sporting or any other kind of group, please let us know what you'd like to organise or book and we'd be delighted to assist you with your requirements. Our separate, private Meeting Room is also available for hire, an ideal space for individuals or smaller groups.

We encourage anyone considering booking any of our facilities to please visit <a href="https://www.oldluce.org.uk/glenluce-hall">www.oldluce.org.uk/glenluce-hall</a> and read through our Terms of Hire.

Memorabilia and primary school art displays at the Hall for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June





Hall running costs funded by Carscreugh Energy Ltd, through the Old Luce Community Fund



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#### **Lorry Park**

The Trust has made the difficult decision not to progress the Community Asset Transfer of the Lorry Park, due to issues that have arisen during the conveyancing process, including lack of clarity on access rights over the site and the potential for contaminated land on the site that would be costly to clean up.

#### **Industrial Estate**

The Trust is disappointed to have received notice that Tarff Valley will be vacating Units 2-4 Woodside Industrial Estate in Glenluce and relocating to their new site at Castle Kennedy mid-December. Options for future purposing of the Industrial Estate are now being considered by the Trust in light of Tarff's relocation. Gallery Art Marketing remains as our other tenant at Unit 1.

#### **Glenluce Healthy Living Campus**

The Trust continues to work closely with the GP Practice Management Team and Dumfries and Galloway NHS to finalise the required size and design of the new Surgery building.

After recent meetings with the NHS Consultant about this project, we are awaiting their first report in November.

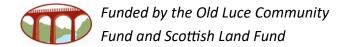
As part of this process, the NHS are facilitating two public interaction workshops at the Glenluce Public Hall, being a Risks and Benefits session and an Options Appraisal session. More information can be requested from the NHS by email kay.henry@nhs.scot

As soon as the consultancy process has been worked through and final plans decided, we will instruct our Design Team to commence the work required for the submission of a full Planning Application for both developments. The Trust has until next May 2023 to make use of funding awarded earlier this year by Dumfries and Galloway Council's Community Led Economic Regeneration Fund (CLERF). Combined with funding from Old Luce Community, this will allow the Trust to develop the plans for both the new Surgery and Housing to the submission of a full Planning Application, following earlier Pre-Planning Applications on both developments.

The Trust also engaged Community Enterprise to conduct research into potential funding opportunities for the remaining funding for the Glenluce Healthy Living Campus development, whilst also continuing its own discussions with funders, and will take forward the recommendations over the coming year.

Four Winds GP Surgery







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#### Friends of The Glen

Friends of The Glen (FoTG) enjoyed a wellearned break during summer to recharge their batteries after a busy, physical year of volunteering in the Glen.

A pleasant Friday walk-and-talk session in July was attended by locals and some out of area visitors who were super-impressed with our lovely community-owned woodland.

FotG are always keen for more folk to come along, even if it's just for a chat and see what's going on. Tools are provided if you're keen to pitch in but BYO garden gloves, sturdy footwear, clothes you don't mind getting a little dirt on and a water bottle. Contact our office if you'd like to be added to their mailing list and hear about future planned activities, including regeneration planting over the next few months with suitable native species that have been kindly supplied by the Woodland Trust. You can clock up some gentle exercise and help care for a long-lasting community legacy all at the same time.





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#### **Dunragit**

The long-term aim of the Trust remains to create a community hub in Dunragit and we are still working actively to identify and purchase a suitable site in the area.

In the meantime, our Dunragit Directors are looking at the possibility of using the polling station portacabin as a community facility and are in discussion with Dumfries and Galloway Council.

Three new benches and a new noticeboard for Dunragit have been delayed due to delays in oak supply, but we are pleased to report that these are now due to be installed in coming weeks.





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#### **Christmas Lights**

We're looking forward very much to delighting our community once again this year in conjunction with the Community Council, with colourful festive displays planned for Glenluce and Dunragit.

Glenluce Primary School will be holding their Christmas Fayre at the Public Hall on Saturday 26 November from 2.30-4.30pm which will coincide with the official Christmas light switchon at 5pm.

Dunragit can't wait to switch on their display the following day, with some sparkling new additions that are sure to delight all ages.

Mmmm...we can already taste the mince pies and other seasonal fare. We'll see you there!



#### What's Happening in the Hall?

#### Monday (weekly)

Boccia-NewAge Curling 10.30am-12 noon

#### Tuesday (weekly)

Community Shop 10.00am-1.00pm Post Office Service 11.30am-12.30pm

#### Thursdays (weekly)

Boccia-NewAge Curling 1.00-3.30pm Community Shop 1.00-4.00pm Yoga (All Levels) 6.00-7.00pm Yoga (Level 2) 7.10-8.10pm

#### Friday 18 November & 9 December

Cinema Club 7.00pm

#### Saturday (weekly)

Community Shop 11.00am-2.00pm

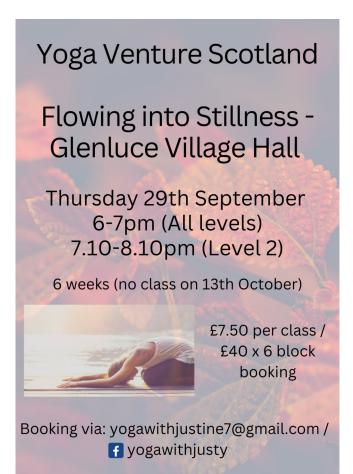
#### **Saturday 26 November**

Glenluce Primary Christmas Fayre 2.30-4.30pm Christmas Light Switch-On 5.00pm





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#### **Old Luce Parish**



## **Membership**

Membership of Old Luce Development Trust is open to anyone who supports the work of the Trust. Full Membership is open to all adult permanent residents of the Parish, Junior Membership is open to anyone under the age of 18 and Associate Membership is open to anyone who lives out with the Parish. Some grant providers consider the proportion of residents in an area as part of their decision-making process, so we encourage all eligible members of the community to join the Trust. Further details about each type of membership and how to apply can be found on online at <a href="https://www.oldluce.org.uk/membership">www.oldluce.org.uk/membership</a>.

#### **Directors**

Mike Lane (Chair)

Diane Lowe (HR)

Richard Rankin

Kippy Thomson

Drew Sloan

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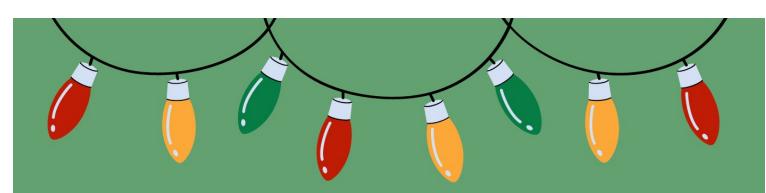
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Glenluce Primary School

# Christmas Fayre

2.30-4.30pm Glenluce Public Hall Saturday 26 November

Christmas light switch-on at 5.00pm!

