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Welcome

Hello, and welcome to our Spring 2022 Update! Our office re-opened on 1 March as we welcomed Leah Chynoweth-Tidy to the new Business Support Administrator role. Leah has been a great asset to the Trust as an active Friends of the Glen volunteer and has a wealth of experience to bring to the role. Louise McCulloch, our former Administrator, left us in December to take up a new position at Isle Futures and we wish her every success in her new role. We encourage anyone interested in the work of the Trust who supports our charitable aims and objectives to consider joining to become a member. Full membership details are available at www.oldluce.org.uk/membership.

Since our last update, we've continued to make positive progress with various projects and are very excited to see the Village Square now almost complete! Final touches and colourful Spring planting are underway, with everything looking blooming marvellous for the official opening as part of the Jubilee Street Party celebrations on Saturday 4 June. This long-awaited community celebration will feature live entertainment, the official Village Square opening, art and memorabilia displays, delicious food and drink and a whole lot more for all ages to enjoy.

Mike Lane, Chairperson



AGM 29 June 7pm

All members are invited to attend and new members are welcome.

Updates on projects, election of directors, opportunities for discussion.

Further information at www.oldluce.org.uk/agm





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Our Projects

Community Asset Transfers

The Trust is very pleased to announce that it took ownership of the Woodside Industrial Estate from the Dumfries & Galloway Council on behalf of the Community under a Community Asset Transfer arrangement on 15 March and is looking forward to working on improving these facilities for the current tenants, Tarff Valley and Gallery Art Marketing. This asset will bring long-term income into the community, which will be reinvested in future community projects.

Negotiations with the Dumfries & Galloway Council are ongoing on the transfer of ownership of the Lorry Park.



Funded by ENGIE and SSE Balmurrie Fell, through the Old Luce Community Fund

Glenluce Healthy Living Campus

The community consultation on housing at the Four Winds site in November overwhelmingly supported the demolition of the existing Four Winds house and building three 2-bedroom bungalows on the site.

The Trust has now been successful in obtaining funding from Dumfries and Galloway Council's Community Led Economic Regeneration Fund (CLERF) which, combined with funding from Old Luce Community Fund, 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.



Four Winds GP Surgery



Funded by the Old Luce Community Fund and Scottish Land Fund

We are currently working closely with the GP Practice Management Team and Dumfries & Galloway NHS to finalise the required size and design of the new Surgery building. As soon as this has been decided, the Trust will instruct our Design Team to commence the work required for the submission of a full Planning Application for both developments.

The Trust 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

Brambles

Our design team Pencil & Brick are continuing work on the redevelopment of Brambles into overnight holiday accommodation and flexible



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retail space, which will bring long-term income into the community, create local jobs and give potential new footfall for existing local businesses. The Trust will hold a community consultation for you to see the new plans in late summer.



Example sketch of how Brambles could look



Funded from SLF, and Scottish Power Renewables through Old Luce Community Fund.

Glenluce Public Hall

Glenluce Public Hall is open for bookings and welcoming back our regular users as they return to meeting up again. A weekly Post Office service is available at the Hall every Tuesday from 11.30am-12.30pm.

The Community Shop reopened on 2 April after much hard work from dedicated volunteers getting everything stocked up and looking absolutely amazing. New entry is down the ramp, come along for a retail therapy fix every Thursday 1-4pm and Saturday 11am-2pm. The Shop is now also accepting donations if you have any pre-loved treasures to pass on, just drop them in when they are open.

This is YOUR Hall and we'd love to see lots

happening here. If you're a social, creative, sporting, or any other kind of group that we might not be aware of—or maybe you'd like to organise a party or milestone celebration, please let us know what you're planning and we'd be delighted to talk to you about your requirements.

Our newly refurbished meeting room is now also available to hire and is ideal for anyone looking to hire a small, private meeting space.

We encourage anyone considering booking the facilities to please visit www.oldluce.org.uk/glenluce-hall and have a look over our Terms of Hire.



An iconic community hub since 1878



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



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Village Square

The new Village Square is now almost complete with just a noticeboard and signage to be installed. Our inaugural Spring Planting has everything looking blooming marvellous after two small but keen groups of local volunteers spent a sunny Saturday morning and afternoon planting out a colour variety of flora. The official opening of the Square isn't far away on Saturday 4 June as part of the Jubilee Street Party celebrations being organised in conjunction with the Old Luce Community Council— we'll see you there!



Volunteers spring planting 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.

Friends of The Glen

Friends of The Glen (FoTG) have been very active since our last update, with a small but dedicated group of ground volunteers clearing invasive laurel and rhododendron with the very welcome help of Glenluce Primary School teachers and students and Jenna Cains from the GSA Biosphere. The Woodland Trust have been advising on suitable native species to plant in place of the invasive species removed and the group are looking forward to this regeneration planting phase during the warmer months. FoTG are always keen for more volunteers to help out every Friday between 1-3pm and would love to see you there, even if it's just to pop down for a chat and check out what's going on. Tools provided if you're keen to pitch in, just bring garden gloves, a water bottle and wear sturdy footwear and clothing you don't mind getting a little dirty.





Funded by Glenchamber Windfarm Community Benefit Fund and ENGIE, through the Old Luce Community Fund.

The Glen boundaries include small parcels of land dotted around the village as well as the main Glen area. The Trust has been approached by villagers wishing to purchase land adjacent to their gardens recently. Our policy on this is that the Trust is willing to sell such land, where it does not impact on the main Glen site, and where the purchaser pays the legal fees of the Trust, with the purchase price determined by an independent valuation.



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We are pleased to confirm that one such sale has brought in £4,000 to the Trust which will now be reinvested in the Glen.

Dunragit

Our long-term aim remains to create a community hub in Dunragit and we are still working actively to identify and purchase a suitable site in the area. The Trust has ordered three new benches and a new noticeboard for Dunragit, which will be installed in the coming weeks.

Christmas Lights

The Christmas lights once again provided a festive atmosphere in Glenluce and Dunragit in December, attracting visitors from across the region. It was lovely to be able to have an outdoor gathering to celebrate the switch-on this year and we thank the Community Council for hosting this event. We look forward to installing colourful festive displays again later this year.

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 www.oldluce.org.uk/membership.

Directors

Mike Lane (Chair)

Diane Lowe (HR)

Kenneth McKinstry

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Residents of Auchenmalg, Dunragit and Glenluce are invited to a

Street Party

to celebrate The Oueen's Platinum Jubilee

on Saturday 4th June 2022 2-6 pm, Main Street, Glenluce

- 2 pm Opening of Village Square
- 2.05 pm Celebrating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- 50 2.15 pm - Musical presentation by Glenluce Primary Schoolchildren
- 2.30 pm Music by Kissing the Flint
- 3 5 pm Music by Life o' Reilly
- 5 6 pm Music by Kissing the Flint 5
- 7.30 pm till late The Baker Boys play in The Crown Hotel

Food Stalls

Bouncy Castle

2.30 - 4.30 pm



■ 1 pm – Departs Craignarget for Glenluce via Stairhaven.

■ 1.30 pm - Departs Dunragit for Glenluce.

6 pm - Glenluce to Craignarget / Dunragit.

Glenluce Public Hall

Display of Glenluce Primary School's Jubilee Art Competition Entries and memorabilia from The Queen's Coronation.

Organised by volunteers from Old Luce Community Council, Old Luce Development Trust, Luce Valley Parish Church and residents of Old Luce parish.

