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### Welcome

Happy New Year and welcome to our first update for 2023!

We hope you had a wonderful Festive season celebrated with your nearest and dearest. It has been wonderful to see our communities all dressed up and shining brightly throughout the shorter months.

As the days lengthen, the snowdrops are appearing and spring is not too far away. Here's looking forward to a bright and busy year for all!

Mike Lane, Chairperson





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# **Our Projects**

### **Village Square**

The Village Square has now been officially handed over by contractors Luce Bay and the noticeboard, oak benches in the shelter, slate commemorative plaque and funding sponsor signage will be installed in the coming weeks.

Our garden designer Sian Roberts has been keeping an expert eye on the garden beds during the winter months and we look forward to seeing new growth and colour 'springing' up very soon.



A Winter wonderland 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.

### **Glenluce Public Hall**

Our Hall looked absolutely fabulous over Christmas. A very big thank you to everyone who pitched in to help put up all the lights and decorations, inside and out!

New activities commencing this year at the Hall are Mums and Bubs Yoga for an initial 8 weeks on Monday afternoons and Yogi Kids Yoga afterschool Tuesday sessions February-March for various age groups 3-12 years. In March, Alan McLellan will host a free presentation on the old Port Road (Railway) Line along which he has been walking to raise funds for cancer research. D&G Housing Partnership will also host a 'Here for You' customer drop-in session.

Weekly Post Office service is available upstairs every Tuesday 11.30am-12.30pm and the Community Shop ladies are ready to welcome you with a smile and a bit of retail therapy down the ramp every Tuesday 10am-1pm, Thursday 1-4pm and Saturday 11am-2pm.

This is your Hall and needs YOU! If you're a social, creative, sporting or any other kind of group we're not yet aware of, or would like to organise a party or social gathering of any kind, please let us know what you're looking for and we'd be delighted to talk to you about your requirements. Our newly refurbished meeting room is also available to hire and is an ideal private meeting or study 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.



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

#### **Brambles**

Following a pause to the project last year to await news on the future of the Glen café site, the Trust recommenced work with the Brambles design team in January on the redevelopment of the site into a café and restaurant.





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

### **Industrial Estate**

Tarff Valley will continue the transition from Glenluce to their new Castle Kennedy store until mid-June. Further information on units to rent at the site will be available in due course, so please follow our Facebook page and keep an eye out for more updates. If you would like to register an Expression of Interest in the meantime, please email your details to thetrust@oldluce.org.uk. Priority for lets of the units will go to those looking for an active use of the site that will bring jobs to the area.

### **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 and discuss funding options. As part of their consultancy process, the NHS held a Risks & Benefits and an Options Appraisal public workshop at the Glenluce Public Hall in November and December. The Trust is currently awaiting the final outcome of this consultancy process.



Four Winds GP Surgery



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#### Friends of The Glen

Bench installations, footbridge repairs, fallen tree clearing and other works are planned for the coming months in the Glen. Friends of The Glen (FoTG) have just about completed their planning of 300 native regenerative species kindly supplied by the Woodland Trust. Volunteers have been assisted by the enthusiastic, very welcome helping hands of Glenluce Primary School students and teachers, who can't wait to see all the new young trees start to green up and take hold as the days lengthen.

FotG are always keen for more volunteers, even just to come along for a chat and see what's going on. Tools are provided if you're willing 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 keep up to date with all their future activity plans.





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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. Three new benches and a new noticeboard for Dunragit will be installed in the coming weeks.



Christmas 2022 celebrations in Dunragit (Photo —Diane Lowe)





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### **Christmas Lights**

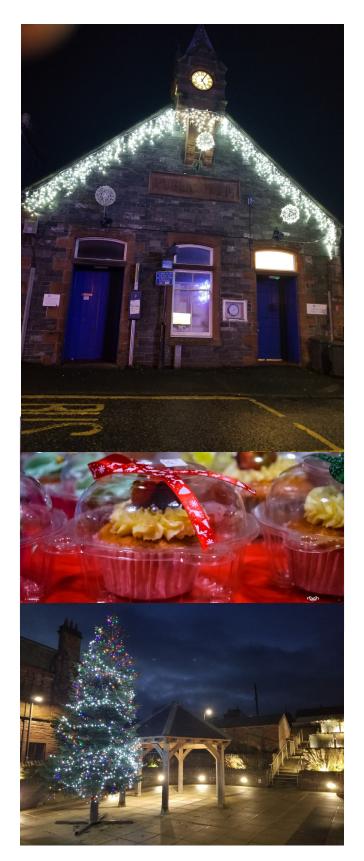
It was jingle all the way when Old Luce residents of all ages gathered in Glenluce and Dunragit towards the end of November to mark the beginning of the Festive Season.

Glenluce Primary School's Christmas Fayre at the Public Hall was followed by the official Christmas light switch-on for the village as evening fell. Local businesses with stalls at the Fayre had plenty of Christmas shopping choices to offer, such as festive cards and decorations, pottery, fragrances, outdoor accessories, cakes, preserves, crafts and an enticing assortment of Community Shop items. Glenluce Primary School students and the local Gospel choir serenaded the happy crowd with celebratory Christmas songs, children were entertained throughout the afternoon with face painting and a kid's craft table and a raffle draw was also run. As darkness fell, the village burst in to life as the Christmas lights were switched on.

Dunragit also made the most of their Festive celebrations, with Santa making a special stop-off visit for their annual light switch-on, arriving bearing small treats for excited little ones.

Residents also enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies and a lovely community evening was shared by all.







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COMMUNITY SHOP

TUESDAY 10AM-1PM
THURSDAY 1PM-4PM

THURSDAY 1PM-4PM SATURDAY 11AM-2PM

TREAT YOURSELF TO SOME RETAIL THERAPY



OPEN

ENTRANCE DOWN THE RAMP GLENLUCE PUBLIC HALL



## What's happening at your Hall?

Monday (weekly)

Boccia-New Age Curling 10.30am-12 noon

Mondays (30 Jan-20 March)

Mums & Bubs Yoga 1.15-2.45pm

(cuppa and snack after)

**Monday 27 March** 2.30-4.30pm

D&G Housing Partnership 'Here For You' customer drop-in (Meeting Room downstairs)

Tuesday (weekly)

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

Tuesdays (21 Feb-28 March)

 Yogi Kids Yoga (3-5 years)
 4.00-4.45pm

 Yogi Kids Yoga (5-8 years)
 5.00-6.00pm

 Yogi Kids Yoga (8-12 years)
 6.00-7.00pm

**Tuesday 14 March** 

Port Road Line Presentation 1.30-3.30pm

(with Alan McLellan)

Thursdays (weekly)

Boccia-New Age Curling 1.00-3.30pm Community Shop 1.00-4.00pm

Saturday (weekly)

Community Shop 11.00am-2.00pm





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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 www.oldluce.org.uk/membership.

### **Directors**

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# THE PORT ROAD LINE



**Glenluce Railway Station (Dumfries to Glenluce)** 

# A Presentation in Film & Photograph

with Alan McLellan

**Tuesday 14 March 1.30.3.30pm** 

Free Entry - Cancer Research donations welcome