



OLD LUCE
DEVELOPMENT TRUST

SPRING 2023

MEMBERS: 200

Welcome

Welcome to our spring 2023 update! As the days get longer and lighter, it's always great to get out and about more for some spring cleaning and sprucing, such as replacing some of the weathered timber on footbridges and railings in the Glen.

Another highlight of spring so far has been the shortlisting of the Glenluce Village Square for a Scottish Civic Trust 'My Place' Award, among just 6 community regeneration projects across Scotland. We can't wait to see you out enjoying the Square more as our sunny days increase.

Mike Lane, Chairperson





Our Projects

Village Square

The noticeboard, slate commemorative plaque and funding sponsor signage have all been installed. Planting by our garden designer Sian Roberts has been looking stunning, with vibrant tulips and other colourful flowering plants putting on a magnificent show. Oak benches are also planned for installation beneath the wooden pagoda.

We were delighted to be shortlisted for the Scottish Civic Trust 'My Place' Award for the Square, one among only six projects across Scotland including two others in Dumfries & Galloway. We didn't take out the final gong at the recent awards presentation in Glasgow, but it was an honour just to be shortlisted and represent our community through this regeneration project.

Our congratulations to Catherine Street Inclusive Play Park in Dumfries (winner) and Iona Village Hall Community Trust (commended). Thank you to those who gave up their time to contribute to our final assessment video for the judges. We couldn't fit you all into the 5 minute limit, so will be sharing a fuller version on our website and Facebook page in due course.



A kaleidoscope of colour in the Village Square

Glenluce Public Hall

There have been a variety of new activities so far and even more planned for this year, including yoga for all ages, making music with Stranraer Drum for Fun, Chair Tai-Chi and the historic King's Coronation screening and celebratory afternoon tea.

An audio-visual presentation hosted by Alan McLellan in March was very enjoyable, exploring the fascinating history of the Old Port Road (aka 'Paddy') rail line which Alan has been walking to raise charity funds for Cancer research. We've also been quite popular with the young ones for birthday parties!



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The weekly Post Office service is available upstairs every Tuesday 11.30am-12.30pm and the Community Shop ladies are ready with smiles and retail therapy down the ramp every Tuesday 10am-1pm, Thursday 1-4pm and Saturday 11am-2pm. Our Meeting Room is also available to hire, an ideal private meeting or study space for individuals or smaller groups.

YOUR Hall 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 of social gathering of any kind, please let us know and we'd be delighted to talk to you about your requirements. Old Luce Community Council offers micro-grants of up to £500 which you can apply for via our website to help you cover the costs of running your activity or event.

If you'd like to book any of our facilities, please visit www.oldluce.org.uk/glenluce-hall and read through our Terms of Hire.



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



Old Port Road ('Paddy') Line Presentation

Brambles

The Trust is continuing to work with the Brambles design team in progressing the redevelopment of the site into a café and restaurant.

Industrial Estate

Tarff Valley is continuing their 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 in line with vacancy and planned refurbishments, 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 is continuing to work closely with the GP Practice Management Team and Dumfries & Galloway NHS to finalise the required size and design of the new Surgery building and discuss funding options. We are currently waiting on the final outcome of the NHS consultancy process before progressing any further.



Four Winds GP Surgery



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Friends of The Glen

Bench installations, more footbridge and path improvements and other works are planned for the coming months in the Glen.

Friends of The Glen (FoTG) volunteers continue to work with the enthusiastic Glenluce primary school teachers and students who have been providing some very welcome helping hands tree planting, invasive species clearing and litter picking. It is very encouraging to see some of the new young trees that were planted last year starting to leaf up for the first time.

Remember, if you are taking a wander through our lovely community woodland, please take home and bin what you bring.



Glenluce Primary School teachers and students learning about nature in the Glen

Can you help FoTG create some of these benches for an outdoor classroom and meeting place? Someone who is chainsaw- trained and insured is needed to cut pieces of fallen timber for benches like these in Kirkcowan for our beautiful Glen. FoTG volunteers will be on hand to lift and shift the wood, but particular skills and equipment are needed to cut the pieces first. Please email thetrust@oldluce.org.uk if you are qualified and would like to help.



More general FotG volunteers are always welcome. Come along just for a chat and see what's going on, or tools are provided if you'd like to pitch in. Bring garden gloves, a sturdy pair of shoes or boots, clothes you don't mind getting a little dirt on and a water bottle for warmer days. Email us if you'd like to be added to the FoTG mailing list and stay up to date on their activity plans. You can enjoy some fresh air, exercise at your own pace and help care for a long-lasting community legacy all at the same time. Keep an eye out for our local cheeky red squirrels!



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



Dunragit

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



The Trust has identified a new potential site as part of a long-term aim to create a community hub in Dunragit. The Plan is to install a temporary cabin on site as we work towards funding a more permanent Hub building, perhaps combined with a visitor centre highlighting the rich archaeological history of Dunragit.

We would like to thank each and every one of you who completed the recent survey distributed by hand and online, which received some fantastic feedback for the project. The sense of community spirit within Dunragit was evident from your responses, as was a sense of isolation and loneliness for many residents. We sincerely hope that our funding bid to the Coastal Benefit Fund for the community hub is successful and we can create that meeting place to bring the community together. The number of you volunteering to help your community was staggering. This hub is definitely something the Dunragit community is very keen for and we're looking forward to helping you bring it to life.

Coronation Celebrations

Old Luce Community Council celebrated HM King Charles III's coronation in Glenluce Public Hall on Saturday 6 May. Old Luce parish residents viewed the service on the big screen and were then treated to a delicious afternoon tea with scones and home baking provided by Homemade by AH, plus sandwiches, tea and coffee. Newspapers covering HM Queen Elizabeth II's 1953 coronation were displayed along with artwork created by Glenluce Primary schoolchildren. Many thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and services to help arrange such a memorable day.



Coronation Day - Old Luce Community Council



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General Community News

We're delighted to hear that one of our iconic local historic visitor sites Glenluce Abbey is set to re-open in the coming months after high level masonry inspections were conducted as a safety precaution across many sites in the country over the past year by Historic Environment Scotland. If you're planning some walks in our beautiful area this spring and summer such as the Whithorn Way, Glenluce Abbey is a definite must to visit along the way.



Glenluce Abbey—Historic Environment Scotland

Whithorn Way route maps and passports are available upstairs at Glenluce Public Hall and downstairs in the Community Shop. To register and track your progress along the route, you can also scan with your mobile device the 'waypoint' QR code which is displayed in the street level front window of the Hall.



Making music with hosts Stranraer Drum for Fun at a recent taster session in Glenluce Public Hall



Enjoying a delicious afternoon tea at the Old Luce Community Council celebrations for King Charles III's coronation in Glenluce Public Hall



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AND NEWAGE
CURLING GROUP**

Glenluce Public Hall
MONDAYS 10.30 AM TO 12 NOON
THURSDAYS 1.30 PM-3.00 PM

ENQUIRIES to 01581 300 669

**ALL
WELCOME!**



Friends of the Glen
Volunteer Sessions

All welcome!



COMMUNITY SHOP

OPEN

TUESDAY 10AM-1PM

THURSDAY 1PM-4PM

SATURDAY 11AM-2PM

TREAT YOURSELF TO
SOME RETAIL THERAPY



ENTRANCE DOWN THE RAMP
GLENLUCE PUBLIC HALL



What's Happening at your Hall?

Monday (weekly)

Boccia-New Age Curling 10.30am-12 noon

Tuesday (weekly)

Community Shop 10.00am-1.00pm

Post Office Service 11.30am-12.30pm

Tuesday 20 June

Citizens Advice Outreach 9.30am-12.30pm
(Meeting Room)

Wednesday (weekly)

Chair Tai-Chi 11.00am-12.00pm

Wednesday 14 June

Wind Farm Community 2.00-7.00pm
Ownership - Public Information

Thursdays (weekly)

Boccia-New Age Curling 1.00-3.30pm

Community Shop 1.00-4.00pm

Saturday (weekly)

Community Shop 11.00am-2.00pm

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 online at www.oldluce.org.uk/membership.

Directors

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