



OLD LUCE  
DEVELOPMENT TRUST

AUTUMN 2023

MEMBERS: 205

## Welcome

Welcome to our Autumn 2023 Update!

We're very excited that the long-held dream of a community hub for Dunragit is finally underway, with the approval in June of funding to purchase land and install a log cabin-type structure. The community response to a central gathering place in the village has been entirely positive and we are delighted to be helping this dream become a reality. We are optimistically planning for the hub to be operational in spring 2024 and fully equipped for a grand summer opening.

Thank you to all who attended our recent AGM to catch up on what the Trust has been working on this past year. The support, feedback and input from our members and the wider community is much appreciated.

We said farewell to Drew Sloan and Jim McClung as Trust Directors this year. Their contributions to the Trust have been invaluable, greatly benefiting our work and the Old Luce community in general. Their individual expertise, skills and commitment will be greatly missed and we wish them both all the very best in their future endeavours. In their stead, we welcome new Directors Ewan Cameron and Neil Douglas to the Trust Board. We look forward to working with them and our other 9 Directors on our various projects in the year ahead.

*Mike Lane, Chairperson*





## Our Projects

### Brambles

The Trust has appointed ARPL to take over from its former design team, with forward movement now occurring on the redevelopment of Brambles into a Café/restaurant. We are looking forward to seeing the revamp of this property finally taking shape.

### Glenluce Healthy Living Campus

Our collaboration with the NHS to assess the need for a new medical facility in Glenluce is a crucial undertaking. We continue working with the Surgery to identify ways to make the site more suitable, as we progress bigger plans. The Trust met in July with the GP Practice Management Team and Dumfries and Galloway NHS to obtain some clarity and move this project forward.

### Village Square

Many thanks to Old Luce Community Council for arranging a public litter bin in the Village Square. Oak benches are also planned for beneath the wooden pagoda to provide additional seating. The garden beds are still thriving with a variety of colour and shape. A mix of nourishing rain and sun this summer helped maintain good growth along with regular TLC from gardener Sian Roberts, which will continue as we move into the cooler months.



### Glenluce Public Hall

We welcomed Sue Murkowski to the role of Hall Keeper at the end of August.



Sue has taken over from Fiona Phillips, who moved on to new adventures after 7 years in the role. Thank you to Fiona for her hard work and dedication to the Hall over the years and we wish her and her family all the very best for the future. Sue works Monday to Friday and every other weekend. We are still seeking other applicants and/or volunteers to cover the remaining weekend, so please let us know if you, or anyone you know, may be interested.

A variety of regular and new activities have been happening at the Hall. Chair Tai-Chi is popular each Wednesday, and Boccia-New Age Curling each Monday and Thursday. The badminton equipment has also been getting a workout during spring/summer.

D&G Citizens' Advice Service have hosted two drop-in support and information sessions in our meeting room and we look forward to this becoming a regular beneficial service for our community.



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*The Hall is ideal for all types of activities and events*

Forestry & Land Scotland hosted a public consultation drop-in session in July, where local residents had their say around the proposed Land Management Plan for Torrs Warren and the wider Dunragit area.

We have also had the pleasure of meeting the new Abbey House owners Paul and Johanna, both highly skilled artists and tutors in numerous creative mediums including pottery and sculpture. They are very keen to host taster sessions at the Hall and facilitate more regular art and craft activities in general in the Old Luce community. These will likely be evening sessions to begin with and all ages will be welcome. Please keep an eye on our social media pages and local noticeboards for further information.

The weekly Post Office service is available every Tuesday from 11.30am till 12.30pm and the Community Shop volunteers are ready to welcome you down the ramp for retail therapy and a chat every Tuesday 10am-1pm, Thursday 1-4pm and Saturday 11am-2pm. The downstairs Meeting Room is available to hire as a smaller group meeting or individual study space.



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

YOUR Hall needs YOU! We can provide support with administration assistance, grants advice and sponsorship if you feel you might not be eligible for particular funding for your group, activity or event. Old Luce Community Council has micro-grants available up to £500 which you can apply for via our website to help cover the costs of running activities and events.

If have any queries or would like to book any of our facilities, please visit [www.oldluce.org.uk/glenluce-hall](http://www.oldluce.org.uk/glenluce-hall) and read through our Terms of Hire.

### Industrial Estate

Tarff Valley vacated 2 of 3 units they were formerly leasing prior to relocating to their new store in Castle Kennedy. They continue to rent the remaining unit until mid-December. Our unit 1 tenant Gallery Art Marketing also relocated during the summer. Further information on units to rent at the site will be available late autumn in line with vacancies and major refurbishments currently in progress. To register an Expression of Interest as a potential tenant, please email [thetrust@oldluce.org.uk](mailto:thetrust@oldluce.org.uk) and we will add you to our contact list. 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. Please also follow our Facebook Page and keep an eye out for more updates.





### Friends of The Glen

Footbridge, drainage and path improvements are scheduled in the Glen with future works planned to include the installation of rustic benches, tree-fall clearing work as well as high path fencing, surface and drainage improvements.

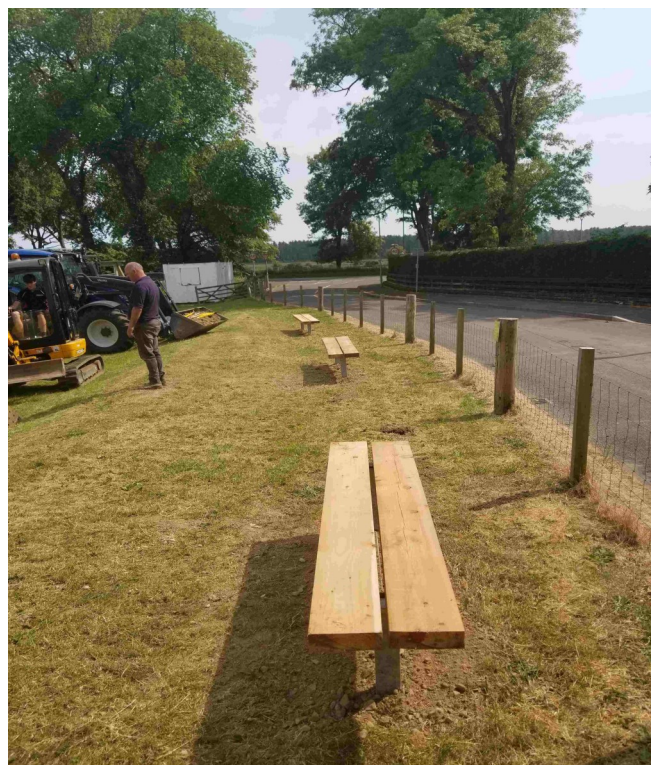
Friends of The Glen (FoTG) volunteers continue to work with Glenluce Primary School teachers and students who have been enjoying regular outdoor education in their forest school sessions.



*Autumn colours and vibrant growth in The Glen*

### Dunragit

Three new benches and a new community noticeboard were installed in Dunragit in June with a fourth bench pending for the concrete slab along the main road to the village. Many thanks to Richard Rankin who provided machinery on the day and everyone else who came along to help lift, steady and position everything to be dug in.



*A new noticeboard and benches for Dunragit*



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We are beyond delighted that our funding bid to the Coastal Benefit Fund for the community hub was successful for funding towards the purchase of land and installation of a cabin in Dunragit to create a central, vibrant meeting place to bring the community together. We can't wait to help bring this long held dream to fruition alongside the residents of Dunragit, and are really looking forward to all of the events and activities that will be taking place here in the future. Displays around the rich archaeological history of the area are also planned for the building.



Funded by Dumfries & Galloway  
Council's Coastal Benefit Fund.

### Community Survey

Your hall and your local community need you!

The activities of the Trust rely on volunteers from the local community. Every minute that you are able to give, whether it be several hours per week or half an hour per year, is very welcome and appreciated.

In order to make your hall sustainable, it needs to attract regular use.

We are keen to hear from the Old Luce community as to what activities you would like to see at the hall and what volunteering support you might be willing to provide. The survey only takes a few minutes to complete and will be of great assistance in being aware of what the local community wants and how they can also support activities and events.

Complete the survey online by scanning the QR code or go to  
<https://forms.office.com/e/ByTz8vEd3D>

You can also complete the hard copy enclosed with this newsletter and return to us via the secure post box on the front of the hall.

**BOCCIA  
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!**

### Volunteering and Hall Use Survey





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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



## Chair Tai-Chi



Glenluce Public Hall

Every Wednesday

11am-12 noon

All welcome!

# SAVE THE DATES!

GLENLUCE PRIMARY CHRISTMAS FAYRE  
OFFICIAL LIGHT SWITCH ON  
SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER

DUNRAGIT CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS  
OFFICIAL LIGHT SWITCH ON  
SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER





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# PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

**Old Luce Residents!** Enter your favourite shots of our beautiful, vibrant community. Landscapes, wildlife, people, nature, activities and events. The sky's the limit!

**Gift voucher prize per age group:**

- \* Primary School Students to P7
- \* Secondary School Students
- \* Open-Adult



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EMAIL ENTRIES TO

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BY FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE  
CHRISTMAS FAYRE / LIGHT SWITCH-ON  
SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER  
GLENLUCE PUBLIC HALL



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## 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 24 October

Stranraer Drum for Fun 6.30pm-8.00pm

### Wednesday (weekly)

Chair Tai-Chi 11.00am-12.00pm

### Thursdays (weekly)

Boccia-New Age Curling 1.00-3.30pm

Community Shop 1.00-4.00pm

### Saturday (weekly)

Community Shop 11.00am-2.00pm

### Saturday 25 November

Glenluce Primary Xmas Fayre 2.00pm

Official Light Switch On 5.00pm

## 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](http://www.oldluce.org.uk/membership).

## Directors

Mike Lane (Chair)	Lorna McDowall (Treas.)
Diane Lowe (HR)	Steven Newton (Hall)
Richard Rankin	Adele McCallum
Kippy Thomson	Cheryl Garrity
Jackie Plunkett	Neil Douglas
Ewan Cameron	

## Old Luce Parish



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