



## Welcome

Welcome to our latest update! We're moving steadily towards spring now and longer, warmer days are not too far away, which is always something to look forward to. We hope you enjoyed the Festive season with your loved ones and are back feeling as refreshed and excited for another busy year ahead in our community as we are. We're really looking forward to hearing your ideas about what you'd like to see happen in Old Luce over the next decade as part of our Community Action Plan and Local Place Plan public engagement program in February and March. There will be plenty of one-on-one and group sessions plus a survey and various other opportunities to give us your thoughts, which will be invaluable to help us plan for a positive Old Luce future over the next 10 years. We look forward to seeing you out and about!

*Mike Lane, Chair*

# 7 WAYS TO HAVE YOUR SAY

## 1. MEET-UP (come at 6.15 and grab a cuppa)

- 6.30-7.30pm :
- Wed 26 Feb: Dunragit Hub or
- Thu 27 Feb: Glenluce Village Hall

## 2. SURVEY

## 3. ZOOM: Tue 18 Feb 6.30-7.30pm

## 4. POP-UP (drop in any time during the hour)

- 4-5pm Wed 26 Feb: Dunragit Hub
- 2-3pm Thu 27 Feb: Community Shop, Glenluce
- 5-6pm Thu 27 Feb: Glenluce Village Hall

## 5. FACEBOOK: follow, like, share

## 6. PRIVATE CHAT - [contact us](#)

## 7. GROUP CHAT - for your group/organisation

COMING YOUR WAY IN FEBRUARY IN GLENLUCE & DUNRAGIT

# WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR OLD LUCE?

## HELP US MAKE A 10 YEAR PLAN



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## Our Projects

### Community Action Plan

The Trust received a lovely Christmas present with the awarding of £5,000 towards our Community Action Plan and Local Place Plan from the Community Led Local Development Fund, administered by Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway. We then were awarded a further £13,500 by Old Luce Community Fund towards this piece of work. We are now working with Barbara Chalmers from Only Human, who has been helping to achieve some very positive outcomes for Stranraer's regeneration. Old Luce residents will have various opportunities to share their thoughts and ideas, so have a look on our website [www.oldluce.org.uk/cap](http://www.oldluce.org.uk/cap) and our Facebook page, and keep an eye out in your local Hall, Hub, shops and other locations for further information and updates.



*Funded by Old Luce Community Fund, administered by Foundation Scotland and the Community Led Local Development Fund, administered by Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway.*



### Dunragit Community News

A group of volunteers in Dunragit arranged funding via an Old Luce Community Council micro-grant for Halloween bags, which were distributed to delighted Dunragit children in October. Next year they will be able to have a Halloween party in their new Hub.

The new Dunragit Hub celebrated its first community event in December, when a very special visitor in a red suit dropped by to delight after the Christmas lights were switched on. Residents of all ages along with a few four-legged friends couldn't wait for their first look inside this cosy new facility once the doors were officially open.

The new Hub management committee met for the first time in January, with the following volunteers agreeing to take on various roles: Chair – Jackie Plunkett, Vice Chair – Brian Taylor, Treasurer – Diane Lowe, Secretary – Lisa Shinglestone.

We have received funding from DG Woodlands for green beech and a Whitebeam tree for the Dunragit Hub site and picnic tables for the terrace are also due to arrive at the end of this month. The community can't wait to enjoy the enhanced outdoor surroundings at the Hub, especially once warmer days and longer evenings arrive.

The new Hub is now taking bookings for hire via [dunragitcommunityhub2025@gmail.com](mailto:dunragitcommunityhub2025@gmail.com)

## Dunragit Community Hub

Orchard Road, Dunragit DG9 8PP

### RATES OF HIRE

Rate	Rate p/hour	Description
Standard	£10.00	Individuals, community groups and small businesses, non-VAT registered
Junior/Senior	£ 6.00	Children's activities and activities aimed at senior citizens
Professional	£15.00	Businesses (VAT registered)
Children's Party	£15.00	4 hours hire for 2 hour party

TO ARRANGE A BOOKING

PLEASE EMAIL

[dunragitcommunityhub2025@gmail.com](mailto:dunragitcommunityhub2025@gmail.com)





# COMMUNITY

A big thank you to Lesley and Tiggy for volunteering to collect responses to our Community Facilities Consultation survey in Dunragit, which doubled the response rate there. Thank you to everyone across Old Luce who completed this survey, which will provide valuable community data to help us seek funding for our facilities, including someone to focus on getting more activities and events happening at the Dunragit Community Hub and similar at Glenluce Public Hall.



*Above— Ian Paterson from Old Luce Community Council hands out Christmas bags to local children.*

*Right— First look inside and Santa welcoming residents of all ages to the Hub for the first time in December.*



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FEBRUARY 2025

MEMBERS: 209

*Christmas Light Switch-On*  
**DUNRAGIT**





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### Industrial Estate

New tenants SIRTN Toys warmly welcomed the local community with plenty of festive cheer to their delightful grand opening in unit 1 at the end of November, directly following the official Christmas lights switch-on in Glenluce. There were toys and collectible goodies galore to marvel at on the shop shelves. Santa was also a welcome visitor in residence in his grotto, handing out wee treats and receiving everyone's Christmas gift wishes with plenty of ho-ho-ho's.

They are also proposing to host a summer fete on the ground at the rear during the summertime and all the community will be invited be a part of all the fun. Keep an eye out for the date and further details.



*There were Christmas gift idea goodies galore and Santa was in residence at the SIRTN Toys official opening on 30 November.*

### The Glen

Well done to local Friends of the Glen volunteers Ken, Mark and Sue for passing their theory and practical assessments to achieve their invasive non-native species (INNS) control certificates at Galloway Fisheries Trust in Newton Stewart in December. Their new skills will be very helpful in maintaining our local natural environments, including ongoing management of The Glen.

These general works are carried out as part of the 'Scottish Solway Invasive Non Native Species control and knowledge programme' funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund with match funding from Kilgallioch Wind Farm Community Fund (administered by Foundation Scotland).

If you wish to know more about volunteering on an INNS project at various locations across Wigtownshire, please send an email to [tracy@gallowayfisheriestrust.org](mailto:tracy@gallowayfisheriestrust.org).

The ferocity of Storm Eowyn in January saw the loss of a few more large trees along the high points of the paths, which required cutting back.

Once the spring weather arrives, a variety of improvements and replacements are planned to be carried out for bridges, paths and new fencing which will improve the long term enjoyment and well-being of The Glen for all.



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**Glenluce Public Hall**

Our regular weekly Hall activities including Boccia, the Post Office outreach service, Chair Tai-Chi and Glenluce Community Shop returned to the Hall in January, along with the monthly Craft Group.

If you wish to apply for funding to support event Hall Hire and/or equipment costs, the Trust can offer support and guidance on, or sponsorship for, grant applications. Various options can be applied for, including the Old Luce Community Council micro-grant of up to £500.

Please visit [www.oldluce.org.uk/glenluce-hall](http://www.oldluce.org.uk/glenluce-hall) for our conditions of hire and to make a booking.

**GLENLUCE CRAFT GROUP**



Every third Wednesday of the month

2-4pm

Glenluce Public Hall



*Hall running costs funded by the Old Luce Community Fund, administered by Foundation Scotland.*

**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!**





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**Brambles**

We are hoping to submit the building warrant application for Brambles later this month, and then looking to put the construction out to tender in the summer so that refurbishment of this derelict site can then begin.



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**Glenluce Healthy Living Campus**

The Trust has been meeting with potential funders and the Surgery, with all parties keen to find an affordable solution for an expanded facility with very welcome benefits for staff and patients.



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**Chair Tai-Chi**



**Glenluce Public Hall**

**Every Wednesday**

**11am-12 noon**

**All welcome!**

**POST OFFICE  
OUTREACH SERVICE  
GLENLUCE PUBLIC HALL**



**TUESDAYS**

**11.30AM  
TO  
12.30PM**



Our next event we have to look forward to is Scottish Night in February where the competition winners will entertain us with their Scottish poems (which I know they are already working hard to learn). We look forward to seeing you all there!

*Claire Fleming*

*Secretary*

*Glenluce School and Nursery PTA*

Mrs Young and the P6/7's held a very successful Macmillan Coffee Morning at the school. Thanks to everyone who donated baking or who came along to support the event.

The PTA had a very successful Christmas period, especially the Christmas Fayre that we held in November in the Village Hall. We were blown away by the support of the community and thanks to the amazing raffle prizes that we were kindly donated, the fabulous stallholders supporting the event and the community who turned out in big numbers, it was the most successful PTA event yet. The kids did a fabulous job entertaining everyone before the light switch on and a brilliant afternoon was had by all.

The Christmas productions by both Nursery and the School were, as always, highly entertaining. The pupils and staff put in so much effort and it was lovely to see them performing on stage to big crowds on both days.

PTA funds have been used this year to purchase a greenhouse for the Nursery, costumes for the Christmas concert, small treats such as ice cream or snacks during events at the school and are going towards a residential trip for the P6/7's in 2025. Budget cuts are having a huge impact on all schools across the region and fundraising events are becoming even more important, so we cannot express how grateful we are for the support we receive.





*The Glenluce Primary School Christmas Fayre was very well attended this year at Glenluce Public Hall.*



*Christmas celebrations in Glenluce were much enjoyed by all ages. Photographs above with thanks to Rev. Stephen Ogston.*



*Santa had plenty of friends to keep him company waiting to welcome visitors to his grotto at SIRTN Toys, Ballingclach Industrial Estate, Glenluce.*



**What's Happening at Glenluce Hall**

**Monday (weekly)**

Boccia-New Age Curling 10.30am-12 noon

**Tuesday (weekly)**

Community Shop 10.00am-1.00pm

Post Office Outreach Service 11.30am-12.30pm

**Wednesday**

Chair Tai-Chi (weekly) 11.00am-12.00pm

Craft Group 2.00pm-4.00pm

*(every third Wednesday each month)*

**Thursdays (weekly)**

Boccia-New Age Curling 1.30-3.00pm

Community Shop 1.00-4.00pm

**Saturday (weekly)**

Community Shop 11.00am-2.00pm



**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



## Trust Membership

The Trust reduced the minimum age for full membership from 18 to 16 years of age at our AGM in October. We also created two new Director posts, as the Trust is under represented on the board in the under 25 age group. We would particularly welcome applications from members in that age category, so if you are interested, please email [thetrust@oldluce.org.uk](mailto:thetrust@oldluce.org.uk) for further information.

Membership of Old Luce Development Trust is open to anyone who supports the work of the Trust. Full Membership is open to all permanent residents of the Parish aged 16+, Junior Membership is open to anyone under the age 16 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, even if another member of the household is already a member.

Further details about and how to apply can be found online at [www.oldluce.org.uk/membership](http://www.oldluce.org.uk/membership)



## Directors

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

## Old Luce Parish



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