



OLD LUCE  
DEVELOPMENT TRUST

JUNE 2025

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## Welcome

Welcome to our latest update! Summer is not far away now, which means more of those longer, brighter days for getting out and about, enjoying all of the fantastic activities and events happening across our region. Here at the Trust we've been making the most of several weeks of dry, sunny weather, working to progress the various projects currently underway within our local communities. Your contributions to our March Community Action Plan consultation were much appreciated and will be very helpful in shaping a 10 year vision for Old Luce including our future funding applications for community benefit projects. Thank you very much for all of your time, ideas and input.

*Mike Lane, Chair*





## Our Projects

### Community Action Plan

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the formulation of our Community Action Plan and Local Led Place Plan. This public consultation was enthusiastically steered by Barbara Chalmers from Only Human, who has also helped achieve some fantastic results around the proposed regeneration of Stranraer. If you took time out of your busy lives to complete our online survey, attend a drop in or public session in Old Luce, or engage in a one-on-one chat with Barbara, thank you very much for your valuable input.

It has been very interesting to see the results of this community consultation reflected in Barbara's final report, which will be available on our website in the coming weeks.

We have also been excited to work with Charlotte Wilson around the socio-economic aspect of bringing to life a 10 year vision for Old Luce. Charlotte is a highly experienced researcher with a demonstrated history of working across a number of industries to deliver insightful research and valuable data. To help promote the area and understand more about the needs of visitors to our area, we wanted to understand more about who they are, where they are visiting from and how long they are staying. This helps make the case for increased availability of accommodation where needed and ultimately help make our area more appealing to visitors for the future. As part of this process, Charlotte engaged with local accommodation providers and their visitor data. This was very informative and will be included in the final Community Action Plan / Local Led Place Plan.

All these consultation activities will help identify priorities for community groups and the Council for our area, and guide us in our focus on various improvements and benefits for Old Luce over the next decade.



Barbara Chalmers (Only Human) ready to receive community ideas and input at Glenluce Public Hall



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**Dunragit Community News**

The benches and community noticeboard are now in place at the new Dunragit Community Hub and a defibrillator has been installed. Beech borders and a whitebeam tree have been planted and other landscaping touches completed, including stone edging and chip laid down to enhance the building's surrounds. We look forward to seeing everything green up and get busy over the coming months.

The Dunragit community are super keen to get busy and see the Hub buzzing. A new volunteer Management Committee has been formed and several volunteer and local family welcome afternoons have been well attended and appreciated. The community are eager to see more activities happening at the Hub, so if you'd like to enquire about making a booking, please phone 07511 809 944 or email [dunragitcommunityhub2025@gmail.com](mailto:dunragitcommunityhub2025@gmail.com)



24 willing community volunteers and a few four legged friends turned out in the village in April for Spring Clean Scotland, helping to Keep Scotland Beautiful. In just a few hours, the intrepid band of 'Dunragit Wombles' collected over 20 bags of litter before enjoying a well earned, refreshing cuppa at the Hub afterwards. What a fantastic effort and a big thank you to everyone who helped out on the day!



**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**  
Phone 07511 809 944 or email [dunragitcommunityhub2025@gmail.com](mailto:dunragitcommunityhub2025@gmail.com)



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*Clockwise from top left—The Dunragit ‘Wombles’ teaming up to help Keep Scotland Beautiful. Bottom left— Barbara Chalmers (Only Human) and Diane Lowe having fun at the Community Action Plan session held at the Hub in March.*



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*The Old Luce Community sharing ideas during the Community Action Plan session at the Dunragit Hub*

**DUNRAGIT  
COMMUNITY HUB**

Orchard Road  
Dunragit  
DG9 8PP

**Enquiries and Bookings**  
**07511 809 944**

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

Find out "What's On" on our new Facebook page "Dunragit Community Hub". If you are not on social media, the internet and cannot access the notice board, please call 07511 809944

**Future events will be advertised on the Hub noticeboard**





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### Ballingclach Industrial Estate

SIRTN Toys hosted a free Easter Egg hunt at their unit 1 shop in April, with refreshments, goodie bags, craft and face painting bringing fun and smiles to the faces of local children. Their Lego collection is growing steadily alongside the wide range of toys and collectibles now available on the shelves to delight the young ones, and the young at heart. They are also planning a summer fair for Saturday 26th July and invite you to come along and enjoy some fun in the sun.

Electrical refurbishment works are in the final stages of being completed in the vacant unit 4 and we look forward to confirming a new tenant over the summer.

### The Glen

Some improvements have been made to the drainage on the high side of the Glen and new fencing is planned for installation over the summer. Rotten wooden footbridge boards are planned to be replaced with steel mesh in some damper areas on the high path, which will last longer into the future and provide an easier walk through our beautiful wood.

Friends of the Glen have sourced a variety of native trees from The Woodland Trust and are currently growing these on in pots, to be planted out in the autumn.

**SIRTN TOYS**

COME & JOIN US FOR OUR  
**SUMMER FAIR**

SATURDAY, JULY 26TH  
AT BALLINGCLACH INDUSTRIAL ESTATE  
12-3PM

*Events*  
bouncy castle, crafts, food, games, face painting, stalls, pets parade, tombola, raffle and much more

For more information:  
**07831568408**  
sirtntoys@gmail.com



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### Glenluce Public Hall

Regular weekly Hall activities Boccia, the Tuesday Post Office Outreach and Wednesday Chair Tai-Chi continue to be well supported, along with the monthly Glenluce Craft Group and regular 6-week blocks of Yoga Venture Scotland with Justine Siebenaler.

The new Glenluce Badminton Group started in April and now hits up every Tuesday evening from 7-9pm in the main Hall. This fun activity is free, equipment is provided and anyone aged 16 and over at any level of ability is welcome to come along and enjoy a wee bit of fun social exercise. Who knows, we may even see a round robin tournament happening at some stage with other badminton groups around Wigtownshire, watch this space!

Another new weekly activity is Glenluce Gentle Exercise Group Thursday evenings from 7-9pm, led by Sue Murkowski with a Chi-Me certificate and extensive experience of the effects of ageing on the body. Exercises can be done sitting, standing or a combo of both at your own pace, and are designed to help keep your joints mobile.

St John Scotland also hosted a free Bystander CPR-Defibrillator session in May for a dozen attendees who learned some life-saving first aid skills. Thank you to Antoinette and her team for their time taken to arrange and facilitate this community training.

Glenluce Community Shop volunteers put in a solid spring week of sorting through a mountain of donations that had been building up since Christmas. Everything is now looking spic and span with plenty of new stock at bargain prices now out on the shelves. From time to time they also have 'freebie' offer days where you can take away excess stock of kid's clothes, books, DVD's and jigsaws.

If you have any ideas about what else you might like to see happening at the Hall, or you'd like to help out in any capacity, please let us know. Various options can be applied for, including the Old Luce Community Council micro-grant of up to £500, and the Trust can support your application as a sponsor if needed. Details are available on our website at [www.oldluce.org.uk](http://www.oldluce.org.uk)



**GLENLUCE  
COMMUNITY SHOP**

OPEN

TUESDAY 10AM-1PM

THURSDAY 1PM-4PM

SATURDAY 11AM-2PM

POP IN AND  
BROWSE FOR A BARGAIN!



ENTRANCE DOWN THE RAMP  
GLENLUCE PUBLIC HALL

### GLENLUCE CRAFT GROUP



Every third Wednesday of the month

2-4pm

Glenluce Public Hall

Hall conditions of hire and booking form are available at [www.oldluce.org.uk/glenluce-hall](http://www.oldluce.org.uk/glenluce-hall)



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



### Brambles

The Building Warrant is currently in progress and we anticipate being able to put this project out to tender in the next few weeks.



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and Old Luce Community Fund,  
administered by Foundation  
Scotland*



On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May the P.6/7 pupils from Glenluce and Castle Kennedy Primary embarked on an overnight residential trip to Edinburgh. All the children were really excited. On arrival at the hostel in Leith Walk, Edinburgh, the children dropped off their belongings and set off for the city centre. First, we visited the National Museum of Scotland. It was fabulous and the children loved the sections with the technology and the animals.

Then we visited the Royal Mile. We visited the Old Parliament which now houses the Supreme Court of Scotland. Then we visited St. Giles' Cathedral and saw where the late Queen had lain in rest before she went down to London. We also visited the Museum of Childhood and saw all the toys that children played with in the past. We went back to the hostel for our dinner then after we hopped on the tram all the way out to Murrayfield Rugby Stadium.

The next day, we climbed up Calton Hill on the way to the Scottish Parliament Building at Holyrood. The views from the top of Calton Hill were amazing. Once we arrived at the Parliament we had a lecture about its history. Then we visited the Chamber, as there aren't any M.S.P.s present on a Monday or Friday. After we visited a committee room and even got to use the microphones. The inside of the parliament looks a lot better than the outside.



### Glenluce Healthy Living Campus

Some very positive meetings have been held recently with the Surgery staff and working in partnership with the Old Luce Community Fund, the findings has been planned as we work together towards realising the dream of an improved practice facility and services for the benefit of the community.



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Upon leaving the Parliament we hopped off the bus and headed home. We stopped at McDonald's for a happy meal on the way back. Remarkably, we managed both journeys without anyone being sick!

It was a fabulous trip and one pupil remarked, "Wow, it is just like visiting New York!" This wonderful trip would not have been possible without the support of the Glenluce Primary P.T.A. and the generosity of Old Luce Community Council and the Artfield Fell & Balmurrie Fell Community Fund.

*James Ferguson*  
*Partnership Head teacher*  
*Glenluce and Castle Kennedy Primary*



*A visit to the Parliamentary Chamber at Holyrood*



*At the top of The National in Edinburgh*



*Enjoying the views from Calton Hill*



### Glenluce Take The Treble!

The Glenluce Blues won the Stranraer Cluster Netball League for the third year in a row and the Glenluce Reds brought home the bronze. What a fantastic achievement for a wee village school.



*Netball superstar photos supplied by Susan Maxwell*



This year a girls league was started, with Glenluce Blues winning the inaugural competition and Glenluce Yellows winning the silver!!! Nothing can stop these kids, they train every Wednesday after school with dedication and enthusiasm for their sport.

### Glenluce Village Square

The garden beds in the Glenluce Village Square have been bursting with glorious colour throughout our mostly sunny, dry spring. It's such a lovely spot to bide a while and watch the world go by.

If you would like to volunteer a wee bit of your time out in the fresh air to help keep our Square looking well-loved, watered and thriving throughout the year, we'd love to hear from you! Send an email to us at [thetrust@oldluce.org.uk](mailto:thetrust@oldluce.org.uk) or call our office on 01581 300767.



The cherry on the cake was when they were nominated for Youth Team of The Year at the Wigtownshire Sports Personality Awards. Eight representatives went along on the night and were delighted to come second, bringing home lovely silver medals for all the squad from 2024.





### 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

Badminton Group 7.00-9.00pm

#### 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

Gentle Exercise Group 7.00-8.00pm

#### Saturday (weekly)

Community Shop 11.00am-2.00pm

## Chair Tai-Chi

**Glenluce Public Hall**  
Every Wednesday  
11am-12 noon  
All welcome!

### 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!**

### GLENLUCE BADMINTON GROUP

7-9 PM EVERY TUESDAY  
GLENLUCE PUBLIC HALL

AGES 16 & OVER  
EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED  
FREE TO PLAY!



## Trust Membership

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.

We would also welcome any applications for our two newly created Director posts from members in the under 25 age category, so if you are interested, please email us at [thetrust@oldluce.org.uk](mailto:thetrust@oldluce.org.uk)

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



## Old Luce Parish



From 1 April 2025, the Trust became accredited as a **Living Wage UK** employer. By joining over 15,000 accredited Living Wage Employers, we have committed to helping set a higher standard for fair pay and benefit workers, businesses, and society in communities. With living costs still high, the Living Wage commitment provides employees and contractors with security, stability, and a wage they can rely on.



## Directors

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| Mike Lane (Chair)           | Cheryl Garrity  |
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