



OLD LUCE
DEVELOPMENT TRUST



AUTUMN 2025

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Welcome

Welcome to our latest update!

We are very excited to see two of our major projects moving forward with contracts recently awarded for the Brambles construction and the design and build of the GP surgery.

Subject to our accounts being finalised, we anticipate that our AGM will be held at the Glenluce Public Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 29th October. We will confirm at the end of September and more information and draft papers will then be made available to the public to view beforehand. We thank you for your support this past year, and look forward to your attendance at the AGM to hear what the Trust has been working hard on throughout the past 12 months.

Mike Lane, Chair





Our Projects

Community Action Plan

In March, a broad community consultation was carried out to gather views from people in Old Luce on their priorities for the community for the coming decade. The consultation results are reflected in the Community-led Action Plan for 2025-2035, which is now available for you to read on our website at <https://www.oldluce.org.uk/cap/>

If you took some time in your busy lives to complete an online survey, attend a drop in or public session in Old Luce, or engage in a one-on-one chat with our consultant Barbara from Only Human earlier this year, thank you very much for your valuable input.

We hope to expand this further to include the additional requirements for a Local Place Plan, but following Barbara's retirement, will be seeking a new partner to take this forward.



Dunragit Community News

The community defibrillator has now been fitted to the side of the Hub and is registered on The Circuit (the national defibrillator network). This is also connected to the Scottish Ambulance Service and more likely to be used in an emergency.

The Dunragit Community Hub is now open every morning from 10am-12 noon with friendly volunteers Ian and Charlie ready to welcome you. Drop in for a cuppa, chat, book swap, knit, read – anything you fancy, really! The Hub now also has dedicated wi-fi, so you can catch up on a spot of admin or enjoy some internet surfing. Small donations are welcome for teas and coffees.

The Hub hosted its first ever Scottish Night in May and what a fabulous night it was! Community members came together to celebrate and raised a valuable £320, which will continue to support future events at the Hub. A huge thank you to Ian Duffy and Iain Watt for the amazing entertainment on the night, the event was a resounding success.



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



Good News Club commenced at the Hub in July, welcoming local children and parents to come along and enjoy Bible stories, singing, quizzes and more from 4-4.45pm every Wednesday. A short Gospel Service is now also held on the second Sunday of every month from 6-6.45pm, to welcome you with tea, coffee, hymn singing and a short gospel message.



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The Hub's first ever Table Top Sale was held on Saturday 19th July and raised a grand total of £384.14, which will help support the hub. Many thanks to everyone who helped organise the event and those who came along to support, browse and buy. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying a cuppa, a wee bit of retail therapy and a natter.



To all of the Dunragit community volunteers – your time, kindness, and unwavering support make a world of difference, whether you lend a listening ear, offer practical help, or simply show up with a smile. Being a committee member, making a fantastic cup of coffee, helping out at activities, fundraising, cleaning the hub or looking after the grounds, you're all incredible. Thank you for giving your time so generously – the difference you make is truly immeasurable!

**DUNRAGIT
COMMUNITY HUB**

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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



Funded by the Coastal Benefit Fund, administered by Dumfries and Galloway Council, and Old Luce Community Fund, administered by Foundation Scotland.



Brambles

We're very excited to announce that a contractor has now been appointed for the Brambles redevelopment through a tender process. We look forward to working with Brian Carson Construction on the construction phase and bringing to life this regenerated building. Thank you to ARPL Architects and McGowan Millar for their work so far. Commencement date for work has been set for Monday 29th September.



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Glenluce Healthy Living Campus

Following the availability of additional funding from Old Luce Community Fund over the next three years, the Trust has been revisiting the provision of a new GP surgery building over the past few months. A contract has been awarded to 3b Construction, working with Iain Macfadzean, for the design and build of a new surgery building on the Four Winds site. The new design, which is inspired by the surgery at Sandhead, will be located at the front of the site, roughly where the current house is situated. The site will be separated out so that the GP practice will be able to continue in its current position until the new building is ready. Our next step is to develop the design to take to planning permission.



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Ballinglach Industrial Estate

SIRTN Toys expanded from their existing premises at the beginning of July into the vacant rear unit to accommodate their increasing range of collectibles and toys to delight all ages. The grand opening for the additional shop unit will be around Halloween when they are also planning a scarecrow trail through Glenluce. Lego projects are being regularly built and rotated in the shop, so make sure you pop down and check out what's new on their shelf displays.

A summer fair was held on the grounds in July with delicious food, a variety of retail stalls, face painting, children's activities and classic cars, including a shiny red fire engine. SIRTN also arranged a charity Car Boot Sale in August with monies raised being donated to the Dumfries Children's Hospital. It was great to see both events well attended and supported by the community.

Mathers Dairy Utensils, who lease the front two units, have been busy working on local farms over the past few months. They are also looking forward to setting up and stocking the retail space at the Industrial Estate in due course and announcing a grand opening to the public, so please keep an eye on our Facebook page for further updates.



Browsing the market stalls at Ballinglach Industrial Estate at the July summer fair hosted by SIRTN Toys



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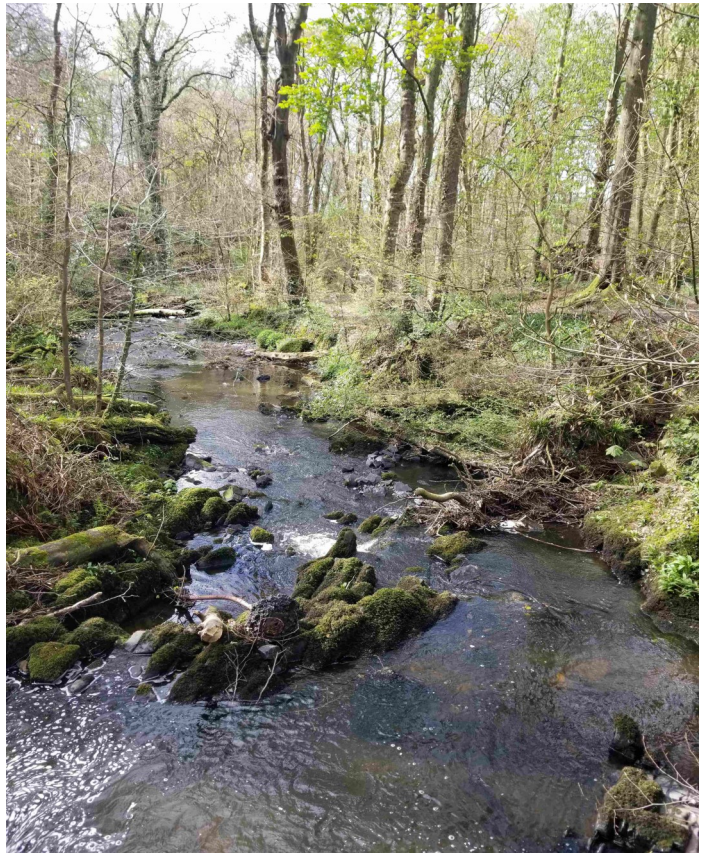
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The Glen

Stewartry Trees carried out some necessary large-scale work in The Glen over the summer, removing tree fall from the upper ocean and the burn, along the high path and also felling a veteran beech at risk of falling due to meripilus fungus compromising its root system.

Friends of the Glen volunteers Ken and Leah Chynoweth-Tidy renewed their Outdoor First Aid Training certification during July. The group are growing on some young trees supplied by the Woodland Trust, which will be planted out during autumn.

The upper neighbor has been carrying out some heavy machinery work to improve the drainage above the high path. New fencing work is planned to commence in late September, weather permitting.



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SAVE THE DATES!

**CHRISTMAS
IN OLD LUCE
GLENLUCE**

✦ Saturday 29th November

DUNRAGIT

Sunday 30th November



Glenluce Public Hall

New activities this quarter in addition to our regular groups, activities and weekly services have included youth bagpipe lessons, cake-decorating and a drop-in session hosted by Finlay Carson MSP to discuss the new bus service timetables. The Community Shop has hosted various 'free to collect' sale days for items that are well overstocked, including books, jigsaws and clothing. Thank you to the Shop volunteers for their time and warm welcome, as well as their support for Hall running costs and some activities where funding may not otherwise be available.

A new monthly Art Group has been formed and will gather from 2-4pm every first Wednesday of the month from 1st October onwards.

The weekly Gentle Exercise Group has struggled for numbers on a Thursday evening, so this will be revisited next year to identify a better day and time for attendees. Thank you to Sue and Mark Murkowski for hosting the classes and the OLCC Micro Grant for supporting this activity so far. We look forward to its return in 2026.

Make sure you follow and keep an eye on the Glenluce Public Hall Facebook page for all upcoming activity details. 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.

The Trust is available to support with administration assistance, grants advice and funding sponsorship if your group wishes to seek funding for hall hire or equipment costs. Various funding 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 for our conditions of hire and to make a booking.



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





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 Service 11.30am-12.30pm

Badminton Group 7.00-9.00pm

Wednesday

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

Art Group 2.00pm-4.00pm

(every first Wednesday of the month)

Craft Group 2.00pm-4.00pm

(every third Wednesday of the month)

Thursday (weekly)

Boccia-New Age Curling 1.30-3.00pm

Community Shop 1.00-4.00pm

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 Art Group

First Wednesday of the month
2-4pm
Glenluce Public Hall



Trust Membership

At our last AGM, the Trust lowered the membership age to 16 and created two new Director positions with the aim of increasing the age diversity of our board. We are always glad to hear of anyone wanting to step up and contribute, but would be particularly keen to hear from those aged 16-30, who are currently not represented. If you would like to hear more about what is involved, please do reach out to us at thetrust@oldluce.org.uk or speak with any of our Directors. This could be a great opportunity for those looking to expand their skills for Duke of Edinburgh volunteering or in preparation for university applications and post-school job hunting.

Membership of Old Luce Development Trust is open to anyone who supports the work of the Trust. Some grant providers consider the proportion of residents in an area as part of their decision-making process, so we would 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 each type of membership and how to apply can be found online at www.oldluce.org.uk/membership



Old Luce Parish



Dunragit Community Hub

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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



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