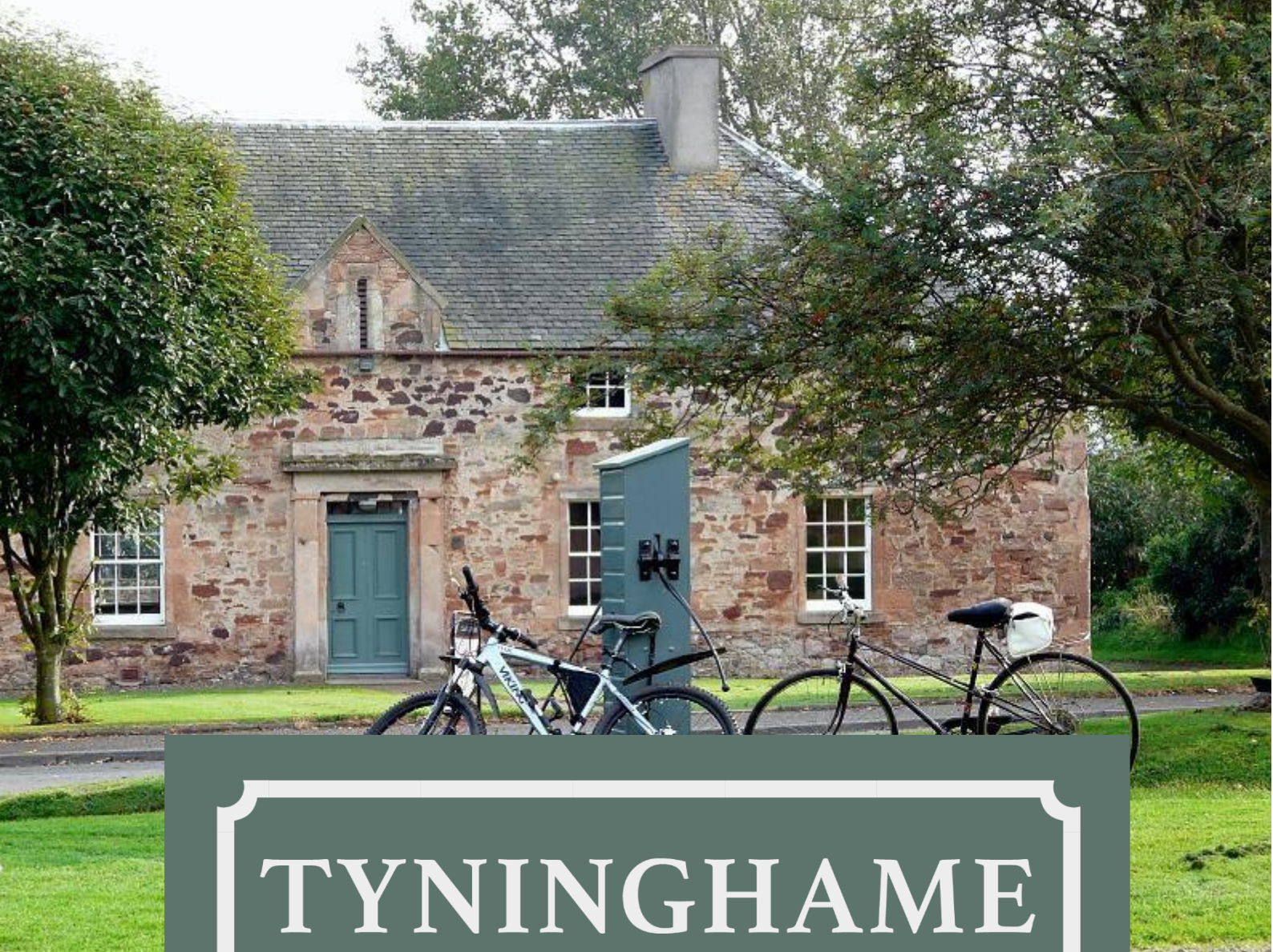




TYNINGHAME VILLAGE HALL & COMMUNITY

Tynninghame Village Hall and Community Committee

Annual Report January to December 2025

Charity Trustees

Ian Staples : Chair (*Appointed May 2023*)

Sophie Wild: Secretary (*Appointed May 2024*)

Tim Harper: Treasurer (*Appointed April 2018*)

Carol Crowther: Community Engagement Lead (*Appointed June 2020*)

Danny Wight: Trustee, Dunpender Community Council Representative (*Appointed October 2020*)

Rob Hyndman: Data Protection, Safety & Risk Trustee (*Appointed April 2024*)

Adam Stockwell: Trustee (*Appointed May 2025*)

John Crowther : Secretary (*Resigned April 2025*)

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TVHCC Objectives and Activities

The Charity was set up in 2017. It's aims are:

- ❖ To provide a venue for the local community and others to come together and participate in various activities and events to build a stronger sense of citizenship and community.
- ❖ 1.2 To offer a space for local groups to pursue creative activities and to advance the arts, heritage, culture and science.
- ❖ 1.3 To organise a range of recreational facilities, classes and groups with a view to improving the quality of life of residents.

Much of the focus of the charity is running and maintaining the internal fabric of the Village Hall and supporting social gatherings e.g. Burns Night, Christmas activities and a regular monthly pub night.

In addition to community events, there are regular weekly classes, yoga, dancing and fitness. The charity benefits mainly those who live in the community, primarily Tynninghame Village, Tynninghame House, Lawhead, Knowes, Newbyth and Tynefield, and many from out with this area, e.g. Dunbar, East Linton and Whitekirk, who participate in many of the events and classes.



Structure, governance and management

Our governing document is a constitution which was set up in 2017.

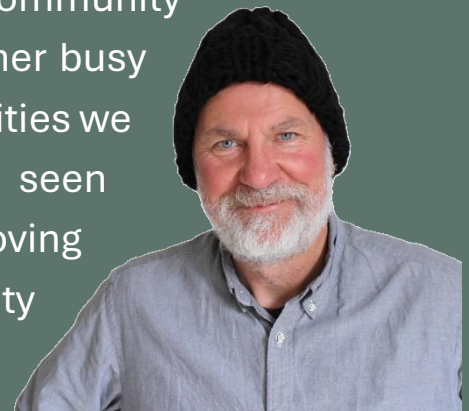
In 2021, in consultation with the community, the Charity was renamed Tynninghame Village Hall and Community Committee (TVHCC) to reflect our wider role and engagement with the community, promoting social connection and facilitating discussion on wider issues affecting the community, along with maintaining and running the village hall.

The Committee includes as a Trustee a local representative from the Dunpender Community Council, which is the main local liaison body with East Lothian Council.

We rely on members of the community to put themselves forward to become Trustees and regularly invite new members to the Committee at the AGM.

Chair Report

As Chair of Tynninghame Village Hall & Community Committee, I am pleased to report on another busy and productive year for the Hall and the activities we support through our charity. 2025 has seen continuing progress in managing and improving the Hall and promoting community engagement and connection.



Hall Management and Maintenance:- The Committee has continued to focus on maintaining the Hall as a safe, welcoming, and sustainable space.

We continue to explore the possibility of replacing the open fire with a wood burning stove to improve energy efficiency and reduce air pollution both inside and outside the hall. We have had preliminary discussions with East Lothian Council about this and have undertaken a consultation seeking the opinions of villagers and those of our regular users. 45 villagers responded to the survey with 72% of respondents in favour of replacing the open fire with a stove. In 2026 we hope to receive planning approval for a stove installation.

We continue to monitor the condition of the Hall floor, undertaking remedial measures where appropriate. Having previously consulted with a flooring company about whether floor replacement would be appropriate we now have funds in hand to install a new floor should this prove necessary.

We are aware of ongoing damp issues in the gable end of the hall building where our toilets and store cupboards are located. We have discussed this issue with our landlord. This is an ongoing issue which we are jointly working to resolve.

We continue to monitor the condition of the electrical supply in the hall and undertake regular PAT testing of appliances.

The public hall noticeboard, following storm damage was repaired and reinstalled by a local contractor.

Liaison with Tynninghame Estate:- We continue to regularly talk with representatives of the Estate which owns the Hall regarding issues relating to ongoing hall upkeep. We also assist in facilitating dialogue with the Estate representatives regarding village common land and estate owned property specifically about how they are managing and maintaining these assets.

We host an annual meeting with representatives of the Estate (Galbraiths) and villagers. In November Galbraiths and Ryden's met with many villagers and a number of recurring issues of concern, including maintenance of common areas and difficulties with on street parking were discussed.

The Estate representative also outlined the Estate's plan to put parking were in the village (the fallow field and workshop) to be included in the next East Lothian Council Local Development Plan as a potential areas for building new houses.

Community Heating Project Feasibility Study

A Committee's sub-group engaged with a Scottish Government – funded programme to explore the feasibility of a community heating scheme (Decarb Tynninghame). The report, received in March 2025, sets out options for moving towards decarbonisation, some of which depend on wider East Lothian energy initiatives. The Committee will continue to monitor developments and explore opportunities for the village.

Community Engagement Group Report

The Community Engagement Group (CEG) has had a vibrant and productive year, delivering a wide range of activities that brought residents together, strengthened connections, and raised valuable funds for the upkeep and development of Tynninghame Village Hall.



The Community Engagement Group (CEG) comprises of some committee members and local residents who together plan and support community events and fund raising activities.

Highlights of 2025

- The Easter activities and the Annual Summer Fair were fun packed events. This year at the Summer Fair many of the parents actively participated in both taking the lead and actively engaging in the childrens activities
- Our Summer BBQ enjoyed excellent weather, good food, with plenty of conversation flowing.
- The Halloween guising trail and after party brought together many children and friends for a fun - filled community activity.
- Our Christmas festivities included a wreath-making workshop, a lively Village Christmas party, and a well-attended Christmas Eve carol singing. At this years carol singing, villagers contributed both food and money to the local food bank. This event has become an increasingly

popular community gathering with numbers rising from around 12 in the first year to almost 60 this year.

- Regular Pub Nights have continued to provide an informal and sociable space.

- Fundraising:
 - Profits from the Annual Bridge Lunch in September and the Christmas wreath making continued to support on going hall improvements

- New Activities:
 - A Visit to the Community farm went ahead on Saturday July 13th despite the poor weather - this was an enjoyable and informative afternoon.

Community Impact

The past year has seen a continued increase in participation across all age groups, with more families and young residents engaging in village life. Our events not only raise vital funds but also play a key role in reducing isolation, fostering intergenerational connections, and keeping traditions alive.

The CEG would like to thank all the volunteers, residents, and local partners who contributed time, energy, and creativity to making this year such a success. Together, we are ensuring that Tyninghame Village Hall remains at the heart of our community.

Treasurers Report: Financial Review of the Year 2025

The funding for the ongoing management and use of the hall specifically comes from the hiring out of the hall facility and local fundraising events. This year whilst retaining the services of a hall cleaner the general management and maintenance of the hall, administration and hall bookings has been carried out by Trustees .

The audited accounts for the year ending 31 December 2025, showed a net surplus of £3239.63. Compared to £8456.08 in 2024. Our annual turnover was £15,390.07

Overall Expenditure decreased to £12,150.44 (2024: £14,232.91)

The TVHCC Unrestricted reserves stand at £29,427.12 (2024: £26,187.49).

This income combined with a cash at bank of £29,427.12 indicates a healthy financial position at the close of 2025, despite increased fixed costs such as electricity and firewood.

Tynninghame Village Hall
Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
<u>Income</u>		
Hall Rent / Other	14,378.54	19,194.93
Community Events	985.68	3,441.37
Bank Interest	25.85	32.69
Other Income	-	20.00
Grant Income	-	-
Total Income	<u>15,390.07</u>	<u>22,688.99</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Hall Keeper & Cleaning	3,989.47	4,064.36
Insurance	359.88	359.88
Repairs & Maintenance	1,077.76	2,429.79
Accountancy	288.00	276.00
Heat & Light	2,447.91	2,709.43
Miscellaneous Expenses	855.73	1,554.27
Community Events	1,922.85	1,583.70
Licenses	458.84	505.48
Rent	750.00	750.00
Total Expenses	<u>12,150.44</u>	<u>14,232.91</u>
Profit / (Loss) For Period	<u>3,239.63</u>	<u>8,456.08</u>
<u>Funds On Hand:</u>		
Cash at bank at 31 December 2024	26,187.49	17,731.41
Profit / Loss for period	3,239.63	8,456.08
	<u>29,427.12</u>	<u>26,187.49</u>
<u>Represented By:</u>		
Cash at bank at 31 December 2025	29,427.12	26,187.49
Cash on hand	-	-
	<u>29,427.12</u>	<u>26,187.49</u>

Performance of 2025

Our 2024 AGM was held on Friday 11th April 2025 whereby 19 villagers were in attendance inclusive of the Committee. The draft Annual Report and 2024 Accounts were presented alongside a round-up of Village Hall activities and wider community engagement.

Hall Bookings

2025 saw a wide variety of hall bookings, ranging from beautiful wedding ceremonies and small family get-togethers to a multitude of classes.

We saw our regular Time to Tone Pilates class come to an end, before welcoming a new teacher, Johanna, who introduced her own style of Pilates to the village. Yoga has continued throughout the year with Jan, alongside the popular WildTideYoga retreats which have taken place at various points during the year. Tynninghame Country Dancers have met every week, demonstrating their continued enthusiasm for dance.

Tynninghame Candles returned at Christmas to hold candle painting sessions, and the Saturday morning 5Rhythms dance class with Gillian has gone from strength to strength. During 2025, we also began hiring out some of our equipment, such as tables and chairs, to the local community in return for donations towards the upkeep of the Village Hall.

In total, 71 contacts to the hall resulted in bookings, with many more expressing interest in our beautiful and secluded village.

Footpaths leaflet

Daniel Wight and Anne Pearson have drafted a revised walks leaflet for the East Linton area which incorporates the new paths around Tynninghame. A freelance designer, Lisa Douglas of Creative Link in Haddington, has produced it and printing is awaiting confirmation of funding via the DCC. Once printed copies will be widely available and a copy mounted in the bus shelter.

GET INVOLVED!

Volunteers are
our greatest
Asset!



We have a number of subgroups to encourage and enable a greater community engagement. We warmly welcome all residents in the community and encourage those who want to get involved in village activity to join any group which is of interest to them. This is an ideal way to become involved without having to join the Committee.

To get involved you can get in touch with the named contact for the group, chat to any of the TVHC committee members who will be happy to help you, or you can email us on TynninghameVillageHall@gmail.com

Thank You!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the Staff and volunteers

Tynninghame Village Hall would not be the vibrant, welcoming place it is today without the dedication, care, and goodwill of so many people. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our paid staff - our Hall Keeper Eric and Hall Cleaner Evelena - for their hard work in ensuring the hall is always ready, safe, and spotless for the many activities, events, and celebrations that take place throughout the year.

We are equally indebted to the many volunteers who give their time, skills, and energy so generously. From organising and running events and tending to the building, to supporting fundraising, decorating for special occasions, and simply lending a hand when needed - each contribution makes a real difference. It is this community spirit that makes the hall such a valued space for everyone.

The continued success of the Village Hall is a true team effort, and we are deeply grateful to all who have played a part. We look forward to building on this success together in the years ahead - creating more opportunities for people to come together, share experiences, and strengthen our wonderful community.