

Dyce & Stoneywood Community Association

Dyce Community Centre

Annual Report 2025

SC049809

Firstly, thank you to:

- All our 70/80 volunteers who give up their time to carry out a range of duties from running groups, attending training and meetings. Without this massive contribution there would be no Association Programme.
- Thank you to the Management Committee Members - all are volunteers who play a vital role in managing the Programme and making decisions relating to the Association.
- Thanks also to all the members who attend groups and classes and hopefully get enjoyment, stimulation, fun and friendship from their involvement.

2025 Programme held in the Community Centre: The regular programme continues with very few changes since 2024 - see programme attached. We have over 20 groups offering a variety of activities - some groups meet weekly, fortnightly or eg The Men's Shed which meets each Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Our activities are mainly for ageing Older People due to high demographics in Dyce but with some activities catering for a range of ages or young people's groups (Basketball, Dancing and Karate). Sadly our Local History group folded but one new activity set up in 2024 does cater for all ages. Knit & Natter is going from strength to strength with regular attendance of 20-24 members and supports various charities with their knitting skills.

In **2025** we participated in **Grampian Health & Wellbeing Festival** promoting several of our existing activities as well as a new Sing a

long session. The latter was very successful but the other activities only attracted one or two new people. 12 members from Groups and Walking Groups attended a one Day **First Aid Course** held in the Centre. In November we offered some **Christmas Craft Sessions**.

The numbers attending groups in the Centre have reduced slightly mainly due to ageing/health issues but we are seeing new some "younger" members joining too.

EncourAGE, our Outreach Work based in two Sheltered Housing Units for tenants and other Older People who live nearby. It offers a programme of Crafts, Exercise, Music and Outings in the Community Minibus. The programme is supported by a group of 15 registered Volunteers. In 2025 we had 25 outings to coast and country and including the obligatory "cuppa and fine piece". All these activities contribute greatly to a positive lifestyle, combatting loneliness and isolation with lots of chat and fun. This work was set up to meet the needs of Older People who are unable to come to the Community Centre which is at the top of a hill with no public transport.

Our Community Minibus, driven by Volunteer Drivers continues to be used by a variety of groups - Walking Groups, Outings, Friendship Group, Primary, Secondary & Music School and the local Church.

Financially several groups have received **Grants** and **Donations** towards their activities which is much appreciated.

The Car Park Lighting was eventually fixed in 2025. Relining of our car parks and better access to the building are the next steps.