

## **Chair's report AGM of the Glass Community Association, February 2026**

### ***The Hall***

2025 saw the completion of the new storage areas in the old toilets, and then completion of the new meeting room and the bar area, all of which have seen plenty of use. We also have an outside seating area complete with planters to stop us falling off. Also, we have seen the commissioning of the solar array in the car park. The Treasurer's report will outline how much our electricity bills have fallen with only half a year of the array in operation. Progress has been so good that we have taken "Hall update" off the committee meeting agenda and replaced it with "Hall maintenance".

The hall is a real hub for the community and with all the hard work everyone has put in and with thanks to our funders we will be able to benefit from a great asset for many years.

### ***Our events***

As usual we ran lots of events over the last year.

April saw a successful social evening/pub night followed by See Thru's production of All at Sea over three nights.

June had our usual sponsored walk and many thanks to Alan for his ability to choose different routes every year and to George for the barbeque. The end of June also saw the official opening of the new wing of the hall with a party. A chance to show off the hard work to the community and to some of our funders.

July saw three gardens visited as part of our traditional open gardens' day as well as our now regular classic vehicle rally which completely filled up the car park.

Our usual duck race was held in August and again was very placid race with lots of ducks taking it easy. Hard to order the right weather to keep a good flow without it washing us all away.

We had another social evening in September which caters for all tastes, those interested in a few games or those wanting to prop the bar up.

October saw the usual coffee morning at the Stewarts Hall in Huntly. This is a big effort for the village as quite a lot of manpower is needed in the kitchen, serving and running the stalls. However, the changing demographics of Huntly does mean that the event seems to get less crowded every year.

November was a busy month with another edition of the Glass quiz run set by Jamie, Hugh and Fiona. A win this year for the Faithfuls by a couple of points from a packed field. It also saw our commemoration at the war memorial on Remembrance Day and the St Andrew's ceilidh at the end of the month.

December was another busy month. We started with the grand switch on of the Christmas lights, a cocktail night and disco and a Christmas service in the church – with thanks to Ted and Hilda. December was rounded off by Hogmanay, celebrated in the usual way.

A couple of things to note. We can be tempted to run too many events. There is a limit to how much we can expect people to organise and to turn up. We did think about a car boot sale but this was shelved. Also, we appear to have reached the end of our traditional carol singing round the houses as not enough singers, and especially children volunteered. We will probably make more of switching on the light in coming years.

### ***My thanks***

I'd like to finish the report with my thank you.

First, I'd like to thank all the members of the committee and the office holders for their hard work through the year. Without you there wouldn't be the hall and there wouldn't be opportunities for the clubs and for the village as a whole. The strong sense of community in Glass depends on you putting in your time and effort to keep this hub going and for running the events that contribute so much to the village.

I shouldn't single out anyone, but I would like to add additional thanks to the Hall team. We have reached this stage with the help of the funding team, the labourers, and especially to Marc who has been put so much time and effort into the refurbishment and extension.

Finally, I have two special thanks for retiring members of the committee. Thanks first to Cheryl for all her work and for helping Richard take over as Secretary. Secondly, a special thanks to Rachael for all her hard work for the committee and especially for raising so much money, without which we couldn't have done so much in redeveloping our beloved hall. Thank you.