

Chair Report
1st September 2024 – 31st August 2025

The Trustees have continued to work hard over the last year as well as being involved in providing input for the regeneration of the building which is due to start early 2025.

As well as a regular lets, Gymnastics, Football Buzz, Taewondo, Karate, Dog Training & Craft Classes the hall has also attracted some other new lets such as a Christmas Wreath Making Workshop which was well supported and enjoyed.

We also welcomed Scottish Athletics to the hall for their annual event and hope that they will return when the hall reopens in 2026.

The village attracted funding via Government Funding for different activities for children and adults which EDC over saw : bunting making, String Quartet Evening, Cinema, Toddler activities and other arts & crafts events. These were well supported and welcomed by the village.

We are hopeful that Kirky Players will return to the hall following the regeneration. They have unfortunately had some unexpected financial burdens but they know that we will work with them to bring them back to our Theatrical Stage.

December 2024 was rounded off by our Hostess Afternoon Tea which was a tremendous success – how people managed to eat so many cakes and drink bottomless cups of tea in 2 hours was amazing. Bingo, Crafts, Pass the Gift went down a storm and the event rounded off with a massive raffle raising money for the hall.

Whilst the hall continued to operate, the Trustees were working in the background with Hubwest, Linear & the Architects. Although not always plain sailing, we had support from family & friends who were involved in Civil Engineering/Ground works and they provided invaluable guidance and support. These meetings were time consuming for those who worked but everyone has put heart & soul into the project to ensure that the Hall is exactly the way we want it to be.

During this time we were awarded funding from the Garfield Fund which would enable us to contribute to the regeneration and purchase new sound & lightening equipment. With the hall being stripped back to the walls it was an ideal time to start afresh.

The hall was officially closed after our last function on 12th April 2025 which was a Wedding/60th birthday party.

The Trustees spent the following weekend decanting everything into the container whilst decluttering at the same time. GBR removed all the light and sound equipment. It was quite an emotional moment when the hall was completely bear and the door was locked.

We are all looking forward to the regenerated hall opening in 2026 and making the dream of our 1st Chairman a reality.

From 12th April to the end of August there is nothing to report other than regular updates from the contractors.

Catherine Drummond
Chair