Stobo Village Hall **Charity Number SC007144**

Trustees' Report for FY 2025

This year has delivered important progress for the charity on three fronts.

The use of the Hall has increased significantly by both local residents and hirers from further afield. We have hosted 10 x monthly coffee mornings, 2 music concerts, a ceilidh, 3 x band practices, a regular annual cycle race, camping canoeists, 4 x shoot lunches, 5 x training courses, one wedding, one funeral and a church service and the first Stobo Arts and Music Festival. The Hall Committee has organised (again) a highly successful Burns' Supper, 3 x Talks and 2 x Quiz Nights which collectively generated a record £1,688 for Hall funds.

We have also been successful in winning grant funding, with a total of £12,193 for a variety of sources, including the Nadara Glenkerie Community Benefit Fund and the Decarbonisation Fund administered by Borders Community Action. As a result, we have been able to buy an 86" HD flat screen TV for talks and training courses and audio amplifiers/speakers for music events. We have also been able to improve the Hall's fabric, including new blinds and a new fire door and replace blown glazing, install LED lighting throughout the Hall and re-paint the ceilings. Competition for grant funding in the Scottish Borders is only going to increase in the future and further improvements to facilities and fabric in the coming years will need to be at least partly self- funded.

The Committee has also been able to recruit three new members and we have re-activated plans to convert Stobo Village Hall from Trust to SCIO. With the help of a consultant, we have agreed a constitution for the new charity which is about to be submitted to OSCR for approval.

Harry Griffin

Chairman, Stobo Village Hall Committee

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