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### Introduction

The New Gilston and Woodside Village Hall is a small charitable organisation, located in the village of New Gilston, but serving the wider community area, including Woodside village and the rural environs. It is run by a committee consisting of volunteers, as well as a singly employed hall manager. The hall organises events and is available for hire, providing the local community with a place to enhance their lives.

Despite being a very small community, consisting of c. 70 houses and surrounding farms, the community is very active and engaged, supporting the events and activities hosted by and at the village hall. Due to a recent influx of young families, the community's demographics are diverse and cover a wide range of ages, from the very young to individuals in their nineties.

### Objectives

The organisation's purposes are to enhance the lives of the inhabitants of New Gilston & Woodside and its environs by providing:(a) Facilities, or assist in provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure-time occupation(b) Associate local statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, share local and regional knowledge and create a meeting space to build a stronger and more inclusive community.

### Who do we help?

The charity aims to enhance the lives of the inhabitants of New Gilston and Woodside villages and the rural environs, although the hall would be available for hire to users from further afield too. Activities cover a wide variety, from Easter Egg hunts for the youngest inhabitants, to coffee mornings and evening socials, which are generally aimed at older generations, although we have started making some of our evening socials family friendly to improve inclusivity. All in all, the hall aims to be as inclusive as possible, providing a space for all inhabitants to meet and take part in activities. The events organised by our organisation are either free to attend or charged at a nominal fee. This is to encourage maximal attendance with a minimal financial threshold. During our free events we gratefully receive donations from the attendees.

## What was done this year?

Our governing documents are currently a deed of trust from the 1950s and constitution from early 2000s. Due to outdated wording and objectives in the original deed of trust, our trust has struggled finding trustees and fulfilling the needs and requirements of the hall's target audience. For this reason, we have decided to set up this SCIO, to modernise our organisation and bring it in line with current needs of our community and to be able to keep operating the hall and its committee. This year, we submitted our SCIO constitution which was approved by OSCR.

## What are the outcomes?

Approval of our SCIO allows to move to the next steps of becoming an incorporated charity.

## What is the impact of our work?

n/a

## Plans for the near future

We plan to transfer assets and liabilities of the outdated hall trust to the newly formed SCIO in due course, after which we will wind down the former trust. At the time of writing this report, we have submitted documentation for consent to reorganise, which will allow transfer of hall assets to the newly formed SCIO, which is currently not allowed by our Deed of Trust. Our revised wording to support this have recently been approved by OSCR and we look forward to completing our transition in 2026. We would like to thank OSCR for their continued support during this transition.

## Conclusion

We aim to become fully incorporated in 2026 and continue serving our rural community by organising events and providing facilities, creating a vibrant meeting space and bringing people together.

