



AULDGIRTH HALL(SCIO)(SC051473)

Trustees' Annual Report

From 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026.



Ceilidh Evening



Burns Supper Evening



Christmas Party

Charity contact information



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5. Mike Harrison
6. Louise Cant
7. Vernon Haydock
8. Gillian Whittle

Objectives and activities

In 1886 Eliza Mary Copland gave land to build a public unsectarian hall in Auldgirth, for the use and benefit of residents for recreation, public worship, teaching and the like for all inhabitants of the district.

We aim to continue stewardship of the hall by maintaining its fabric and promoting its use to improve the health and wellbeing of the local community.

The hall is the only remaining meeting place in the community and acts as a social hub for recreation, information and support.

During the last year, the trustees have continued to repair and maintain the building. Our previous energy contract finished in November 2023; the new contract significantly increased our energy costs. The committee agreed to upgrade the hall lighting system to energy efficient LED system to offset the increase energy costs we would now incur.

Structure, governance and management.

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Organisation (SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form in January 2022. The charity was previously an unincorporated association but changed its legal form to a SCIO. The assets of the unincorporated association were transferred to the SCIO in January 2022. It has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are members of the charity.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The hall committee usually meets on the first Monday of each month and are the charity's trustees. Membership of the committee is open to everyone committed to the welfare of Auldgirth Hall and the local community. The committee may appoint any person to be a trustee by way of a majority vote at a committee meeting. The exceptions to this rule are anybody disqualified under the Charities and Trustee Investment Act 2005, an employee of the organisation or a minister of the church.

There must be a minimum of three and a maximum of eight trustees.

Achievements and Performance.

As with many similar organisations the cost of living and the price of fuel have provided major challenges over the last year. In spite of these Auldgirth Hall has continued to provide a hub at the centre of our community, where people can come together to socialise, educate and support each other.

Regular activities such as Tai chi, short mat bowling and quiz nights have continued and events such as Macmillan Coffee Morning, Children's Halloween Party, Christmas Party, Burns supper, Film nights, Coffee & Bingo afternoons and a Ceilidh evening have provided relaxation and enjoyment.

Local councillors and elected politicians use the hall for their surgeries, and we are used for Community Council meetings, Elections and resident's meetings.



Christmas Party for the local community



Ceilidh Evening



Quiz Nights



St Andrews Dinner



Children's Halloween Party

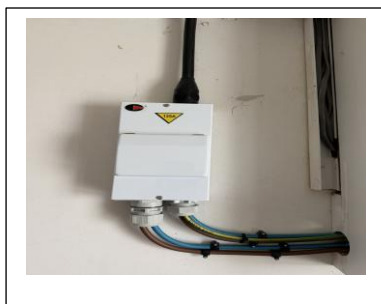


Baby Massage Class

Generator Connection Project.

The Trustees and Auldgirth and District Community Council identified a need to provide a external generator hook up facility at the village hall to assist with any long periods of power outages affecting the community. This will enable the Community Council and the Trustees of the village hall to provide access to heating, hot drinks and food, allow local people to use the hall and provide support to those members of the community who are vunable to cold weather.

The hall has been registered with Dumfries & Galloway Council as a warm space and with SP Energy to enable the supply of an external generator.

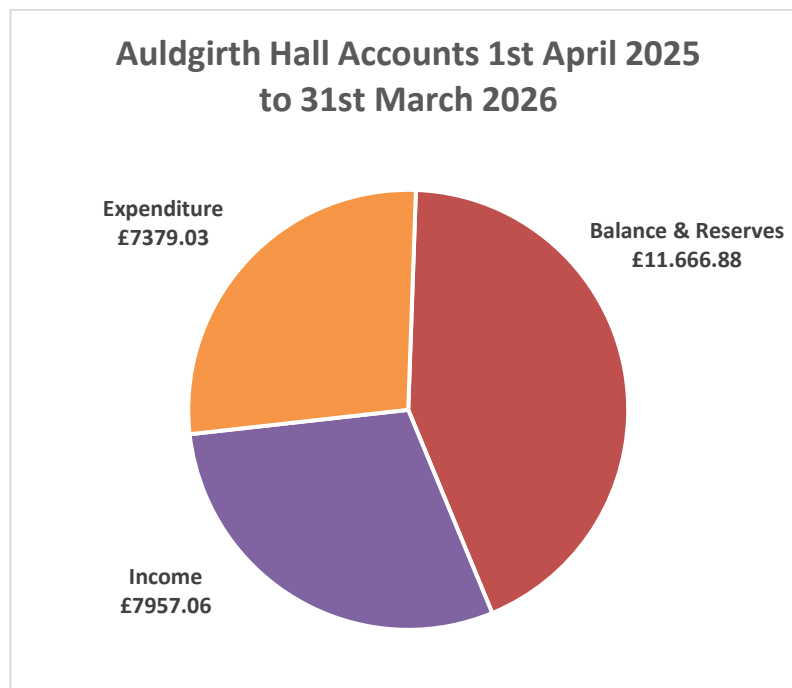


Change over switch



External Generator Hook up

Financial review



The chart above illustrates monies received as income and expenditure over the past twelve months. The majority of our income is through lettings and a monthly tote, Dumfries & Galloway Council and Auldgirth Community Council meetings supplemented with income from events such as Coffee Mornings, Quiz nights, Burns Suppers, Christmas Parties, Ceilidh Evenings and Film Nights.

We have been successful gaining grant support from Dumfries & Galloway Council and Foundation Scotland to meet energy costs this winter.

We were selected by the Co-operative Community fund for support from October 2024 until September 2025 to assist with support for various activities at the village hall for the local community. We received £1771.10. This has helped with increase costs such as insurance cost and providing new notice boards putting on Christmas party and Children's Halloween party.

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees maintains a savings account with Bank of Scotland. The main purpose of this account is to fund identified expenditure and

cover any unexpected expenditure which may impact on the village hall being available to the local community of Auldgirth.

If we apply for grant funding, any applications which require matched funding, the savings account would be used to meet any match funding requirements.

The hall's account balance on 31st March 2026 is in a healthy position currently with a savings account of £8,099.34. The trustees will monitor the accounts regularly especially in the current economic climate, as costs are still increasing.

Details of any deficit

Donated facilities and services

Auldgirth Hall has not received any donated facilities or services during the past year.

Future plans

The Auldgirth Hall Trustees continue to review the facilities we offer both to the local community and ensure income received is wisely spent.

During the coming 12 months the Trustees will be re registering the village hall with the Land Registry. As the hall is an old building it is doesn't appear on Land Registry although the hall is listed in the Sasine Register. We have made contact to take legal advice regarding about steps we need to take to ensure that the hall is properly registered.

Additional information

Got something else to say? Here is your chance!

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Print name.

RONALD J. CAIRNS

Designation

CHAIRMAN.

Date

01/06/2020