



Cromdale Village Hall

Cromdale

PH26 3LQ

Trustees' Annual Report

1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

Trustees:

Anthony Connolly

Robert Simpson

Ian Findlay

Charity contact information:

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Charity Trustees:

From 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025 the Charity Trustees were:

- Anthony Connolly
- Robert Simpson
- Ian Findlay

Please note the period of office of these Officers will be extended until the new appointees can be confirmed at the 2026 AGM.

Introduction:

The Charity was set up as a Deed of Trust in November 1958 granted by the Right Honourable Nina Caroline Ogilvie, Countess of Seafield, and has subsequently been registered as a Scottish Charity.

Our objective is to support the physical, mental welfare, recreation, social, moral and intellectual development of the residents of Cromdale Parish and its immediate vicinity, without discrimination of sex, political or religious beliefs.

We provide space and facilities on a not-for-profit basis to local groups who conduct various activities for the wellbeing and benefit of the local community.

Background:

The groups we actively support are: Scottish Women's Institute, Indoor Bowls, Children's Christmas Parties, Coffee Mornings, Whist Drives, Kids and Bricks, and other social events.

We regularly arrange events to bring the community together with monthly Coffee Mornings and Summer and Winter Ceilidhs. This encourages people of all ages in the village to mix and chat.

In addition, we provide the community meeting place for statutory consultations such as wind farms and local Government consultation meetings, and a voting station for the local and national elections.

We encourage other community events such as baby showers, funeral wakes and private parties and other celebrations intended to bring together our community.

Strategic Plan 2021:

We conducted a survey early in 2021 to identify the community needs and to form our strategic plan.

We are aware that we must continue to prioritise making these facilities more attractive to our younger community members as both volunteers and attendees.

Our strategic plan also identified a number of community concerns, the primary outcome being one to reduce our carbon footprint and this has made good progress in 2025 with the confirmation of funding for our Solar Panel and Battery Storage project. Work is scheduled to be finished in January/February 2026.

Further comments were received from the community regarding the acoustics in the Large Hall. Sound panels have been purchased and are ready to be installed after the works for installation of the solar panels.

Repairs 2025:

No major repairs were required during 2025.

Our main focus in 2025 were the following Projects:

1. Installation of Roof Mounted Solar Panels PV System and Battery Storage

This project is being carried out in conjunction with the Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES).

Milestones carried out through CARES and Crudens including Consents, Permissions, Building Warrant.

Part funding approved from CARES and SSE. Payments due in stages as per work schedules. SSE payment received December 2025. CARES payments due early 2026 and on completion of project.

The solar panels initial installation works were carried out in October 2025. Further work has been scheduled for January 2026 following installation of broadband and commissioning of the panels.

2. Sound and Lighting Project for Large Hall

An application for funding was made to Cairngorm National Park Authority (CNPA) as part of their Community Grant Schemes in order to install sound and lighting to the Large Hall which would include stage curtains.

First funding payment was received in October 2025 with balance due on completion of works in January/February 2026. Final claim and report are due to CNPA by 22 March 2026.

Organisational Support:

We continue to work with Volunteer Action in Badenoch and Strathspey (VABS) to improve our resilience and training opportunities.

A subgroup was created to work alongside VABS to update our policies and procedures. This work will continue to be a priority in 2026 to ensure the Hall maintains accurate records, policies and procedures.

At our next AGM, we will prioritise appointing further Trustees to ensure that more than the minimum number of Trustees are officially in place.

Current Financial Situation:

Regular incomes continue from Hall rentals, fundraising and donations. The Committee are continually seeking other means of increasing our financial stability.

For the financial year ending 31st December 2025

Account balances at 31st December 2025:

Current Account: £9,132.85

Savings Account: £12,271.79

Cash Account: £100.00

Total: £21,504.64

Income 2025:

Hall rentals: £3,900.80

Fundraising: £2,718.51

Donations: £130.00

Grants (Solar/Stage): £7,851.85

Total income: £14,601.16

Expenditure 2025:

Heat and Light: £1,784.85

Maintenance: £284.40

Stage/Light Project: £8,903.66

Solar Panel Project: £9,337.53

Bank Charges: £70.30

Event costs/prizes: £487.34

Insurance: £793.96

Sundries: £127.79

Total expenditure: £21,789.83

Accounting Procedures:

Committee Members are kept up to date monthly of any major income/expenditure. A copy of bank statements is available to Committee Members at each meeting and also available on request at any time throughout the year.

A full financial breakdown is produced at the financial year end period and audited by an independent third party.

Projects 2026/2027:

- Completion of Solar Panels Project: Install PV solar generating system with battery back-up.
- Completion of Stage and Sound Lighting Project.
- Broadband installation for the Hall.
- Sound Panels for the roof: To be installed on completion of above projects.
- Toilets: Renovation of both the male and female toilets. This project was put on hold until after the Solar Panels / Stage and Sound Lighting Projects.
- Commencement in January of a monthly or bi-monthly Family Games Night to encourage new members of the community into the Hall.

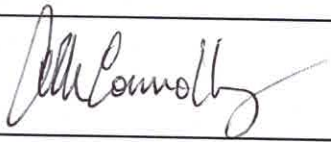
Principal Objectives:

- Provide Village Hall with 100% renewable energy.
- Promote onshore wind generation as to a sustainable means to provide future energy by supporting local communities.
- Support the Scottish Government's policies to achieving Zero Carbon and mental and physical wellbeing of local communities.

We will be looking at updating our Principal Objectives following the installation and operation of the new solar panel project.

Signed on behalf of the Charity Trustees:

SIGNATURE:



PRINT NAME

A. M. CONNOLLY

DESIGNATION:

TRUSTEE

DATE:

30. June 2026