



## Kirkcowan Community Development Trust

### Newsletter

Spring 2022

#### To our Kirkcowan Community Council Area Residents

The sunshine and increasing warmth have been most welcomed over the past few weeks. Alongside the emerging spring flowers and buds, young stock grazing in the fields and the final throes of COVID restrictions lifted, it feels like a very positive time. I feel that the KCDT is also in a good place, having put in some good teamwork over the past few weeks and months towards various projects and towards an improved set up for the Trust.

We're very pleased to have had excellent commitment from the Steering Group for the play park, school playground and rest garden to get the three aspects of the project to a point where they are ready to be progressed by a Project Management team. The footpath project is also underway and will continue through the year ahead; a project that aims to improve local access to off-road walking. We are glad to welcome new applications from groups that are opening back up again after the pandemic and it's wonderful to see and hear of events being organised within the village and community, bringing everyone back together again.

For any students aiming to go to university or college, please be aware that education grants are available for you. Similarly, driving test grants are available to help cover the costs of learning to drive. For these and all other queries, please contact Machars Action.

I look forward to a really positive year for the KCDT and Kirkcowan village as a whole as we rebuild on community events and look to improving the aspect and outlook for Kirkcowan and its community.

**Charlie McNeill**, Chairman, Kirkcowan Community Development Trust

# Project Updates

## **Trust Support Officer**

The Trust has appointed a new Support Officer to manage the administration of Trust issues. Her name is Nicki Chadwick and she will work in the Machars Action office one day per week. You can contact Nicki on 01988 403450 from 9am to 5pm on Wednesdays or Carol Lochrie on 01988 403450 Monday to Friday.

## **The Autumn Club**

The Autumn Social Club, for residents over the age of 60, meets every second Wednesday between 2pm and 4pm in the Autumn Club building opposite the garage. Come along for a cup of tea, a chat and to enjoy occasional entertainment events, such as music, bingo and storytelling. The Club also organises visits outside the village. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please contact Christine Storm on 01671 830203.

## **Jenna Morra Woodland**

Andrew Gladstone is currently looking into appropriate firms to thin out and tidy up the woodland to improve the area for nature and for people to enjoy.

## **Play Park**

The Trust has invited local firms to tender for the Project Management of work in the play park, school playground and rest garden. The Steering Group will be organising a Public Engagement session to inform everyone of progress.

## **Grant Applications**

The Trust has recently had the privilege of awarding grants to progress paths around Kirkcowan, to enable the Queen's Jubilee weekend events to take place and to enable the School Summer Fete.

## **Education and Driving Test Schemes**

Both schemes are still running and remain open. Application forms can be downloaded from the KCDT website or by contacting Carol or Nicki.

## **Youth Issues**

The Trust is delighted to be working with Catherine Grey, who is a member of the Trust with a special interest in developing youth issues in Kirkcowan. Catherine is currently working with Lynne Melville (Trust Director) on an Action Plan for youth activities.



## **Trust Directors**

Andrew Gladstone	Martin Marsh (Vice Chair)
Bill Harkness	Lynne Melville
Charlie McNeill (Chair)	Hazel McWhirter
Colin Richardson	Hazel Johnston

## **Membership**

Membership of the Trust is open to anyone who is living in the Kirkcowan Community Council Area and who is on the Electoral Roll. To become a member, you must fill out an application form which can be found on the KCDT website or by contacting Nicki Chadwick, Support Officer, or any Trust Director.

By becoming a member, you gain full voting rights at General Meetings and are entitled to stand for election as a director. To nominate someone for election as a director, you must also be a member of the Trust.

Becoming a member of Kirkcowan Community Development Trust is free and liability of members is limited to £1. For more information on how to become a member, contact Nicki on 01988 403450.

## **Contact us**

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