

TYNINGHAME VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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Who are we?

The Village Hall is managed by a group of local residents who are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting. On Friday 11th April 2019 the following people were elected to the Committee:

David Clark

Tim Harper

Barbara Schofield

Erica Wimbush

Jessica Chatters

Hall Keeper Dave Wakefield

What have we done since June 2018?

The Village Hall Committee has endeavored to seek funding for a refurbishment programme. Phase 1: installation of secondary glazing to main hall windows, Phase 2: upgrade to heating and lighting in main hall, upgrade to kitchen and toilets. Phase 3: upgrade of the upper room as a meeting area.

The committee was successful in gaining partial funding for phase 1: installation of secondary glazing and this has been installed with additional monies from the Village Hall unrestricted reserves. The third-party funding towards phase 2 was approved covering a proposed upgrade to the kitchen, main hall lighting and heating, and toilets. However, we have been unsuccessful, as yet, in gaining the main funding for phase 2. We are considering our options on seeking further grants and/or loans.

We were given the opportunity to raise funds through Scotland's Gardens by serving teas and coffee at the Tynninghame Hall Open Garden. 60% of admission fees and refreshment to go to refurbishment budget. This resulted in circa £2,000 towards phase 2.

A marketing document has been devised to direct our efforts in securing suitable commercial bookings in the hall. We held a meeting of the Dunbar Co-working group to review the current website and this has allowed us to begin to re-vamp the site with the aim of streamlining bookings and improving information on hall availability and bookings.

Improvement of the day to day community communications and management.

We have worked on improving the booking and management of community run events using Eventbrite, holding sub-committee meetings to review, evaluate and produce an annual events programme that was advertised early in the year.

The committee has commissioned the use of a website designer to improve the website in terms of ease of use and the introduction of an electronic calendar.

Lothian Broadband gained planning permission for and installed a transmitter on the hall roof that could service some houses in the Village. The hall now has the use of fast broadband courtesy of Lothian Broadband.

Community Events

The Village Hall Committee has continued and expanded on a programme of Community Events developed in discussion with local residents and building on the success of community events from 2018. An Events Sub Committee met to review and evaluate the previous years' activities, seeking to build upon and develop the programme that is run by and for local people and that encourages the widest possible participation. Some events are ticketed and entry is by a suggested donation. To date these community events have included:

Pub Nights



We continue to run "pub nights" every second Friday of the month on a BYOB basis. We have found that having a theme has been popular and we have run Cheese and Wine (Donation Event), Quiz nights, Evening Walks, History talk and Potluck themed meals.

Harvest Lunch, Sunday 14th October



This was a very popular ‘Donations Event’ that was fully booked. A three-course sit down meal was served using local suppliers where possible. All the preparation and serving was completed by local residents. This was an event run for a second year.

Community Walks, Monday 22nd October



A windy morning walk along the John Muir Way from Dunbar back to Tynninghame followed by a lunch in the local café. A second walk was undertaken along the John Muir Way this time from North Berwick. New Year’s Day walk. The weather was beautiful as we strode out to East Linton. The walkers created a completely spontaneous lunch in the Village Hall on their return.

Ceilidh Friday 30th November



This was an extremely popular ‘Donation Event’ with live Ceilidh band event, which despite the powercut experienced went ahead acoustically and by candlelight. We had 56 attending!

Christmas Wreath-making Workshops, Thursday 6th Dec



We decided to run both an evening and daytime ‘Donation Event’ due to the popularity of the previous year and requests for an evening alternative slot. We had 22 attendees in the evening and 14 in the morning. We gave a brief demonstration and provided the greenery, wire bases and florist wire, participants brought secateurs, gloves, ribbons, and baubles to decorate their wreath. Home-made mince pies and cups of tea served.

Annual Christmas Party, Friday December



hosted by the Village Hall Committee. All residents were invited and about 30 people attended. Wine and festive food were provided by the committee and we sang carols by the log fire and Christmas Tree.

New Years' day walk Monday 31st December



A group of Villagers joined together in a walk along the river to East Linton including Preston Mill, followed by an impromptu meal of soup, bread, coffee and cake. This was a good way to keep in touch in the busy holiday period.

Burns Supper, Friday 8th February



42 people attended this 'Donations Event'. Just less than half of those who attended participated in some way in the running of the event by organising, cooking and providing entertainment. The entertainments included recitals from young local musicians and families, the Selkirk grace, address to the Haggis, a very animated rendition of the Tam O'Shanter, two Burns songs and Auld Lang Syne.

Curry Night/Greek Night/ Pizza oven Afternoon

We have held several themed Pub Night /Afternoon. These were potluck style events with everyone bringing a dish to share, on average 12-14 people attended with seating around a large communal table. On the first there was a representative from Lothian Broadband in attendance to help explain the options with their provider.

Regular classes

The popular Wednesday **Yoga** classes run by Jan Cameron continues attracting 50-60 people each week. A new **Dog Training** session is now occurring on a Monday evening.



A **Craft and Connect** class was setup this year allowing people to meet fortnightly on a Tuesday evening as a place of creativity and exchange of ideas.

With a professional tutor, **Singing for all** class was successfully trialed on a Sunday evenings.

Art events. On every last Sunday of the month there is a Wee Fayre held in the Hall where local artists and makers sell their art and craft work. In association with East Linton Annual Art Exhibition three Art classes were held.

Upcoming Events for 2019-20

We will be holding some of the popular events again later in the year, such as Harvest Lunch, Ceilidh and craft workshops, which have been advertised through our Annual Events programme. New events introduced for the end of the year include: Music events and concerts, Storytelling Pub Nights, and a Hogamany event.

Income from Community Events

	No. Attended	'Ticket 'price	Costs	Takings Inc donations	Income
Harvest lunch	46	£12	£260	£610	£350
Cmas wreath-making	34	£5	£0	£301	£301
Burns Supper	42	£10	£145	£385	£240
Ceilidh	56	£10	£470	£500	£30
Cheese and Wine	18	£5	£60	£90	£30

Who have we reached?

We continue to try and developing a more comprehensive database of contacts to enable us to reach people in the Tynninghame village and its surrounding area. The Secretary has developed and sent out regular newsletters to keep people informed of Village Hall events and local news. An annual Events programme has been produced for distribution. We have been working on an updated Website to increase and streamline commercial bookings and communicate community events.

From our records of who has attended the Community Events, it is clear that we have been successful at reaching beyond the Village to the nearby areas of Tynninghame House, Lawhead, Knowes, Tynefield, Prestonmains, even including some outlying areas such as Lochhouses and a few friends and family.

Barbara Schofield 20/8/19



