

TYNINGHAME VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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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 12th April 2019 the following people were elected to the Committee:

David Clark

Tim Harper

Barbara Schofield

Erica Wimbush

Jessica Chatters

Margaret Evans

Due to the postponement of the AGM organised for 24th April 2020 due to the outbreak of COVID-19 the above agreed to continue until the AGM can be held. The committee currently meet by conference call.

Hall Keeper Dave Wakefield

What have we done since June 2019?

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 from East Lothian Community Intervention Fund (£4,797) and Dunbar and East Linton Area Partnership (£2,000), this has been installed with additional monies from the Village Hall unrestricted reserves (£3,198). The third-party funding towards phase 2 was approved covering a proposed upgrade to the kitchen, main hall lighting and heating, and toilets. We have been given permission to keep this (£3,816) for Hall refurbishment this year. 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 £2,236 towards phase 2.



We have been successful in gaining funding for LED lighting from BeGreen which in combination with use of proceeds from Tynninghame Open Gardens and the unrestricted reserves (c£12,000) allows coverage of an alternative lower cost refurbishment for phase 2. We are now in the process of submission for building warrant and tendering. We continue to consider our options on seeking further grants and/or loans.

A marketing document has been devised to direct our efforts in securing suitable commercial bookings in the hall.

The upgraded website has now gone live, streamlining bookings and improving information on hall availability and bookings. This includes an electronic calendar for bookings that can be viewed on computers and phones.

Improvement of the day to day community communications and management.

We continue to review and improve the booking and management of community run events using Eventbrite and its link to the Upgraded Website. The sending of emails has now been transferred to Mailchimp which has made them easier to produce and send and to integrate subscription to a sign-up form on the website. We have approximately 102 subscribers.

A sub-committee met to review, evaluate and produce an annual events programme that was advertised early in the year. However, advertisement of events past March 8th 2020 were put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope to release a programme of community events as and when restrictions are lifted and it is safe to do so.

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.

The Village Hall Committee was well placed to assist in communication during the coronavirus outbreak. The community events previously held meant that we had worked together and knew each other well and this made it easier to set up a COVID-19 support group. We have used the new website and Mailchimp as a means of communication of information during the COVID-19 outbreak. The website has included pages on how to get help and contacts, supermarket opening hours, local shopping details and details of ordering groceries to the local drop point in the village, links to advice information and ideas for activities suggested by the local community.



A local map showing all the properties in the Village for use by the increased numbers delivery drivers has been produced and a copy can now be obtained with donations to the Village Hall refurbishment fund.

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 and 2019. 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 by ticket only and entry is by a suggested donation.

The committee approved a new Charging Policy for community events taking in the rationale of the charitable organization. This focused on the models for support of one-off community events, periodic community events and regular community classes. It outlined the contribution that was to be made to the hall and the waiving of hall rental fees.

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, e.g. Greek Night. New ideas included storytelling evening and a Halloween quiz and a pizza oven event.

Harvest Lunch, Sunday 13th 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 third year with 38 adults and 3 children.

Ceilidh Saturday 9th November



This was an extremely popular ‘Donation Event’ with live Ceilidh band event. The residents enjoyed the band for a second year running and it has been requested that it become a regular event on the calendar. We welcomed 45 attendees.

Christmas Wreath-making Workshop, Friday 13th Dec



Although we decided to run both an evening and daytime ‘Donation Event’ due to the popularity of the previous year, we had to cancel the evening slot due to the fact that the hall was used as a Polling Station. Although we were mentioned as the possibly the prettiest polling station in Scotland! We gave a brief demonstration and provided the greenery, wire bases and florist wire. Home-made mince pies and cups of tea served.

Annual Christmas Party, Friday 13th December



The Christmas party hosted by the Village Hall Committee. All residents were invited and about 30 people attended. Wine and festive food were provided by the committee. Highlight of the evening was the community ‘Singing for fun’ group led us in song by the log fire and Christmas Tree.

Hogmanay Party 31st December

This was a new event this year, held by popular demand. It gave the community a change to drop by and welcome in the New Year, whilst meeting up with friends and neighbours

New Years' day walk Wednesday 1st January



A small group of Villagers joined together in a walk along the river to East Linton including Preston Mill, followed by a Pub Lunch. This was a good way to keep in touch and walk the dog in the busy holiday period.

Tea Concert Series, Sunday 5th January, 2nd February and 8th March

This was the first of our three tea concerts series designed to showcase Young musicians, former and current post-graduate students at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, as they embark on their careers. It was a chance to enjoy a 45-minute concert in the intimate setting of the hall followed by the chance to chat informally with the musicians whilst enjoying a Sunday afternoon tea. These events become extremely popular and booked up quickly.

The first concert was preceded by a come and try the harp. This allowed people to try individual harps in an hour tuition session. This event was fully booked.



Burns Supper, Saturday 25th January



51 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.

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 last year allowing people to meet fortnightly on a Tuesday evening as a place of creativity and exchange of ideas. This is still continuing.

With a professional tutor, the **Singing for all** class continues on Sunday evenings with a good base of 12 singers. This has now been transferred to on-line during the corona virus outbreak.

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 2020-21

We will hopefully be holding some of the popular events again later in the year, all be it in a new format to comply with Social Distancing, such as Harvest Lunch, music events and craft workshops, and these will be advertised through our Annual Events programme. Website posts and Mailchimp. Due to the popularity of the Tea concerts we hope to have a second series. We also wish to include more Storytelling Pub Nights, and a Hogmanay event.

Income from Community Events

Review of Community Events 2019-20

Event	Attendance	Donation suggestion	Donations if known	Monies raised for hall
Harvest Lunch	38 adults 2 children	£15	£90	£373
Ceilidh	45 adults	£10	-	£0
Christmas Wreath making	20	£10	All consumables	£200 tbc
Tea concert 1	20	£10	Travel expenses	£98 (£200 to performers)
Tea concert 2	35	£10	Travel expenses	£94 (£220 to performers)
Tea concert 3	50	£0	Travel expenses	£144.60 (£343 to performers)
Burns Night	51	£10 + £5 donation		£332
Open Gardens				£2236
Pub Nights	Variable approx. 5-15			£0
Christmas Party			Tree donation	-all costs

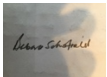
We anticipate a revenue reduction due to cancellation or postponement of commercial bookings due to COVID-19. This reduction of income stream, combined with reduced ability to fundraise, will reduce our balance. However, we believe can be meet our rental obligations by using by our restricted reserves in the next year.

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. We now have 102 contacts on Mailchimp. The Secretary has developed and sent regular posts on the website to keep people informed of Village Hall events and local news. An Events programme has been produced for distribution when it's possible to hold these. We have 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 continue to be successful at reaching beyond the Village to the nearby areas of Tynninghame House, Lawhead, Knowes, Tynefield, Prestonmains, East Linton, Dunbar, North Berwick, even including some outlying areas such as Lochhouses and a few visiting friends and family.

Barbara Schofield 20/4/20

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