

**Tynningame Village Hall and Community**  
**Trustees annual report**  
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## **Charity Trustees**

David Clark (Chair, left April 2021))  
Tim Harper (Treasurer, joined April 2018)  
Barbara Schofield (Joined April 2021)  
Margaret Evans (left January 2021)  
Erica Wimbush (Joined June 2017)  
Chris Gunstone (Secretary, Joined June 2020)  
Carol Crowther (Joined June 2020)  
Alison McGregor (Joined June 2020)  
Shireen Green (Joined August 2020)  
Danny Wight (Joined October 2020)  
Yvonne Carmichael (Joined April 2021)  
Jackie Oudney (Joined April 2021)

## **Objectives and Activities**

The Charity was set up in 2017 and its aims are -

- 1.1 The advancement of citizenship or community development through the provision of a venue for the local community and others to come together and participate in various activities and events.
- 1.2 The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science by offering a space for local groups to exhibit their crafts.
- 1.3 The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended by providing a range of classes and groups.

A major focus of the charity is running the Village Hall and in a normal year we would be having concerts, pub nights, singing, Burns Night, Christmas events as well as the regular yoga and dog training classes. The onset of Covid-19 obviously changed this and members of the committee were active in supporting the local community.

The charity is primarily for those in the local community, which is Tynningame Village and Tynningame House, Lawhead and Tynfield, However people from outwith this local area come to events from Dunbar, East Linton and Whitekirk.

## **Structure, governance and management**

Our governing document is a constitution set up in 2017. We rely on members of the community putting themselves forward to become trustees, and regularly ask for new members at the AGM. Fortunately we have plenty of people willing to be trustees at present.

At the AGM we decided that we would change our name to reflect the fact that we try through our Community Engagement Group, to involve the whole community. We agreed the name would be Tynningame Village Hall and Community.

We have had a rotating chair this year, as no one individual wished to take on the role.

We have agreed that minutes of all our committee meetings would be published on the Tynninghame Village Hall website to increase transparency and improve communication.

We have been lucky to have local residents taking on the role of Hall manager up until now, but David Wakefield gave up this year. We have been lucky to be able to appoint Eric Martin, who lives in Whitekirk. There is a rota of volunteers who will help Eric with the hall if needed. The Hall Manager and cleaning staff work on a self employed basis.

To support the constitution we have progressed the development of a Village Hall Handbook, using the Scottish Borders Village Hall Handbook framework. The production of this as a reference tool has strengthened the governance around using the hall as a community facility.

## **Achievements and Performance**

In this second year of the pandemic we have tried to run events when it was safe to do so, but still had to have committee meetings and the AGM (attended by 22 people) via Zoom. Classes and activities were suspended during lockdown but reinstated with appropriate measures as soon as we were able.

Despite Covid, work on refurbishment of the hall progressed. The roof has been insulated, with £9,614 funding from the Community Climate Asset Fund, the walls painted and the toilets transformed to create an accessible toilet and three unisex toilets (funded by Dunbar & East Linton Area Partnership (£8,816) , Dunpender Community Council (£400) and Tynninghame Village Hall funds (£10,000)). These represent a major improvement to the Hall facilities, making it more welcoming, comfortable and energy efficient! The improved facilities triggered a decision to review Hall rental charges.

We have worked hard to ensure that the Estate maintains the exterior of the hall - we have had problems with roof leakage - especially in the kitchen and around the central chimney. These are due to be corrected along with some rotting window frames.

We have been in continued discussions with the Estate about the cricket pitch, which is owned by Lord Haddington but well used by locals, mainly walking dogs. The Estate is happy for the village to have use of the field but wants the village to take responsibility for upkeep. We have been in discussions about the most cost effective ways of managing this, and the form of agreement that we have with the Estate.

The trustees have continued to develop and update the website to include such things as local walking routes, and up to date information about hall availability during Covid.

We have been happy to support Columba 1400 by allowing them to use the hall for much reduced rates.

This year we have also been pleased that the hall has been used for several children's parties.

## **Community Events**

The Community Engagement Group (CEG) is a sub group of the Committee and has continued to support village activities despite some continued restrictions due to Covid 19.

Information on how to participate in forthcoming activities and regular classes can be found on the Village Hall website and also in the village bus shelter which is used for displaying and sharing local community information.

## **Regular groups**

Wednesday Walkers. A small group meets up most Wednesdays at 1:30 pm at the bus shelter to enjoy a local walk and catch up.

Craft and Connect. Prior to Covid Restrictions this group met in the village hall. However when restrictions were imposed a small group of local residents continued to meet once a fortnight in someone's home and have continued to do so. If the numbers increase the group will revert back to the village hall to carry on with their activities. Whilst some of the evening is taken up by the group having a good blether, some crafting has also taken place both on items of personal interest and on joint projects e.g tie backs for the hall curtains using recycled wool. The attendees are always willing to share their skills and during 2022 hope to work again on a joint project.

Village History. A small group have met to consider how we might promote historic village information and whilst the ability to get fully engaged was hampered by continued restrictions, some ideas have been sown and will be taken forward in 2022.

Tynninghame Sings. This community singing group had to move to Zoom participation during Covid restrictions but has now recommenced with sessions in the hall on Wednesday evenings. A small fee is charged for this activity.

Pub Nights: During lockdown we were unable to have our regular monthly Friday pub night. However, as restrictions eased these were started up again in August. It is a great opportunity to catch up with their neighbours over a glass of wine and nibbles.

## **Events**

Easter 2021: On Easter weekend, children were able to participate in a number of activities - a nature /easter egg trail and an Easter word search quiz. Hand made baskets for the children to collect their finds on the trail were made available and some little participation prizes were distributed.

Tynninghame House and Walled Garden Open Day: The Village Hall was one of the nominated charities for the Open Day. Between the gate money, teas and plant sale, Scotland's Gardens Scheme made just over £4,000. 60% of that total went to the Village Hall, which received just under £2,500. The weather was kind to us and it was good fun being able to meet and chat and create our new outdoor, socially distanced teas!

Bric a Brac Sale. As Covid-19 restrictions eased, this was held as a fund raiser for the hall refurbishment programme and it proved to be a very enjoyable day for everyone, stall holders and bargain hunters alike.

Apple Pressing. We held three community apple pressing events at Tynninghame Village Hall in September and October using the new apple pressing equipment held by Belhaven Community Garden. It was great fun and we produced a lot of very tasty apple juice.

Halloween. This year with fewer Covid-19 restrictions, the children of the village and their friends, wearing fancy dress costumes, were able to enjoy an amazing Pumpkin trail in the village followed by Halloween themed food and activities in the village hall. In addition over 25 imaginatively carved pumpkins were on display throughout the village.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshops. Following the success of past wreath making workshops and the online kit demonstrations, three workshops were held in the hall with take-home DIY kits made available again. This activity has continued to be a big success and the workshops of 2021 were our biggest yet.

Advent Windows. To celebrate the festive season in 2021, many of the villagers participated in adopting one of the December dates and creating a lit advent window. The culmination of this was the lighting of the nativity scene in the hall window on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Concert For the second year running, we were able to have a socially distanced outdoor carolling event in the Café courtyard. Once again Eleanor Evans delighted us all with her beautiful harp playing and we were pleased to welcome over 40 people.

### **Regular classes (fee paying)**

Yoga classes are run on Wednesday morning and evening by Jan Cameron and are very popular with attendees from all around the area.

Dog Behaviour Training classes are held in the hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Time to Tone and Fitness classes are held in the hall on Tuesdays.

Art and craft. The Wee Fair is held every last Sunday of the month in the hall where local artists and crafters sell their work.

### **Bus Shelter**

The Village Bus shelter continues to be utilised as an area for displaying and sharing local community information. The Book exchange, which was started during the 2020 lockdown, continues with an abundance of books always available.

The shelter has also been used to provide a focal point during key seasonal activities e.g Easter and Christmas.

### **Financial Review**

Currently the funds are healthy, and we are getting increased bookings for the hall which should ensure our financial stability. The accounts are being audited at the time of preparing this report.

The financial year to December 2021 shows a loss of £26,000 - this reflects the fact that grant monies were received in 2020 for refurbishment, which were done and paid for in 2021, as detailed in this annual report. If you strip out the refurbishment costs of £36,000 and the grant monies received (£4,000), this reflects a trading profit of £5,000, which seems a good outcome for the year, especially bearing in mind the covid restrictions in place.

### **Future Plans**

We are hoping to continue with refurbishment - the final stages are the floor and the kitchen! We want to encourage local residents to use the hall as much as possible. At the time of writing regular classes are up and running, and the Community Engagement Group has prepared a full diary of events for the coming year, which is being publicised.

**Tynningham Village Hall**  
**Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	2021	2020
	£	£
<u>Income</u>		
Hall Rent / Other	13,004.19	5,219.40
Community events	961.80	1,612.82
Bank Interest	5.39	13.61
Grant income	4,000.00	28,775.07
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17,971.38</b>	<b>35,620.90</b>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Hall Keeper & Cleaning	3,396.09	2,177.19
Hall refurbishment	36,514.10	8,514.11
Insurance	327.34	317.00
Repairs & Maintenance	1,183.37	2,079.83
Accountancy	240.00	138.00
Heat & Light	842.33	1,552.57
Water rates	433.00	-
Miscellaneous Expenses	731.80	85.36
Community events	234.13	689.91
Grass cutting	-	600.00
Rent	750.00	750.00
Website	274.00	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>44,926.16</b>	<b>16,903.97</b>
<b>Profit / (Loss) For Period</b>	<b>- 26,954.78</b>	<b>18,716.93</b>
<u>Funds On Hand:</u>		
Cash at bank at 31 December 2020	38,715.33	19,998.40
Profit / Loss for period	- 26,954.78	18,716.93
	<b>11,760.55</b>	<b>38,715.33</b>
<u>Represented By:</u>		
Cash at bank at 31 December 2021	11,760.55	38,546.69
Cash on hand	-	168.64
	<b>11,760.55</b>	<b>38,715.33</b>

I hereby certify that the attached accounts for the year to 31 December 2021 are in accordance with the records of Tynningham Village Hall. The balance at bank reconciles to the bank statement.

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Tim Harper (Treasurer)

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Douglas Home & Co Ltd