



Barrhill Development Trust Newsletter

Autumn 2026

The Crosswater

The Crosswater opened its doors for food and drink on 20th March.

☀️ In time for the sunshine the Beer Garden opened on 9th May. ☀️

On 9th June the four en-suite rooms opened for booking.

Andrea and her team are developing the inn into a thriving business and a long-awaited, welcoming meeting place for Barrhill folk and visitors.

Wednesday is Quiz Night at 7.30pm
Thursday is Curry Club Night 5pm-8pm

Food served

Monday to Friday 5pm-8pm

Saturday and Sunday

12pm-2pm & 5pm-8pm

Sunday Roast is served from noon

Specials are available over the weekend

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Arnsheen Park

The Play Park has been very busy over the summer months. It's a wonderful village asset for use by all ages.

Please remember that to keep the park safe for everyone

NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARK

With the exception of assistance dogs.

Dogs and children playing are not a safe mix and no-one wants to get dog poo on their shoes, hands or clothing when playing in the park.



Memorial Hall

You may have noticed that Dean, our Handyman, has been busy working on the inside of the hall fixing issues and re-painting walls over the winter months.

Once the weather allowed, work commenced on removing flaking paint and repairing wear and tear issues on the exterior of the building before adding a fresh coat of paint.

Maintaining a building of this age is a never-ending process!

The car park is also having a refresh with markings being repainted.

Food Hygiene Kitchen Inspection

South Ayrshire Council carried out a Kitchen Inspection in May and a Pass Certificate was issued.

Heating System Upgrade

Funding has been secured to allow us to upgrade the very basic heating controls in the hall.

This will allow us to better control the temperature to ensure the hall is warm when in use, but heating is not wasted when the hall is unoccupied. We will then be another step closer to being energy efficient.

Work is scheduled for the morning of 9th September.



Village Planters

We hope you will agree that the planters are again adding a beautiful splash of colour around the village.

Emergency Warm Hub

The BDT have been working for some time to setup the facility for a Warm Hub for the community in The Memorial Hall for use during emergency situations such as power cuts.

We would like to provide a warm space and offer hot food and drinks to Barrhill residents.

It was with great sadness that we received the news of the passing of our friend and colleague Angela McDonald. Angela began working for the BCIC/BDT in 2016 as the Public Toilets Cleaner. She progressed to Relief Caretaker and then Caretaker at Barrhill Memorial Hall. We extend our deepest sympathies to her family.

Recruiting New BDT Trustees

There are currently 4 Trustees which is the minimum required for the BDT to operate. You could make a difference and help improve village life by becoming a trustee. We would welcome any volunteers particularly those with families in the area.

Public Toilets

A funding application has been made to SPEN to have Barrhill's outdated public toilets refurbished to a modern standard. Notification has been received that the grant application was successful. We are now awaiting the official grant offer letter.

100th Birthday Party

On 31st May a very special celebration took place. Barrhill folk came out to celebrate the 100th birthday of our oldest resident Andy Kennedy, veteran of The Royal Scots Fusiliers.

A parade was led by the superb Isle of Cumbrae British Legion Scotland Pipe Band, set off from Wallace Terrace then along Main Street which was lined with well-wishers. Invited family and friends then joined Andy in The Memorial Hall to continue the celebrations of this remarkable milestone.



Photo: Dean Horrod



SAC no longer supply skips for the village. The BDT have been funding a monthly skip for Barrhill residents, but the service is sadly being abused. Please remember the skip is for **SMALL ITEMS ONLY**, no commercial waste. For items such as furniture and mattresses, arrange a bulky uplift with SAC either online or phone 0300 123 0900.

Once full **DO NOT** keep adding items to the skip or leave items on the ground around the skip – this is classed as fly-tipping. An overfilled skip cannot legally be transported. A camera is installed to identify the people who are abusing the service.

ABUSE IT AND YOU WILL LOSE IT!

Regular Groups held in the Memorial Hall

Group	Free to attend?	Day	Time	Frequency
Book Club	Y	Monday	2pm-3pm	Monthly
Pickleball	Y	Monday	6pm-7pm	Weekly
Badminton	Y	Tuesday	6pm-8pm	Weekly
Wee Whist Club	N £2 per person	Tuesday	7pm – 10:30pm	Sept to May Fortnightly June to Aug Monthly
Gentle Exercise Class	Y	Thursday	10:30am – 11:30am	Weekly
Coffee Morning	Y	Friday	10am to 12 noon	Weekly

Check the online hall booking calendar to see what's on in the hall - www.barrhilldevtrust.org

Constraints Barrhill Development Trust has to work within

Windfarm money rules do not allow BDT employees to carry out work which is the responsibility of South Ayrshire Council. Funding can only be applied for to spend on specific projects. This is a long process which can take many months for approval and the funding to be released.

Hall hire fees and solar panel feed in payments are the BDT's only income.