

# BARRHILL NEWS

Barrhill Community Interest Company & Barrhill Development Trust

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## MESSAGE FROM THE *chairman*

Who would have thought that from one minute past midnight on Boxing Day 2020, the whole of Mainland Scotland would be placed into Level 4 restrictions - the highest of the five tiers and that's where we remain today?

Its impossible to have imagined what lay ahead, and what would be asked of us as a community. But since the first confirmed case of Covid19 in Scotland was announced on 1 March last year I'm so very proud of the way every resident of Barrhill has stepped up and persevered through these challenging times. We've supported each other and our community. We've done everything we can to help us get through each day, and I know you'll agree with me that at a time like this, we all need to continue to be there for each other.

The Directors of the Board want nothing more than for you to take care of yourself, your friends and family. Don't hesitate to get in touch if there's anything you think we can do together to make this journey a little more bearable. We're excited to look to the future and will continue to push through these hard times with grace and positivity.

So, let's share some good news - planning permission has been granted for The Trout Inn!. We'll have somewhere special to celebrate when all this is over. Enjoy looking at the plans and reading all about the project from Richard Brown, Vice-Chair. There's not doubt Covid19 has made progress extremely slow, but we're plowing ahead as fast as we can. Thanks to everyone who got in touch to express their gratitude for the winter fuel payment grant and Christmas hamper. I'm also pleased to report a couple of substantial grant payments have been awarded to the Barrhill Bowling Club already in 2021, so the green should be pitch-perfect this season.

We want to hear your views on a potential new project for Arnsheen Park (read more on page 4) and an up-date from Liam Barry our resident Village Handyman makes for an interesting read.

To close, on behalf of the entire Board, please stay safe and well.

*John Thomson*

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# TROUT INN - PROGRESS AT LAST!



"As you may have seen we have had the plans for the refurbishment and alteration of the Trout Inn approved and they are shown again here. We thought it might be an idea to share a bit of background to the thinking behind the changes.

We are planning to have food as a major part of what the pub provides as we consider this to be essential if the Inn is to succeed as a venue. With that in mind we intend to move the bar and its cellar space over the other side to free up space in the kitchen, and in the process enabling the cellar to be next to the bar instead of some distance as previously. This will mean the left hand side of the Inn will be primarily an eating area and the kitchen will therefore have easier access to that space.

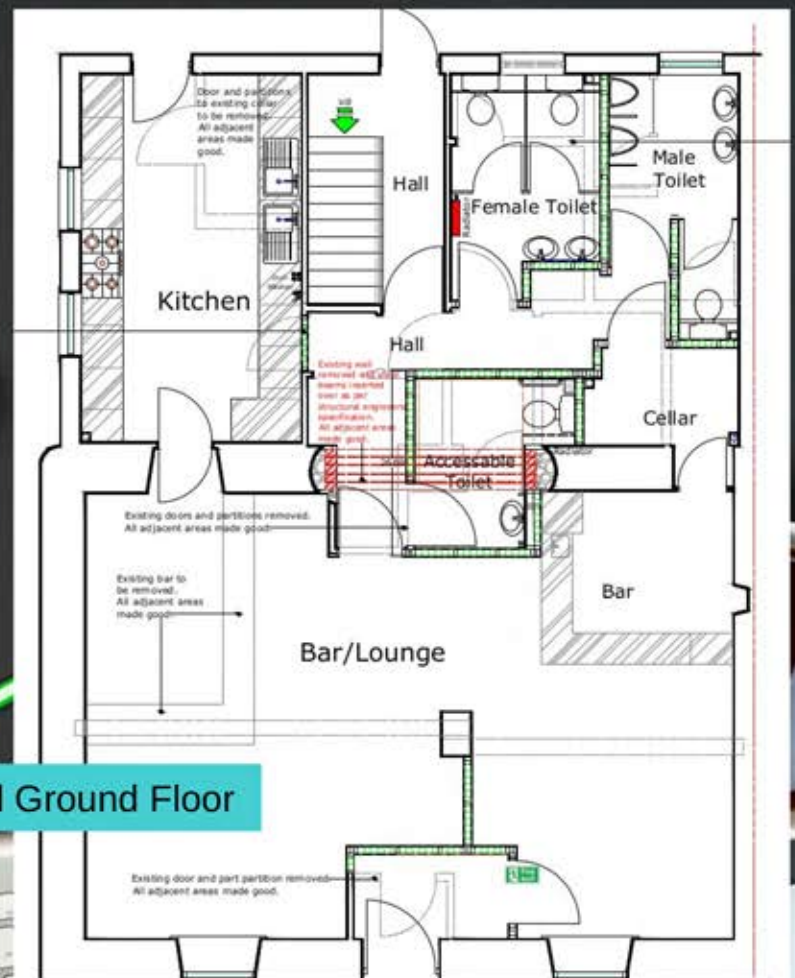
As part of the improvements there will be significant changes to the toilets, including a fully compliant disabled toilet, with more effective use of the floorspace.

As for the top (second) floor accommodation we will be fully updating the four guest rooms, all with an en-suite, with the front two being enlarged with loss of the old, shared bathroom.

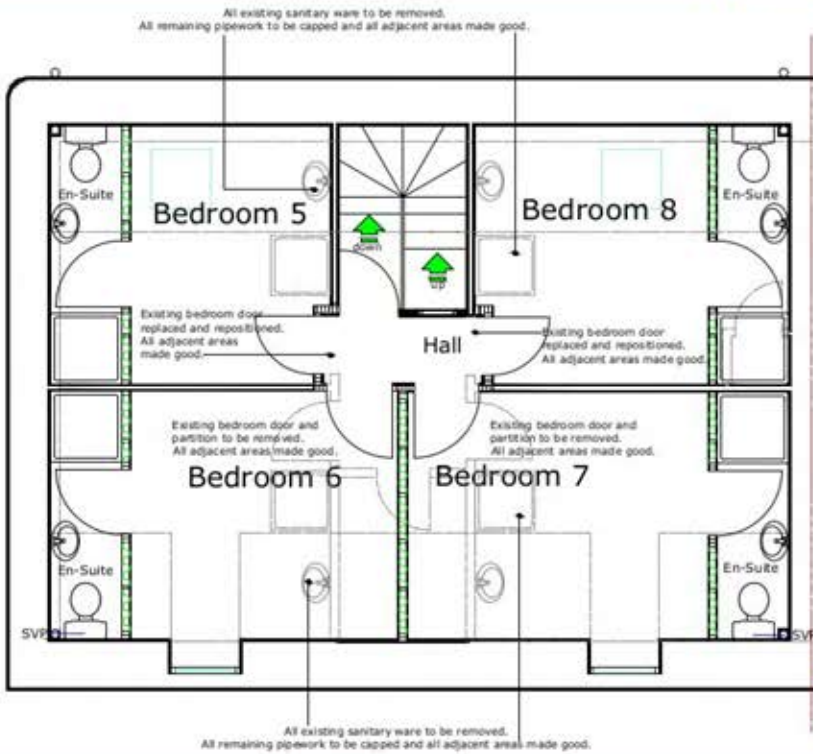
The first floor is intended to become the manager, or managers, accommodation and will have a lounge/kitchenette, two bedrooms and a shower room, but without any significant structural alterations.

It is our intention to fully redecorate and re-equip the whole of the Inn once the alterations have been completed, and the heating has been installed throughout. In addition we will be improving the garden area and make it a place where people can sit out and enjoy the wonderful Barrhill weather!"

*Richard Brown* Vice Chairman



Proposed Ground Floor



Proposed Second Floor

## Have you registered for your FREE Alarm Set?

After due consideration the BCIC Board of Directors have agreed to expand the eligibility criteria for receiving a FREE Wirelessly linked smoke, heat and carbon monoxide alarm set (plus free installation where needed) to include individuals owning a holiday home/2nd residence\* within Barrhill.

In view of this we are therefore extending the registration period up to 31 March 2021.

Anyone who would like further information or wishes register please speak to a BCIC Director or email:

[bcicbarrhill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bcicbarrhill@yahoo.co.uk)

\*Eligibility T&Cs apply\*

Register for your set today

## Need help with Garden Maintenance?

Over 65? Have a health condition that means you can't cut your own grass? Not living with someone who can help? Then you may be eligible to apply for a cut from April to September, every two weeks, FREE OF CHARGE.

Speak to a BCIC Director or email:  
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## A LETTER FROM LIAM - VILLAGE HANDYMAN

Hello! Liam the handyman here, hope everyone is well and keeping themselves safe!. Here's a brief account of what I've been up to during covid lockdown.

I've continued to keep the village clean and tidy and free (as much as possible) from litter, this done on a Monday and a Friday. In the warmer months, I complete my regular grass cutting tasks for those who are on my list to receive grass cutting. I have strimmed overgrown weeds and grass at The Martyrs' Tomb walk way, for ease of walking.

I have repaired the wall at the public toilets, due to there being missing bricks, which were unsightly, general maintenance of the toilets has also been completed. I continue to see to the up-keep of the boiler room and heating in the Memorial Hall, to ensure its running smoothly and also keeping the gutters to the building free from debris. The Meeting Room in the Hall has also been refreshed and painted.

The car park and flower beds are also maintained. South Ayrshire Council donated summer flowering plants which have been planted around the village, as well as spring bulbs planted with the help of some villagers, hopefully these will bloom in the spring (weather permitting).

At Christmas, a tree was put up and decorated with a beautiful display of lights around the Hall building, extra lights were purchased for the tree. Park areas have been maintained and play equipment cleaned of algae and a general tidy-up. I've been busy insulating and fitting out the storage/workshop containers ready for when 'normality' returns!.

Keep well, keep safe and look forward to better times.

Liam

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND EVERYONE IN BARRHILL I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO LIAM FOR LITTER PICKING AROUND THE VILLAGE. I PASSED LIAM ON MY WAY HOME FROM WORK LITTER PICKING THE ROAD DOWN FROM THE STATION TO THE VILLAGE, WHERE RUBBISH IS BLOWN AND SEEMS TO CONGREGATE. IT LOOKS FAR MORE TIDY AND REALLY HELPS TO KEEP NOT ONLY THE VILLAGE, BUT THE SURROUNDING AREA LOOKING AT ITS BEST.

*LAURA BROWN, DIRECTOR*

## Would you like a Community Garden at Arnshean Park?

# New

DO YOU LIKE ALL THINGS GREEN? WANT TO MEET NEIGHBOURS TO LEARN, SHARE AND GROW THINGS TOGETHER?

We'd like to find out if the village would like, and consider supporting, a community garden located in Arnshean Park. The benefits of having access to fresh fruit and vegetables, learning new skills and spending time with neighbours all sound like a great idea.... but we want to hear from you. What do you want? If you think this is a good idea for Barrhill please let us know via Facebook, email or letter using the contact details listed on the first page of this newsletter. If we get enough people saying 'YES' then we'll take it to the next stage.