

# BARRHILL NEWS

Barrhill Community Interest Company & Barrhill Development Trust

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Without doubt we are living through an unprecedented moment in time on so many levels. With war raging in the Ukraine, Covid19 still casting a shadow over our daily lives and, disappointingly, a level of discontent and division within our own small community. But what gives me hope is the Barrhill Development Trust's unwavering commitment to responding to the needs of Barrhill and the messages of support we are receiving of late.

To ensure communication is greatly improved, we intend to host Open Q&A Forums at least three times a year, make sure we publish regular newsletters, put up announcements and minutes of meetings on the village noticeboard and regularly up-date our social media pages. There is also a public slot available at every monthly Trust meeting which can be pre-booked in advance by contacting our Development Officer Sam Rimmer on [enquiries@barrhilldevtrust.org](mailto:enquiries@barrhilldevtrust.org) or popping in to see her in the BDT Office in the Memorial Hall on Friday mornings between 10 and 12.

With Covid beating what we hope is a hasty retreat, please enjoy reading about progress we can now make at The Trout, the Barrhill Station Car Park, Arnshean Park, Bowling Green and Memorial Hall - to name but a few!

With regards

*Johnnie Thomson*

## BARRHILL STATION CAR PARK

Great News! By the time you read this newsletter work will have already been started on creating car spaces at Barrhill Station. Parking up the hill has always been a subject of concern and responses to the Community Action Plan have included questions about how it could be improved. The BCIC were approached by the South West Scotland Community Rail Partnership (SWSCRIP) and asked to part-fund new parking spaces to be built close to Barrhill Train Station. We were delighted to support this enterprise in their endeavours.



Elena Whitlam MSP, Dr Mhairi McKenna SWSCRIP, Lynn Wilson SWSCRIP, Johnnie Thomson Chair BDT, Celia Strain BCC & David Manson Ayrshire Road Alliance at the breaking of the ground ceremony on 28 February.

## MEMORIAL HALL - NOW OPEN

Barrhill Memorial Hall is now fully open for bookings for clubs, organisations and individuals from both within Barrhill or further afield. Enquiries can be made in person at the Hall (Fridays between 10 - 12), via email at [enquiries@barrhilldevtrust.org](mailto:enquiries@barrhilldevtrust.org) or via social media. Terms and Conditions apply and dates are subject to availability.

## THE BOARD

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## FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS - LAST CALL

A total of 130 Alarm sets comprising 3 smoke alarms, one heat alarm & a carbon monoxide detector, all wirelessly linked to each other were issued to Barrhill residents to comply with the changes in Scottish Law as announced back in 2020. Assistance was offered for those who felt they may have difficulty fitting the sets on their own.

If, for whatever reason, you did not register to take advantage of this offer from the BDT, then please contact us immediately.

## Fundraiser for Ukraine

£1,050

Thanks to two hugely successful coffee mornings on Friday 11th and Sunday 13th March, possible because of all the very generous donations of home made items, time and money - Barrhill raised £1,050 for Disaster Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal

## NEW DRY STONE WALL AND PATH FOR MEMORIAL HALL

In conjunction with the BCIC and using funding provided through Mark Hill and Kilgallioch Windfarms the facilities and appearance of the Memorial Hall will be improved and brought in keeping with the rural setting of our community by replacing the spiked chains around the perimeter with a stunning dry stone wall. Work is scheduled to commence in April 2022.

Prior to that a path is going to be installed between the back door and the existing path leading to the car park to make access easier in wet weather to both the Hall and the storage in the rear.

The BDT is committed to making Barrhill one of the smartest villages in South Ayrshire. What would you like to see happen next? Do you have any ideas you'd like to put forward we would love to hear from you.



Contact Sam Rimmer either in person at the BDT Office, Memorial Hall on Friday mornings between 10 and 12, via email on [enquiries@barrhilldevtrust.org](mailto:enquiries@barrhilldevtrust.org) or by calling 01465 821000.

## 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.

ask in the office for an application form or email: [enquiries@barrhilldevtrust.org](mailto:enquiries@barrhilldevtrust.org)

\*Eligibility T&Cs apply\*



## NEW NOTICEBOARD

Very shortly there will be a dedicated Barrhill Village Community Noticeboard installed outside the Memorial Hall. Vastly improved on the last one, weatherproof and secure - we consider this an essential resource for everyone to be able to use.

We hope that all clubs, organisations and individuals will use the Noticeboard for anything village-related such as events, general news, lost and found. We'll be using the noticeboard to keep you up-dated on all matters relating to the BDT and BCIC.

Please give posters and information to Sam for display.

## BADMINTON

BARRHILL MEMORIAL HALL  
TUESDAY EVENINGS 6PM TO 8PM

IMPROVES YOUR MENTAL WELLBEING

INCREASED LIFE EXPECTANCY

HELPS REDUCE HEALTH RISKS

HEALTH HEALTH

SOCIALISING

TOTAL BODY WORKOUT

POP ALONG AND JOIN US



## Coffee Morning & BDT Drop-in

EVERY FRIDAY  
10 - 12

Backgammon available

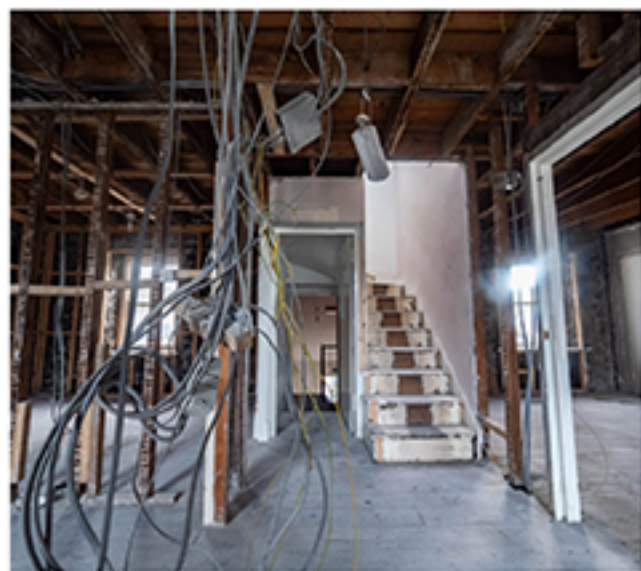
Bring along your cakes and biscuits to share



## COMMUNITY PUB - ALL HANDS TO THE PUMP



We are delighted to announce that work finally began on The Trout Inn on 21st February 2022 - the biggest and most ambitious project undertaken by the Barrhill Development Trust to date. When the builder appointed prior to the pandemic had to withdraw due to significant ill health in October 21, the BDT started a new tendering process immediately. As the Pub had already been partially stripped including removing the fixtures, this gave us a clean slate and facilitated further investigation into what was needed in the way of renovations. These photographs show the building in early March with work ongoing and expected to last 25 weeks.



**OUR COMMUNITY PUB WILL BE AN INCREDIBLE VENUE FOR ALL TYPES OF GATHERINGS AND OCCASIONS - GUARANTEED.**

In the summer of 2022 we will be looking at some of the smaller details, including a new name for our community pub, they'll be a number of options and an open vote - please start submitting them now. We make a promise to keep you well informed as to progress on this amazing project both by newsletter and online updates. But, as always, if you have questions or concerns or would just like to chat over how things are going then please don't hesitate to reach out to Sam, our Development Officer.

*Richard Brown*  
**Vice Chair**

After careful deliberation by the Board, builders JJB Contractors were awarded the contract of renovation. With substantial experience in the industry we are 100% confident of an exceptional result.

With a fully equipped kitchen planned, the food and drink on offer at The Trout will be will be superior pub fayre. Just imagine how convenient it will be to pop by for a bite to eat and a chance to catch up with friends. The interior will be designed to create a warm, welcoming venue. Access for everyone will be high priority - we want everyone to feel the village is a place you can visit at any time of day or night, either alone or with company and receive the warmest of welcomes. We are exploring options for the accommodation upstairs and as part of on-going plans, once work is completed on the main building, we then hope to utilise a substantial part of the barn at the rear of the pub as a games room.



## ARNSHEEN PARK - MORE FACILITIES

Arnsheen Park is a great space for the village and it is used a lot. We'd like to make it even more welcoming and provide facilities for more residents and visitors to the village. We will be entering in to consultation and asking residents what you'd like to see in the park. So far there have been suggestions for outdoor adult size keep fit equipment and a dog compound. Is this what you would like? What other suggestions do you have?





## NEW DEVELOPMENT OFFICER APPOINTED



Please join us in welcoming Sam Rimmer to the role of Development Officer for the Trust. Sam has worked as a project and programme manager in corporate business and has held roles in various charities. We believe that Sam is a terrific asset to the Trust and will move our projects forward quickly and efficiently, supporting the Trustees to deliver good value projects and initiatives for the community.



### NEW - MONDAY CLUB - OPEN TO ALL STARTING 11TH APRIL 2022

Barrhill Development Trust is expanding its provision of recreational activities and Monday Club will provide an opportunity for local residents to engage in a variety of social events, activities, talks and presentations as well as exploring the desire for trips outside the village. Most events will be free to attend, with the venue costs covered by the trust. Tea and coffee will be 50p and some events or trips will carry a small charge to participants. Some planned events and community transport include:

- Recycling options
- Fire Safety session
- Afternoon tea
- Awareness on fuels costs and ways to make savings
- Visits to local events & gardens

Contact the office for more information or come along to our first session on **Monday 11th April 2022 1pm at the Hall.**

### NEW CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES AT THE HALL

Now that the hall is fully open and we have administrative support in the office, it's time to get the clubs and events started up again - some old, well loved clubs and maybe one or two new ones. Here's some requests we have had so far, are we missing any?

- Youth Club
- Camera Club
- Board Games Club
- Film Night
- Flower Show
- Book Club

Most of these clubs will run once a month and will need a leader for each - someone willing to be here at the start and stay throughout the club session as well as help to arrange activities. Did you run a club before? Are you willing to help again? Maybe you have not done this before, but are willing to give an hour or two of your time every month to ensure Barrhill is a vibrant village with something for everyone?

### *Hello from Sam*

Having been in Barrhill for only eighteen months I still feel very new and have received a wonderful welcome from lots of people here - what a brilliant village!

I'm really excited to be taking on this role and look forward to running the large variety of projects for the village - every thing from our new Community Action Plan (which will give us the big plans for the next 5 years) to all the little projects that we do along the way. As well as community consultations and project management, part of my role is admin for the Trust, so you will see me in the office quite a lot - so do pop in and say 'hello'. I'm here to deliver the plans the village has, I will achieve that only with your support so I thank you in advance for all the amazing ideas you bring forward and all your time to you give to make these things happen.

In my spare time I love to read and to make things ... from cooking to crochet to sewing all my own clothes. Basically anything indoors that I can do with a cup of tea in my hand. I'd love to talk to you about hobbies that we share, or even new hobbies that I have not yet discovered - I am an avid collector of new things to do, even if I don't always master them!



Every Monday 13.00 -15.00 Monday Club  
Every Tuesday 19.00 -21.00 Barrhill Badminton Club  
Every Thursday 19.00 - 20.30 Pilates  
Every Friday 10 - 12 Community Coffee Morning

Every other Tuesday 19.30 Wee Whist  
First Thursday - 19.00 Craft Club  
Screening of sporting events  
Thursday 19.00 Pilates in regular blocks

Soon to start: weekend Badminton





## HAPPINESS IN SPADES

As we welcome the return of groups to the Memorial Hall following the COVID safety closures...we are so glad to see the Barrhill Whist Group back where they belong!

### MESSAGE FROM IRENE MCCRAE

The Whist Club has returned to Barrhill Community Hall and will be delighted to welcome everyone to our meetings.

We meet next on Tuesday 9th of March at 7.30 and thereafter every fortnight until the 31st May. It costs £2 per night and £1 for a strip of raffles. We would be happy to accept a donation of a raffle prize. We consider our evening a Happy Social one and amateur and expert players most welcome.

Tea, coffee, cheese scones, biscuits and a good natter at half time. Prizes awarded to the winning pairs for first, second, third, half time and the standard consolation prize of Mint Chocolate Aero (much sought after).



### VILLAGE PLANTERS - LATEST NEWS

With Covid putting the brakes on many of our usual community-led activities over the last two years, we are pleased to announce that we are currently sourcing plant stock for the village planters.

As you recall the majority of the planters were adopted by residents who took over the planting, (with plants supplied by the BDT) watering and weeding.

It's our intention to resurrect the ADOPT A PLANTER scheme in 2022. So, if you were a past adopter and would like to continue with your nominated planter, contact us on [enquiries@barrhilldevtrust.org](mailto:enquiries@barrhilldevtrust.org) or by calling 01465 821000 and leave a message.

Over the next month, there'll be an invitation for new adopters with details on how to adopt a planter and how to look after your planter once you have it - look out for the announcement coming soon.



## First Thursday of every month

BARRHILL MEMORIAL HALL  
7PM TO 9PM  
ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME  
£2 PER PERSON PER MONTH  
TEA & COFFEE INCLUDED





## IT'S ALPHABET SOUP! WHAT DO ALL THOSE LETTERS MEAN?

With so many different organisations in the village, it's hard to know how they fit together. The three main areas of confusion that we are often asked about are Barrhill Development Trust, Barrhill Community Interest Company and Barrhill Community Council.

	Barrhill Development Trust	Barrhill Community Interest Company	Barrhill Community Council
<i>Legal Structure</i>	Charity	Community Interest Co	Statutory Body
<i>Run by</i>	Unpaid Trustees	Unpaid Directors	Unpaid Councillors
<i>Regulated by</i>	Office Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)	Company law and C.I. framework	Unregulated but the local tier of elected democracy in Scotland
<i>Grants &amp; awards</i>	Individual bursaries for education and driving licenses & funds larger community initiatives (pub, park, car park) and can make larger awards	Makes winter fuel payments	Can make small grants £50-£500
<i>Purpose</i>	<b>Must</b> only work to its charitable objectives	<b>Must</b> only work to C.I.C objectives and funders stipulations	<b>Must</b> inform local authority on community opinions & local authority <b>must</b> consult BCC

Barrhill Development Trust, created in 2019, focuses on large strategic projects to develop Barrhill for the people that live here and for those who come along in the future. As a registered charity, it can apply to large funding bodies that would otherwise not be available - for example, the Scottish Land Fund and their generous grant to purchase our community pub

## BARRHILL DEVELOPMENT TRUST

### OUR CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

The advancement of community development by supporting community projects

## HOW WE DELIVER THESE OBJECTIVES

### COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The maintenance of the Hall and other village facilities, and by ensuring the Hall has the equipment the community need

1

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Organising events in the Hall and around the village to suit a variety of interests and ages including the arts

2

### PARTICIPATION IN SPORT

Continued maintenance of the bowling green, provision of admission and carpet bowls and introducing new sports clubs

3

### ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

Promoting and educating around environmental protection and improvement by supporting community initiatives

4

### COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Consulting the community at least every 5 years to create a Community Action Plan, which identifies the macro plans for the area and regular smaller consultations on individual projects identified between Action Plans.

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Our charitable aims are displayed on our website [www.barrhilldevtrust.org](http://www.barrhilldevtrust.org) and can be found by visiting the Office of the Scottish Charity Register