



BARRHILL
Development
Trust

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NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It's been great to see everything starting up again in the village and surrounding areas after the disruptions of Covid. As we all are, the Trust is feeling the difficulty in getting suppliers and workers to come to the village as well as the pinch of the rising costs, so it has been terrific to see so many people turning out for the planting day, various consultation meetings and contributing to help in many ways - so many people working together for the good of Barrhill is bringing life back to our village after the lock downs. Seeing a strong sense of community spirit alive and well in Barrhill is amazing, especially with those folks helping out with garden mowing for others who need the help right now - thanks to those kind volunteers!

All members should now have received the AGM notice and we really hope you can make it along so that we can update you on this years projects, our current finances and plans for the whole of the next year and beyond.

See you at the AGM!

Johanne Thomson

**Tuesday
26th July
7pm start**

**Barrhill Development Trust
Barrhill Memorial Hall**



The 39...planters!

We were lucky with the weather on Saturday 28th May when a bunch of generous villagers kindly donated their time to plant up the 39 planters we have around the village and Memorial Hall.

The plan was decided at an open meeting held in March that planting would this year be a whole village event, open to everyone who was interested and that the Trust handyman

would care for the planters throughout the year. Many people don't know the large black containers are actually self watering and only need topping up once or twice a year depending on the weather - and we are blessed with sufficient rain here to make this only once a year some times! Next year we want to look at options for longer lasting plants as well as the possibility of providing a useable herb garden.



This newsletter serves the village of Barrhill and is produced by the Barrhill Development Trust using funds from various sources. If you are not already a member of the Trust, please get in touch and request a membership application form.





Queen's Platinum Jubilee

A small group of villagers arranged a terrific day for the Jubilee celebrations, a lot of work over a few months resulted in a thoroughly enjoyable day. It started with a procession led by the King & Queen of the village from the Primary school who were piped to the Arnshen Park by John Bissett, followed by a fancy dress 5km fun run and a picnic in the park whilst we waited for the return of

the runners. Free ice creams for all kids were appreciated as it was a scorcher of a day weather-wise. The evening saw (and heard!) an amazing duo in the Hall and all seats were full with just enough room for dancing. Every child, and all the adults who were 70 this year received a commemorative coin and fruit trees were planted in the park to blossom in years to come.

Thank you to those who gave their time to arrange this amazing day.



Barrhill Activities & Attractions 2022-23



BURNS NIGHT SUPPER
ST ANDREW'S DAY
CEILIDH DANCE
CHRISTMAS PARTIES
OUTINGS TO
MUSEUMS, THEATRES,
LOCAL EVENTS AND
KIDS ACTIVITIES

The BDT has set up the BAA to organise Trust events and involve as many people as possible in planning them and taking part

Simplify and plan in advance

by agreeing activities, outings and attractions in advance - to give enough time to plan successful events

Funding

Agreed events will be pre-funded or external funding can be applied for in plenty of time, reducing the burden of many applications throughout the year and speed up the process to get activities off the ground

Charity legal compliance

Simplifying compliance to funders & Office of Scottish Charity Regulator, book-keeping will be linked with the charity and meet the same, necessary high standards

Meeting Charitable objectives

Ensure legal & charitable objectives are met, meeting the needs of rural villagers for outings and local events as well as local heritage and cultural interests

Reduced Admin for volunteers

The Facilitator, as an employee, will be subject to management by the Board and reporting requirements to funders and OSCR, they will also be required to perform all necessary admin.

Everyone welcome

Co-operation and conduct standards ensured everyone feels welcome.

The full Terms of Reference document for how the BAA must operate is available on our website and from the office

Trustees can attend as individuals only, allowing them to speak as a villager and to remove any potential conflict of interest concerns

Existing Projects

Electric Vehicle Charging - The groundworks are in place in the car park, we are hoping for the final fitting in July or August.

Memorial Hall - After the storms earlier in the year, the hall roof has been repaired and once the internal walls are dried out the kitchen will be redecorated. A dry stone dyke is still planned and we are looking for a new dyke supplier. We have received the new weather proof notice board to be installed after the wall.

Planters - All planters have received new summer flowers, see front page.

Station Car Park - The parking area is now complete.

Barrhill Activities & Attractions - Twelve months of events have been decided and work is under way to arrange and part fund them.

What's next?

Work behind the scenes continued on preparations for the Community Action Plan, this will mean every household in the Barrhill Area will receive a questionnaire to collect your thoughts on the big strategic projects for which we should use our resources for over the next five years.

CAR BOOT SALE

SUNDAY 28th Aug
10am

Book your space now
£5 per car
Tables provided

We will move inside if it rains
The car park will be closed on 28th
and any vehicles will be asked to
leave by 5pm 27th July to allow for
set up. Thanks for your
understanding



Delivering for the community with
funds from ScottishPower
Renewable's Mark Hill & Kilgallioch
Windfarms and other sources

Summer Update 2022



Our biggest project: the Pub!

There's seven broad stages to the pub project for Barrhill.

1. Research & funding
2. Selection process for builder
3. External & internal repairs
4. Internal fixtures
5. Internal fittings, establish the legal structure and staff recruitment
6. Final preparation
7. Opening

Thanks to the funding we received from Mark Hill and Kilgallioch wind farms as well as a grant from the Scottish Land Fund, we were fortunate that stage 1 was really about market research and how to meet the needs we know we have here in Barrhill. We are now in stage three - internal and external repairs - and will soon be moving to stage four, which will see the internal fittings begin. Steps 3 and 4 are

being undertaken by JJB, our chosen building contractor.

Stage 5 has already begun and we are being assisted by the Plunkett Foundation - a specialist charity established by the Scottish government to ensure community businesses get the support and expertise they need to be a success.

Despite many challenges with prices for materials, we are still on target. The pub project has required funds from multiple years of our funding and will continue to require support after opening.

In the autumn we will be holding another open event to collect your thou

We anticipate the pub will be open before Christmas, and the race is on for the earliest possible opening date.

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BARRHILL ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS 2022-23

MONTHLY

THIRD MONDAY - PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB 7.30PM
FOURTH MONDAY - BOOK CLUB 2PM + 7PM

PILATES RUNS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IN
BLOCKS OF 6

Get in touch if you want
your event listed in the
newsletter.

Dates to be announced for
Craft Club and Wee Whist. A

JULY

16th July
Biosphere
Consultation

26th - BDT AGM

28th - BCIC AGM

AUGUST

Saturday 6th
Barrhill Bowling Club
Open Pairs

Sunday 28th
Car Boot Sale

NOVEMBER

St Andrews
Day Ceilidh

CHRISTMAS
CRAFT FAIRE



SEPTEMBER

Adult outing
or
Band in the hall



OCTOBER



Kids
trip

WEEKLY

Every Tuesday

JANUARY

BURNS NIGHT
SUPPER



FEBRUARY

Adult
outing

MARCH

&
APRIL
Outings TBC

Coffee morning
every Friday
10am - noon

MAY

MUSIC IN
THE HALL



There is much
support for the
Flower & Craft Show
to be back on first
Saturday in
September 2023

Monthly skip provided by
BCC & BDT

Spot Light on new Groups



Walking and Rambling

When we came together in the BAA meeting to discuss events and outings, a few people suggested rambling and walking trips around Scotland. With enough interest, the BDT may be able to organise mini bus trips for these outings for adults. The first one being September or February – would you like to go? Come to the coffee morning or email the office.



*Eating and reading are
two pleasures that combine
admirably*
C.S. LEWIS



Girvan library have a large number of books available in sets of 12, especially for use by book clubs.

To get the books through the library, book group members need to be members of the library. You can join online and collect your ticket whenever you are in Girvan. Alternatively you can join in by purchasing your own copy of the books either as a physical copy or a download.

The first meeting of the book group will be on **26th September at 2pm and again at 7pm** and on the 4th Monday of the month thereafter. Both groups will be reading the same book so please come along to whichever suits you. There will be tea and cake available.



Barrhill Book Group

If you'd like help to set up a new group, please get in touch with the office

Photography Club

This is just one of the amazing photos taken by members of the Barrhill Photography Club. They meet on 3rd Monday of each month, 7.30pm in the Hall, as well as planned outings and help with photo editing they will also support people new to the hobby to master their cameras and provide guidance where needed.

