

Your weekly News Friday 1st August 2025

Hi All,

Here is the weekly news from the Ardentinn Community Council and the Village Hall. There are two issues at hand with both the Community Trust and the Village Hall looking for Trustees, more information below.

Also, there is a named storm arriving on Monday (Floris) so make sure you are prepared with phones charged and appropriate provisions in house in case of a power cut. Do keep an eye on the weather forecast.

Ardentinn Community Council News

Just a reminder that our own Community Trust is looking for new Trustees;

Ardentinn Community Trust Ltd: Looking for new Trustees

The Ardentinn Community Trust (ACT) is our own Development Trust which is a community-owned and led organisation, working proactively to combine community-led action with an enterprising approach to addressing and tackling local needs and issues. Development Trusts deliver projects and actions on behalf of the local community.

The four defining principles of a development trust are that they are:

- Engaged in the economic, environmental and social regeneration of a defined area.
- Independent, aiming for self-sufficiency and not for private profit.
- Community based, owned and managed.
- Actively involved in partnerships and alliances between the community, voluntary, private and public sectors.

In recent years the current Trustees have been focused on developing the Glenfinart Walled Garden, which is a major project that operates under the auspices of the Ardentinn Community Trust. It is often thought that the Walled Garden and the Community Trust are one and the same, but this needs clarification and why there is now a need for new Trustees to come forward.

The Current Status of the Trustees

Several of the current Trustees of the ACT are planning to stand down at the next AGM, to focus purely on the project – “Glenfinart Walled Garden”. Therefore, this will result in opportunities for residents to step forward and join the board of Trustees of the overarching Ardentinn Community Trust.

To be clear the new Trustees are not part of a project team for the continued development of the Walled Garden. The new Trustees will have oversight of the Walled Garden project and provide assistance and support to obtain funding for its continued development. Furthermore, the new Trustees will have oversight on future projects, by helping to identify funding that will benefit residents, care for our local environment and protect historical buildings and archaeological sites. New projects can be presented to the Trustees by residents as individuals or as a group, as long as its benefits remain within the Ardentinn Community Council geographic area. In the future, projects may come from the Ardentinn Local Place Plan.

What is required to keep the Ardentinn Community Trust going?

There is a need for a minimum of four Trustees to form a quorum and so ensure the survival of the Ardentinn Community Trust. The treasurer has agreed to continue, but there is a requirement for a Chairperson, Secretary and at least one further member Trustee. The Trustees are fully indemnified against loss or liability of the Trust.

If you have a passion to see the beautiful area in which we live not only preserved but also enhanced by the sensitive and appropriate careful management of the built and natural environment, please consider standing for a position as a Trustee of the Ardentinn Community Trust. You could play a key role in this ‘mile stone’ opportunity for our local community.

A Development Trust opens up access to numerous funding streams that would otherwise be unavailable to the community i.e. Scottish Government Rural Housing Funds, UK Government - Community Ownership Fund, National Lottery Community Fund, Investing in Communities Fund (ICF), Community, Capacity and Resilience Fund (Funding Scotland), Robertson Fund - Community Food and Health, Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, Scottish Borders Council, Shared Property Fund etc. Without it we cannot access these funding sources.

Ardentinny Community Council are facilitating the search for Trustees for the Community Trust, feel free to get in contact with any questions you may have, and we will try to clarify such points at ardentinnycc@gmail.com

Glenfinart Walled Garden - Date for your diary:

Harvest Fair at the Walled Garden – Sunday 21st September 2025 12 noon to 4.30 pm. There will be the usual attractions plus music, more information to follow.

Glenfinart Walled Garden Membership: Reminder that membership fees for the Walled Garden are due - £2 per year. You can hand in the fees to any of the Trustees along with your name and address.

Ardentinny Community Council Facebook page and Website

The Community Council website can be found here - www.ardentinnycc.co.uk

The Facebook page has been updated, search for **Ardentinny Community Council** and we have an Instagram site under the same name.

Regards
John

Ardentinny Village Hall Weekly News

Village Hall Management Team – Looking for Trustees

The Village Hall Management team requires more trustees to remain open. Hence there is a meeting on **Tuesday 19th August at 7pm** at the village hall for people to join as trustees.

The team will soon drop to only 3 trustees on the committee and the constitution requires 4. So once again we are asking if there is anyone who is willing to join the team to keep the hall open and available for those who use it regularly. Ideally someone who lives locally especially as at the moment 2 of the trustees do not.

This request is not just open to just one person, the more people who are involved then it is less work for those who are on the committee as the work can be shared.

Should there not be anyone willing to become a trustee, it will again become a situation whereby the hall would have to be sold.

Quiz Night Saturday 9th August Village Hall

The quiz will be hosted by Stuart Gray, on Films, television and Music. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Bring your own drinks and snacks.

If anyone would like to run a quiz in September or in the future, please get in touch with the Hall Management Team

ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com

Weekly Groups	Ardentinny Village Hall	
Village hall membership information	Monday	Tuesday
Membership £12 per year	Ukulele/Music group	Ladies Badminton

<p>from 1st April each year Pay directly into the hall account with the details below. Please write the first line of your address as the reference and email your name and the name of anyone else you are paying for including the reference that this has been done to: ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com Ardentinny Hall Association A/c: 00123850 Sort: 80-13-46</p>	<p>Please join us on from 17.30-19.30. Following our successful live debut at the bowling club, we are currently running a beginner session. All abilities welcome, spare instruments available. £3 per session, tea/coffee included. Email :- ardentinny.ukulele@gmail.com for further info.</p>	<p>10.30 am – 12.30pm £3 per person. Contact for more info- Anne Wood 07894 274422</p>
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Hobbies 7pm – 9pm All welcome for a chat and a cuppa and friendly help with your knitting/ crochet/ quilting etc. Anyone who has a hobby or would just like to drop in and meet people, please call in. Contact Margo Hendry 01369 810262 £3 per person.</p>	<p>Tai-Chi Heavenly Mountain Gate Tai-Chi Chuan (Yang Tradition) 6.30pm – 7.30pm £5 per person Contact Bryan on 07813 374879 for new enquiries.</p>	