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Tarff Trading – Hardware Store

We thought it might be useful to explain a bit more about the Community Company's purchase of the Hardware Store. The Community Company bought the Girvans building back in January, in order to retain the hardware store as a facility for the community. As a charity there are rules we have to abide by. So, the Tarff Trading business has been set up as a trading subsidiary which pays rent to the Company and has to cover its own costs.



We were delighted to welcome Donna Smith as the Manager in early March. She joined John and Nigel, together we think they make a great team.

We are currently looking at all the suggestions you have made to see what new products we can offer. The first of these new ranges is the pet food. The most popular so far has been the chicken food which sold out in a week! We are also looking at the possibility of dispensers for you to fill up your own containers with dried foods like oats. There have been other ideas which we are still assessing to see if we can incorporate those, so watch this space!

Grants awarded

Since the last issue of Ness News, the following grants have been awarded:

- Moira MacDonald £576 for a family activity day at Old Convent Woods
- Deirdre MacKinnon £581 for 2 trail cameras to record wildlife in Old Convent woods
- Jackie Buckley £933 to create an edible community garden in Invermoriston
- Kilchuimen Primary Parent Council £7638 for trips, set up games club and play equipment
- Glenmoriston Improvement Group £9173 towards playground equipment
- Fort Augustus Golf Club £23066 for lawn maintenance equipment
- 3 Glens Community Care £349 to pay for volunteer training for Telford Minibus



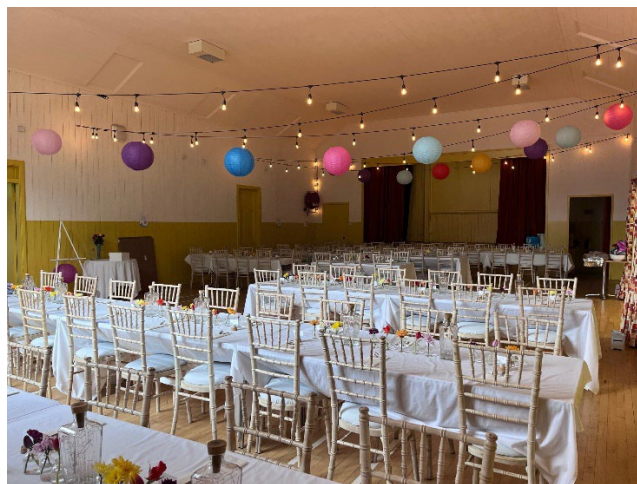
You can apply for a grant at any time, and it will be assessed at the first possible opportunity. The forms have all been simplified but do get in touch if you need any help.

Update on Glentarff House & Memorial Hall

Both of these properties are currently going through the process required when doing a community asset transfer. We are hopeful that both will be successful but have to be patient and let the process take its course. We hope to have some more news for the next Ness News

Village Hall

It has been a really busy few months in the Village Hall. There are very few days now when the hall is not in use mid-week. We have a whole host of different exercise classes and the Youth Club have started back again as well. Weekends are often available though. We were delighted to host our first wedding since pre-covid last month. You can see from the photographs what a great space it makes for parties.



If you would like to book, please do get in touch.

Old Convent Land



You will have noticed that the Community Caretakers have been doing some clearing to reduce the amount of overgrown rhododendrons and other scrub. If left alone they will tend to take over!

The really exciting news is that the Community Company has received funding from FERN to appoint a Development Officer to work with the community in developing the land. We want to make it a more useful space for all. Ideas suggested to date have been for a community garden, a workshop/craft space, outdoor nursery and trim trail. Look out for invitations in the future to be part of the development of this lovely area.