



NEWSLETTER – February/March 2026

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new Craigrothie Village Hall era. We are pleased to share a wealth of information, which we hope you will find useful. First and foremost, we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our supporters within the community.

[Hall Reopening Plans](#)

We are excited to announce that the Hall will re-open on 1st May 2026.

[2025-2026 Village Hall Committee](#)

Your current committee members are:

Amy Rose-Henderson – Chair, Kenny MacLeod – Vice Chair, Vacancy – Interim Treasurer
Arlene MacLeod – Secretary, Roger Ferguson, Pat Garden, Fiona Gough, Wendy Jack, Neil Martin, Sheila Martin, Hugh Stewart, Moira Williamson, Jack Williamson & Susie Whitten

[Community Involvement](#)

To ensure the Hall serves as a space for resilience response, business use, meetings, community events, sports, dance, crafts, music events, and the return of previous hall users—including collaboration with the village school and other partners—we need input from the community. If you would like to contribute, please speak to one of the committee members or post the attached Note of Interest form (Appendix A) through the Hall's letterbox.

[Hall Refurbishment Update](#)

The major refurbishment works are nearing completion. Improvements include the removal of asbestos, installation of internal and ceiling insulation, a new pitched roof, a new insulated flat roof, infilling of the stage area, three new self-contained toilets, a disability access toilet, and a new kitchen. The hall has been completely rewired, with many new features such as a fire alarm system and upgraded electrics, enabling spaces to be used flexibly. Environmental upgrades have been made to promote sustainability and reduce costs, ensuring the hall's longevity.

A primary goal of the refurbishment was to enhance the hall's function as a community resource and resilience centre during local crises, given it is the sole community space in both Craigrothie and Chance Inn.

Solar panels have been installed on both sides of the pitched roof, and batteries have been added to allow off-grid operation during power outages. The hall now benefits from renewable, sustainable air-sourced heating.

To maximise light and flexibility, three sets of folding doors will be fitted, allowing varied use of the hall's spaces.

Upcoming Events

Our reopening date is 1 May 2026, with a Formal Opening by The Fife Lord Lieutenant scheduled for Saturday 9th May. We hope to host separate daytime and evening community events on that day, so please keep the date free. The hall will also serve as the local polling station on Thursday 7 May.

Volunteer Request

As we approach the reopening, we seek volunteers to assist with organising the kitchen, painting, and preparing the hall for future users. The outdoor area adjacent to the hall would also benefit from a landscaping makeover, and we welcome volunteers to lead or assist in this project.

100 Club

The 100 Club, our established fundraising community lottery, will restart on 1 April 2026. The annual amount is being increased to £18 from £12, with the prize money also being increased. Further information can be found on the 100 Club application form, which will be delivered separately. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Bookings and Hire Rates

To remain a viable and vibrant community facility, the hall must be self-funding. Previous users are invited to view the improved facilities, and we are eager to welcome new users as well. More details will soon be available on our website <https://craigrothie.org>. The provisional regular user hourly rates are as follows:

Main Hall – **£20 per hour** & Small Room – **£15 per hour**

Both rates include use of the kitchen for teas and coffees. There are other day rates and options which will be published on our website in due course. If you wish to view the facilities or book a room from 1 May 2026, please contact us at bookings.craigrothiehall@outlook.com.

Community Events

The committee invites suggestions from community members for events such as Tabletop sales, Whist nights, Dances, and other ideas to maximise the hall's reach, especially to those who are isolated or in need of a social space.

Community Café (Drop-in Tuesday)

The much-missed monthly Community Café will return on Tuesday 5 May and will be held on the first Tuesday of each month thereafter. There may be openings in April if refurbishment is completed ahead of schedule, so keep an eye on the noticeboards. Fiona Gough is leading this initiative; if you'd like to help or have ideas for delivering the event, please contact her.

We are looking forward to re-opening and hope to see you all soon at the Hall.

APPENDIX A - Note Of Interest – Craigrothie Village Hall

I would like to find out more about/help with (Insert your enquiry here)

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CLEANING

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OTHER (State area of Interest)

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Telephone Number/Email address: