



# **Lumphanan Hall Association Trustees' Annual Report**

Period From 31/10/24 to 31/10/25



## Charity contact information



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### **Charity Trustees**

Name all of your charity trustees for the period, and the date they left if they were not in post for the whole year

1. Mark Anderson
2. Kirsten Ellis
3. Eoghain Fiddes
4. Silvia Fiddes Oritz Perea
5. Linda Gray
6. Sarah Gray
7. Craig Revie
8. Jonathan Sim
9. Eric Smith

## **Objectives and activities**

Lumphanan Hall Association (LHA) was established in 2024 in response to concerns from the local community regarding difficulties in booking Lumphanan Hall and Aberdeenshire Council's plans to divest the asset due to ongoing financial pressures. Following discussions with Aberdeenshire Council and LiveLife Aberdeenshire, it became clear that community ownership of the hall was necessary to ensure its continued availability and development as a vital resource for local residents.

Our goal is to maintain the hall as a vibrant, inclusive, and well used space that serves the needs of the entire community.

Over the last 125 years, Lumphanan Hall has served as a vital hub for the community, hosting a wide variety of events and activities. It remains central to village life, providing a gathering place for events.

We are committed to making the hall a well-used and valued resource that enriches the lives of those in our village.

## Structure, governance and management

### Type of governing document

Our constitution sets out our purpose, and the structure of our charity and describes how it will operate. Our trustees will ensure that the charity complies with this governing document.

### Trustee recruitment and appointment

This year we sought volunteers who were willing to be trustees. There was no official recruitment process. No external organisations are allowed to appoint charity trustees.

We have a diverse board of trustees with a real mix of skills and experience.



## **Achievements and performance**

We have facilitated use of the Hall within the limited parameters allowed by Aberdeenshire Council, hosting a community engagement pop-up café, film nights for our younger residents and a very successful Hogmanay Ceilidh.



We look forward to many more successful community events and a wider use of our Hall.

## **Financial review**

Please see Treasure's report.

### **Statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

We do not currently hold any reserves as we are not yet in a position to run the Hall as we would wish. We are currently in the process of completing our Community Asset Transfer request after waiting for Aberdeenshire Council to complete works on the building before we take it on.

### **Details of any deficit**

We do not have any deficit.

### **Donated facilities and services**

We do not have any donated facilities or services at this point.

## Future plans

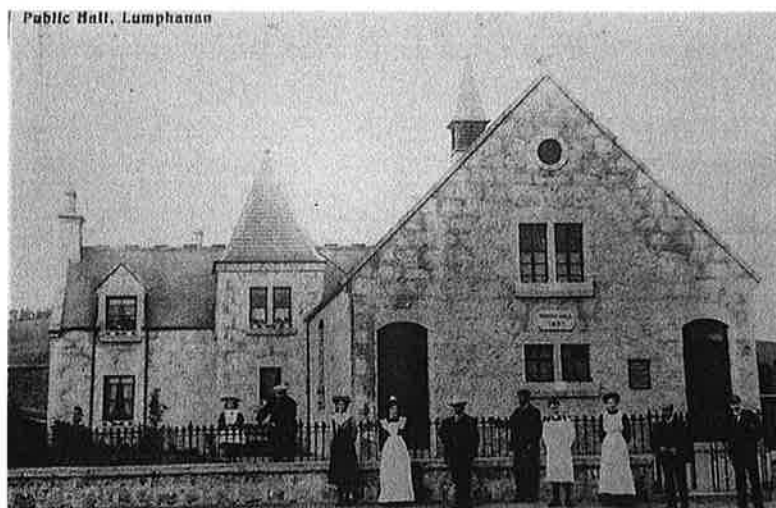
Our plan is to submit our Community Asset Transfer and, once the legal processes have been completed, take on the running of the Hall.

We want to reinstate our local Hall as a focal point for our community to foster positive and healthy relationships and opportunities for all members of our community.

In the short term, we will need to apply to Funds and for Grants while also carrying out some fundraising activities to support our work.

## Additional information

Built in 1897 by the Parish Council for the use of its parishioners, Lumphanan Hall has been a cornerstone of the community for over a century, and the hall's historic roots are a source of pride for local residents. We have even discovered a press article from 1898, detailing the opening ceremony, along with a photo of the hall in its original state. The article describes the hall as "an unpretentious but very substantial, comfortable and commodious structure capable of accommodating 400 to 500 people." Designed by Mr. George Spark, a local Parish Council clerk, and constructed by local tradespeople, the hall has always been a community-built resource, and its history is deeply intertwined with the village.





## Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

S. Gray

Print name

SARAH GRAY

Designation

CHAIRPERSON

Date

04.03.26

