



# Kirkcowan Community Development Trust Newsletter - Winter/Spring 2026

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**Welcome to the latest Kirkcowan Community Development Trust Newsletter.** This is our first digital edition of the Newsletter\* and it sees us moving into 2026 seeking new directors and promoting the funds we have available.

Our community continues to benefit from funds made available to us by ScottishPower Renewables Kilgallioch Windfarm, RES Glenchamber Wind Farm, and Velocita Airies Fell Wind Farm. and Balmurrie Fell Wind Farm. We thank them for this generous support.

**Happy New Year and all the very best for 2026**

*The Kirkcowan Community Development Trust Directors*

## We are looking for new directors!



KCDT receives over £250k annually in community benefit funds to support community projects that benefit Kirkcowan. It is governed by a voluntary board of up to six directors. Our AGM will take place on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February from 7pm to 8.30pm at Kirkcowan Village Hall. We are seeking nominations for five new directors to join our board.

**Could you help decide on awards and shape the Trust's future?  
You don't need any specialist skills - anyone over 16 who wants the  
best for Kirkcowan and lives, works or volunteers here can  
become a director of KCDT.**

For more information contact  
[sam@foundationscotland.org.uk](mailto:sam@foundationscotland.org.uk) or go to  
<https://kcdt.uk/membership/>

## Are you thinking about undertaking a course? Do you need help to gain a license or certificate?

Grants are available for people aged 16+ living in Kirkcowan to access education and training opportunities. Funding can be used for laptops, travel or accommodation costs, course fees, tools or equipment.

Whether you are leaving school, at college or uni, doing an apprenticeship, mid-career, or retraining - this fund is for you. No deadlines - apply at any time.

**Go to the Foundation Scotland website [www.foundationscotland.org.uk](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk) for more information or  
contact [grants@foundationscotland.org.uk](mailto:grants@foundationscotland.org.uk)**

## Update on Winter Fuel Grants



**Two hundred and sixty two households have already claimed their 2025 winter fuel grant of £250. That's £65,250 spent to help the residents of Kirkcowan pay their electricity bills.**

There's still time to claim your grant if you have not already done so. You should have received an email or a letter detailing how to do this. If not call Rosie at Foundation Scotland on 0131 524 0338 for an application form.

Applications close on **31<sup>st</sup> January 2026** so do put in your claim asap to make sure you don't miss out.

## Spotlight - Kirkcowan Autumn Club

The Kirkcowan Autumn Club held our Christmas Lunch on 17th December. 26 members thoroughly enjoyed the excellent meal provided courtesy of Caroline's Catering.

The event was made possible thanks to part funding by the Kirkcowan Community Development Trust and the Kirkcowan Community Council. We would like to thank both of these organisations for their generosity.

The Autumn Club meets on Wednesday's at 2pm. Although, aimed primarily at the over 60's, we welcome all ages. So, if you fancy coming along to have a cuppa, cake and a chat, we would love to meet you.



## Does your community group need funding for projects this year?

If so, we want to hear from you! Here's a reminder of some of what the Kirkcowan Community Benefit Funds can support:

- Equipment for community groups
- Community events, festivals, and trips
- Activity-based environmental schemes

You can find information on what is eligible and how to apply by visiting the KCDT website, ([www.kcdt.uk](http://www.kcdt.uk)) or head straight to [www.foundationscotland.org.uk](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk) and search for Kirkcowan Community Fund to read the criteria and start your application.



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