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Finderne Development Trust






# COMMUNITY FACILITIES QUESTIONNAIRE

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# WHAT ARE WE ABOUT?

Finderne Development Trust (FDT) was established in 2018 to benefit the geographic community of Finderne.[1]




Development Trusts such as FDT are organisations which 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.
- Actively involved in partnerships and alliances between the community, voluntary, private, and public sectors.

Anyone who is aged 18 or over and is a resident of Finderne who supports the objectives of the FDT can become an Ordinary Member of the Trust, and the membership of the Trust then elect a voluntary Board of Directors who oversee FDT's projects. Further details on how to become a member are available on our website.

[1] Finderne covers a wide geographical area to the south of Forres encompassing (in alpha order) Altyre, Blairs, Blervie, Braemoray, Brodieshill, Burgie, Cathay, Dunphail, Easter Lawrenceton, Edinkillie, Glenerney, Logie, Rafford and Relugas.

# CHECKING IN WITH OUR COMMUNITY – WHAT IS THE REASON FOR THIS QUESTIONNAIRE?

Working in partnership with the committees of all the existing community spaces within Finderne, FDT are circulating this questionnaire to gather information on which community facilities, activities, and services, including community transport, the community wishes FDT to help develop in the current and the post pandemic period. Had it not been for the pandemic we would have planned to consult on the issue of community spaces much sooner.

The Covid19 pandemic has had a huge impact on all our lives, on the way we do things, and possibly also on our priorities in life, and for our community. It was really inspiring to see the community spirit which emerged within Finderne during the early days of lockdown.

As we begin to move out of the pandemic the volunteer Directors of FDT, who are also members of the community, are keen to build on and strengthen the community spirit within Finderne in a way which continues to be underpinned by the Trust's values and principles.

For the purposes of this questionnaire, the Board of FDT would like to take this opportunity to check in with all Finderne residents about **two** specific areas:

a) **firstly, to seek your views about whether there is a need for a new community hub of some sort within the Finderne area, and secondly,**
b) **to seek your views about whether there is a need for some form of community transport provision with the Finderne area.**

**Can you please complete and return this questionnaire on behalf of your household. An online version of this questionnaire is also available on our website.**

If you wish to request additional paper copies, or if you have any questions about this survey, please contact our Project Co-ordinator Kerry McInnes at kerry@findernedevelopmenttrust.com M: 07984 888312

The answers given within this questionnaire will be held in confidence and will help the Directors update the Trust's Strategic and Operational Plans for the coming period.

**Please complete and return the survey by Wednesday 16th March. We will post the outcome of this community consultation on our website and will also be happy to send out a paper copy of the survey report on request.**

# ABOUT YOUR HOUSEHOLD

**Q 1** **Please provide your home postcode:**

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**Q 2** **Which of the following settlements in Finderne do you most identify with?**
(Please tick the relevant box)

| | |
|---|---|
| Altyre | |
| Blairs | |
| Blervie | |
| Braemoray | |
| Brodieshill | |
| Burgie | |
| Cathay | |
| Dunphail | |
| Easter Lawrenceton | |
| Edinkillie | |
| Glenerney | |
| Logie | |
| Rafford | |
| Relugas | |

**Q 3** **Which ages are represented in your household?**
(Please, tick all relevant boxes)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| < 16 | | 56-65 | |
| 16-25 | | 66-75 | |
| 26-35 | | 76-85 | |
| 36-45 | | Over 85 years | |
| 46-55 | | | |

**Q 4** **What is the employment status of those in your household?**
(Please tick all boxes that apply)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Self-employed | | Retired | |
| Employed full time | | Full time education or further Study | |
| Employed part time | | | |
| Unemployed | | Carer/homemaker | |
| Other – please note | | Volunteer | |

**Q 5** **What are the current transport options for your household?**
(Please tick all boxes that apply)

| | |
|---|---|
| Own vehicle | |
| Shared access to a vehcile | |
| Reliant on lifts from others | |
| Own bicycle/e-bicycle | |
| Able to borrow a bicycle/e-bicycle occasionally | |
| Interested in being able to borrow a bicycle | |
| Interested in being able to borrow an e-bicycle | |
| Currently use the Dial M for Moray bus service on occasion | |
| Current member of Moray Carshare | |
| Interested in being a member of a community transport project | |
| Other – please note | |

**Q 6** **Would you like Finderne Development Trust to investigate setting up a community transport scheme?**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Yes | | No | |

**Q 7** **Would you be willing to volunteer to offer lifts to other community members occasionally (with all relevant CV19 mitigations considered at the time)?**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Yes | | No | |

# CURRENT COMMUNITY HUB PROPOSAL – A CHANCE TO TAKE STOCK

To date, the direction of travel for FDT has been towards consideration of a project to develop a new build 'community hub' type facility for Finderne.

Post lockdown however, the Directors of FDT would like to take stock.

Working in partnership with the committees/trustees/owners of all the existing community spaces within Finderne, we would like to invite you to consider the pros and cons of the community being supported by FDT to make improved use of all the existing community spaces within the Finderne area, versus the consideration of a new build option.

It could be possible, for example, for the Trust to promote the improved use of all the existing community spaces within Finderne, by developing complementary forms of community support such as:

- The provision of some form of community transport within Finderne on a permanent basis, and/or
- The development of FDT's existing volunteer group to offer car sharing to enable a wide range of community members to be able to access/ participate in events currently available within community buildings and/or
- FDT helping to advertise, promote and co-ordinate all community events as widely as possible within Finderne as well as working in partnership with Trustees of all existing community spaces to identify opportunities to offer new activities, events, and performances.





# SPECIFIC LOCAL BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES WITHIN FINDERNE

In the Finderne area we are lucky to have two community halls, Rafford Village Hall and Edinkillie Hall, the newly restored Boathouse Bothy & Stable Room at Loch of Blairs created by Friends of Blairs Loch (SCIO), Rafford Church Hall, the newly restored Clubroom at Altyre Estate, the Long Room at Logie Steading and the Ting Hoose venue at Marcassie Farm.

Quite a choice within our community!

Please note below what you value about the community run spaces AND give your ideas about how you think each building could be improved and used to its full potential.



**RAFFORD VILLAGE HALL**



**EDINKILLIE HALL**



**BOATHOUSE BOTHY & STABLE ROOM AT LOCH OF BLAIRS**



**RAFFORD CHURCH HALL**

## RAFFORD VILLAGE HALL



The hall has a large function room which can host approximately 80 people for dancing and up to 100 for seated events. There is a small stage area and a fully equipped kitchen with oven, microwave, water boiler, fridge, and dishwasher.
https://mfcha.org/members/rafford-village-hall/

**Q 8** **What do you like/value about Rafford Village Hall?**

**Q 9** **How would you like to see Rafford Village Hall improved/developed i.e., is there anything that would make you more likely to use this space?**

**Q 10** **Are there any specific activities that you would be interested to take part in if they were available at Rafford Village Hall?**

**Q 11** **How often do members of your household currently use the facilities at Rafford Village Hall?**
(Please tick the box which best applies)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Never | | Infrequently | |
| Very infrequently | | Frequently | |

## EDINKILLIE HALL

Edinkillie Hall has a large hall with stage, separate small hall, kitchen, and toilets. https://mfcha.org/members/edinkillie-community-hall/



**Q 12** **What do you like/value about Edinkillie Hall?**

**Q 13** **How would you like to see Edinkillie Hall improved/developed i.e., is there anything that would make you more likely to use this space?**

**Q 14** **Are there any specific activities that you would be interested to take part in if they were available at Edinkillie Hall?**

**Q 15** **How often do members of your household currently use the facilities at Edinkillie Hall?**
(Please tick the box which best applies)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Never | | Infrequently | |
| Very infrequently | | Frequently | |

## BOATHOUSE BOTHY & STABLE ROOM AT LOCH OF BLAIRS

"The Bothy" can accommodate groups of up to 18 and can serve as a classroom or meeting space. The Stable room sits alongside the Loch of Blairs Boathouse and comfortably accommodates groups of 30 sitting at tables, or 50 in a theatre style layout. The Stable can be booked for hire separately or with exclusive access to both the stable and the adjacent Bothy. Whichever is the case, toilet facilities (including disabled access) are provided in the Boot Room next door. https://blairsloch.com/



**Q 16** **What do you like/value about the Boathouse Bothy & Stable Room at Loch of Blairs?**

**Q 17** **How would you like to see the Boathouse Bothy & Stable Room improved/developed i.e., is there anything that would make you more likely to use this space?**

**Q 18** **Are there any specific activities that you would be interested to take part in if they were available at the Boathouse Bothy & Stable Room?**

**Q 19** **How often do members of your household currently use the facilities at the Boathouse Bothy & Stable Room?**
(Please tick the box which best applies)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Never | | Infrequently | |
| Very infrequently | | Frequently | |

## RAFFORD CHURCH HALL

Rafford Church Hall is a medium sized space which can seat approximately 50 persons. There is also an adjacent kitchen area and toilet.



**Q 20** **What do you like/value about Rafford Church Hall?**

**Q 21** **How would you like to see Rafford Church Hall improved/developed i.e., is there anything that would make you more likely to use this space?**

**Q 22** **Are there any specific activities that you would be interested to take part in if they were available at Rafford Church Hall?**

**Q 23** **How often do members of your household currently use the facilities at Rafford Church Hall?**
(Please tick the box which best applies)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Never | | Infrequently | |
| Very infrequently | | Frequently | |

And finally, although not community-run, the following three venues are also available for the community to use in Finderne:



**THE TING HOOSE AT MARCASSIE FARM**

The Ting Hoose is a fully equipped purpose-built venue for group bookings for training courses etc. with a kitchen-dining room at one end and a multi-purpose meeting room at the other, both of which can accommodate up up to 20 people seated, and toilets and cloakroom in the middle. The building is fully accessible.
www.marcassiefarmlodges.com/venue



**THE CLUBROOM ALTYRE**

The Clubroom is located near the Glasgow School of Art building on Altyre Estate. Recently refurbished The Clubroom has two large rooms, the larger one being upstairs, while the kitchen with more seating and the two toilets are on the ground floor. No disabled access. For information contact Lindsay Gale: 07493 937391




**THE LONG ROOM AT LOGIE STEADING**

The Long Room seats approximately 40 in rows, or 15 for a meeting. It has a mini kitchen, and toilet and is wheelchair accessible.
https://www.logie.co.uk/steading-2/the-long-room/

# POSSIBLE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

**Q 24** **Are there any activities/facilities/services - in sport, health and wellbeing, the arts, or workspaces for example - you would like to see available within the Finderne area that could not be delivered within the seven existing facilities noted above?**
Please note below.

**Q 25** **After consideration of all the above points do you feel that there still might be a need for an additional new community hub building within the Finderne area?**

| Yes | | No | |
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**Q 26** **Please note any further feedback comments below:**

We are carrying out this community engagement as part of our 'Connecting Finderne' project which is funded by the Scottish Communities Recovery Fund via HIE. More information about the other activities taking place within this project can be found on our website.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact our '**Connecting Finderne**' Project Co-ordinator Kerry McInnes M: 07984 888312 kerry@findernedevelopmenttrust.com.

We will post the outcome of this community consultation on our website in due course and will be happy to send out a paper copy on request.

Thank you for taking the time to complete and return this questionnaire – it is very much appreciated!

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