

Portgordon POST



Autumn 2023 edition

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OPEN DAY

Saturday 30th September 2023

1-4pm

Check out all the improvements
made in your community over
the last year

Visit the

COMMUNITY GARDEN
By the harbour

The Richmond Building

Portgordon's New Community Hub

The Village Hall

and the

Recently
refurbished

NEW

Lampie Hoose Café

Opening soon

Come and enjoy a cup of Tea, Coffee - or Juice and a cake

Why not bring along a picnic or a BBQ on the green!

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Portgordon Trust Chairman Retires

A leading light and founding member of Portgordon Community Trust, Colin Hanover, who has served the Trust as a Director and its Vice Chairman and Chairman since it was first formed in 2021, has recently announced his retirement from the Board.



Colin first joined Portgordon Community Harbour Group (PCHG) in 2014 soon after he and his wife Karen moved to the village. He was made a Director of Portgordon Community Harbour Group Ltd later in 2014 and served as Vice Chairman for a period before being appointed Chairman in 2016, a position he held for 3 years.

Colin also served as one of the Portgordon Representative's on Lennox Community Council, also holding the post of Chairman of

the Community Council for a period.

Colin's volunteering efforts did not stop there. Colin was, until recently, on the Portgordon Village Hall Committee, serving as its Vice Chairman. He also served on the Committee of the Portgordon Post and has been the Editor of the Post for many years.

He also acted as our MC (Master of Ceremonies) at many events and concerts in the Village Hall and has been our resident Quiz Master for many years.

With the knowledge gained from his involvement in several of the local Groups in the village, Colin shared a vision with others to combine forces in order to better coordinate activities and pull our resources together. Through Colin's efforts and determination, the Portgordon Alliance was formed, this was later to evolve into what has become Portgordon Community Trust Limited.

After many years serving his community, Colin has decided to devote more time to his family and friends and his many hobbies and interests.....but we are hopeful that on occasions we can still persuade him to compile and host the odd Quiz Night or two.

Derek Murray has recently taken over Colin's position as Chairman of the Trust with Sonia Lawrance and Rainer Herbert being appointed Co-Vice Chair's.

On behalf of the Trust, Derek said that 'the village owe a huge debt of gratitude to Colin for all his hard work over many years. There is no doubt that the Trust would never have come together without Colin's clear vision, determination, and leadership. The Trust has taken huge strides since it was formed just 2 years ago with significant improvement to facilities in the village. Colin's retirement from the Board of PCT will be a huge loss to the Trust, but we wish him all the very best for the future'.

The Lampie Hoose Café

On October 2nd, we will be opening a brand new Community Café right here in Portgordon. This initiative as voiced by the community in the 2017 Planning for Real, is a labour of love, as it will be entirely run by volunteers.

Our Community Café will be more than just a place to grab a cup of coffee or a delicious homemade treat. It's a warm and inviting space where folks can come together, share stories, and build meaningful connections. Whether you're looking for a cosy spot to catch up with friends, a quick snack during your lunch break, or a friendly face to chat with, our café will be just the place.

Mark your calendars for October 2nd and join us in celebrating the first day of our Community Café. This is an opportunity to not only enjoy some delicious treats but also to show your support for the amazing volunteers who are working to make this café a reality.

Our new café will be open on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. See you on October 2nd at 10:00 AM! at The Lampie Hoose Café, 19 West High Street.

If you're interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Michelle Good on 07399 031253 or by email michelle.good@portgordon-ct.org



Portgordon Community Garden



The Community Gardeners have been very busy over the summer months. Most of our ventures have been successful and we are continually learning about how to manage the garden environment.

Like all gardeners, this year we have been challenged by hot and wet weather conditions. We grew almost all our plants from seed and have been developing new areas of garden for growing.

The tattie bed and the brassica enclosure have been valuable additions. The netting on the brassica enclosure has kept our cabbages and cauliflowers pest free. The barrel tubs around the

garden have been refurbished and we will be painting the raised beds and woodwork around the polytunnels.

The donation monies from our visitors are invaluable, funding the compost to allow us to continue to keep growing food and flowers for our village, as well as supporting new equipment and development. Visitors are encouraged to pick their own produce for a donation.

The polytunnels are usually open by 10am and closed around 6pm but are sometimes open later on warmer days.



Our future plans include growing an increased number of flowers as well as increasing the variety of vegetables and improving on our growing techniques.

The gardeners are always open to ideas of what villagers would like to see growing in the garden, however unusual it might be.

We will have a limited selection of plants available for sale on our Open Day on 30th September 2023. The volunteers will also be around to share information about the garden and our plans for the future.

If you have any small pots, you are throwing away please could you consider donating them to the community garden.

The Community Garden Group thanks all the volunteers who have been working in the garden and have contributed to the success of the area. There is always a need for new volunteers, to share knowledge, sow seeds, pot up small seedlings, general gardening work such as weeding, watering, and opening, and closing the polytunnels on a rota.

We love to see people visiting the Portgordon Community Garden, please feel free to come and have a look around or just pop in past for a blether.

Light Up Portgordon

Excitement is in the air in our lovely village of Portgordon. With lots of Christmas events on this year we wanted to let you know what the "light up Portgordon" team have been working on for you.

With the support of the local retiring Portgordon Fireworks team we managed to purchase six lamppost mounted Christmas lights and we are working closely with Andrew Murray electricians and Moray council and hope to have them installed for December.



But we are not quite there yet. We need you! Unfortunately, these things don't come cheap, so if you're able to support by making a small donation or help with any of the setup, by volunteering your time or skillset please contact Laura Wailes- 07875124192 or email Laura@loveandkindwishes.co.uk and please don't forget to follow/like/share and spread the news on Facebook.

If you would like to know more, please come and see us at the open day run by the Portgordon Community Trust, on the 30th of September from 1-4pm. We will be in the Village Hall.

Village Hall Update

As many of you will know we have made huge strides in renovating and improving our Village Hall over the last year or so. The removal of the old harling has exposed the original sandstone and hugely improved the aesthetic appearance of the building. Our new toilets, including the installation of a disabled toilet has been seen as a welcome addition, allowing access to a wider audience. The hall has also benefitted from an electrical upgrade and the external walls have been internally insulated.



Our outdated, inefficient and hugely expensive heating system has been made redundant and we have installed air-to-air source heat pumps. The new heat pumps utilise clean and renewable energy, drawing warmth from the outdoor air and transferring it into the building's interior during colder months. In the summer, they work in reverse to provide efficient air conditioning.

The Village Hall will be selling off surplus stock during the open day so come and grab yourself a bargain.

Let's see everyone in the village supporting this fantastic asset. If you would like to see any specific activities or groups being run, please let us know by speaking initially to our development officer Michelle Good who is based upstairs in the Richmond Building.

Financial Support

There is financial support for families resident in Portgordon who have been impacted by the cost of living crisis. Please make initial enquiries to our Community Development officer, Michelle Good on 07399 031253 or by email michelle.good@portgordon-ct.org. All enquiries will be dealt with confidentially.

Dates For Your Diary

Friday 22nd September at 7:30pm at Portgordon Village Hall

Arthur Coates & Kerran Cotterell - Tickets £10, under 18's £7. Tickets can be booked via the website, <https://neatshows.co.uk/all-events/> or buy at the door.

Saturday, 30th September – Portgordon Open Day, 1 till 4pm

Visit the Community Garden, the Lampie Hoose Café, The Harbour Cottage, Light up Portgordon and the Village Hall to see what's been happening over the last year.

Saturday, 30th September – Bowling Green end of Season Fun Day – starts at 2.00pm

Thursday, 9th November at 7.30pm at Portgordon Village Hall

Desert Island Flicks, Tickets £10, under 18's £7. Tickets can be booked via the website, <https://neatshows.co.uk/all-events/> or buy at the door.

Saturday, 18th November - Buckie Christmas Kracker



Saturday, 2nd December – 11am – 3.00pm Portgordon Christmas Market at the Village Hall

If you are a crafter, book a table by contacting Maryelles1@yahoo.com

A great chance to start your Christmas Shopping with unique hand crafted items, raffles and so much more

Refreshments will be available at the Lampie Hoose Cafe

Friday, 8th December at 7.30pm at Portgordon Village Hall

A Candlelit Christmas. Tickets £10, under 18's £7. Tickets can be booked via the website, <https://neatshows.co.uk/all-events/> or buy at the door.

A feel-good Christmas show of singalong carols and popular songs, Elsa and Gary return to Portgordon and lead you through well-known songs of Christmas past and present. Just bring yourselves, friends, family, and Christmas cheer.

Portgordon Stitchers

Meet every Thursday in the Village Hall from 1-3pm. Take along your own project. £3 weekly charge. New members welcome

Portgordon Community Church

Meets every Sunday in the Village Hall at 11.00am. Newcomers will be made very welcome.