

Public Hall Update to LCC Meeting 12/09/26

The Steering group met on 25th August.

Key points from the meeting:

- Elaine Brotherstone joined the group as LCDD link person
- Three members of the group have compiled a “wish list” of what upgrades are required in the hall. They are now going to prioritise the list and circulate to the group. The meeting room is an area we have asked to be prioritised to increase income and for use during our Winter Warmers
- Discussions around maintenance responsibilities are ongoing and Sarah Culver is organising a meeting with SBC LIVE Borders and Susan and Anee to discuss further.
- The issue around accurate accounts for 2025-26 is ongoing. Anne produced a timeline of our communications with LIVE Borders on the issue. Susan and Anne have since submitted an email to the chief executive expressing our concerns and copying in our elected representatives.
- A fund-raising quiz night in aid of hall funds will be held on 23rd October.
- Anne has submitted a bid for £5000 to the Neighbourhood fund to buy indoor bowling equipment.
- We are hoping to provide film nights and workshops over the winter.
- Marilyn is progressing funding bids for feasibility studies and condition reports through the LCDD

Christmas Market

We are organising a Christmas Market as a fundraiser and to showcase the hall. This will take place on the annual shopping night on 6th November and is supported by the traders. All 28 stalls have now been booked out. We will also run a bar on the night.

Winter Warmers

We have received an additional £500 in funding from the Duchess of Northumberland in addition to the £7200 from LAG. We now only need to raise a further £300 to reach our 10% share of the total cost of the project.

We have interviewed for and appointed a coordinator. We are delighted Carol Jeffrey has accepted the post.

We have a team of volunteers to help deliver the sessions

Our programme of speakers and workshops are confirmed up to the end of December.

We have printed posters and leaflets to promote the events which start on 20th October and will run weekly through to March. We are looking for volunteers to help do a letterbox at the end of Sept.