



The Edderton Newsletter

Christmas 2024

Community News

School News



A MASSIVE thank you to the children of Edderton Primary School and Maureen Simpson for a great Christmas Carol Concert. Additional thanks to Ewan Simpson for the lovely tree and the lights display, with special hat tips to Gary Urquhart and John Ross. Thank you to everyone for attending the Carol Concert, followed by the Christmas Craft Fayre - the stall holders all had amazing produce and it was a great success. Lastly thank you to the Edderton Hall Committee for organising it.



The Benefits of Smaller Schools for Young Children

When it comes to young children, the size of their class and their school can make a world of difference to their learning.

Small Classes: More Individual Attention: Teachers can spend more time with each child.

Stronger Relationships: Smaller groups foster closer bonds between students and teachers, promoting emotional growth and confidence.

Personalised Learning: With fewer students, teachers can tailor lessons to each child's unique needs.

Less Distraction: Smaller groups create a quieter, calmer environment, allowing children to focus better.

Why It Matters: For young children, early learning experiences shape their emotional, social, and academic future. Smaller class sizes allow for more nurturing and targeted growth, setting the foundation for success.

What next? Edderton Primary School, just a few miles from Tain is now accepting "Pupil Transfer Requests" and offers many of the benefits mentioned above.

Get in touch with us if you'd like to know more, or to find out about "wrap around" care options.

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Edderton Hall Update

THE Edderton Hall Committee would like to thank the community for supporting the hall for the past year.

In the past year there has been work going on behind the scenes to improve the hall inside and out. There is still outstanding work to be completed and this continues.

In this time, the Hall has hosted beetle drives, a craft fayre which raised £375 and even a Halloween disco which raised £132: all due to the amazing support of the community making these events a great success.

The Hall Committee are keen to continue to organise events for 2025, to make it even better than 2024!

But we would really like to hear what you as a community would like to see and attend in the hall. I.e. bingo, dances, badminton, hall open for a drop in for a cuppa and a chat, BBQs in the summer, organisations and clubs etc

We are aware that not everyone is on Facebook or the internet and we would like to hear your views also.

Everyone is more than welcome to attend the Edderton Hall Committee meetings or become a member!

Please also remember that the Hall is available to hire for private events and the Community Council has developed a grant to help establish new activities for the Hall too.

You can email the Hall Committee here:

EddertonCommunityHallSCIO@gmail.com

[OR ATTEND THE HALL AGM](#)

[MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER 19:00 AT THE HALL: ALL WELCOME](#)

Remembrance Sunday



THE Remembrance Sunday service this year fell on November 10th.

The service was expertly conducted once again by Michael Brown at the request of the Community Council. The service began at 10:45

The Village Hall Committee served tea and coffee in the hall afterwards, allowing people to mingle and chat out of the cold.



Christmas Is Coming— The Goose is Getting Fat

THE Senior Citizens dinner is normally held in January. If you are 60 or over, you are entitled to attend the Christmas dinner (date and venue to be arranged) if you do not attend the dinner you will receive a gift voucher.

All vouchers have been distributed now, but if you think you have been left out, please get in touch with Nikki.

Edderton Community Council Grants Available

Winter Fuel Deadline

THE Edderton Community Council have introduced a top up to help people in the village after the UK government cut the Winter Fuel Allowance. Each household with someone aged

60 and over is entitled to a £200 Edderton Fuel Rebate, and have until [31/12/2024](#) to claim.

Skill Seekers Grant Up To £300.00

THIS grant is available annually for anyone that doing some form of training/re-training, these include University costs, driving lessons, the list goes on...

Smoke Alarm Grant Up To £200.00

THIS grant is available to help with the costs of installing smoke alarms to the required Scottish Government legislation.

Energy Conservation Grant Up To £300.00

THIS grant is to help with the costs of installing insulation, double glazing and anything to help energy conservation.

NEW START UP GRANT AVAILABLE

A NEW grant is to try and encourage new groups to use the village hall to provide different activities for villagers has been launched. Setup grants of £300.00 available now.

For more information on any of these grants or a copy of the application form, please contact Nikki on eccsecretary@aol.com or 07483234172.

GARDENING CLUB



Meetings are held in Edderton Village Hall, at 7.30p.m. Everyone welcome.

Membership is £10 per person for the full season, £5 if joining after January 1st, and £3 per night for visitors (deducted from membership fee if you subsequently join). Members' benefits include discount at Scotsburn Garden Centre, Tain, and from Suttons Seeds.

For more information, please phone 01863 766061 or 01862 811381, or email pahannah@hotmail.com

3rd February—Gardening quiz night

3rd March—Speaker: Lydia McKay, "Seed sowing"

7th April—Speaker: Dave Brown, "Carnivorous plants"

5th May—Speaker: Gillian MacKenzie, with plants for sale and soft fruit growing tips.

Here for you

Below are your current Community Councillors, please contact one of them or you can attend our regular meetings, (first Wednesday of every month, 19:30, Village Hall):

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