

Durness Parish Hall SCIO (SC053248)

Report to Durness Community Council 13 April 2026

Heating system: for the first time in several years, the Hall has a new and fully functioning heating system.

Electricity: the newly installed solar panels will help reduce the Hall's electricity bills.

Building: we are woefully short of storage space and so are applying for funding to support a study of how the building could be used more efficiently and whether extending would be feasible.

Membership: the new membership scheme has been launched. It is open to residents of the Parish of Durness who are aged 16 and over. The fee is £10 and is payable annually in April. (Later joiners are welcome but the fee will not be adjusted.) Members can enjoy reduced hire rates; the right to vote at AGMs and stand for committee membership; the opportunity to support this valuable community asset and shape how it is used. Contact membership.durness@gmail.com for an application form or pick one up at the Hall. It will shortly also be available to download from the Hall's website <https://durnessvillagehall.weebly.com>

Forthcoming events: as is customary, as the days lengthen, some weekly events will now take a break until the autumn; Games Night will return for one last session on 21 April. However, Knit & Natter will continue throughout the year and Kids' Club and Parents & Tots will run until the summer holidays.

Charity Shop: we will be working to relaunch the Charity Shop within the next month, this time within the Hall. The new location will have the advantage of power, toilet and kitchen facilities which last year's building lacked. Look out for launch posters in due course.

Thank you for your support of the Hall.

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