



AULTBEA HALL REVIVAL!

August 2022 Update

There was fantastic support from the community for the Jubilee flotilla and street party on 4 June and the weather played its part in ensuring it was a truly memorable occasion. The generosity of everyone who came along also boosted the fund-raising kitty, sufficient for the Committee to give our local tradespeople the green light to start their work on the repairs and installations which will enable us to re-open the two storey section of the Hall. So, materials have been arriving, site meetings have been held to ensure coordination between the various work forces and those passing the door may well have seen the vans of electrician, joiner and plumber parked outside while the professionals are getting on with the jobs inside. Installing a regulation-compliant fire alarm and security system is also on the list of contracts awarded, as is negotiating the reconnection of water and electricity supplies. Thanks to Colin, the grass is being strimmed regularly and the thistles cut down, so the outside is looking much tidier, though we will all be delighted when we can take away the security fencing.

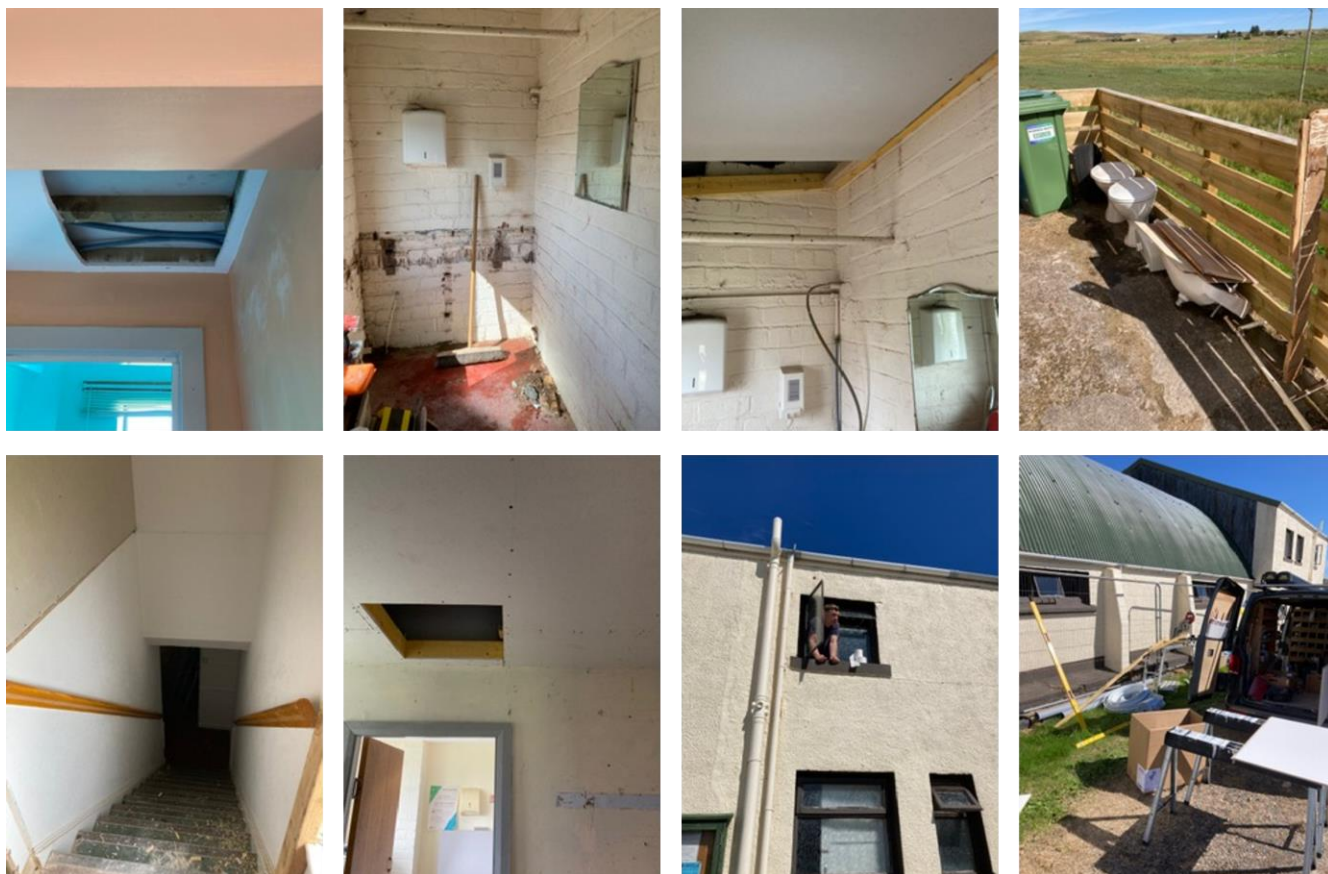
Of course, it all looks a bit of a mess inside at the moment, as pictures on our Facebook page (24 July) and below demonstrate. But once it's all finished and painted, (by the end of October is the aim), both kitchens, the toilets and meeting room will once again be available for use by the school, nursery and diverse groups from across the Aultbea area who have not had access to such indoor facilities for almost three years now.

Less exciting, but essential in moving forward, is the confirmation that we now have a new bank account to go with our new Aultbea Hall SCIO charity status. (It's taken months and added a few more stress lines to the foreheads of the trustees!) But that means we can now register for Gift Aid - an invaluable bonus from HMRC for every donation towards the Hall improvements, making every £ you give worth £1.25 (provided you pay enough tax for us to be able to make the claim!). Do contact us via aultbeahall2021@gmail.com if you'd like to know more about the different possibilities to support the Revival! Phase II (main Hall reopening) costs. The opportunity to run the BBQ again at the recent Aultbea Area Together's Boom Beach Car Boot event has given us a great starter towards the fund-raising for this and we will be applying for grants for community-based projects to help us on our way.

The sale of raffle tickets is also going well, and there's time to get some (more) before the big draw, via Facebook, on 30 September. We will, of course, let you know if you are the winner of one of our 70 (not 50 - they just kept coming in!) super prizes, even if you can't connect online at the time.

As always, there would be no progress to report without such a grand group of volunteers and supporters of the cause - we really appreciate your encouragement and enthusiasm for Aultbea Hall Revival!

Some progress photos during August 2022:



And some from July:

