



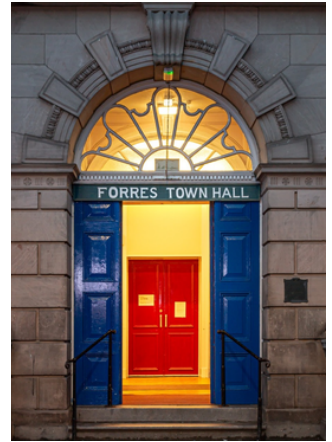
FACT



Monthly Newsletter - November 2022

When **FACT** reopened **Forres Town Hall** after the pandemic, we were a little concerned that groups might be reluctant to return as some people still felt a little anxious about being out in public. We are so pleased to see that many of our user groups have returned with gusto and that we even have new groups eager to book in as well.

The Town Hall is a very important part of the community in the Forres Area and for nearly 200 years it has been a meeting place, an education facility and social hub for the town and surrounding villages. We know that this facility is needed more than ever as we experience the cost of living rises, increased social isolation and more services going online everyday.



The plans for the redevelopment of Forres Town Hall are gathering pace and we now know that it will cost over £4.3 million to do everything that is needed to make the building fully accessible. **FACT** want to meet the needs of the community for the future, whilst also making the building a warm and efficient place to run.

In order to raise this money, **FACT** has submitted applications to the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund for £3 million (through Moray Council), the Berry Burn Community Fund, Scottish Community Landfill Fund and Architectural Heritage Fund. In addition to this we have a number of other applications in development to help us raise the remaining funds needed to make it happen.



FACT AGM: Friday 11th November

5.30 pm for 6.00 pm start at Forres Town Hall

A reminder to come and join us for the **FACT AGM.
Find out what has been happening, see our plans for
the future and meet the **FACT Board of Directors**
and the Staff. All are welcome.**

While you are at the AGM you can look at the plans for the
**Regeneration Project for
Forres Town Hall.**



FACT Membership

FACT is a Development Trust that is owned and run by the membership.

We welcome new members who live within the Forres Academy catchment area.

To join visit: <https://forresarea.org/the-trust/support-us/become-a-member/#>

FACT needs your help too! **You** can help us to raise the funds needed in all sorts of ways: you could help us to run fundraising events, spread the word with your contacts who may be able to help by looking for funding that can support this work or simply by making a donation to the **Regeneration Project**.

Soon we will be launching a specific fundraising initiative to help us reach our goal. In the meantime, if you can help or if you want to donate to the **Forres Town Hall Regeneration Project** please contact Debbie at debbie@forresarea.org or call 01309 674388

Winter Wonderland 2022

Get your thinking caps on, plan your design & get ready for the
FACT Winter Wonderland on Saturday 3rd December



Gingerbread House Competition

Festive Craft Stalls

Christmas Café

Cake Decorating Demonstrations

Raffle

10am - 4pm

**Prizes provided by Macleans Bakery
& Woodside Farm Shop, Kinloss**

Could you be our next Befriender?



Being a Befriender can help with your own Mental Health as well as making a **HUGE** difference to someone who is fed up with their own company.

#BefriendingWeek
1-7 November, 2022

FACT are looking for more Befrienders

We are **very grateful** for the Befrienders who are helping a wide range of people in the Forres Area ... we just need more!

A small amount of your time can make a vital difference with a phone call or if you pop round for a chat, or you could take someone to the shops or go for a walk.



If YOU can help then please email Frances:

frances@forresarea.org



Our **FREE** weekly Forres Online Drop-ins

Do you need help with digital skills? We can help you to make the best use of your mobile phone, laptop, iPad or tablet. You can book an appointment by **phoning 07536 978396**.

You can also email **janice@forresarea.org**

Congratulations to our **ESF Learner of the Month**

James Bradford has been successful in completing an Applied Digital Skills Course and he has also finished an Online Proof Reading Course.

If you would like support from Michelle, our ESF Employability Officer, then email **michelle@forresarea.org**. She can help you with CVs, Job Searches and Interview Techniques.



James & Michelle

Dates for your Diary in November 2022

Forres Online Drop-in Sessions: Every Tuesday: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Forres Online Drop-in Sessions: Every Friday: 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Digital Classes for Long Term Unemployed: Every Thursday: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Forres Online Mobile Drop-in Sessions:

Wednesday 16th November: 10am - 12 noon at **Findhorn Village Centre**

Wednesday 30th November: 10am - 12 noon at **Dyke & District Village Hall**

FREE Cameron Project Gentle Seated Exercise & Drumming Class with Esther

Every Tuesday: 10.30am - 12 noon including a cuppa & a chat.

Free Fitness MOTs with Esther - Every Tuesday: 12.30pm - 1.30pm

Transform Tuesday - FREE Intermediate Exercise Class with Esther

Every Tuesday: 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Email: esther@forresarea.org to book a place



Cameron Project Craft Classes - supported by tsiMoray



Community Circle Dance with Brant

Wednesday 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th November: 6.00pm - 8.00pm

& Wednesday 7th December: 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Wall Hanging Weaving with Dawn - £15 for an all day Workshop

Friday 11th November: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Christmas Nature Crafts FREE 4 week Course

Wednesday 23rd & 30th November: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Wednesday 7th & 14th December: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Booking is essential for all activities.

Contact us on info@forresarea.org or 01309 674388

See our website for up-to-date listings: www.forresarea.org



Coffee Mornings - Saturdays: 10.00am - 12 noon

November 5th in aid of St John's Church, Forres

November 12th in aid of the Forres Gymnastics Club

November 19th in aid of the Forres Golf Club

November 26th in aid of Forres In Bloom



Pop Up Pantry in the Lesser Hall

Friday 4th & 18th November + Friday 2nd & 16th December: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Saturday 12th & 26th November + Saturday 10th December: 10.00am - 12 noon