

## **Dyke Church – Opening of new facilities**

We are pleased to report that the work to provide acceptable toilet facilities has been completed. This is Phase 2 of the Access Project. The old kitchen extension, which now houses the toilets, had subsided and this had to be underpinned and the structure stabilised. In addition, the work included the provision of baby changing facilities, bringing the fire escape up to standard, making the door to the sanctuary soundproof and creating wheelchair spaces in the worship area. The heating, lighting, ventilation, insulating and decorating of the toilet and corridor area has been part of the work. This has achieved some important improvements and repairs, including providing a disabled toilet accessible from the sanctuary.

The improvements have inspired volunteers to repaint the church hall and work is underway to provide a kitchenette. The hall is ready for use again and we are hoping that members of the wider Dyke community will take the opportunity to hire the hall for community activities and also private use such as birthday parties.

The work we have done would not have been possible without the generous support of grant giving organisations and individuals. The total cost of the work was £79,432.

We are pleased to record our thanks to the following organisations who have provided funding: Moray Presbytery, The Baird Trust, Berry Burn Community Fund, Scotland's Churches Trust, The Ferguson Bequest Fund, Allchurches Trust Ltd., The Garfield Weston Foundation, FCC Communities Foundation, The Beatrice Laing Trust and another Trust which wishes to remain anonymous.

We wish to record that Moray Presbytery and The Berry Burn Community Fund also helped fund Phase 1, the footpath from the carpark.

We also wish to thank the architect, Ian Fraser of LDN Architects of Forres and the contractors Darroch and Allan of Elgin.

We are now looking forward to the next phase, work on the church hall. LDN Architects have been appointed to draw up the specification for the works.

Finally, we would like to thank all those individuals who have supported the Access Project along the way.

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