

WESTFIELD WIND FARM CARDENDEN COMMUNITY FUND



PROJECT 2

AUCHTERDERRAN KINGLASSIE PARISH CHURCH GRANT REQUEST: £1,500

Following a recent fire safety inspection, Auchterderran Church Hall is aiming to upgrade its fire and smoke alarm system to bring the building up to current safety standards and address identified gaps in coverage. The inspection identified several areas requiring attention. When the small hall was previously divided to create separate office and meeting spaces, the newly formed office was left without a smoke detector. Additional areas throughout the facility also lack adequate alarm coverage. This upgrade will install alarms in all currently unprotected areas, add a specialised sounder/strobe unit in the disabled toilet to ensure inclusive emergency protection for users with hearing impairments, and implement remote indicators for enhanced monitoring throughout the facility. By ensuring this key community space meets the safety standards, the project protects not just the physical building but the social connections, community activities, and engagement it enables for approximately 410 local residents who use the facility weekly.

Auchterderran Church provides a welcoming centre for Christian worship in Cardenden and the surrounding area, alongside vital community facilities extending beyond Sunday services. The church hall serves as an essential social hub, hosting a drop-in soup and sandwich service with food bank referrals, a winter warm space, keep-fit classes, choir rehearsals, pipe band practice, and private functions. Supporting nine regular community groups and approximately 410 local residents weekly, this accessible facility creates a vibrant space where faith, fellowship, practical support, and community connection flourish together.