

Community Asset Transfer

Stage 1: Expression of Interest

Dumfries and Galloway Council is committed to Community Asset Transfer ('CAT') where that will bring benefits to our local communities. All Community Transfer Bodies (CTBs) wishing to apply for an asset through Dumfries and Galloway Council's Community Asset Transfer Procedure should complete this application form.

Completion of this form opens engagement with the Council and allows us to allocate support to your group via our local Ward Officers who work closely with local partners. When you express an interest we will provide you with a local point of contact and support and advice help you work your way through all aspects of the asset transfer process.

The formal asset transfer process can involve detailed business planning and it is important that groups receive good advice prior to this stage. Stage 1 is a pre application stage to allow groups to consider fully what is required in the business plan which forms the basis of the formal asset transfer request. If your group wishes

If your group wishes to apply for an asset through Dumfries and Galloway Council's CAT process, please complete this expression of interest form and send to the Community Development and Empowerment Manager (contact details below).

Community Development and Empowerment Manager

Communities Directorate

Dumfries and Galloway Council

Municipal Chambers

Buccleuch Street

Dumfries

DG1 2AD

Tel: 030 33 33 3000

Email: CommunityAssetTransfer@dumgal.gov.uk

1. Please provide details of the organisation making the application

Name of Organisation	Kirkcowan Hall
Address of Organisation	
Telephone Number	
E-mail Address	hall@kirkcowan.com

2. Please provide your contact details

Your Name			
Contact Address			
Telephone Number		Fax Number	
E-mail Address			
Position in the Organisation			

3. Structure of the organisation

What type of organisation are you?

Do you have a formal constitution, governance document or set of rules? Yes No

4. What is the structure and purpose of your organisation?

How many people are involved in your organisation, ie:-

Management Committee Paid part-time staff Paid Full-Time Staff Volunteers

Others Please provide details of other posts below

When was the organisation established?

5. Please tell us about the asset (building or land) you are interested in

Name of Asset	Kirkcowan (St Couans) Hall
Address of Asset	St Couans Crescent Kirkcowan

Type of transfer you are interested in (transfer of ownership or leasing). If leasing, what length of lease is required?

We would like to take on the ownership of the Village Hall to continue to run it for the benefit of the whole community. We have been doing this successfully for two and a half years, increasing footfall, enjoyment and contributing to community spirit. We have run fund-raising events, such as Bingo and Quiz and Curry nights and also not-for-profit events, such as our Open Show (which is in its fourth highly successful year) and our Christmas Extravaganza which we started with the aim of providing a free family event at a stressful and expensive time of year.



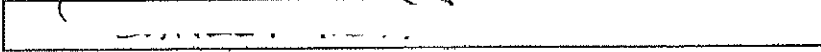
We have a dedicated and hard-working Board of Trustees who have worked tirelessly to promote and encourage use of the Hall by community groups both long-established and newly set up. As Chair of the Board, I believe very strongly that Kirkcowan needs its Village Hall. Without it, the village loses a focal point for events, clubs and groups, all of which help to create a sense of community and brings people together. The Hall is particularly important to the Village Primary School, whose School Assembly Hall is not big enough for the parents and carers to come along to watch prize-giving and Christmas plays, and who therefore need to use the Hall for this purpose.

It is essential to the sustainability and long-term future of the village that the Hall remains as a vibrant and well-maintained resource. Our plan is to refurbish the Village Hall, particularly to improve its heating, ancient kitchen and bathroom facilities and its issues with damp. When this is done, we believe the Hall will be an indispensable resource for Kirkcowan now and for future generations.

6. Please use next page to tell us, using no more than one side of A4 paper

A. What do you want the asset for?

B. What benefits will this bring to the local community?

Signed		Position	
Name		Date	29 2 20

Completed applications should be emailed to CommunityAssetTransfer@dumgal.gov.uk

Or by post to:

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