



## Newsletter 5, 16 February 2017.

Dear member

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> in our series of newsletters designed to keep our members up to date with the work being carried out by Rhynie Charitable Trust and to address any issues or queries raised by our members.

We advised members in our last newsletter in April 2016 in regard to our discussions with the Masons concerning the use of the old Congregational Church as a community facility. Our discussions have been continuing and we hope to have news soon. We have had a feasibility study conducted by Brown and Brown Architects, who have produced a number of possible development ideas. Once we have finally consolidated our thoughts on this we intend to present a proposal to members for their approval.

During January and February 2016 we carried out a questionnaire survey of residents views on facilities in Rhynie. The results of this have been processed and we are pleased to make these available to members. A summary of the results is attached to this newsletter. This has provided us with a valuable insight into residents opinions and gives a useful guide on what you would like to see happening in the village. Unfortunately we were unable to cover the whole village due to limited resources but there is a form attached which you can complete and return if we missed you and you would like to contribute. Please return to Colin Neesom, Woodbine Cottage, The Muirs. Alternatively you can complete the survey on line at [www.rhyniecharitabletrust.co.uk/pages/surveyform.php](http://www.rhyniecharitabletrust.co.uk/pages/surveyform.php)

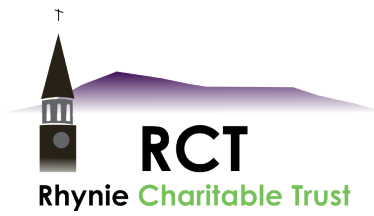
As a continuation of this process we have begun a discussion with Marr Area Partnership which would lead to the production of a Village Action Plan. A Village Action Plan is 'a collection of projects identified by the Village Development Committee (VDC) through a participatory planning process'. Similar plans have been prepared for several surrounding villages with Gartly being the most recent at the end of last year. As well as identifying projects which would benefit Rhynie and our residents, a plan can highlight areas of common need with other neighbouring communities where working together could be mutually beneficial.

Newsletters and other member communications will be distributed by email or post depending on the information provided by individual members. Please note, if you do not receive an emailed copy we do not have your email address. We would appreciate any members who have so far not provided an email address to do so, if possible, since this is our preferred communication medium as it is cheaper and quicker.

If you have not received our previous newsletters and would like to see copies of these or if you would like to check that we have your correct email address, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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COMMUNITY OPINIONS QUESTIONNAIRE - JANUARY 2016**



No. of completed forms : 101  
representing 236 residents

	Yes (%)	No (%)
1. Are you aware that the Community Hall (behind the school) is presently closed pending a building inspection, and is under threat of closure?	51	
2. Is this an important facility to you and other members of your household?	52	
3. Do you feel that the closing of the Gordon Arms Hotel is a loss to the Village Community?	87	
4. Would you like to see a new Community Hub in the Village?	91	
5. Would you like to see more activities/facilities within Rhynie?	63	
6. If yes, which facilities do you think we should provide and what would you use?		
Bar	57	
Restaurant	64	
Sports Hall	69	
Heritage Centre	63	
Accommodation	28	
Social Meeting Space for Groups	68	
Cafe	82	
Other:	See A below	
7. Do you currently travel outwith the village to attend clubs and activities? If answered yes, how far do you normally travel?	55	
8. What type of activities would you like to participate in along with other members of the community?		
Football	9	
Rugby	0	
Badminton	13	
Bowling	11	
Other Sports:		
Drama Group	20	
Art Classes	27	
Gardening	30	
Cooking	39	
Bingo	29	
Quiz Nights	51	
Men's Shed	12	
Live Music	64	
Dancing	44	
Film Nights	51	
Games Nights	34	
Fitness Classes	44	
Other:	See B below	
9. Would you be interested in helping with any of the above mentioned activities?	42	
10. Have you heard of the RCT 100 Club?	53	
11. Are there any other facilities, activities or groups you would like to see in Rhynie?	See C below	
12. Have you been a member of the RCT in the past?	27	
3. Would you be interested in joining the RCT?	37	
14. Would you be interesting in joining the board/ committee of the RCT?	7	

**Notes:**

A. craft/gift shop, heritage info, paths to other villages

B. running, cycling, history talks, dance class, spinning, fitness, creche, archery

C. general craft, adult learning, country dancing, toddler group, astronomy, self-improvement group, cultural diversity, armchair aerobics, pilates, snr. citizen club, youth club, IT class, scouts, day care club.

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Address:.....

No. of people in household:

Adults:

Children:

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