



Linton Lane Centre
at the heart of the community

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LINTON LANE CENTRE STAFF

Mandy Hunter (Chief Executive Officer), Laura Lally (Manager), Zoe Lynch (Manager), Alan Westwater (Admin), Craig Young, Yvonne McIntyre

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 18th September 2024**

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

This year I am so unsure as where to start, as it has been such a difficult year with the sad passing of so many people who had close connections to Linton Lane Centre's staff and community for many years. They all brought their own qualities to Linton Lane Centre from auditing our yearly accounts to serving up bacon rolls.

In July, Linton Lane Centre's staff were invited to The Royal Garden Party in Edinburgh in recognition of their continued hard work and dedication to providing groups, activities and support to the local community. It looked like all who attended had a great day at Holyrood Palace.

Since our last AGM, the Centre has welcomed two new Centre Managers, Laura and Zoe, who both have been involved around the centre in different groups for some years and have brought their own skills and knowledge to Linton Lane.

From all at Linton Lane Management Committee, I would like to thank each and every person who contributes their time and support to ensuring Linton Lane Centre remains at the 'Heart of Our Community'.

Also, thank you to all our user groups, partner organisations, grant providers, local businesses and sponsors who continue to provide invaluable support and donations throughout the year.

SARAH-JANE BROWN—Chairperson

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT 2024

I would like to open on very positive staffing news.

We have two new Centre Managers in place: Laura Lally and Zoe Lynch. This is thanks to 3-year funding by the Tudor Trust and they are both huge assets to Linton Lane Centre. In addition, Yvonne started as Centre cleaner in August and is a very welcome member of the team along with Craig, who covers reception/weekend as front of house staff.

I will leave Laura and Zoe to introduce themselves in the Centre report along with how the Centre has progressed in the last year. My role now is part time in the Centre and working from home on Centre finances and the endless sourcing of grant funding to allow continuation of our programmes to support the needs of the community. Funding ceases in September for Happy Hoppers, crafts group, kitchen staff, Grey Panthers' group facilitator, so this is high priority for 2024/2025. There is less funding available along with more charities having to source support funding which, along with higher power costs, will continue to challenge the voluntary sector.

I want to thank all the Board members, staff, volunteers and group members for all the support when my husband died. It has not been a easy year, during which at times I thought I would not be able to continue to focus, as Dougie was not just my husband. He was the financial advisor, auditor working with Steven and myself over the years to ensure all was in good financial order. Thank you all, it means a lot.

I also want to remember Billy, our previous caretaker for over 16 years who sadly died; as well as a very much-loved volunteer over the years, Thelma Duncan. Thelma volunteered for Kirkcaldy Foodbank then throughout the pandemic became a volunteer in the Centre. Nothing was ever too much for Thelma who supported all the projects run from the Centre and is truly missed every day.

As Linton Lane Centre heads towards our 60th Anniversary in 2026, I hope I can achieve thirty years contributing as the Centre strives to continue to be "The Heart of the Community".

MANDY HUNTER - Chief Executive Officer

CENTRE MANAGERS' REPORT 2024

We became Centre Managers in June 2023 as a job share post, but we aren't strangers to the Centre as have both worked at Linton Lane for over 10 years, running the Happy Hoppers playgroup and Stages Dance school. Both of us have also dabbled in the cleaning job here too! There is so much to learn each day but with the guidance of Mandy our team has become a tight unit for the future of the Centre.

The Centre programme has stayed extremely busy with, room rentals to hall hires, events and new and existing in-house groups.

Weekdays we have our usual weekly programme with a new addition of the Lego club running on a Friday afternoon which seems very popular with children and parents! Plans are in the process for a Film club with families/adults with funding received from NHS.

Weekends are busy with events, parties, and regular hires of the Polish school, Crystal Light Church, TaeKwon-Do, Vineyard Church, Veterans Best Friend, not forgetting a monthly Ukrainian meal and Hosting Hope Community Meal the last Sunday of each month, always well attended.

In partnership with Rabbit Braes Development Group committee, the summer gala was a roaring success. Special thanks to Lorraine who puts in a tremendous amount of work year after year.

Christmas was a busy time as always, supporting families and opening on Christmas Day for lunch with Hosting Hope. Santa visited the Centre in partnership with Templehall Masonic Lodge 1599 who also supported the Easter event organised by Rabbit Braes Group.

In conjunction with Fife Council Warm Spaces, we ran 'Come Dine With Us', a family meal experience to help tackle the cost of living crisis.

Poundland, Morrisons and Greggs have been hugely supportive to the Centre with donations throughout the year. We would like to say a special thank you to Frank and Ena from Second Chance Kennels who have made generous donations to the Centre and Kirkcaldy Foodbank, keeping the pets with full tummies!! Frank and Ena have gone above and beyond for so many years and we wish them all the best in their retirement.

And on a final note, we would like to thank our Volunteers George and Gill for all the hard work they do for us at the Centre; also a thank you to Corrie and Cole for the work they did for us at the Centre over the past year before they moved onto pastures new. All our volunteers are a huge asset to the centre.

LAURA LALLY & ZOE LYNCH - Centre Managers