

Help Heat The Halls!



Sponsor a Heater in the Victoria and Albert Halls, Ballater

Would you like to support your Village Halls complex and ensure its users are kept efficiently cosy for years to come?

Individuals, community groups, local businesses and organisations are invited to sponsor the installation of a heater in the V&A Halls, Ballater. Each of the 18 new energy-efficient infrared heaters cost £1,000, with a total project cost of £18,000.

Donations, large or small, can be made by cheque payable to "V&A Halls Refurb" and sent to The Treasurer, Board of Trustees, Victoria and Albert Halls (Ballater) Trust, Victoria and Albert Halls, Station Square, Ballater AB35 5QB. Alternatively, payment can be made by bank transfer to V&A Halls Refurb: sort code: 80-05-51; ac/no 06001055; ref "Halls Heaters".

Updates on progress and an acknowledgement of all donations will be made on our website www.victoriaandalberthalls.co.uk and within the Halls.

If you are a UK Taxpayer, your donation can be augmented by Gift Aid. Please provide your details and return to the Treasurer with your donation:

Name: Tel:

Address:

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For further information and enquiries, please contact Jimmy Armstrong on 013397 55885 or 07721 939591 · **THANK YOU**

THE STORY SO FAR...

The Victoria & Albert Halls complex was built in the latter part of the 19th century and has for many years been a community hub. The Albert Hall opened in 1875, the Victoria Hall following in 1895. A Trust was established to manage the buildings on behalf of the community up until 1984 by which time the Victoria and Albert Halls Development Association had been set up to manage the property and to carry out much needed improvements. Following extensive refurbishment the building was re-opened by Her Majesty the Queen in 1987.

In 2012 the Trust and the Association were incorporated into one body, a SCIO (Scottish Incorporated Charitable Organisation) called the Victoria & Albert Halls (Ballater) Trust – SCO43209, which combines ownership and accountable management. New legislation and the expectations of modern users have made it imperative that further and much more extensive refurbishment be carried out.

In 2014 the Trust successfully completed the double glazing of the windows in the Albert Hall. This project was fully supported by the residents of Ballater who collectively funded the entire cost of this important improvement to that Hall.

Following consultations to establish the needs of the community and various studies of the complex and its structure, reconfiguration of the space to provide better kitchen and toilet facilities for the Albert Hall was completed. The result has been to create a much improved facility, with a community suite within the Albert Hall.

The Trust is now at the stage of improving the heating system, reconfiguring the vacated Library space and constructing toilets for the Victoria Hall on the ground floor. Further work is required to return the granite façade and windows at the Library to their original profile and replace and upgrade the disabled ramps and railings.

The Trust intends to work its way through each stage of the refurbishment programme as funds become available, ensuring that the Halls continue to provide a sustainable community base for all ages, abilities and needs. It is intended to make the V&A Halls a venue of choice for meetings, conferences, exhibitions and celebratory events in a beautiful, peaceful and historic location. Funding for this programme is being sought at various stages from agencies, charities, private and public entities and individuals. Recently, a state of the art commercial WiFi system has been funded and installed to facilitate a broader range of use.

The Trust is about to tackle the heating system for the entire Halls complex and replace this with modern, energy efficient infrared heating.

