

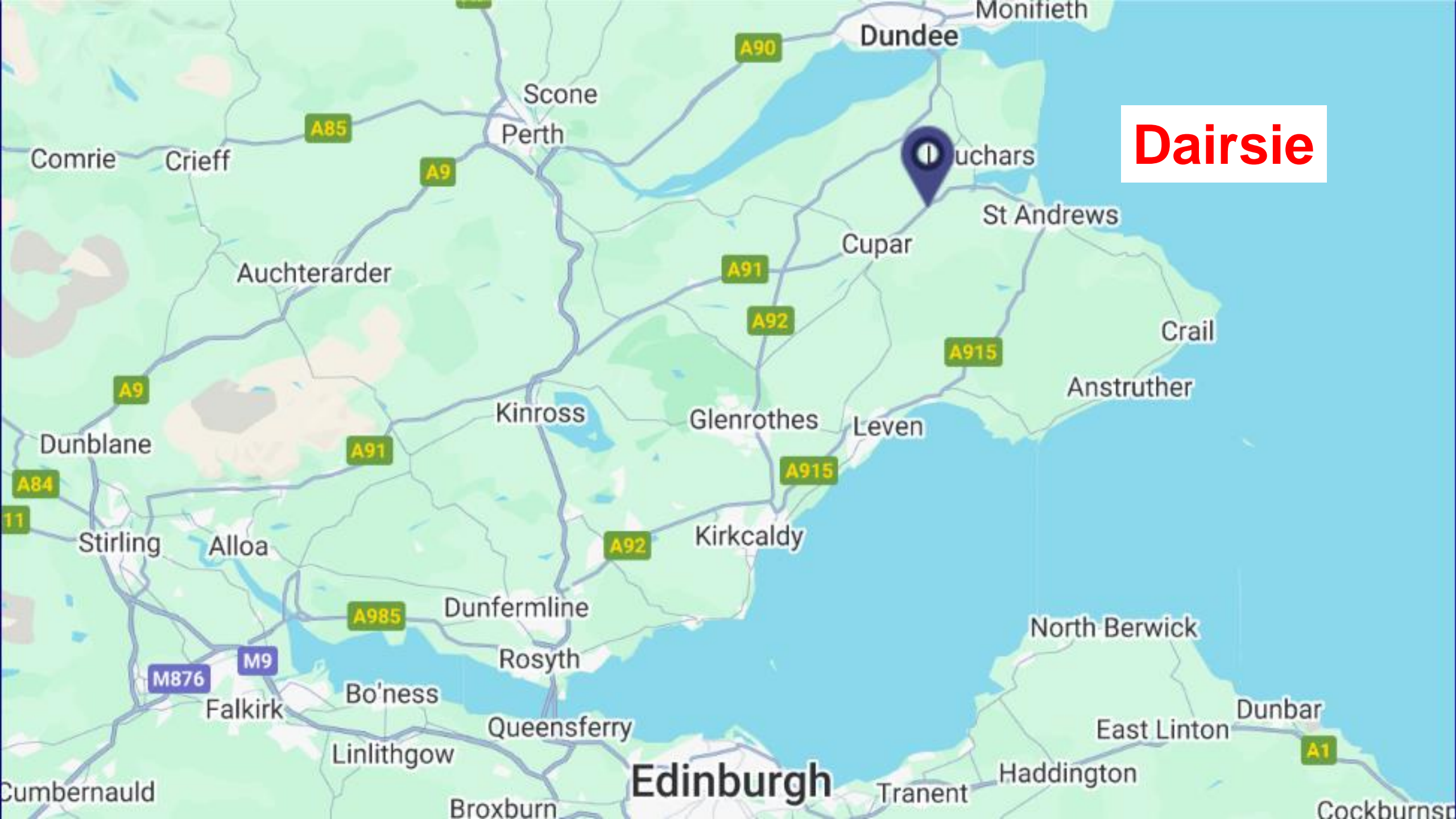
Small but
powerful

Dairisie
Repair Cafe



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Dairsie

Started March 2023

Enthusiastic community and hall committee

Make do and Mend *in Dairsie*

Information session to explore a Repair Café for *Dairsie*



March 15, 7pm, *Dairsie* Memorial Hall

Guest speaker: Emma Erwin, Share and Repair Coordinator
Circular Communities Scotland

Not heard of a Repair Café?

It's a regular local event where neighbours and visitors bring broken items needing basic fixes—clothing, bikes, electricals, computers, etc—and if there are volunteer fixers with the right skills, the items can be mended—for free or a small donation—instead of being sent to landfill.

Good at fixing things?

Come share your skills, to make sure they aren't lost from our community, and to know that your efforts are making a difference to people and the planet.

Want a cuppa?

Yes, Repair Cafes serve tea/coffee, biscuits and smiles -- even if you don't bring a broken object or contribute repair skills.

Let's start one in *Dairsie*!

Repair Cafés take place around the world, and in Scotland they are supported by the government's Circular Economy Investment fund, Zero Waste Scotland, and the National Lottery. More information is online:

circularcommunities.scot



Video: <https://fb.watch/i03e02Gxe5/>

Please join us March 15 to learn more

or contact Mindy at dairsierepair@gmail.com



Talented volunteers: 12 + 4

- Electrical and mechanical
- Electronics
- Bicycles
- Small furniture
- garden tools
- Clothing, bags, knitwear, curtains, bedding
- Laptops, phones, printers
- Ornaments, toys
- Baking and teas
- Fund raising
- Community organisation











2024 Achievements: Growing interest

12 cafes, in:

- Dairsie Hall
- Bee in the Park, Balmullo Hall
- Dairsie Primary School Community Café





Nearly 300 items, 80% fixed



Typical: Lamps, vacuums, audio equipment, jackets, trousers

Unusual: Umbrellas, car window opener, chainsaw, dressmaking dummy, wheelchair poncho, lawnmower, garden gnome



Happy users

Successful fundraising

University of St Andrews
Community Fund

Rotary Club of Cupar

The Bruce Trust

The Russell Trust

Visitor donations



Small space

Small community

Neighbouring
Share & Repair

Challenges





Benefits

Building community connections,
skills, friendships

Helping families save money

Reducing landfill waste

Potential future activities

Further partnerships with schools, colleges

Additional community & sustainability projects

Premises or mobile Repair Café (e.g. Sharedshed) ...??



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Questions for the future

- How do we deal with items we can't fix? Do we recycle?
- How do we work with professional repairers?
- Should we charge for repairs? How would that change things?
- Do we expand into nearby Cupar or other small villages?
- Should we look at going online in some capacity?
- Do we do home visits, or take work home with us?