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Housing crisis deepens in post-Covid housing surge

by Colin Smeeton
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Arran's housing crisis is under the spotlight again with a huge surge in demand, far outstripping the supply required to support the working population needed to rebuild the island's economy following the pandemic.

The shortage of affordable housing, both to buy and rent, has been further exacerbated by a buoyant housing market which has increased by almost 10 per cent in the last 12 months, making the average house price on Arran £282,620 – far above the national average of £161,401.

According to estate agents, Savills: "There has been a surge in new enquiries for housing and land on the island during the global lockdown period as purchasers reassess their life priorities, seeking spacious homes in rural settings that enable them to enjoy an abundance of outdoor space in

scenic surroundings, allowing for a more relaxed pace of life. This has put further pressure on the supply of housing, particularly for local residents and workers.'

Soaring prices, combined with low island salaries, has meant that lower priced hous-

In the last 12 months, house prices on Arran have increased by almost 10 per cent, with the average price £282,620

es have become scarcer and even more unaffordable for island workers. Local renters and potential purchasers also face the additional difficulties of competing with owners and landlords who stand to earn far more by turning their properties into high-yielding holiday lets.

Coupled with this, is the

increase in second holiday homes on Arran which drives up prices and further reduces the available housing stock for locals. Up to half, and in many cases more, of the available houses in some villages on Arran, are only occupied for a few weeks of the year, as second holiday homes.

Claire Mooney, principal teacher at Brodick Primary School, is one of the young professionals caught up in the housing crisis on Arran. Claire has lived on Arran for five years with her two children.

As an educator on Arran, a sector that struggles to attract staff and one that pays far better than the hospitality industry – the largest industry on the island – she is still unable to secure a foothold on the housing ladder.

Recently Claire was told by her landlord that the house she rents in Lamlash will be put up for sale. Even though she received six months notice,

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Fantastic fundraisers smash target early

More than 30 Arran Sense of Scotland employees braved the pouring rain to take part in the Alzheimer Scotland's Memory Walk. The charitable event helped the Brodick-based company exceed its fundraising target of £10,000. As charity partners of Alzheimer Scotland, ARRAN Sense of Scotland will continue to raise additional money for the charity, which provides support for those affected by dementia, along with their families, friends and carers. For full story, turn to page three.

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Ferry interruptions, Covid and sourcing materials blamed for Brathwic delay

North Ayrshire Council has confirmed there will be a delay in handing over the keys to the new tenants of the Brathwic Terrace development owing to a number of delays outwith their control.

The houses, right, which were originally scheduled to be completed by October this year, will now be available in January next year.

A spokesperson for North Ayrshire Council said: 'We can confirm that the Brathwic Terrace development has unfortunately been further delayed due to a number of issues outwith our control, which have impacted the construction time.'

'Ferry interruptions due to weather and Covid-19 have impacted on construction progress. In addition, Covid has had an impact on the availability of materials nationwide and caused workforce interruptions, both of which have also resulted in lost time on



site. It is currently anticipated that the first homes will be handed over to the new tenants during January 2022.

'We apologise for the delay and hope prospective tenants understand the challenging national situation which has impacted the completion date.'

Brathwic Terrace is the first council house development on Arran in more than 30 years. The 34-house settlement features a number of modern green, energy-saving technologies and the houses have been allocated with priority being given to those that live and work on Arran.

Teasing t-shirts' design sparks plenty of interest

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Ferry lobbying group, Arran Ferry Action Group (AFAG), have launched a provocative t-shirt design as part of their campaign calling for a more reliable ferry service.

The t-shirts, emblazoned with WTF – Where's The Ferry, were designed by Barb Taub who was part of a protesting group who displayed the logo on a placard when the transport minister, Graeme Dey, visited Arran.

Known as the pensioner protest - the group was made up of mostly elderly residents - the protest, and the logo, attracted a significant amount of interest at the time and requests began to pour in for t-shirts with the logo.

The t-shirts have been incredibly popular on the



AFAG has received a lot of requests for their t-shirts, which are raising a smile.

AFAG website, while others have criticised them for being disrespectful of local CalMac staff.

Chris Atkins, secretary of AFAG, dismissed these claims - mostly made on social media - by saying: 'We deliberately

excluded the ferry terminal building from this photograph as we utterly condemn any criticism (or worse) of the local CalMac staff, who continue to do their best for everyone in spite of being let down repeatedly by their management.'

AFAG has more than 1,342 members who are calling for improvements to the Arran ferry service with their top three priorities being: reliability and resilience, ships and harbours fit for purpose and a reliable port of refuge.

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ARRAN Sense of Scotland exceed £10K fundraising target

Less than six months into its year-long charity partnership with Alzheimer Scotland, local home and body care business ARRAN Sense of Scotland has exceeded its £10,000 fundraising target for the charity's annual Memory Walk, writes Colin Smeeton.

The Brodick-based company, which is best known for its signature scent After the Rain, organised a number of fundraising activities, with the eight kilometre Memory Walk round Arran taking place in driving rain.

More than 30 colleagues took part in the round Arran Memory Walk with all of the funds raised going towards Alzheimer Scotland which provides vital work for those living with dementia, as well as support for their friends, families, and carers.

Kevin Meechan, chief executive officer at ARRAN Sense of Scotland said: 'On behalf of everyone here at ARRAN Sense of Scotland, I am overjoyed that we have already met and exceeded our fundraising total for Alzheimer Scotland. Aside from the obvious benefits to the charity, taking part in our own Memory Walk on



The tree lined avenue in Brodick provided little shelter for the determined fundraisers.

Arran allowed us to experience our shared purpose of connecting with nature, while helping to raise awareness of such an important cause.

'Dementia is a cause close to the hearts of some of our colleagues, so I couldn't be prouder of everyone for taking part and for all their fundraising efforts over the last few months. It feels truly humbling to know the difference our contribution will make to the lives of many.'

Caroline Miller, lead for stakeholder engagement at Alzheimer Scotland, said: 'All of our local support from our dementia advisors, to our

community groups and therapeutic exercises are funded entirely from fundraising, so the contribution from ARRAN Sense of Scotland will make a huge impact on the lives of the people we support.'

Despite the target being reached, fundraising activities will continue throughout the next 12 months, along with other initiatives that will raise awareness of what life is like for those living with dementia.

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Housing crisis deepens due to post-Covid accommodation surge

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far more than many tenants on Arran receive, she has still been unable to secure accommodation anywhere on the island.

Claire said: 'I moved to Arran in early 2017 and although I had secured my dream job as principal teacher at Brodick Primary School, I was aware housing options were limited on the island.'

'I travelled to Arran by ferry every day in the hope a house would become available. Fortunately I was lucky enough that, after three months of commuting, a rental home became available for myself and my children. I felt as though everything was falling into place for the life that we had dreamed of. I had a wonderful class to teach, amazing colleagues and a fantastic community to be a part of.'

'We were very lucky to secure a tenancy but were always aware that this may be a temporary arrangement as, understandably, landlords can sell the house. This is now the situation we face. We have had a wonderful experience in our home but are saddened to leave with a worry that Christmas may not only be our last in our current house, but also our last on the island.'

'I have put my name on housing lists but have not yet been lucky enough to be allocated a house. I am now faced with a dilemma. Do I stay on the island where my children are settled with a wonderful group of friends and where I have settled into the community - but will possibly become homeless in a matter of weeks - or do I relocate back to the mainland where there is more chance of having a secure home for myself and my children?'

'This would mean uprooting my children, changing my job and my dream career and leaving behind lifelong friends and the job that I love.'

'As a teacher, I would be devastated to leave the island and the children that I have taught as I imagined that I would be teaching these children and their siblings for many years to



Principal teacher Claire Mooney, and her two children, Sofia and Noah, may have to leave the island and vacate her teaching post if she can not secure accommodation in the next few months.

come. Sadly, affordable housing on the island is not within the budget of a single parent, and rental prices leave little spare to add to any savings. All I can hope is that a suitable long-term rental or a council home becomes available to allow myself and my children to remain in the place we call home.'

Claire also expressed concern about the future prospects for educators on Arran if she is forced to leave her post. Claire said: 'I am concerned that if the housing crisis continues, this will reduce the number of applicants that will apply for my job - or any other jobs on the island - as, despite qualifications and references, teachers and school staff on Arran are not guaranteed accommodation.'

The Arran Development Trust, the operational arm of the Arran Economic Group, said in its 2019/2020 annual report: 'It is now well recognised both locally and nationally by residents and government agencies that the lack of

need for 200 affordable homes. NAC created a 50-unit Social Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) of which 34 welcome houses are due to be delivered.'

Mr Tracey also quantified the extent of the problem faced by islanders wishing to purchase property. He said: 'Average house prices on Arran are nine times the average earnings, compared to four and a half times on the mainland.'

'Demand for affordable housing has significantly outstripped supply for at least the last 10 years. This has caused labour shortages across all sectors, health and social care, education and the private sector, particularly tourism. This is not a complex problem. We do not need any more reports or priority setting exercises. We need to start building more affordable housing now. The sustainability of our island depends on it.'

Meanwhile, the 34 new council houses at Brathwic, the first to be built on Arran in 30 years, have been delayed. Originally scheduled to be occupied by October, it has now been confirmed they will only be available at the start of next year.

Former restaurant to be turned into seafront home

Planning permission has been granted to convert the former Coast cafe in Whiting Bay into a house, subject to conditions.

The building is sandwiched in the centre of the village between the main road and the beach, over which it has extensive views from the rear.

Two objections were received in respect of the application which concerned the loss of business premises, the appearance of the new one-and-a-half storey building and the risk of flooding to the property.

The architect Alastair Howe told planning officials: 'Had the business been a viable proposition, we feel that it would have sold well before my client bought it, indeed, it had been on the market for some time, at least one to two years, before the purchase was made.'

With regard to flooding he added: 'Whilst not specifically mentioned in our application, rock armour to protect the property and therefore this section of coastline, has been discussed and my client fully intends to explore the provision of such armour should the application be successful.'

The proposal is to replace the existing building with a new, one-and-a-half storey dwelling, set back from the street to give privacy but open to the views at the rear, over the beach, above which it is raised, giving a further degree of privacy from that direction.

Meanwhile, a planning application has been made to demolish Johnston's Marine Stores at The Old Pier in Lamlash to allow the redevelopment of the land.



Johnston's Marine Stores at The Old Pier in Lamlash.

The application states that the existing timber structures were constructed in the early-to mid-20th century and that there has been a prolonged period of a lack of maintenance. This has resulted in many areas of the building being rotten, and leaking water has also penetrated the building in several places, making it uneconomical to repair.

The demolition would be followed by the construction of steel portal frame for the one-and-a-half storey building which will be clad with composite PIR panels. This, it is said, is in keeping with the cladding to the Pier house opposite and the same colour as the cladding on the Lamlash yacht club.

The planning statement adds: 'The commercial nature of the existing building will be maintained and enhanced by increasing area. Planning blight at the rear of building will be removed and replaced with clean modern lines with a building in good condition and accommodation above for the proprietor.'

The application is under consideration by the North Ayrshire Council planning department.



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Katy Clark MSP calls for winter fuel supplement

MSP Katy Clark has called on the Scottish Government to introduce a £70 winter fuel supplement for pensioners and struggling families after the energy price cap was raised at the start of the month.

The plea comes as the fur-lough scheme is brought to an end and the Universal Credit uplift is scrapped, prompting fears of a cost of living crisis that could stretch household budgets past breaking point.

Katy Clark said: 'We have a moral responsibility to lift Scots out of poverty. However, this winter many more Scots face falling below the poverty line as energy prices spiral out of control.'

'The Scottish Government has the power to ensure payments reflect the pressures on fuel poor households, but it has delayed taking action so far.'

'No one should have to face a choice between heating and

eating this winter. That's why the Scottish Government must give people struggling with fuel poverty £70 now to help them through the winter months.'

'In North Ayrshire, this would help up to 23,086 people.'

'The winter months are fast approaching and we have a cost of living crisis escalating by the day. There is no time to waste.'

Winter Fuel Payments, which have been frozen since 2011, are given to those over the state pension age to help cover energy bills over the winter months. Powers over, and responsibility for, the delivery of Winter Fuel Payments were devolved to the Scottish Parliament, however, the Scottish Government has indicated that they intended to delay accepting the responsibility for Winter Fuel Payments up to 2024.



Katy Clark MSP is calling on the Scottish Government to introduce a winter fuel supplement after the energy price cap was increased.

Herbert Protocol will help police trace missing people with dementia

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Police Scotland is encouraging friends and family of people living with dementia to sign up to the Herbert Protocol, a new nationwide initiative launched by Police Scotland, Health and Social Care Scotland, Alzheimer Scotland and the Scottish Government.

The Herbert Protocol uses a prefilled identification form to help officers quickly obtain information about a vulnerable missing person who has dementia, saving vital time in the early stages of an investigation.

The form is completed in advance and generally kept in the person's home or with relatives. It holds personal details, a description, a recent photograph, languages spoken, as well as previous addresses, places of employment and other significant locations in someone's life.

'This can include their old school, a church or a favourite walking route, plus their medical history and information about past incidents of going missing.'

Carers or family members can download the Herbert



Left to right: assistant chief constable Gary Ritchie, chief superintendent Linda Jones, Tommy Petillo of Alzheimer Scotland, superintendent Norrie Conway and Karen Thom of Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership, at the launch of the Herbert Protocol initiative.

Protocol form from the Police Scotland website or request a copy from Health and Social Care Partnership staff or other agencies, including Alzheimer Scotland.

Important

Assistant chief constable Gary Ritchie, partnerships, prevention and community wellbeing, said: 'When a person goes missing, the first hour is vitally important. Previously, we would have spent a significant amount of time gathering information

from family, friends or carers, but being able to give officers a completed Herbert Protocol form saves valuable minutes and hours.'

'We hope families who choose to complete a form will never have to use them.'

'But if they do, having that completed form to hand gives relatives or carers peace of mind that they're providing the police with detailed, relevant information to enable us to send officers to places where your loved one may be.'

'We are completely committed to protecting vulnerable people from harm and having the Herbert Protocol in place Scotland-wide is a significant step towards keeping people safe.'

The Herbert Protocol form can be used together with Alzheimer Scotland's Purple Alert, a free app designed to help finding missing people with dementia.

If someone is missing, users will get notified via the app and can help with searches.

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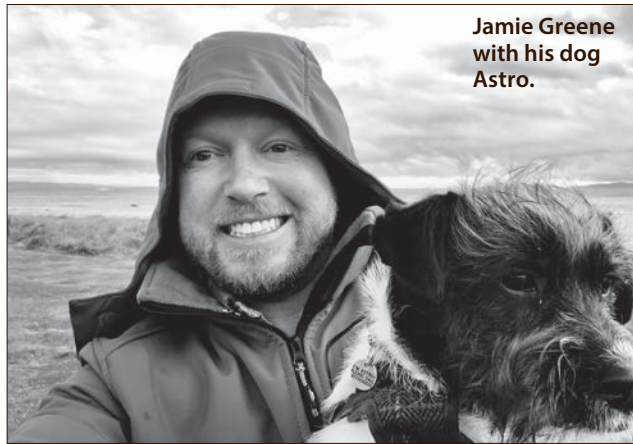
MSPs discuss new laws for pet theft

Members of the Scottish Parliament are considering introducing specific laws that will make dog theft a criminal offence that could potentially carry a seven-year sentence, writes Colin Smeeton.

Under current laws, dog or pet theft is treated in the same manner as the theft of an item of property, something that MSP Maurice Golden wants changed to a specific offence.

In a private members' bill proposed at Holyrood, the North East list MSP called for tougher penalties for dog abduction after estimates revealed that dog thefts had gone up by 170 per cent since the introduction of lockdown rules.

The rise in dog abduction and theft has largely been attributed to an increase in demand for pets since lockdown began, which has pushed prices up, according to the Dogs Trust. The



Jamie Greene with his dog Astro.

charity has seen an increase in demand for certain breeds by as much as 89 per cent.

Mr Golden said: "The wheels are now turning on this vital legislation and I want as many constituents to get involved as possible. Pet theft is a problem all over Scotland. It's time for action."

"This private members' bill would recognise that when a dog is stolen, it's not simply the theft of an item or household commodity. Dogs are part of the family, their value goes well beyond simply financial worth and for some people their dog is far-and-away the most important thing in their life."

"That's why we need a specific crime of pet abduction, so that those convicted can be punished in accordance with the gravity of the act they commit."

Closer to home, the call for tougher penalties and specific laws has also been backed by West Scotland MSP and shadow justice secretary Jamie Greene who said: "The recent rise in dog thefts is unacceptable and unscrupulous pet thieves must be clamped down on. Dogs should have greater protection against theft than a purse or watch, for instance. Animal welfare is not a political issue, it is an issue of right and wrong, so I know that we in the Scottish Parliament will be able to work together constructively in the best interests of pets in our community."

A consultation period on the proposal is expected to begin next year.

40 years of visiting sees sergeant lead island police

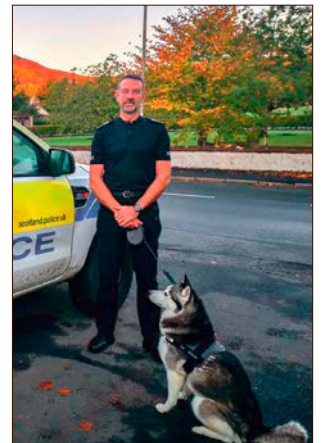
Sergeant Kevin Blackley, who has taken over from retired sergeant Dougie Robertson, is no stranger to Arran, having visited the island for more than 40 years.

Now leading the local police team, he is looking forward to serving the communities where he has previously spent time holidaying with his wife and, on occasion, where he has previously worked.

Sergeant Blackley has more than 25 years of police service, predominantly serving the communities of Ayrshire. His most recent work has been in a road policing role, where he was responsible for maintaining and promoting road safety and disrupting the criminal use of motor vehicles on Scotland's roads.

When not on duty, he enjoys kayaking, running and being out and about with his dog, a friendly Siberian husky called Storm.

Storm is a registered therapist so the pair volunteer, visiting care homes where the presence of an affectionate and friendly



New Arran sergeant, Kevin Blackley, with his therapist dog Storm.

dog provides residents with an emotional and mental boost, which has proven health benefits.

Sergeant Blackley told the Arran Banner on a visit to the office: "I sincerely look forward to meeting the residents of Arran and leading the local policing team which serves this diverse and unique island community."

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LETTERS

Write to us: editor@arranbanner.co.uk
or The Editor, Arran Banner, Brodick, Arran KA27 8AJ**A bold warning**

The words of Tom Tracey – a man familiar with the economics of Arran as well as being actively involved in Arran's recovery in relation to housing – makes for sobering reading.

The statement 'We need to start building more affordable housing now. The sustainability of our island depends on it' should be a wake up call for everyone concerned about the future of Arran.

Foresight is one of the elements we all wish we had when taking stock after difficult times and perhaps Tom's words should be the bold warning and call to action we need.

Life is increasingly difficult for everyone in a post-Covid world and recovery is going to take some imaginative thinking, particularly for an island economy that has its own peculiar challenges.

The story of the principal teacher at Brodick Primary School having to contemplate leaving the island due to housing issues is equally shocking, even more so when it represents just a tiny fraction of what other professionals vital to Arran are experiencing.

It may even be that problems with the ferry service, as expressed in our letters page this week, finds its own solution in the future with a reduction in demand. After all, it will take more than day trippers and short-stay visitors to prop up and support an island economy experiencing a slow, gradual decline owing to what is euphemistically known as brain drain.

Thought for the week

'Love your enemies and do good, and lend expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great.' **Luke 6: 35**

Enquiry required

Sir,
In the context of arguably the worst handled disruption of the Brodick/Ardrossan service in recent times, I would go further than your excellent correspondents Neil Arthur, Elaine Duncan, councillor Alex Gallagher and your own editorial. I would suggest that the chief officer of CalMac should 'consider his position'.

Every transport company in the land in the last 18 months must have experienced Covid among staff, yet I'm not aware of services being withdrawn without notice as was the case with the service to Brodick on Sunday October 10.

There was a lack of senior management to deal with an unsurprising situation. Are they all off at weekends? Where was the contingency plan?

The members of CalMac staff who went to Claonaig to try to sort the debacle there should be thanked, but to send off the number of vehicles that were advised to travel 130 miles, part way on a single track road, to a port with no facilities for a ferry too small to cope was a decision that must be questioned in an enquiry - and there should be an enquiry. Official apologies are wearing thin. Company protocol was put before passenger service and Arran's reputation as a holiday destination was further damaged.

I join Neil Arthur in acknowledging the tireless work of the secretary of the Arran Ferry Committee. On occasions such as occurred that Sunday, he spent the entire afternoon and evening trying to contact responsible CalMac personnel.

Yours,
Margie Currie, Blackwaterfoot.

CalMac criticism

Sir,
While I sympathise with the Covid incident affecting the Ardrossan shore staff and their essential actions to self isolate and test, the

CalMac management failings in dealing with this event are unbelievable. Did the CalMac management even consider getting off their backsides and heading to Ardrossan themselves to find a solution? Oh sorry, it was a Sunday!

I know for a fact that all the outgoing ferries from Friday to Tuesday were fully pre-booked for the Scottish school holidays. Consequently the majority of the cars and passengers would be fully ticketed. So why not load them on the ferry that was continuing to sail? We have all noted it takes only one person ashore to control the traffic flow; even Robbie Drummond could surely do that. Would it really matter if a small minority of passengers were allowed to board without paying for a ticket? A minimal cost compared to the compensation requests CalMac are about to receive.

Arran's destination resort status has again been eroded by the incompetence of CalMac management. The CalMac shareholders - that would ultimately be our esteemed elected MSPs - should be taking a hard look at the competence of their appointed executives. However, I would retain their PR manager, who is to be commended for the speed of issuing his bland and repetitive 'cut and paste' apologies.

Yours,
Bob Byers, Brodick.

Planning and preparation

Sir,
Given the continuing and future problems from Tim Hair's ever extending completion dates for 801/2, is it too late for all the Transport Scotland-linked organisations to adopt the six Ps - prior planning and preparation prevents poor performance!

At the current completion rate, it will take around 85 years to renew the CMAL fleet - with Brodick /Troon as the only viable route for the, maybe, 'fit for purpose' vessels?

Yours, **John Lamont, Dippen.**

Response to councillor

Sir,
Arran Community Council (ACC) notes Councillor Gurney's letter published on October 15, which we feel needs to be balanced with facts.

ACC does not issue invites to specific elected members who are appointed and remunerated to represent community views to the local authority and inform local groups. We respect all in a consistent manner. It is the elected member's choice to acknowledge or contribute a report. The point in the article was to acknowledge one member who has supported the community council on a regular basis.

Councillor Gurney will, we are sure, acknowledge that he has been copied every month in our minutes and agenda for our meetings and checking the records we have only received a response on occasions which advises when he is out of office. Our mails also request anyone wishing to contribute to our meetings to do so in a timely manner to allow their reports to be circulated to members ahead of the meeting. During the pandemic, these mails also asked that anyone wishing to participate in our digital meetings should contact us for the link and again that is left to the decision of the councillor. To date we have no record of any council updates being provided by him.

We acknowledge his location prevents regular attendance. However, it does not prevent written communication and we have a specific item on the agenda for elected members' inputs.

With the new term for community councils due to start in November, perhaps ACC can look forward to receiving written updates for future meetings.

Yours,
Bill Calderwood, chairman, ACC.

Coastal change

Sir,
I see approval has been given to change the former Coast restaurant in Whiting Bay to a private dwelling. Although there were many valid objections to this planning application in the centre of the village, North Ayrshire Council in its wisdom decided that the restaurant should be demolished and a new house built in its place. In line with previous approvals to planning applications in Whiting Bay and their subsequent changes to use, I wonder how long it will be before this house is advertised on Air BnB?

Yours, **Kenny Walker, Dunblane.**

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Free bus travel for all under 22s in Scotland

The Scottish Government has confirmed the timetable for the roll out of the Young Persons' Travel Scheme which will provide all Scottish residents under the age of 22 with free bus travel.

Starting from January 31, approximately 930,000 young people will join the third of Scotland's population who already benefit from free bus travel through the Older and Disabled Persons Free Bus Scheme. The new scheme will be delivered in partnership with the Improvement Service, the National Entitlement Card Programme Office and Young Scot.

Minister for transport, Graeme Dey said: 'It's crucial to embed more sustainable travel behaviour from a young age if we are to achieve our world-leading goal of reducing the number of kilometres



travelled by car by 20 per cent by 2030 and reaching net zero emissions by 2045.

'We also know young people have been disproportionately impacted as a result of the Covid pandemic, so it's never been more important that we support them to achieve their fullest potential. Reducing barriers created by transport costs is one really positive ac-

tion we can take. Our National Transport Strategy commits to a fairer, greener transport system which will reduce inequalities and take action to protect our climate. I'm really pleased to be taking decisive action on both of those points by setting out this timetable to provide free bus travel for all under-22s living in Scotland.'

Speaking about the benefits

of free bus travel for under 22s, Kirsten Urquhart, interim chief executive of Young Scot, said: 'Young people often tell us about the positive impact free travel would have on their lives.

'For some, it'll help them to travel to work or take part in learning. For others, it'll improve their wellbeing by making it easier to socialise and to meet with their friends and family.

'Free travel accessed easily by the Young Scot National Entitlement Card will open doors for young people – helping them to explore opportunities that many would previously not have had the financial means or confidence to take part in.'



The Farmers Market will once again host a number of Arran producers and growers with a range of products on offer for visitors. 01_B43farmers01

Second farmers market planned for Bellevue Farm

Following the success of the first Arran Farmers Market in September, which was attended by more than 900 people, Arran's Food Journey and Bellevue Farm will host a second Farmers Market at the start of December, writes Colin Smeeton.

Scheduled to take place at Bellevue Farm on Sunday December 5, the Winter Farmers Market will provide shoppers with the opportunity to meet local producers and growers and learn exactly where their food is coming from and all about the living standards of the livestock.

Most importantly, for a farmers market, will be the opportunity to buy seasonal vegetables and locally reared meat from the farmers themselves.

On offer too will be a wide selection of Arran products ranging from baked goods, beer, honey, milk, whisky and ice cream to coffee, cheese and oatcakes, to name just a few.

The Winter Farmers Market is an ideal family day out with food and drinks available for rustic picnics. Tractors, toys and farmyard animals will also be available to keep the children entertained.

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RNLI take the top honours at

by Colin Smeeton
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The RNLI rowing team emerged victorious in the closely contested Emergency Services Regatta held in Lamash Bay last weekend.

Taking part in the Arran Coastal Rowing Club's second annual regatta were representatives from Police, Coastguard, Arran Mountain Rescue team (AMRT), RNLI and Arran Medical Group, who all competed over a one kilometre course for the Angus Campbell Quaich.

Rowers faced early morning mist and a lively swell at the start of the timed races, however, the weather eased throughout the day, allowing a large number of spectators to witness the final race between AMRT and the RNLI.

The time difference in the heats between last year's finalists, AMRT and RNLI, was only marginal, but in the

end, RNLI dug deeper and finished just ahead of AMRT, once again, by a narrow margin.

The rowing club's Emergency Services Regatta is held in memory of Dr Angus Campbell who was intrinsically involved in Arran's maritime matters and emergency services and who envisaged the event.

Sadly, Dr Angus Campbell passed away in 2018, having been an honorary member of the RNLI, but also involved in some capacity with all of the emergency services which took part in the regatta.

His wife, Yolly Campbell, attended the event and presented the RNLI winners with the Angus Campbell Quaich.

Chairperson for the Arran Coastal Rowing Club, Cecilia Paul, congratulated the winners and thanked all of the rowers for taking part in what was described by everyone as a thoroughly enjoyable day.



The RNLI team with Arran Coastal Rowing Club's chairperson Cecilia Paul acting as the fifth member.

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Finalists and last year's winners, Arran Mountain Rescue Team. 01_B43ARC01



The Arran Coastguard team. 01_B43ARC03



The Police Scotland team who put in a noteworthy performance despite their relative rowing inexperience. 01_B43ARC04



The Arran Medical Group team with Arran Coastal Rowing Club's Dave Ingham acting as the fifth member. 01_B43ARC05

Emergency Services Regatta



Yolly Campbell and Cecilia Paul present the RNLI rowers with the winning quaih. 01_B43ARC06



Runners up, AMRT, with their prizes and medals. 01_B43ARC07



The RNLI lifeboat welcomes back the two exhausted rowing teams who competed in the finals. 01_B43ARC12



Team AMG row into position to begin one of their races. 01_B43ARC10



Left: Supporters gather on the pier to watch the action. 01_B43ARC11

Right: the RNLI lifeboat makes a splash with a short burst of its motors to celebrate the victory. 01_B43ARC09



Finalists race towards the finish line flanked by the RNLI lifeboat and another support vessel. 01_B43ARC08



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Island boutique celebrates five years

Chameleon Ladies' Boutique in Lamlash has emerged from the pandemic with five years of trading under its belt, great new brands and styles for this winter and the coming spring, plus new ideas and fresh faces.

We caught up with owner Lynn Walker and asked her about the last few years and her plans for the future. She said "Obviously Covid has been very challenging for many island businesses and like many others we have suffered enforced closures, a huge drop in customer numbers and ongoing issues with stock availability and delivery.

My vision for Chameleon has always been to offer a personal service that can only be done 'in store', allowing ladies to browse and try things on, whilst always being on hand to offer advice. It's the exact opposite of 'transactional' shopping online or in a busy high-street and so it's been very frustrating to have many lovely styles available but the doors closed! Of course needs must, and so we quickly established a website at the start of the pandemic (www.chameleonarran.com) which has grown into a useful way of allowing those unable to get to Arran to shop with us. While I was not allowed to trade through the front doors, I also created regular videos using Facebook and You Tube to reach my customers. Those who followed me were hugely supportive and tuned in live on a Saturday morning with a cup of coffee to have a virtual chat & shop!

Chameleon is all about shape and style as opposed to size and age. Most of our clothing is 'sized' but when putting my collections together each season I mainly look at the shape of a garment and the type of figure it would suit. Some ladies can get



A warm welcome awaits at Chameleon Ladies' Boutique in Lamlash

fixated on the size written on the label, but I try to steer away from that way of thinking, encouraging customers to try different shapes instead. I also stock a range of quality Italian wear which although 'one size' will also differ in garment shape and it is that which will determine whether it suits one person over another."

Your Island Boutique Looks to the Future

"Fingers crossed we are now getting back to normal – though of course we are still taking all necessary protective measures.

The island is also a bit quieter now so it's a good time to come shopping.

Hopefully the run-up to Christmas will be far more traditional this year and we've a range of styles in stock for seasonal events & occasions – why not check us out first before heading off-island or online?

We also stock a range of basics, that are very popular especially in the autumn months. Our organic cotton polo necks, crew necks, tube skirts, along with our fleece lined leggings are a sell-out every winter. We are also the island stockist for Sloggi pants and hold a great range of Europe's best-selling trousers, Robell - there is simply a style for everyone!"



Lynn added, "As we move into autumn we will be taking our traditional end-of-season break, closing the week starting 1st November and re-opening on Tuesday 8th. From then on we shall be on winter hours Tuesday – Saturday, 10:30 – 5pm. We look forward to seeing you at 'your island boutique'".

Chameleon Arran Ladies' Boutique can be found in Lamlash in the old post office building on Hamilton Terrace, next to Thomson's garage. We are open in winter Tuesday – Saturday 10:30 – 5pm. Contact us on 01770 600201 or email lynn@chameleonarran.com. We are also open 24/7 at www.chameleonarran.com

Don't forget the annual 'Shop Arran' event is back this year over the weekend of November 19th – 21st

Changing Colours at Chameleon

Chameleon owner Lynn Walker said "Jane McCartney joined me in 2018 as I became too busy to do everything on my own. It's been wonderful to have her! I'm amazed at how quickly time has passed - Jane is retiring at the end of the month - and I'd like to say thank you to her for all her help and for keeping me sane!" Jane added "I will really miss the shop and Lynn, Catrina and Sandy (Lynn's Mum). I'll miss the lovely customers and the clothes, but I will still be a customer as I need my clothes fix and I am addicted!"

Lynn continued "In her place I'm delighted to welcome Catrina Millar to Chameleon. Catrina lives in Whiting Bay having recently moved to Arran from Stewarton. She will be

working with me to help take the business forward, working two days a week all year round." Catrina said "I am very much looking forward to this new chapter in my life and to meeting more of Chameleon's lovely customers"

Lynn and Catrina look forward to welcoming shoppers and browsers both existing and new. Lynn commented "It feels like there are lots of new faces on Arran this year, newly settled and still discovering the island and what it has to offer. We hope that they will pop in and say 'hi' - there is never pressure to buy at Chameleon. With our ever-changing stock if you don't find something on your first visit that you like you are bound to find something the next time.

The shop has evolved from when it first opened listening to customers both residents and visitors and trying wherever we can to stock clothing that appeals to anyone with a sense of fun, whether you are a classic dresser or looking for something quirky!"



Jane McCartney, Catrina Millar and owner Lynn Walker welcome you to Chameleon

THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday October 20, 2001



A scene from *The Land and the People* which played to full houses in Brodick last weekend. 01_B43twn03



Contact the Elderly recently held a party at the new Auchrannie Spa Resort to celebrate 30 years of its operation in Scotland. Their oldest Arran member, Matt Forest, cut the cake and is seen here with Scottish development officer Elspeth Horsman and co-ordinators Stewart Lambie, Ruth Yates, Elinor Kinnaid and Jean Peacock. 01_B43tewn04

Right: Learning more about Gaelic language opportunities on Arran at an information table set up in Brodick Co-op on EU Languages Day are: Morven Fitzgerald, Ruth Smith, Betty Campbell and Gerald Fitzgerald and David McMillan of the Co-op. 01_B43twn05



A tableau from *The Land and the People* depicting crofters put out of their home with all their goods and chattels during the clearances. 01_B43twn01

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The choir and musicians performing the pageant which took the audience through 15 centuries of Arran history. 01_B43twn02



Around 40 Arran protesters outside the North Ayrshire Council headquarters in Irvine where the planning committee approved the controversial Border Biofuels proposal for a electricity generating plant at Hawthorn Quarry. 01_B43twn06

What's on

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TOURS AND TASTINGS BY APPOINTMENT



Every Day

Arran Heritage Museum Rosaburn, Brodick,
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Arran Brewery, Shop Open – Monday to Saturday 10am – 4.30pm, Sunday, 12noon - 4pm

Brodick Castle & Gardens Brodick, Open daily, 10am – 5pm (last entry 4.30pm)

Brodick Mini Golf, Open seven days, 10am - 5pm-ish, ALL weather
COAST Discovery Centre, Lamlash, Open Monday - Saturday, 10am – 4pm

Lamlash Putting Green, Open daily, 10am -4pm

Lamlash Tennis Courts, Open All hours

Trout Fly Fishing, Loch Garbad, bank fishing

Whiting Bay Bowling Club, Open to book call 01770 700636

Autumn Show, Saltwater Gallery, Cladach, 10am - 5pm

Saturday 23rd October

Eco Savvy Community Shop, Whiting Bay, 10.30am – 4.30pm

Arran Hockey v Strathclyde University, Ormidale Pavilion, 2pm

Rink Games, Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm

Open Session, Crofters' Bar and Bistro, 3pm - 5pm

Live Music, Crofters' Bar and Bistro, from 9pm

Sunday 24th October

Arran AFC v Saltcoats, Kilwinning Sports Club, 1pm

Pumpkin Patch, Sandbraes Park, Whiting Bay, 2pm – 4pm

What's Happening On Arran, <http://www.arranmedia.co.uk>, 4pm

Monday 25th October

Arran Chess Club – new members welcome, Crofters',
Brodick, 10.30am

Shiskine Tennis Club, Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club,
Blackwaterfoot, 4pm

JogScotlandArran@gmail.com, Whiting Bay,
Venue varies, 5.30pm

K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm - 10pm

Tuesday 26th October

Healthy Outdoor Team, Brodick Castle, 10am – 1pm

Shiskine Tennis Club, Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club,
Blackwaterfoot, 11am

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, Brodick Church Hall, 2pm

Rink Games (Social distancing observed),
Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm

Junior Hockey, P1 - S3 (age 5 to 14 yrs), Ormidale Pavillion,
Brodick, 6pm – 7pm

Bible Meetings, Shiskine Village Hall, Shiskine, 7.30pm - 8.30pm

K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm – 10pm

Pop Music Quiz, suits all ages, Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Wednesday 27th October

Eco Savvy Community Shop, Whiting Bay, 10.30am – 1.30pm

Archives and Genealogy services, Arran Heritage Museum,
10.30am -12.30pm & 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

Arran Well-Being Cafe, Lamlash Church Hall, Lamlash, 2pm - 4pm

Arran Pace Makers please check Facebook @arranpacemakers,
Venue varies, 5.30pm

K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm – 10pm

Bible Meetings, Ormidale Sports Pavilion, Brodick, 7pm - 8pm

Rock and Pop Bingo, Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Thursday 28th October

Eco Savvy Community Shop, Whiting Bay, 10.30am – 4.30pm

Shiskine Tennis Club, Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club,
Blackwaterfoot, 11am

Arran Cancer Support Group, Banner Lodge
(left of Heather Lodge), Brodick, 2pm

K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm – 10pm

Senior Hockey (12+), Ormidale Astro Pitch, 7pm – 8.30pm

Quiz – General Knowledge, Ormidale Hotel, Brodick, 9pm

Friday 29th October

Arran Chess Club – new members welcome, Crofters',
Brodick, 10.30am

Eco Savvy Community Shop, Whiting Bay, 10.30am – 4.30pm

Shiskine Tennis Club, Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club,
Blackwaterfoot, 4pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting. Whiting Bay Hall,
Whiting Bay, 7.30pm

K.A. Leisure, Lamlash, 6pm – 10pm

Live Music Crofters' Bar and Bistro, from 9pm

Saturday 30th October

Eco Savvy Community Shop, Whiting Bay, 10.30am – 4.30pm

Rink Games, Blackwaterfoot Bowling Club, 2pm

Hallowe'en Party, Shiskine Hall, 3pm – 4.30pm

Open Session, Crofters' Bar and Bistro, 3pm - 5pm

Cosmic String Theory, Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 7.30pm for 8pm

Live Music, Crofters' Bar and Bistro, from 9pm

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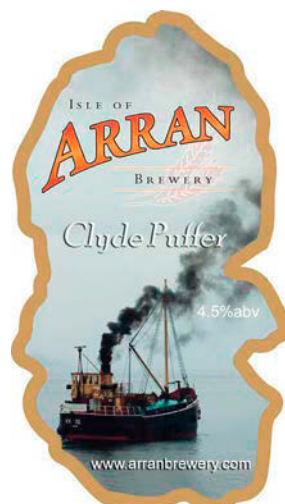
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21/00919/PP; Site To South Of, Norwood Lodge (Plot 1), Middle Road, Whiting Bay; Erection of dwellinghouse (to incorporate design changes) as alternative to planning permission ref. 17/00365/PP.
21/00996/PP; Site To South Of, Norwood Lodge (Plot 5), Middle Road, Whiting Bay; Erection of 1 and 1/2 storey detached dwelling house and detached garage.

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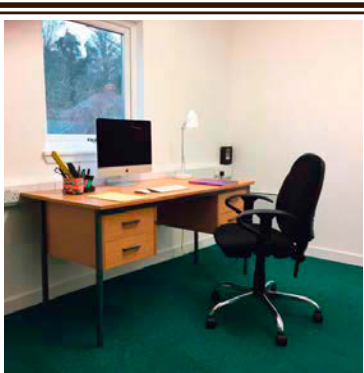


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Sunday 24th October
Lochranza & Pirnmill
Churches -
Morning worship service at
Lochranza Church 10:15am
Morning worship at
Shiskine Church 12noon.
Morning worship at
Brodict Church 10.30am
Morning worship at
Corrie Church at 12noon.
The Food Bank continues
from Brodict Church

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND Whiting Bay and Kildonan Church of Scotland

Charity Number: SC014005
Sunday 24th October
Worship will be conducted at
10.30am, with the re-opening
of the Sunday School.
As we are now able to socially
distance at one metre, booking
is not required. Contact details
will, however, be requested.
All welcome.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND Kilmory linked with Lamlash

**"A faith to proclaim ~
a fellowship to share"**
Scottish Charity SC015072
Sunday 24th October
Kilmory at 10 am
Lamlash Church at 11.30 am
To comply with 'Trace and
Protect' regulations, name
and contact details will be
asked for, on entering. We
will be observing all socially
distancing procedures.
All welcome

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide
Anglican Church)
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.
Sunday 24th October
21st Sunday after Trinity
Holy Communion at 11 am.
Revd Jane Penn
ALL WELCOME
Please join us for coffee
after the service
We follow strict SEC guidelines

ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH Minister - Rev. Vince Jennings Tel: 01770 600222 www.arranbaptistchurch.org.uk

Sunday 24th October
Services will be held in the
Ormidale Sports Pavilion,
Brodict at 11 am.
All welcome but current Covid
restrictions are in place.
Sermons will be on our
webpage following the Sunday.

**ARRAN FREE CHURCH
OF SCOTLAND
(CONTINUING)**
Sunday 24th October
Morning Service at 11am
Free Church Building, Alma
Road, Brodict
All welcome

**HOLY CROSS
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Mass: Saturday Vigil at 5pm
Sunday Morning at 11am
Booking for mass is essential.
Please email peterdwilko@
gmail.com or telephone
600595 to check availability
and confirm your place.

Please be aware we are still
maintaining social distancing
and capacity remains
restricted.
In accordance with Scottish
Government requirements
face coverings must be worn
in church and NHS test and
protect details will be kept.

*BLESS O LORD THIS
ISLE OF ARRAN
ST ROCH PATRON OF THE
SICK PRAY FOR US
OUR LADY OF THE ISLES
PRAY FOR US
ST COLUMBA PRAY FOR US*

BIBLE MEETINGS
Tuesday 26th October
Shiskine Village Hall, Shiskine
at 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Wednesday 27th October
Ormidale Sports Pavilion,
Brodict at 7pm - 8pm
Conducted by W Craigs
and R Hughes
Contact 07756836670.
All are welcome to attend.

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ARRAN BANNER GOLF

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday October 14, Front
Nine Medal. 1 Paul Cowan
32-1.5=30.5 BIH; 2 Dougie
Macfarlane 31-.5=30.5; 3 Alan
Smith 41-9=32. Best scratch,
Dougie Macfarlane 31. Magic
twos, Paul Cowan @4th.
Sunday October 17, Glenburn
Cup. 1 Martin Wallbank
73=12=61 BIH; 2 Scott
Campbell 75-14=61 BIH; 3
Stuart McLaren 73-12=61. Best
scratch, Paul Cowan 69. Magic
twos, Paul Cowan @16th, Iain
Murchie @17th, Iain Anderson
@5th.

Fixtures: Sunday October
24, Glenburn Cup, noon draw.
Thursday October 28, Back
Nine Medal, make up own
groups and see starter for
times.

Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday October 12, Winter
Cup. 1 Reuben Betley 60; 2
Brian Sherwood 61; 3 John
Pennycott 62. Saturday
October 16, Eddie Rankin
Trophy, Sweep. 1 Alex
Morrison-Cowan 34 points; 2
John Pennycott 33 points BIH;
3 Campbell Laing 33 points.
Machrie Bay beat Corrie to
regain the cup. Thanks to the
Rankin family for the prizes
and to Machrie Bay ladies for
providing the sandwiches and
cakes after the game which
were appreciated by everyone.
Fixtures: Tuesday October
26, Winter Cup, noon tee-off.

Shiskine Golf Club

Thursday October 14,
Shiskine Ladies Away Golfers,
Carradale. Singles: 1 Elizabeth
Kelso 43; 2 Isobel McDonald
46 BIH; 3 Jenni Turnbull 46.



Machrie Bay captain Brian Sherwood with the Eddie Rankin Trophy, Alex Morrison-Cowan, winner of the sweep, and John Milesi representing the Rankin family.

Scratch, Jenni 57. Tri-Am:
1 Alice Anderson, Carole
Stewart and Isobel McDonald
(ghost) 84; 2 Jenni Turnbull,
Isobel McDonald, Jerry Arthur
88. Longest drive 2/9 Liz Kerr,
N/P 4th Alice Anderson, N/P
10th Isobel McDonald, N/P
12th Jerry Arthur, longest Putt
6th Jenni Turnbull.

Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday October 17, Stableford
(Yellow Tees), seven played. 1

Cameron Bruce 28, 37 points;
2 David Morrison 9; 36, 3
Jamie Macpherson 3, 33.

Fixtures: Sunday October 24,
bogey competition.

Brodict Golf Club

Sunday October 17, Winter
Cup Stableford, 14 played.
Donald McKinnie 13, 44
points; Frazer Barr 7, 43 points;
Iain Sillars 19, 42 points.

Fixtures: Sunday October
24, Winter Cup Stableford.
Saturday October 30, Saturday
Cup.

Corrie Golf Club

Fixtures: Saturday October
23, 18 Hole Medal. Monday
October 25, Monday Cup,
shotgun start, draw at noon.

Arran Ladies Golf Union

Fixture: Saturday October 23,
Championship final, Lamlash
Golf Club at 2pm between
finalists Ann May and Susan
Butchard. Please go along and
give both players your support.

Views sought on new corporate plan for Forestry and Land Scotland

Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) is seeking views on its new, three-year corporate plan for 2022 to 2025.

Members of the public and those with an interest in how Scotland's land is managed are invited to comment on the draft plan, which outlines a number of the Scottish Government's actions and priorities, which will set out the organisation's proposed direction of travel and priorities for the next three years.

FLS chief executive, Simon Hodgson, said: 'We are in a unique position to make a significant contribution towards mitigating the climate emer-

gency and helping Scotland arrive at net zero.

'But at the same time we are also well placed to manage Scotland's national forests and land in a way that supports and enables economically sustainable forestry; conserves and enhances the environment; and delivers health, wellbeing and economic benefits for people and communities.

'Our proposals for how we deliver this are set out in our draft corporate plan and we are inviting all who have an interest in the national forests and land to give us their views on the outcomes and prior-

ities that we have identified. 'We know that Scotland's national forests and land mean many things to many people, and all views offered will help shape how we work and what we do over the next three years.

'I would like to thank in advance everyone who takes part.'

Key priorities listed by FLS include protecting Scotland's forests from new and existing threats, responding to the biodiversity challenge and developing the business systems and staff skills to enable FLS to adapt to changing conditions and challenges

as effectively as possible. FLS also intends to develop more commercial opportunities for the long-term benefit of the land that it manages by increasing the number of opportunities for communities to benefit and to adapt to changing visitor and tourism requirements.

The draft corporate plan and consultation can be found online at consult.gov.scot/environment-forestry/forestry-and-land-scotland-draft-corporate-plan

The consultation will run until November 22, with the final, agreed plan published on April 1.

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Caldercruix crush Arran AFC Sunday Cup hopes

Arran AFC	0
Caldercruix United	2
West of Scotland Cup	

Arran AFC faced worthy opponents Caldercruix United in a hard-fought match played in pouring rain in the second round of the Only Sport Sunday West of Scotland Amateur Cup.

The match, at Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, saw the two teams battling it out for superiority last Sunday with Caldercruix emerging 2-0 winners.

The disappointing result means Arran AFC's campaign hopes have now been dashed with the team out of the running for a place in the Only Sport Sunday West of Scotland Amateur Cup.

An Arran AFC spokesperson said: Out of the cup against very good opposition today.

With a depleted squad, we couldn't of asked for anything else from the boys. Will brush this off and move on. All the best to Caldercruix for the rest of the tournament and season.'

Caldercruix United were equally complimentary in their praise of their opposition. A spokesperson for the team said: 'Thanks for hosting us and for your hospitality. Keep your heads held high. It was an incredibly tough game and good luck for the rest of the season.'

The next match for Arran AFC will be a return to regular league games on Sunday October 24 when the team faces Saltcoats AFC at Kilwinning Sports Club with a 1pm kick off.

The match is sponsored by Duncan's at The Burlington - The Burlington Takeaway and all supporters are welcome to attend.



Despite many attempts, Arran were unable to score in the fiercely contested match. 01_B43football05



Left: The Arran keeper makes a save from a Caldercruix attempt at goal. 01_B43football04



Caldercruix players celebrate a hard-earned goal. 01_B43football03



Below left: The Caldercruix keeper leaps into the air, narrowly preventing an Arran goal. 01_B43football01



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