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# Wee Toon fire leaves residents homeless

Following the fire police arrested a man and a report was sent to the procurator fiscal

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FIREFIGHTERS raced to Albyn Avenue as flames ripped through a first floor flat.

Firefighters took just seven minutes to arrive at the terraced flats late last Saturday afternoon.

A Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) spokesman said: 'Before firefighters, in two appliances, arrived they could see smoke billowing 30ft to 40ft into the air.'

'The fire had engulfed the flat with flames coming six to seven feet out of the windows, on the bal-

cony area and flames were up on the roof.'

A witness from a nearby property, who did not want to be named, said: 'At first there were puffs of smoke coming out of the doors and windows which became eight-foot flames licking over the roof and round the walls.'

## Attic space

Firefighters hit the blaze with a main branch hose from the ground, while a team equipped with breathing apparatus, using a main jet, entered the property. A further team went into the building to get into the



A fire appliance outside the property at about 10pm on Saturday night.

attic space which the fire had also breached.

SFRS watch manager Ronnie Souden said: 'The fire was brought under control quickly.' Tenants of Argyll

Community Housing Association (ACHA)

living in adjacent properties were evacuated by police, who had attended an incident at the property earlier in

the afternoon, after a call at about 3pm.

A 999 call alerted firefighters at 4.26pm, and they were mobile by 4.30pm and in attendance at 4.33pm.

Police officers told firefighters that everyone was out of the properties and that no one was missing.

On Tuesday Mr Souden **Continued on page 2**

## Rival music festival

AS THE Mull of Kintyre Music Festival (MOK Fest) celebrates its 25th anniversary, a rival on the same weekend is trying to drum up support.

Helensburgh's Argyll Gathering on Saturday and Sunday August 19 and 20 even features some of the same acts such as Bombskare.

A MOK Fest spokesperson said: 'We are delighted that there is another new music festival added to the Argyll events calendar.'

'It's unfortunate that it is being held over the same weekend as MOK Fest as this may affect the long-term sustainability of both events.'

On the Argyll Gathering website, its organiser, James Windebank, said: 'The one thing that I always wanted my hometown to have was a spectacular event that focused on bringing people together to listen to great music.'

Despite *Courier* asking about the clash of dates, Mr Windebank has not replied.

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**POLICE FILES****Motorist stopped for speeding**

A MOTORIST was stopped for exceeding the speed limit at about 3pm on Tuesday July 18, on the A83 in Campbeltown.

The 25-year-old male driver was charged with the offence.

**Abusive behaviour**

FOLLOWING a report of a disturbance, police attended a flat in Calton Avenue, Campbeltown, at about 2am on Thursday July 20, and arrested and charged a 32-year-old woman and a 27-year-old man who were behaving in an abusive manner.

**Vehicle damaged**

BETWEEN 9pm on Thursday July 20 and 9.45am on Friday July 21, on Dalaruan Street, Campbeltown, a silver-coloured Mercedes car was damaged by having the wing mirror knocked off by another vehicle which failed to stop.

Police are investigating the incident and are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information to contact them.

**Police assault**

A 46-YEAR-OLD woman was arrested and charged after shouting and swearing abuse, and assaulting a police officer, in the Stewarton area at about 6.50pm on Friday July 21.

**Drunk driver**

A 63-YEAR-OLD man was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol after he was stopped on the A83 near Whitehouse, at about 1.45pm on Sunday July 23.

**Motorcycle damaged**

A HARLEY Davidson motorcycle was damaged by having the paintwork scratched between 6pm on Wednesday July 19 and 10.45am on Sunday July 23, at Tormhor, Carradale.

Police are investigating a number of incidents and are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information to contact them about these or any other incidents on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



MOK Fest Survivors Night line-up.

**MOK Fest Survivors' Night**

WHEN Wee Toon Tellers rocked Dillon's Bar back in 1993 they might not have believed MOK Fest would last a quarter of a century.

As the festival celebrates its silver anniversary this August the Tellers will reprise their role once again.

**Legendary**

This year the Survivors' Night concert on August 20 includes eight local acts: rock, pop, traditional, pipe and brass bands all taking the stage at this now legendary event.

The concert features many bands who have performed down the years with the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band and the Twisted Melons being joined by Deep Joy, Gullion, Gilchristians, Il Brasso and Session A83.

Jamie Girvan will MC a night which will have a few surprises and some special performances as we bring MOK Fest 25 to a close.

Event Manager, Iain Johnston from JIG Events said: 'Survivors' Night has always been a

unique concert featuring and showcasing some of the best local bands and musicians and the festival committee is delighted that it has become such a popular event.

**Surprises**

'Some of the bands have special surprises for our 25th anniversary celebrations.'

Tickets for all festival concerts from August 16 to 20 are available locally from A P Taylors, Main Street Campbeltown and on-line from Ticketweb at [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com)

**Largieside ploughing match set to unearth spectators**

PLOUGHMEN and women from across Kintyre will get stuck in to the annual Largieside ploughing match.

The furrowing hopefuls will meet tomorrow (Saturday) at South Muasdale Farm, by kind permission of farmer Stephen Jones, from 10am onwards.

Many methods of ploughing will be on display, with vintage and modern tractors being used, as well as Clydesdale horses.

Entry to the event and parking are free, and all are welcome to go along and join the spectators on the field, where there will be a

raffle and refreshments available to purchase.

After the event, the prize-giving will be held in the Argyll Hotel, Bellochantuy, from 9pm until late. All are welcome to attend where a light supper will be served, at a cost of £3 per person, with free entry for children.

**Quizlings**

AMONG many Kintyre places which featured in a Carradale quiz was a beach community with a farm stall and a hotel.

One of the harder questions was an anagram of a place name: 'Aby clout hen'. Answers to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk. The winning team's picture will appear next week.

**Man arrested after Albyn Avenue fire**

Continued from page 1 en added: 'All the crews involved in the incident worked tirelessly to bring the fire under control.'

'Four trainees on development, with less than six months' service, were involved.'

'One crew remained at the incident awaiting the conclusion of a police investigation, before they could complete stripping down the property. They finished at midnight.'

It was reported afterwards that firefighters had problems with three street hydrants which were seized-up or otherwise inoperable but it did not affect

performance as both appliances had enough water.

A Scottish Water (SW) spokesperson said: 'Fire hydrants on Scottish Water's distribution mains are inspected by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS).'

'SW is required, at the request and expense of the SFRS, to fix fire hydrants on its mains, keep them in the property. They finished at midnight.'

'SW has received no request to repair any fire hydrants at this location.'

'If requested by the SFRS to increase the supply or pressure of

water in its network, Scottish Water must do so if practicable.'

'SW works in partnership with the SFRS and is not aware of any issues at this time and location.'

'However, SW would, of course, carry out work in accordance with the above at the request of the fire service.'

ACHA chief executive Alastair MacGregor said: 'Two of our tenants were evacuated on Saturday and we currently have three tenants either staying in temporary accommodation or with family members.'

'ACHA's priority is

to support our tenants at this difficult time following the fire.'

'We are liaising with our tenants on the most appropriate way to meet their future housing needs, which could result in alternative housing if they do not wish to return to Albyn Avenue.'

'The association is carrying out insurance assessments with our loss adjuster and, once that is completed, we will be able to work on a timeline to repair the fire damage to our properties.'

Following the fire, police arrested a man and a report was sent to the procurator fiscal.

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# New sheriff heard loch was brim-full of whisky

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CAMPBELTOWN'S new sheriff said that after hearing Campbeltown Loch may be 'full to the brim' with whisky it was the place for him.

At his induction on Tuesday afternoon, Patrick Hughes, 40, was quoting from the eponymous song Campbeltown Loch which says: 'How nice it would be if the whisky was free And the Loch was filled up to the brim.'

Sheriff Hughes takes over from Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC who sat on the bench at Campbeltown for many years.

The induction ceremony was performed by Sheriff Principal Duncan Murray and as the appointment is made by the Queen, she was represented by the Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute Patrick Stewart.

The Queen formally makes the appointment on the recommendation of the First Minister on the basis of a report by the Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland.

During the ceremony, Sheriff Principal Murray, said: 'It is my privilege and honour to welcome Sheriff Hughes as the new sheriff for Campbeltown.'

'But before I turn to



From left: Lord Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute Patrick Stewart, Sheriff Patrick Hughes and Sheriff Principal Duncan Murray. 25\_c30sheriff01

## Sheriff Hughes takes over from Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC who sat on the bench at Campbeltown for many years

address you on Sheriff Hughes I should like to take this public opportunity to again pay tribute to Sheriff Anderson who has served as sheriff in this court for many years.

'Ruth Anderson is a feisty robust and practical lawyer who has done much in her tenure to support the administration and delivery of justice in this court.'

'As may be appreciated there was considerable interest from the

professions in applying for the post of sheriff in Campbeltown which also involves sitting in Oban.

'It is a great credit to and endorsement of Sheriff Hughes, that he was successful in this competitive recruitment process.'

Sheriff Hughes grew up in Irvine where he attended St Michael's Academy before studying law at Strathclyde university, with a year at the Université de Rouen in France.

He undertook further study at the college of Europe gaining a masters in European law.

When he returned to Scotland he began work with the crown office and procurator fiscal service. Concurrently he tutored public and EU law at Strathclyde university, and worked as an ad hoc translator for the European Law Journal.

After working as a trials depute in Glasgow, he spent a number of years at the crown

office appeals unit. On leaving the the unit he was commissioned to act as an advocate depute in the sheriff appeal court.

He also acted for a period as head of the wildlife and environmental crime unit and was admitted as a solicitor-advocate at the beginning of 2016.

The Sheriffdom procurator fiscal for North Strathclyde, Laura Mundell spoke of Sheriff Hughes' capacity for work and said: 'He was a hard worker and was notoriously the last to leave the crown office in the evening. I am

convinced there was one occasion when he did not leave at all.'

Welcoming Sheriff Hughes to Campbeltown, Dean of Faculty, Stephen MacSporran said: 'It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of the local bar, to both welcome and congratulate Sheriff Hughes on his appointment as the sheriff for this court.'

'I hope that your tenure is a long and happy one. There will of course be days that you no doubt find frustrating but thankfully, in my experience, such days should not be a regular occurrence.'

## Westport walk aims to turn beach pink

AN EVENING sponsored beach walk for cancer research aims to be a sea of pink.

This Sunday, at 7.15pm, Campbeltown Tesco staff and customers will put their best foot forwards, to walk from Westport to Machrihanish and raise funds for Cancer Research UK.

Spokesman, Tesco communi-

ty champion, Jake Sanders said: 'As this is our first year running a public version of the Race for Life event our main goal is to turn Westport pink and set solid foundations for future years on more difficult courses.'

### Medal

'The non-competitive event is open to men and women of old ages and under 16s accom-

panied by an adult and all will get a medal.'

Anyone interested in taking part or helping as a marshal, or offer walkers lifts from either end of the course should contact Tesco on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/tesco.campbeltown.31](http://www.facebook.com/tesco.campbeltown.31) or instore or email: [your\\_local\\_community@outlook.com](mailto:your_local_community@outlook.com).

## Tough trip to help Honduran primary school pupils

A TEENAGER will jet off to Honduras next week after raising more than £6,000, in five months, to fund a year as a voluntary gap year teacher.

On Monday, former Campbeltown Grammar school pupil, Catriona Lawrie, 17, said: 'I would like to thank everyone in Campbeltown for their support in helping me raise the money.'



Catriona Lawrie.

She will arrive in the Spanish speaking Central American country, which is one of the poorest in the western hemisphere, two months into its rainy season.

Miss Lawrie added: 'I will celebrate my 18th birthday at Siguatepeque, in Honduras as I will be there for a full year with no trips back.'

'I will be teaching English, maths, IT and science at Red Apple primary.'

Miss Lawrie hopes to study to be a teacher at university on her return and sees the project organised through Argyll's own gap year

charity, Project Trust, as a good way to gain experience.

'It's an amazing opportunity,' said Miss Lawrie, 'To immerse yourself in another culture and gain this experience before going to university.'

Miss Lawrie will take the train from Glasgow to London Heathrow, before flying to Houston, Texas, where there is a one-night stop-over before the final flight.

Before leaving she has had to have inoculations at Campbeltown hospital for hepatitis A and typhoid.

In addition, Miss Lawrie had to pay £140 to buy in a three jag course of a rabies inoculation.

Miss Lawrie added: 'I made £82 at my final event, the Dunaverty car boot sale last Sunday where I sold many things I will not need in the coming year.'

# Round Britain canoe crew's Kintyre stop

A PAIR of canoeists paddled into Strontian on Monday evening and became the first ever to complete the 2,000 mile voyage round the UK.

Last Thursday, former police inspector Colin Skeath, 50, and his 25-year-old nephew, Davis Gould-Duff, who left Strontian in west Lochaber, on April 30, made landfall at Machrihanish.

Paddling a £4,000 canoe, made by Swift in Canada and named Temagami, the pair had just 115 miles to go before ending the epic odyssey. The pair camped on a patch of grass by the bay and spoke exclusively to the *Campbeltown Courier* after spending the day crossing the North Channel in their flimsy craft, about 35 land miles, from Glen Arm in County Antrim, Northern Ireland.

'People were quite



The paddling pair on the Machrihanish shore at sunset. 25\_c30canoe01

worried about our safety when we rounded Cape Wrath and canoed through the Pentland Firth,' said Mr Skeath.

'But that was one of the highlights for me. There were some other amazing moments - it certainly fulfilled the definition of the word 'adventure'.'

'The most awkward crossing was from Orford Haven in Suffolk to near Margate in Kent, the wind was force four to six with rough seas. So far

we have raised about £2,000 for the Forget Me Not Children's Hospice in Huddersfield, which looks after youngsters with life-shortening illnesses.'

Spending long days together in a wee boat fighting the elements, and sleeping in a tiny two-man tent might seem like a recipe for arguments but the pair said that there have been no serious disagreements.

Mr Gould-Duff, who works in a Limerick

outdoors shop called River Deep Mountain High, said that having previously spent nine days climbing the Muir Wall, on El Capitan's south-west face, in America's Yosemite national park, they knew they would get on well.

Mr Skeath said a man had attempted the trip solo, in a decked canoe in 2012 but had gone through the Caledonian canal before giving up after 1,000 miles.

At first Mr Skeath tried to keep to a very healthy diet but said that they have lost so much weight he will eat anything and Mr Gould-Duff seems to love cheesecake.

Forced to spend a rest day in Kintyre due to a poor forecast, Mr Skeath said his current craving is for sausages and he was keen to know which Campbeltown café did the best bangers.

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**Elizabeth Welsh BSc (Hons), MSc**, graduated Bachelor of Dental Surgery with Honours at Aberdeen University on 20th June, 2017. Elizabeth is the youngest daughter of Elizabeth and Craig Welsh of Lochgilphead.



**Kirsty McCallum**  
Congratulations to Kirsty who graduated from the University of Glasgow on June 27, 2017 with a Bachelor of Education Honours Degree of the First Class with Teaching Qualification in Primary Education.

# Bin collection chaos is causing a stink

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A KINTYRE resident has been left reeling after her refuse was not collected despite all the other bins on the same street being emptied.

Dorothy McMurchy took to Facebook, recently, to express her frustration after her bin was missed.

On 'The Wee Toon Community Notice Board' page, she wrote: 'I am seriously annoyed. Bin should have been emptied on June 28. I have contacted the relevant dept no less than four times now and it is still not

emptied. That will be five weeks on Wednesday. I pay my council tax like everyone else. Unacceptable on every level. Next will be rats.'

In response, Lesley Kean said: 'I'm also fed up to the back teeth with this bin emptying nonsense. Our councillor is excellent but our MP doesn't bother to respond to my correspondence.'

And it's not only refuse collections that are being missed, but also recycling. Jamie-Lee Carlin wrote: 'We never got our recycling collection today so I will be leav-

ing the bags out in the street until they collect them.'

Ms McMurchy responded: 'At least recycling doesn't stink! Five-week-old refuse does. Have phoned and emailed. Keep telling me it will be dealt with within 48 hours. Wonder whose clock they are going by?'

When asked if they had forgotten to cover her area, Ms McMurchy said that the refuse collectors had emptied every bin on the street, leaving only hers full of rubbish.

After a trip to Glasgow, Ms McMurchy returned to find 'a

stinking bin hoaching with 'bluebottles' sitting at the end of her drive. She contacted the council yet again, and joked: 'Should start taking bets on when or indeed if they ever intend to empty it. Wonder who will clean it out after all this time?'

### Annoyed

Many people were already annoyed by the move from weekly to three-weekly refuse collections, with complaints of increased vermin and bad smells, especially in the summer months.

But now, with pick-ups being missed,

some people have a six-week wait until the next collection, causing frustration to grow.

At a recent Campbeltown community council meeting, one member shared a photo of maggots at the bottom of their wheelie bin.

Councillor Donald Kelly, who runs a pest control company, suggested that this would be a problem in the warm weather. After a rat was found rooting around a bin in February, he said: 'I have said from the outset that vermin problems will increase with three-weekly collections.'



Maggots were found in the bottom of this Campbeltown wheelie bin.

'We have problems with rat infestations at the moment and this will be exacerbated by fly problems come the summer.'

An Argyll and Bute council spokesperson said: 'We have not been made aware of any recent missed bin collections in Camp-

beltown - all our collections have been on schedule.

'We would ask householders in Campbeltown for their support in ensuring bins are emptied on schedule by leaving them out for collection from 8am on the relevant collection day.'



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## Editorial

### Fire hydrants shock

YEARS ago fire brigade staff used to spend three weeks each year checking road and street hydrants.

They would go round in a minivan flushing them through, checking that the yellow signs were visible, greasing threads on caps, in the countryside excavating hydrants from grassy banks and trimming them back.

These checks were clearly remembered by one Campbeltown firefighter and by a Mid-Argyll police sergeant, who recalled seeing the van stopped by hydrants.

Last week firefighters attending a serious blaze in flats at Campbeltown found three hydrants 'seized or inoperable'. It seems the checks are no longer made.

If this is a budget cut it is particularly concerning as it is a matter of everybody's safety.

Scottish Water, which provides the hydrants, says it is up to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to identify faulty hydrants before it will fix them.

Kintyre's hydrants should be checked as a matter of urgency.

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## Ferry failure disappoints

Sir,  
 My family was stranded at Ardrossan by CalMac last Sunday, July 23 without an explanation, it is certainly galling to say the least.

There were many others in the same predicament - its just madness given a fine day and flat calm conditions.

I know CalMac will conjure up some sort of excuse, but the unpredictability of the service is not helping Campbeltown or indeed the company itself.

Is there a problem with the ship rather than the weather conditions? It sailed last Sunday July 16, a blistering hot day when even the ancient Waverley arrived without a problem, but not without a mention from the CalMac crew that the ferry may not be able to dock. Thankfully it did berth.

What is the problem with this ferry as everything else seems to be unaffected?

**Alex McKinven,**  
**Campbeltown.**

## Islay verges spruced up

Sir,  
 I was very pleased to see our council's roads department cutting the grass verges across many routes on Islay.

Some of these areas particularly near the outlying farms have not had their verges cut in over five years.

I had highlighted this problem to our roads department after many local residents contacted me and I'm pleased with the swift response.

I'd like to give my thanks to the local roads department and its management for addressing this issue.

I have also spoken to many local residents that are happy with the work that has been done.

**Councillor**  
**Alastair Redman,**  
**Islay.**

## Down memory lane



**Carpentry workers at Robert Weir and Sons in 1897. John Hamilton McKellar is bottom left in the photo.**

A 19th CENTURY Campbeltown carpenter's hammer has been nailed down in British Columbia.

Professor Ronald Roberts at Campbeltown Heritage Centre tells how John Hamilton McKellar, the son of David and Janet McKellar who ran the Main Street dairy, emigrated to South Africa and Canada, always with his trusty hammer.

In Vancouver, he became head of the school board maintenance department and whenever new staff were needed he would try to recruit them from back home, one of the reasons why there is such a large Kintyre expatriate community in British Columbia (BC).

When his granddaughter, Professor Bar-



**John Hamilton McKellar's hammer which is now in British Columbia.**

bara Bulman-Fleming, of Victoria, BC saw the picture of the Robert Weir workers, she immediately recognised her grandfather - and his hammer.

She had inherited the cherished hammer, still engraved with his name, and now keeps it in her coal cellar.

## Did you know Diane Barros?

Sir,  
 For a birthday treat I am bringing my wife Diane to the Royal Hotel from Monday July 31 to Thursday August 3.

Diane's father was stationed at RAF Machrihanish in the 1970s and Di attended Campbeltown Grammar School from 1970 to 1972 but has not been back since.

Di is always telling me about the times she had whilst living in the area, so as a surprise I thought I would try and make contact with some of her old school friends.

Diane would be thrilled to meet up with anyone who

remembers her from the early 70s.

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## Exam results helpline

Sir,  
 Skills Development Scotland's (SDS) exam results helpline opens on Tuesday August 8 as 139,000 pupils across the country receive their National, Higher and Advanced Higher results.

This is the 25th year of the free helpline which offers advice, information and support for young people and their parents, who make

a third of all calls.

It will be open from 8am until 8pm on August 8 and 9 and from 9am until 5pm from August 10 till 16. The number to call is 0808 100 8000.

Qualified careers advisers are on hand to help young people who may not have received the results they were hoping for and those who have done better than anticipated.

These skilled professionals have unique access to information on UCAS course vacancies at UK colleges and universities, confirmation and clearing, advice about modern and foundation apprenticeships and employment or volunteering. Our message for young

people and their parents and carers as the results arrive is not to panic. Everything might seem overwhelming at that point. Our experienced advisers are there to help and have information on all the options and opportunities young people can consider.

Post-results information for pupils and parents is also available at [www.my-worldofwork.co.uk](http://www.my-worldofwork.co.uk).

There is also information about modern apprenticeships and foundation apprenticeships, at [www.apprenticeships.scot](http://www.apprenticeships.scot). Foundation apprenticeships help young people gain valuable, real-world work experience and access work-based learning while they are still at school.

Students can also access help, advice and support via SDS's Facebook page which has practical help and links to UCAS, SAAS, Young Scot and the SQA.

**Skills Development Scotland.**

## Might Campbeltown band be by an oasis?

Sir,  
 I am searching for the whereabouts of a band that played at my wedding a few years back, I don't even know if they are still together.

The band hailed from Campbeltown and was called Follow that Camel.

**Colin Gerrard,**  
**Mossblown,**  
**Ayr.**  
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# Kintyre commemorates centenary of Passchendaele

DESCENDANTS of some Kintyre First World War heroes are paying tribute to the sacrifices they made 100 years ago.

Karen Blake from Clachan will travel, this weekend, to a special ceremony at the Menin Gate memorial in Ypres, Belgium, for the national commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the 3rd Battle of Ypres 1917, known as Passchendaele.

Karen won her place, by ballot, for the event



These events totally shaped my family history

**Karen Blake**



William and Duncan Mackinnon are remembered on the war memorial at Kilcalmonell church.

where she will also join 4,000 members of the families of the fallen at the Tyne Cot cemetery to remember them.

Her great-uncle Duncan Mackinnon, whose family home was at Balinakill, Clachan, died in the battle, aged 30. He was a lieutenant in the Scots Guards.

Duncan has no known grave but is commemorated on the memorial. He was killed by German shellfire on October 9, 1917, while reaching his platoon's objective at Louvain

Farm, near Lange-marck, in the phase of the war called the Battle of Poelcapelle.

Karen plans to try to find the site, and will be going to a museum and other commemorative events while she's in Belgium.

Duncan's elder brother William, a captain in the London Scottish, had died a few months earlier in the battle of Arras. The brothers' deaths are commemorated on the gates of Kilcalmonell Church with 13 other men

from Clachan who died in this First World War.

There is a special monument dedicated to Duncan outside the church grounds at the foot of the cemetery on the hill out of the village.

A four-times rowing 'Blue' at Oxford University, Duncan was on the winning boat race crew three times from 1909-11. He also won a gold medal for Britain in the 1908 Paris Olympics.

Karen says: 'These events totally shaped my family history.'

'Peter, my great-grandfather's second son, had died in the Navy before WW1. By the end of 1917 three sons had died in the service of their country.'

'My grandmother Gladys Pollok, née Mackinnon, became the eldest living of her siblings' generation and lived for many

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Karen Blake looks through a family photo album.

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# Remembering Kintyre's WW1 heroes

Continued from page 7 the war, but Duncan's years at Ronachan. She never spoke about

rowing oars were kept hanging on the hall

wall. Her scrapbook has no entries from 1915 to 1918 – then it is full of letters from friends tenderly celebrating the Armistice.

Karen still stays nearby at South Lodge, Ronachan and several other Mackinnon relatives are still associated with Clachan.

Many of the 15 names on the Clachan war memorial remain familiar in the locality including Kelly, MacCallum and McKinlay.

Private Colin McAlister, of the Argyll and Southern Highlanders, who died in 1915 was a great-uncle of the Weirs, a well-known Clachan family. Colin is buried in the village cemetery which is a Commonwealth War

Grave and his relatives still have the 'Widow's Penny' bronze plaque and certificate of commemoration of his service to his country.

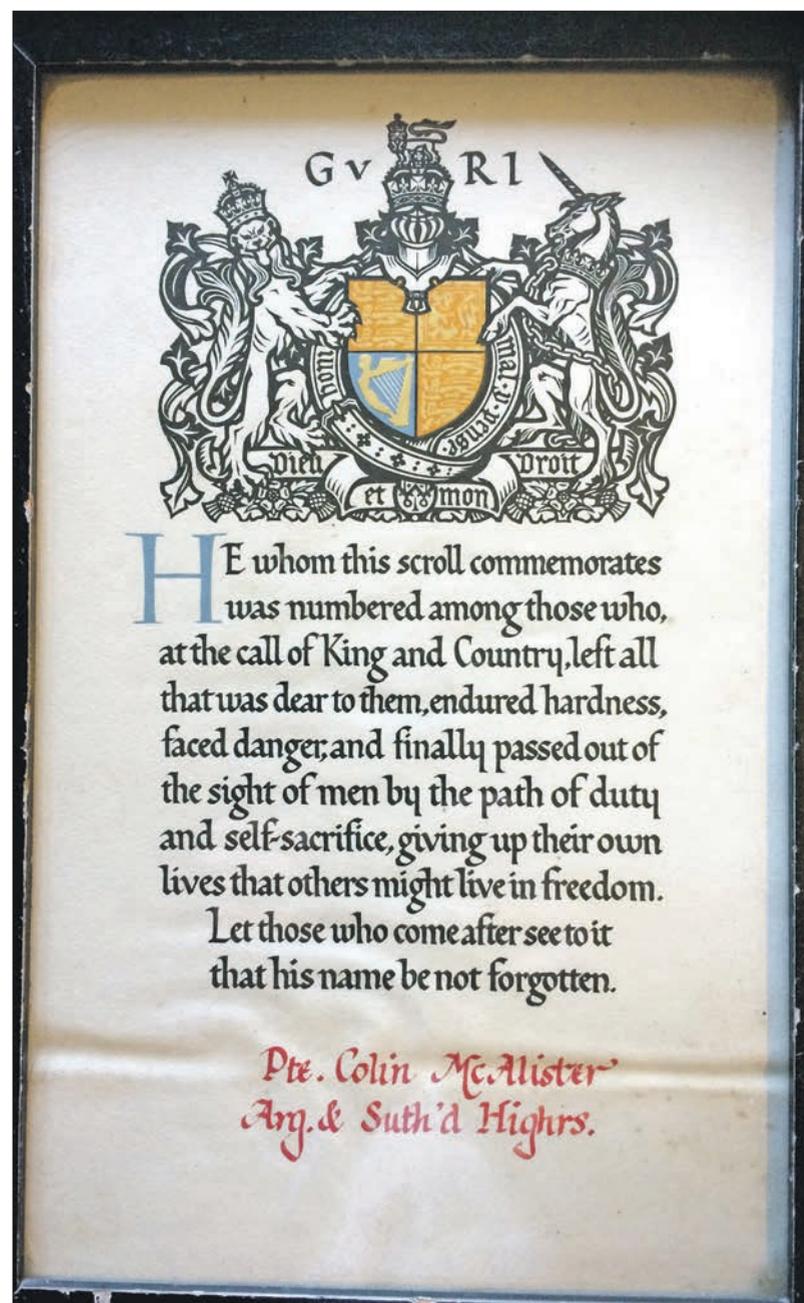
Robbie Semple, from Glenbarr, is currently undertaking a cycle ride from Perth to Portsmouth and then on to Passchendaele, as part of the Crieff Remembers commemorations, following the embarkation route taken by the men of the First World War.

The group left on July 19 and are expected to return on July 30.

As chairman of the Glenbarr War Memorial Trust, this is special for Robbie, as two locals died at the time, one of them his own grandfather's brother, who was killed at Passchendaele.



The 'Widow's Penny' that Colin McAlister's family received after his death in WW1.



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# mid-argyll show



There will be the chance to arrive at the 2017 show in style. a25carriage01no

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horses, ponies and poultry. Other popular attractions are the display of vintage tractors and the delightful pets section.

And then there are the terrier races – always fun, never predictable and almost guaranteed to spark the odd wee scrap here and there.

Also on the day there will be the

digger challenge, where the winner will receive a cash prize.

There will even be a 'guess the weight of Terry the turkey' competition, with Terry himself present on the day. On offer to the winner will be an 8lb turkey, courtesy of HD Ferguson & Son Butchers, Lochgilphead.

After the success of last year's gundog scurry, this competition will once again take place from 11am onwards.

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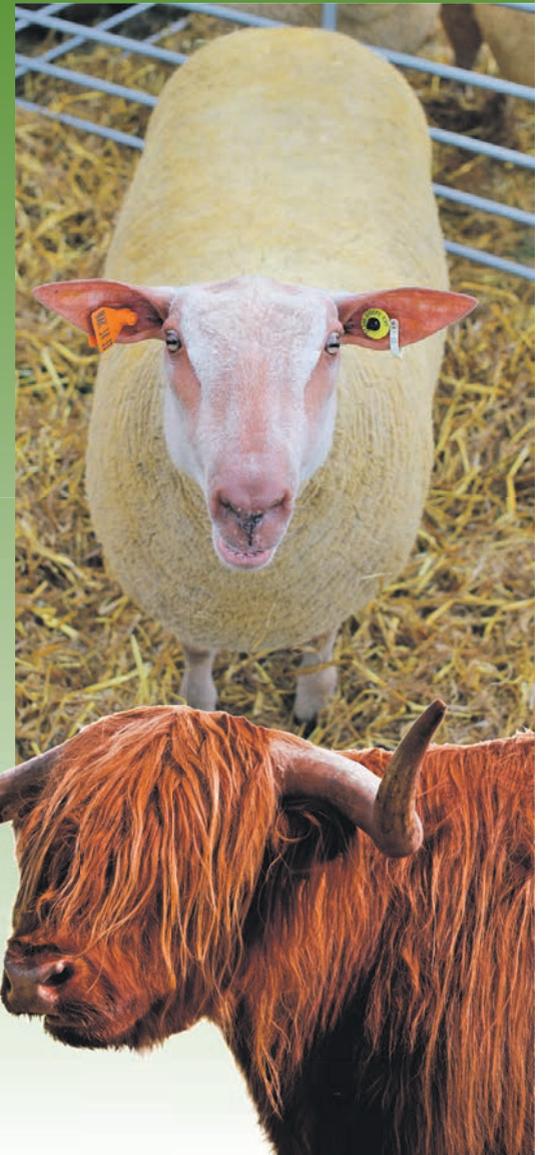


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# Kintyre Show 2017



## Kintyre Clydesdale enthusiast's memorial prize

By Mark Davey

The Clydesdale horse classes are ever popular and for the 151st Kintyre show, next weekend, a new prize will be added.

Duncan Mackinnon was a true enthusiast of the breed and as a memorial his family has donated a prize, for the best Clydesdale in harness, to be judged as a separate class.

Presenting the trophies will be Lindsay Kerr, from Port William in Wigtonshire, who will be known to many from his seed selling days in Kintyre with Sinclair McGill.

The Anderston Park gates open at 8am next Friday August 4 and having changed the location of the horse and pony section to the bottom of the field, organisers hope they can get the animals in more quickly. The dairy section will move to the top of the field.

To aid speed of entry for competitors and stall holders this year, Kintyre Agricultural Society has widened all the gates.

In a further slight change to last year's programme Dalcote Pony Club's display in the main arena will be in mid-afternoon.

Kintyre Agricultural Society secretary, Councillor John Ar-

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KAS junior vice president, John McLachlan with last year's champion Blue faced Leicester and grandson Joshua, 2. 25\_c33kasshow31\_champion

mour, said: 'There are a number of new stalls including Campbeltown Motor Company making a welcome return to the show.

'Two other vehicle stands will be newcomers this year - VW with the Crafter and Amaro and Henrys Cars.

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'Kintyre Arrows archery club will be on a separate field

which is luckily not near the bouncy castle.'

Animals should be in place by 9.30am and the schedule of arena events is as follows: Horse and pony 9am, sheep 10am, cattle and Clydesdales 10.30am, old tractors 12.30pm, dogs 1pm. The champion of champions judging will be at 2.30pm and presentation of trophies at 3.30pm.

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A POP-UP bar with no name helped create a barrel of fun at Carradale harbour day last Saturday.

Courier advertising executive Maurice Whelan, Dom Ryan and Douglas Petrie voluntarily manned the real ale pumps and held a name-the-bar competition.

Next door ahead of its official world launch, at the Glen Barr on Saturday night, Kintyre Gin offered an alternative tippale from a large Kilner jar.

The Carradale Harbour Enterprises Ltd (CHEL) fundraiser, held in sunny weather despite a forecast predicting showers, was not all about food and drink and youngsters were able to launch a boat as well as try their hand at crazy golf.

CHEL raised about £1,000 which chairman Alan Milstead said might help subsidise more than 30 per cent of yacht owners who use its buoys but fail to pay the £10 nightly mooring fee.

Mr Milstead added: 'The harbour day is in its 5th year and is more crowded than ever, it has grown furiously.

'CHEL had its own seafood stall selling mussels, burgers, the pop-up bar and teas and coffees.'



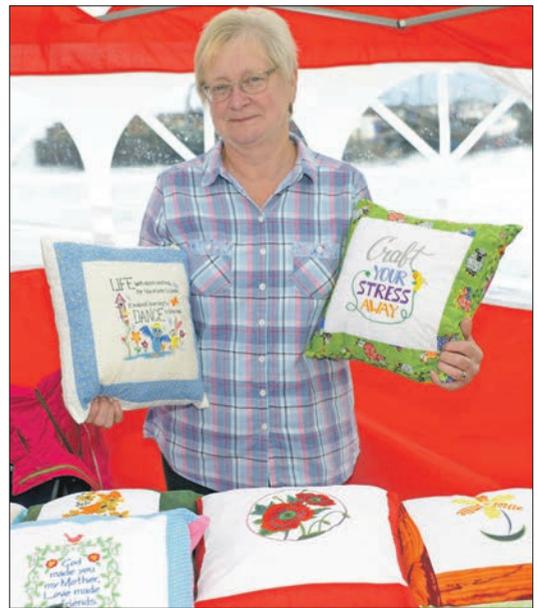
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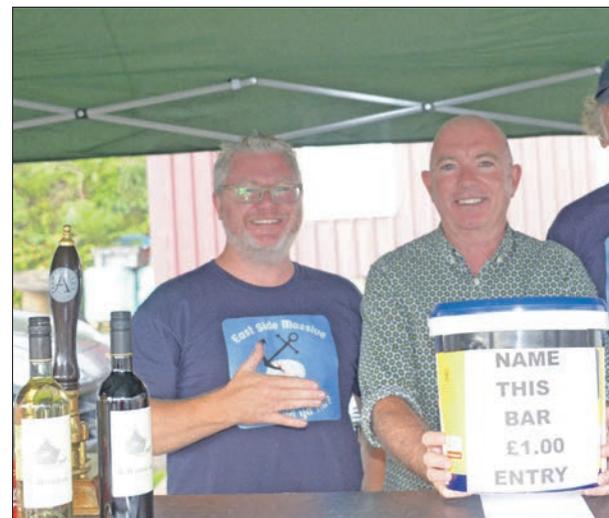
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Identical twins Caitlin and Philippa Abernethy, 22, ran the launching a boat stall. 25\_c30harbourday19

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# Beginners' guide to self-build

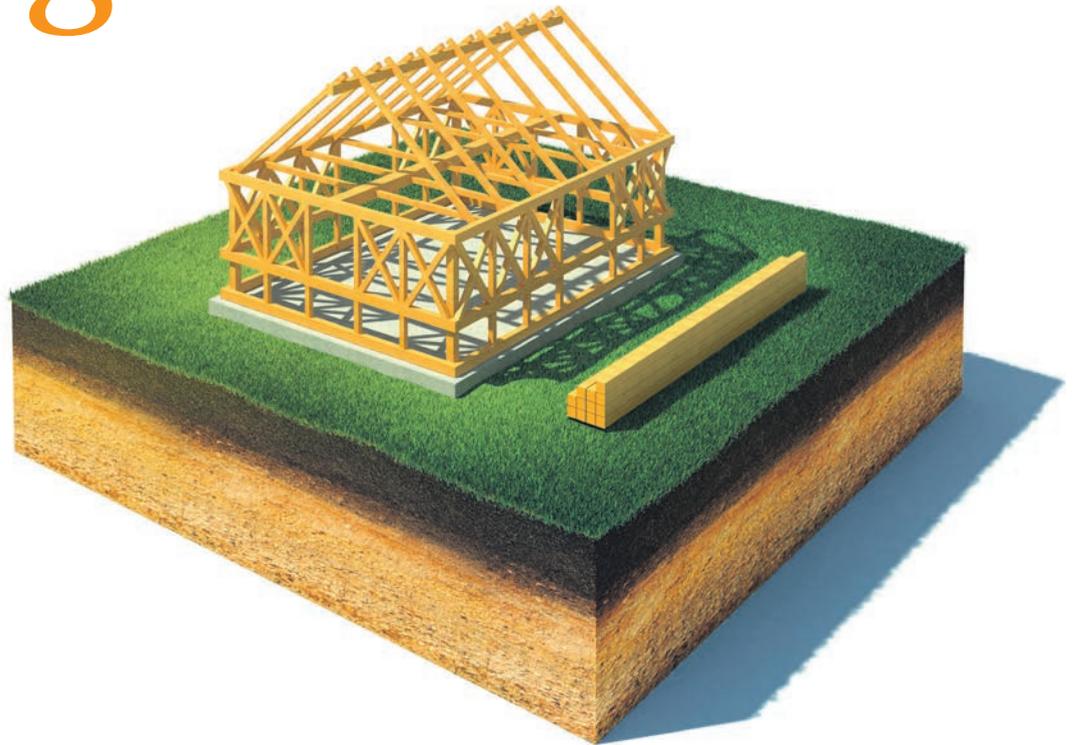
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While the largest number of new homes being constructed in the UK each year is not self-built, many of us dream of building our own home. Of course, most of us will never do it, leaving it instead to the professionals. However, every year, some 13,000 people embark on a self-build adventure.

There are enthusiastic amateurs, extremely competent DIYers and individuals with a background in construction who will undertake most aspects of the building work themselves. Then there are those who have neither the skills, the time, or the inclination to attempt the work, preferring to appoint a reputable contractor to undertake the work on their behalf.

Whichever way you choose to go, the process and the stages of construction will be the same. However, either option will bring benefits and challenges which will become apparent in different ways as the project develops.

Typically, by doing all the work yourself the key benefit will be one of saving you money. Of course saving money is great but without a large team of helpers who are willing to work free of charge, it will take longer to build, especially if you have a day job to go to.

Budget control has to be your number one priority, irrespective of the route you choose. Depending on the scale of your project you will also be liable to paying VAT, which incurs an additional cost of 20 per cent.

We've all watched programmes like Grand Designs, and while these undoubtedly produce some stunning results, they are not without their challenges when it comes to having expectations that exceed budgets. This is where many self-builds begin to struggle from day one. It is really important that if you plan to manage the work yourself, you understand the scope of works that

you are about to undertake and the costs associated with achieving your desired finish.

Capturing the essence of understanding cost and value, art critic John Ruskin once said: 'It is unwise to pay too much, but it is worse to pay too little. When you pay too much, you lose a little money – that's all. When you pay too little, you sometimes lose everything, because the thing you bought was incapable of doing the thing it was bought to do. The common law of business balance prohibits paying a little and getting a lot – it can't be done. If you deal with the lowest bidder, it is well to add something for the risk you run and if you do that, you will have enough to pay for something better.'

What he is saying is that just because you have a cheap price don't think that this is going to give you everything you have asked for. You need to be able to interrogate your cost base to ensure it is deliverable within your budget and initial scope of works. Inevitably, you get what you pay for.

If you are going to embark on the self-build route, our advice is to employ a competent quantity surveyor to assist you in compiling a robust scope of works that can be priced and will give you a basis for managing and controlling cost as the project develops.

Managing the project yourself will take time. You need to ensure that you have the time to dedicate to the project, rather than relying on tradespeople managing themselves by day and you trying to pick everything up in the evening, as you also juggle family life.

The self-build route will definitely save some money. However, unless you seek competent cost advice at the outset the saving will be immeasurable as you won't have a basis upon which to assess the investment in your own time and lack of professional knowledge against that of a competent, dedicated contractor.



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plaster and yet more decisions to make.

One client was in a such a position and turned to us for some help and inspiration. She had plenty of experience in doing up previous homes, but really needed help to clarify and consolidate her ideas for doing a whole house in one go.

She brought the house plans

to us and had already decided on the colour of her kitchen. We talked about how the house would be used, how she wanted it to feel and the ideas she already had.

We designed a concept mood board for her with ideas for colours, textures, fabrics, finishes, paint and lighting. We gave her ideas on how the space could be used, introduced the idea of painted

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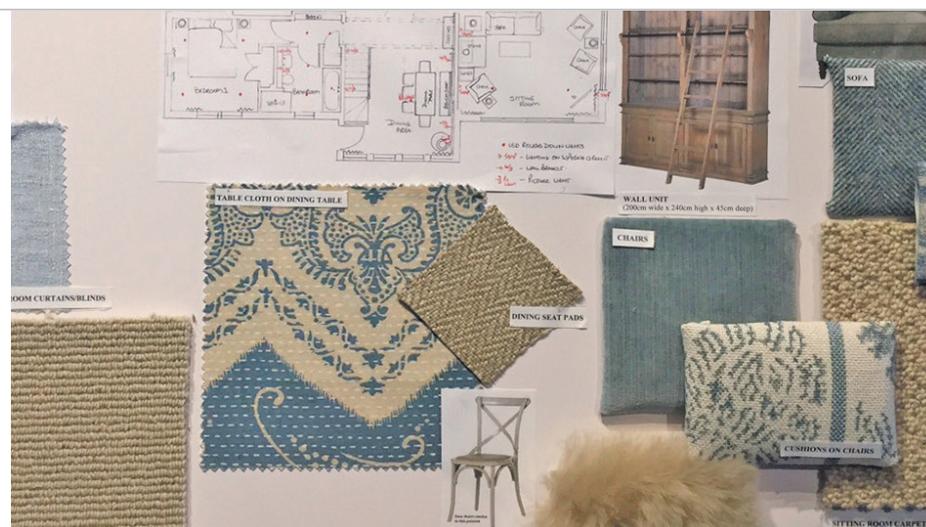
wood panelling for the walls in the dining area, and offered thoughts on furniture layout. This gave her the confidence to make decisions and take the design forward. We provided some principal lighting and some soft furnishings and then the client was happy to source other items herself and to undertake the decorating.

Several months down the line and the house is looking wonderful and the client is absolutely thrilled.

We are very happy to work with people at any stage of the design process. We can provide as much help as needed, be that simply delivering concept mood boards to managing the entire process and sourcing fixtures, furniture and furnishings.

At what point does a 'self-builder' involve an interior designer?

'Homeowners want to make sure their project is built or remodelled as efficiently as possible, and that means assembling the right design and build team from the very beginning. People often only start thinking about the interior towards the end of the build process. However, interior space is so much more than just furniture and furnishings. Every surface in an architectural space needs to be considered as part of the overall design. Elements such as colours, textures, proportions, lighting, balance as well as furniture and fabrics all come together in the final scheme. Considering these elements early on can help the success of the whole project.'



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# Raising finance

While you probably won't want to make a formal mortgage application before you have identified a plot of land and estimated your build costs, it is important to get financial advice at an early stage to be confident that you will be able to get a big enough mortgage. Even if you don't need a mortgage to help you buy your plot, you should try to be sure that you get a mortgage offer before you commit to buying a plot to avoid any nasty surprises later on.

## Self-build mortgage

You will need a specific type of mortgage for self-build because a self-build mortgage is normally paid in instalments at certain stages during the building process and the lender needs to check progress at these stages to make sure it is satisfied that the work has been carried out before the next instalment of the mortgage is paid out. Only some lenders offer self-build mortgages so it may be easiest to find a suitable mortgage by using an independent financial adviser (IFA) or mortgage broker, who will be able to find out what available products may be suitable for you.

## Nest egg

Whatever mortgage you choose, you will be required to provide a significant deposit to fund your build. In some cases at the moment, lenders will not provide any mortgage funding until your build reaches 'wind and watertight' stage – ie, the main structure of the building is complete and weatherproofed (this is in order to reduce the risk to the lender in case the project is abandoned when the home is only part built).

Lenders also generally pay for each stage of the build in arrears – ie, once it is complete. If you don't have enough savings or other ways of borrowing the money to finance the purchase of the land and the initial stages of the build, it may be possible to get mortgage finance at an earlier stage.

This can either be through a specialised mortgage product which pays instalments in advance or in some cases you may be able to agree a form of bridging loan with your current lender to fund the construction phase, which allows you to take a standard mortgage when your home is complete.

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## Funding for croft homes

The Scottish Government funded Croft House Grant (CHG) provides grants of up to £38000 for the building of a new house or the improvement or rebuilding of an existing croft house.

This support is available due to the particular nature of crofting as a form of land tenure, the remoteness of the landscape and the challenges faced by crofters in accessing conventional forms of housing finance.



In April 2016 a new scheme was launched which included increased grant rates, eligibility for owner occupier crofters and increased access for crofters who previously decrofted their house site. In addition, a selection mechanism was introduced to allow a prioritisation for applicants on lower incomes, lower property assets and those who intend to maximise the use of their crofts.

The scheme has attracted a high level of interest since it was launched which has led to Scottish Government allocating an additional £600000, raising the total budget to £2 million for 2017/18.

**Full details of the scheme, basic eligibility criteria and the selection mechanism can be found by visiting <https://www.rural-payments.org/publicsite/futures/topics/all-schemes/croft-house-grant/> or calling RPID Tیره on 01879 220240.**



## Loan opportunities for self-builders in the Highland Council region

**The Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust presents the Highland Self-build Loan Fund, a new Scottish Government fund. This fund applies to plots of land within the Highland Council area only.**

The fund allows HSCHT, acting as agent to the Scottish Government, to provide a revolving fund to self-builders throughout the Highlands.

The fund aims to generate growth in this self-build

sector again, and provide financial assistance to individuals and families who have in recent years been unable to progress with their self-build projects. HSCHT will keep a database of all the people expressing interest in the fund, in hope that this will prove to lenders that there is a high demand, and that it is indeed possible to finance these type of projects.

£4 million is available in total to provide to individuals and families throughout the Highlands, with applications open until the end of March 2018. This is a revolving fund, so as some projects are completed and the loan provided to them is paid back, HSCHT will then be able to use this finance to assist another applicant. The analysis of the pilot will be used to inform future policy for self-build support in

Scotland, and to provide evidence of demand to high street lenders. The new fund will allow applicants to borrow up to £175,000 to help them reach build completion. The loan is then repaid when the applicant is able to access a traditional mortgage.

The HSBLF can help a wide range of people who are considering a self-build project for their primary residence. Those who own or part-own a home can apply although they need to sell their interest in that property.

In addition, the HSBLF applicants will be prioritised in the following order:

- 1) Applicants with all necessary titles, permissions, warrants and other documentation requested during the application process.
- 2) Applicants with shorter build programmes. This is to allow us to provide more funding for a greater number of projects – allocating funding to a larger number of applicants between up to April 2018.
- 3) Applicants with greater housing need.

The agent (HSCHT) will assess the project costs and compare this with the applicant's contribution. If there is a shortfall in cash flow to reach completion stage (where mortgage funds become available), this will be the basis of how the HSBLF amount is calculated.

The duration of the fund being available to each applicant will depend on their build schedule. This will be decided before a formal offer is made. The loan offered to the applicant can be drawn down over the course of the project build – at stages previously agreed during the application stage.

If you are interested in hearing more about the Highland Self-build Loan contact HSCHT on 01463 233548, or email [selfbuild@hscht.co.uk](mailto:selfbuild@hscht.co.uk).

## They say it pays to shop around – but loyalty pays too

Switching mortgage products didn't mean changing lenders for Joe Kelly and Catherine Hallett

When they decided to take the plunge and build their own home, Joe Kelly and Catherine Hallett turned to Scottish Building Society for help. A self-build mortgage from the society allowed them to draw down funds as required for each phase of the project. Now happily settled in to their new five-bedroom detached home on the outskirts of Perth, they have switched to a standard mortgage, and are delighted that the society had a competitive product to offer.

Catherine takes up the story: 'We bought the land for our new home in December 2013 and broke ground 10 months later in October 2014. Originally we went through a mortgage broker to finance the build project, and he put us in touch with Scottish Building Society. As the build progressed I was glad to be able to deal directly with the society's Fiona Dyer who kept me right through every stage of the process.

'It was great to be able to pick up



the phone to someone who took the time to explain things to me clearly, and who had local knowledge. I really welcomed her expertise and it was for that reason that we turned to Scottish Building Society when the time came to switch to a standard mortgage once the build completed. I had shopped around a bit on the internet so I knew what rates were available and when Fiona responded quickly with a competitive quote we snapped it up. We were already inclined to remain loyal to Scottish Building Society because of the support and personal contact I had throughout the build, and we are both delighted to remain a member of the Society with our new mortgage.'

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Finding land is the first and biggest hurdle – and it deters many prospective self-builders. Unless you are lucky enough to own land, finding a suitable plot from scratch is likely to take time and effort. Not only are the most popular areas highly developed or fenced off by planning restrictions, plots that come on the market are constantly sought by local and national developers.

A recent survey by the National Custom and Self-Build Association (NaCSBA) revealed the toughest obstacles faced by self-build hopefuls. A staggering 56 per cent claimed finding an affordable/suitable site with which to build their own home was by far the biggest challenge they faced.

Mike Hardwick, NaCSBA CEO, said, 'These figures make interesting reading and echo the views of self and custom builders that I meet. The demand for land is still well above the available supply and so many of our supporters are eager to start their projects in the next couple of years but are held back by this critical shortfall.'

Starting a self-build can be very easy if you or your family already own a suitable piece of land, or it may take years of effort if you have geographical or budgetary constraints.

Once you have worked out what budget you have available, you can find out about plots of land for sale which may be suitable for self build from a number of sources. There are several websites that allow you to search for details of plots for sale, although for some of these you

need to pay a fee for membership. A range of websites are available, such as BuildstorePlot-search, UK Land Directory Ltd or plotfinder.net.

You can also look around for other potential sites in the area you are interested in by:

- searching the Scottish Property website for suitable public sector land for sale;
- checking your local Solicitors Property Centre or estate agents;
- looking out for 'For Sale' signs;
- approaching local private developers with undeveloped or partly developed land to see if they would consider selling you a plot;
- seeing if there are any community trusts in the area which may have land available for self builders, especially if you want to build in a rural area;
- considering sites with a derelict property which could be demolished or substantially renovated. See estate agents or the Buildings at Risk Register to find possible properties.

Some other methods for plot hunting include networking (ask all your friends on Facebook to look out for one for you, for example); contacting estate agents and landowners, checking out auction houses, hiring agents to search for you, advertising in the local press, in pubs and shops, and with mobile workers such as taxi drivers, mobile gardeners and hairdressers.

You can also search an area for an untended garden or neglected building, and then approach the owners. If you have a defined search area, buy a high resolution Ordnance Survey map as this can sometimes help you identify quirky potential infill sites that are not visible from the main roads. Google Earth can sometimes be useful for this too.



# Architectural designs

So you have finally settled on that perfect plot of land and have started brainstorming a vision for your ideal self-build. Wait a minute!

Although the temptation to do as much on your own as possible is admirable, this can often be a risky business that is devastating in the long run. Instead, for a traditional timber frame custom build, we recommend hiring an architect to ensure you get the most out of your project.

Your architect will construct designs that cater to your specifications, style and budget that are presented in the brief. Self-build architects cater to the individual needs of your project, and possess experience with a vast number of building styles and construction techniques.

All architects registered with the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS), Architects Registration Board (ARB) and the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) have the ability to prepare scale drawings and often 3D models of the proposed self-project. This information will be presented to you in design development meetings. This ensures you're getting exactly what you want before building work starts. Need more reasons to hire an architect for your self-build? Houzz UK Contributor Michael Schienke, director and founder at Vorbild Architecture, offers just a few.

## They will hold your hand

People often think only of the monetary value a good architect can add to their home, by creating a more coherent design, or adding a new room, for example. But architects also know the design and build process back to front.

## They will often come up with good ideas you may never have imagined

Architects design spaces from the inside out. If you ask them to draw an extension, they'll do that, but they'll also discuss how you intend to use the space, or even how you use the whole property, to make sure the extension and the way it looks and feels makes sense for you.

## They can help you with your room layout

While an architect's main training is to look at the whole house on a grand scale, they also know how to look at every detail. So with a kitchen, for instance, they'll make sure it functions efficiently for you and you can seamlessly move from one task to another without going

backwards and forwards.

## They can help you work to your means

This function is much more common in mainland Europe than in the UK, where cost consultants or quantity surveyors have taken over this part of the architect's expertise. Still, many architects can help you with forming your budget right from the start, so you can feel more in control and work out whether you can afford that more expensive kitchen you always wanted.

## They think outside the box

They like to encourage creativity. That wacky idea, which at the beginning everyone smiled about, could actually be brilliant, and an architect can think it through practically. Their ability to look at a house overall, think and pre-empt how you might use it or, more importantly, how you could make even better use of it, can lead him or her to suggest completely different points of view to someone solely looking at one room in isolation.

Architects can help you to invest wisely in your home. Think of engaging an architect as an investment in your house. The more you can improve your property, maximise the available space or even get permission for a larger extension, the more you stand to increase its value.



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The building system was first introduced in the US in the 1950s, and today SIPs are established in housing construction as main loadbearing members throughout the building, i.e. as floors, roofs and walls (internal and external).

Structural Insulated Panels are enabling technology to meet the Architecture 2030 Challenge for 100 percent energy efficient buildings. Many chain hotels and restaurants are now only building with SIPs due to energy-efficiency and speed of construction, with an overall lower cost and unskilled labour market. Also, many states and cities are starting to require homes and builders to get closer to net zero energy buildings. This is good news for SIP building envelopes, since they are about 50 per cent more energy-efficient.

### Kit home facts

The growing popularity of prefabricated housing, especially among thirtysomethings, demonstrates that prefab housing could be a future alternative to bricks and mortar.

Three out of 10 people in the UK would consider buying a prefabricated or self-build home with, young people aged 34 and under the most likely age group to do so.

People living in rented accommodation see prefab or self-build as a way onto the property ladder, with 33% saying they would consider it.



The UK continues to have one of the lowest rates of self building - around 10 per cent of new private sector house-building, compared to countries such as Austria, Belgium, Italy and Sweden where self build rates are above 65 per cent. However, the last few years have seen a great deal of activity in the self-build sector through Government incentives and greater media exposure, and an improvement in the general economy has also helped the market increase in value.

Product systems in the self-build market are a mix of timber frame and traditional methods, with kits continuing to represent a significant share of the self-build sector.

### Let's go to the Homebuilding & Renovating Show

The Scottish Homebuilding & Renovating Show in Edinburgh at RHC October 21-22 is the go-to exhibition for self builders and renovators.

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## Planning Permission

If there is not already detailed planning permission for your home for the plot of land you are buying, you will need to secure this before you can start building as the planning authority (your local council or national park authority) will need to be satisfied that your plans for your home are in line with the Council's Development Plan(s) and that your home's design will be acceptable in terms of its impact on the surrounding homes and landscape. Don't pay for land before it has planning permission- don't sign a contract or include a clause that it will be void if the property fails to get permission.

You should try to get planning permission as early as possible,

as the process can take some time. Try to speak to a planning officer at the relevant council before submitting your application as they should be able to let you know if there are any issues you should be aware of or any restrictions they might impose (for example they might restrict the size or height of the home, its distance from a road or the plot boundary, etc.).

The council should also be able to help if you need advice or guidance on completing a planning application. There will be a fee for submitting an application. The planning authority will notify any neighbours, but if your plot has no immediate neighbours, there is also currently an

additional charge to advertise your planning application in the local newspaper(s) so that any other residents who may wish to comment have an opportunity to do so.

Your architect can help or you may choose to employ a specialist planning consultant. A list of planning consultants operating in Scotland is available on the Royal Town Planning Institute website at [rtpi.org.uk](http://rtpi.org.uk).

In addition to planning permission, you will also need to apply for a building warrant before you can start building work on your home.

You can contact your council's Building Standards Department

for more information on how to apply The Scottish Government's Building Standards website at [gov.scot/bsd](http://gov.scot/bsd) provides links to the building regulations. If you are not familiar with the building regulations, you can get your architect or other design professional to help you with preparing your warrant application as well as providing drawings of your plan.

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# Kit homes

When you think of kit homes, you may think of an industrial style building, but these days, this couldn't be further from the truth. The new style kit homes are attractive and cost effective and they hold many benefits over other types of buildings. Thinking of going with a kit home for your self-build? Here's what you need to know.

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## Kit home designs are flexible

Most kit home companies can tailor the home to suit your requirements. So, if you want the living room on the other side of the home than the plan says, or you want to make the bathroom two way instead of single entry, chances are you can. Some companies and designers will even allow you to create a custom home.

## Kit homes are cost-effective and can save you money

Kit homes are cheaper to buy and build than a standard home is, and they are so easy to build that, if you have the skills and time, you can do it yourself, saving you thousands of dollars over a traditional house. If you do decide to have a builder erect the home, it will be a much quicker process than building a standard home, and thus you'll save in labour costs.

## Kit homes help you in the building process

Many kit home companies and suppliers will provide you with all the documentation that you need in order to get planning licence approval. They can also give you everything that you need to get your building licence so that you can start building the home yourself. You will find that the supplier or company will give you a comprehensive instruction manual if you are planning on building the home yourself, and all the phone and building assistance that you need.

## Kit homes are energy-efficient and eco-friendly

Kit homes generally meet five-star energy efficiency ratings or better. This is because of the latest materials used (insulation, double glazing, etc) and also because of the design itself. As well as being energy efficient, kit homes are environmentally friendly, because they are made either from sustainable treated pine timber frames or from recyclable steel.

## Common mistakes to avoid

While kits homes are a great alternative for self-builders, there are some common pitfalls



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that you should watch out for. Save time and money by avoiding these common mistakes.

- Don't just place your kit home down on your block anywhere. Position it to take into consideration views, privacy, summer and winter temperatures, etc.
- Don't try to pour the cement all at once, unless you have the manpower to complete the job before the cement 'goes off'.
- If you are using trades people, make sure you schedule them correctly – for example, make sure all plumbing, insulation and electrical work is done before the dry waller arrives.
- Don't finalise your design and budget until you know the site requirements.
- Don't try to do everything yourself unless you have plenty of experience and time.
- Don't skimp on wall frame props during roofing, because the walls will not remain plumb.
- Don't make your design so unique that it won't fit in with your neighbours and be more difficult to sell in the future.
- Make sure you know the rules before you break them.
- Don't go too big just because you can.
- Don't make your design so unique that it would not be appealing to others and thus harder to sell in the future.
- Don't forget to apply glue to floor sheeting or it will squeak.
- Make sure you seek professional advice when needed.
- Don't set yourself unrealistic deadlines at the expense of your health and family life.
- Don't guess. Use bids from subcontractors to determine hours needed for any given task.
- Allocate a percentage of your budget for landscaping. It is not an expense, it's an investment.
- Don't cut corners on fixtures and fittings. Choose a design that takes your lifestyle into consideration, such as need for privacy, room for entertaining, space for family growth, etc.



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### Types of kit homes

Most kit homes fall into one of four main categories:

#### Log homes

Log homes are made of handcrafted logs or factory-milled logs that can expand and contract due to changes in humidity and temperature, so it's important to seal the logs properly together. Log homes can also shrink after being built, so keep this in mind and plan ahead. Log kits include interior fixtures.

#### Timber-frame homes

Also known as post-and-beam homes, timber-frame homes have no interior structural walls, so they offer flexibility when designing the interior layout. They also provide large wall space for windows, which allows for passive solar design. Timber-frame homes facing south with insulated roof and wall panels are energy-efficient.

#### Dome homes

They're flexible, spacious, energy-efficient and made of triangular fibreglass panels that can withstand severe weather conditions. Dome homes are easier to build as cutting the pieces in the same shape, size and angle is done repeatedly. They can also be built quickly, as you can erect the shell and install the windows and doors in one day.

#### Panelised homes

Panelised homes can have an open panel (e.g. a frame with exterior sheathing and a non-insulated/unfinished interior) or a closed panel (e.g. a frame with a finished interior or a structural insulated panel (SIP)). Using SIPs for the floors, walls and roof help create an energy-efficient home. Panelised kits can come with roof trusses and wall sections and have flexible floor plans.

#### Create a checklist

Creating a checklist will help you to stay organised from the start and ensure that you obtain the right knowledge, skills, budget and people you need prior to building your kit home.

#### Here's what to put on your checklist:

- Do your research – If you have no

experience in building homes, then do some research on the process of building a kit home and on local building codes. Know how long it might take to build your kit home, e.g. large kit homes take around 8-12 months to complete. Choose a kit home company with a good reputation and good customer reviews.

- Take a course – If you're thinking of building your kit home yourself, then take an owner-builder course. It's short, cheap and will prepare you for building your own kit home.
- Create a budget – Include the main costs and additional costs, including upgrades during the building process. Make a budget for what it is you want and stick to it.
- Speak with a lender – If you'll be borrowing money for your kit home, get a loan from a small bank, as they're more open to lending for non-conventional homes. Expect to pay a bigger deposit than for a conventional home. The lender may also choose who gets to build the home (e.g. you or a contractor), so that they get a good-quality product from the deal.
- Find the right builder – If you want to hire a builder, read people's reviews of home builders and look at their finished work before choosing one. Also look for a builder who can gather a team of good tradespeople that they can manage in order to complete the project on time and within budget. You can also ask the kit home company or their local dealer if they know of a good contractor who can build your home.
- Get the building site ready – You'll need to source and buy land, then complete the foundation before the kit home arrives. Ensure there's space to accommodate the truck and have your work crew ready to go when the materials arrive.
- Be organised – Stack the materials neatly together and somewhere safe from the weather. Read the manual, follow the steps in order and have someone be in charge of the manual throughout the building process.



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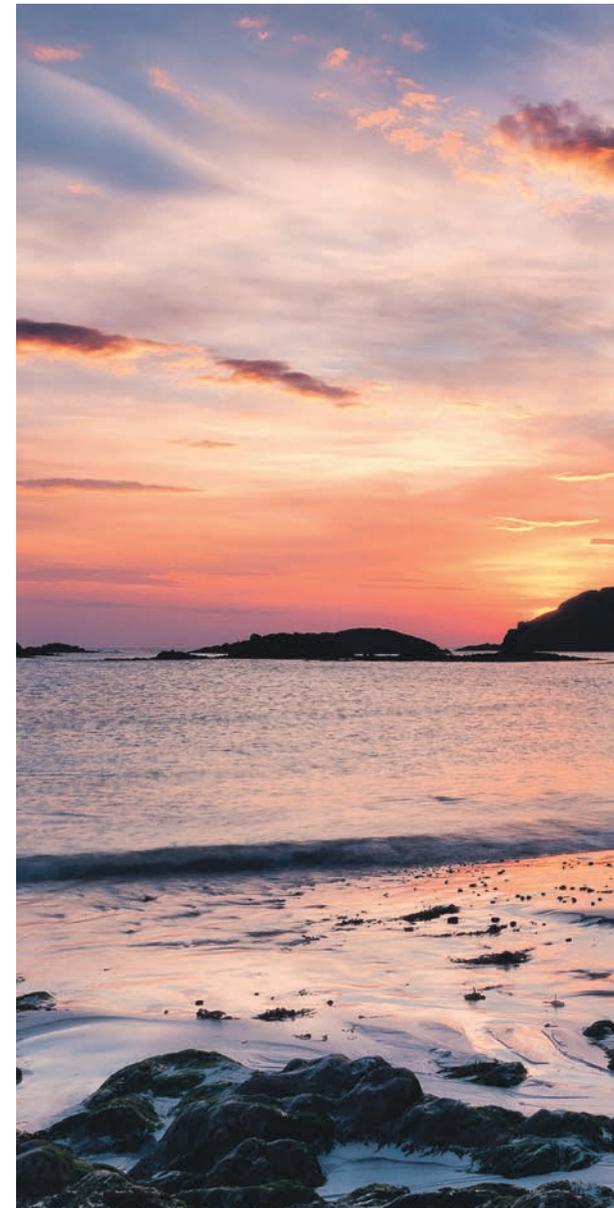
Have you dreamed of building a home in a remote, romantic Highlands or islands location? The increased costs of getting materials and workmen to your build site may make this seem like an impossible dream. But don't give up. Here on the West Coast, there are companies that specialise in working on and delivering to the islands. With a bit of extra planning and thought, there's no reason not to self-build on the islands.

## Think before you act

The number-one rule in rugged design is to plan ahead. With rugged sites, special factors come into play. In addition to normal home-design decisions, you'll need to think about your site's accessibility, energy options, terrain and weather patterns. Sometimes these issues can raise your costs dramatically.

## How do you get there?

Is your site accessible by paved roads, or will materials need to be delivered by ship or plane? If roads are available, are they wide enough—and strong enough—for trucks filled with heavy loads of building materials? Evaluate your site's accessibility ahead of time and work with your production team to come up with solutions – local haulage and construction companies know how to get



materials to challenging locations.

## Choose a good spot

Don't underestimate the importance of siting your home on your lot. Where you choose to situate your house will impact daily living.

# Utilities

## The know-how

If you're building a new home, you will need to arrange for it to be connected to the standard utility services. Your plot of land may or may not already have access to the mains water system, the sewage system, electricity, gas

(if needed) and broadband internet.

If the site isn't already fully connected to these services, you will have to arrange this. It's worth contacting Scottish Water and the power company you want to use early

on, to make sure they can connect you when needed. You may think you can arrange to have these services connected once you move into your new home, but remember your builders will also need to use the services to build your house. As a priority, try to arrange to have the water mains drainage and electricity supply connected as soon as possible. The builders will need access to water from the early stages of building,

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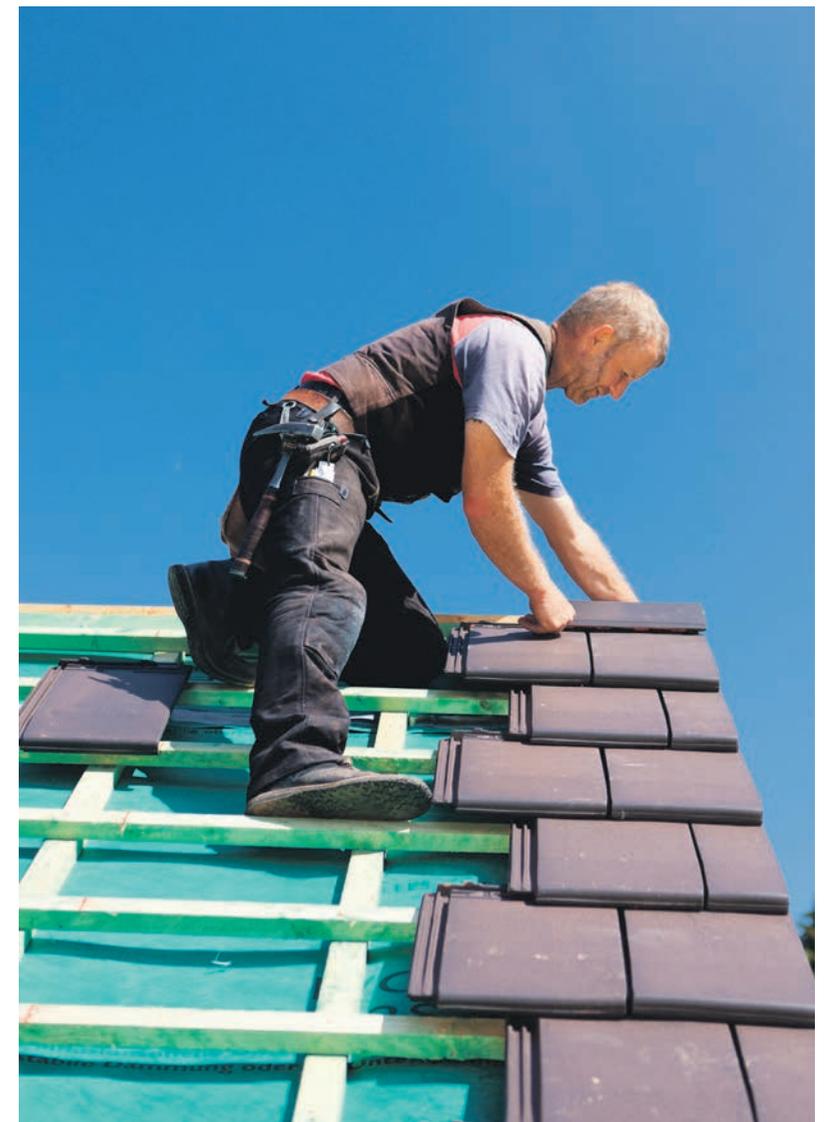
## Materials matter

In a rugged setting, materials may dictate a home's long-term durability. Windows and

also play a role in a home's longevity. Choose energy-efficient windows with a good R-value. Cladding on exterior windows also is a good idea. Remember, a little extra research now goes a long way toward creating a home that will last a lifetime.

and will need electricity in later stages. If this isn't possible, try to arrange something temporary like an electricity generator, a water stand-pipe, or permission from neighbours to use their outdoor tap. If your plot is in a rural area there may be problems connecting you, especially if it's far from other homes or on a hill. Depending on how remotely you're living

it might cost you a lot of money to get connected, so check with power companies before you commit to buying a plot. Courtesy of mygov.scot.





## Energy and renewables

**Installing green technologies in your self-build not only offers energy savings in the long run, but you might qualify for government schemes to help pay for them. As well as a warmer house, those who have qualified for the scheme have saved an average of £350 per year on their energy bills.**

### Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)

The main funding scheme offered by the Government for installing renewable heating such as biomass, ground source and air source heat pump technologies, is the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI).

The domestic RHI is for single-rated properties and is payable for seven years. Quarterly tax-free payments, which increase annually in line with the consumer price index, are made to the homeowner. The amount of RHI payable is based on the energy performance certificate (EPC) you receive once your heating installation is complete.

Typically, a biomass installation could payback in about eight years (depending on fuel source). A ground or air source heat pump system

usually pays back in four to five years.

The rates paid under the RHI vary depending on what system you are installing. Currently, heat pumps (ground and air source) are seen as the best technology to use and offer higher payments.

While the scheme is currently supported until at least 2022, the Government continues to adapt the criteria so it is important that you, and your installer, keep up to date. Further changes have been mooted for 2017, including a cap on larger properties and the removal of support for solar thermal installations.

### Feed in tariffs (FITs)

The Feed in Tariffs (FITs) scheme is another Government scheme designed to encourage uptake of a range of small-scale, renewable and low-carbon technologies to generate electricity. Under FITs, you could be paid for the electricity you generate if you install an eligible system such as solar PV or a wind or hydro turbine.

### Energy saving loans

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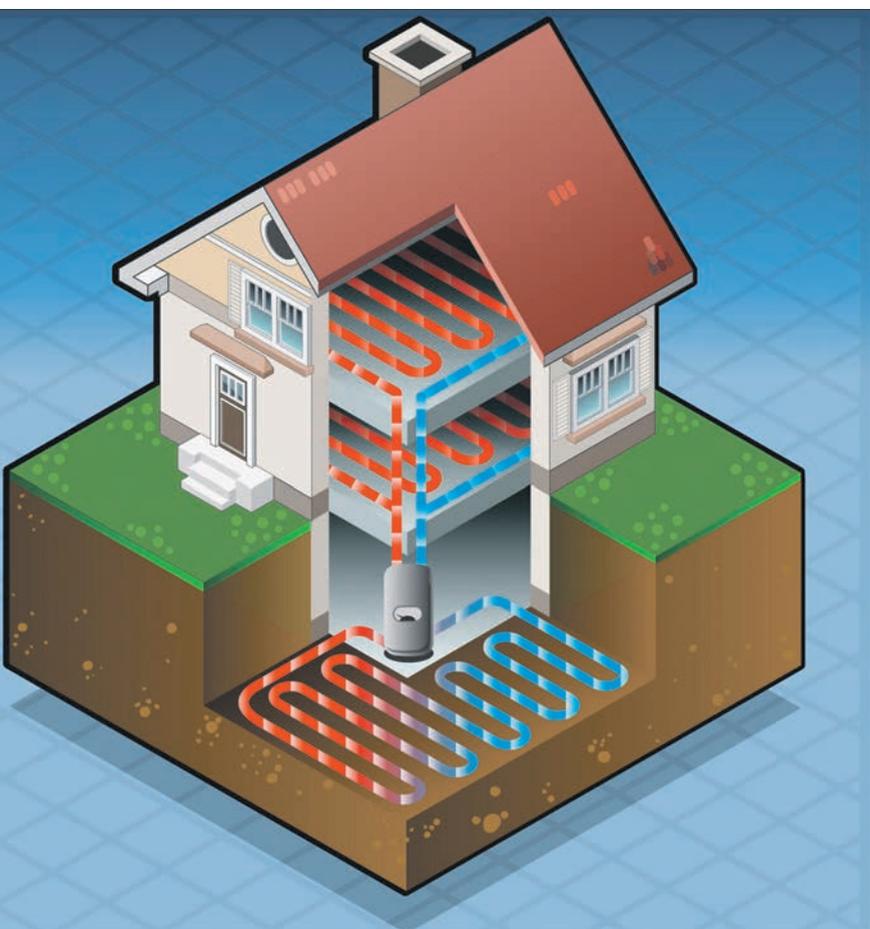
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To qualify for the RHI and/or FITs, the installation must be carried out by a Microgeneration Certification Scheme company. It

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Your installation must also adhere to the Renewable Energy Consumer Code (RECC), operated by the Renewable Energy Association. In addition, to qualify for RHI payments, you must have funded the heating installation yourself.

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## Looking to build? Ask a home energy specialist what's right for you

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- Discuss your plans for your new build.
- Advise you on your options for saving energy in your new home and generating your own energy (heat or electricity).
- Make recommendations in a written report, explaining the savings you might make, financial support available and technical and planning considerations around installing.

- Provide ongoing support through the process of installing your energy saving improvements and/or renewables system. We can look at installer quotes, and tell you more about funding to help with the costs.

One customer told Home Energy Scotland recently:

'I was really confused about all grants and different options and what would work best for us. The adviser explained all of it in a way I could understand, answered lots and lots of questions and helped me develop a plan of action.'

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# Renovating a home

**Whether you are selling now or maintaining your home to sell in the future, there are many small home improvements you can address to add value and keep your property in best shape for when the time comes to sell-up.**

## Opening up space

Opening up living space is becoming more and more popular, particularly for the kitchen and dining room. Knocking through walls to create this open-plan living space is an effective way to add value to a property because a larger space is not only trendy, but more useful.

## Makeover the kitchen

An attractive, hygienic and fresh looking kitchen is essential. Start by painting the cabinets to give a fresh look and replace doors and handles

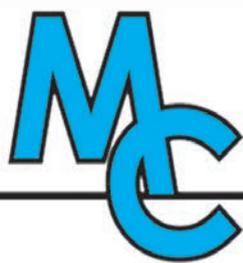
if needed. Make sure there is adequate lighting as well, it's very easy and cost effective to install under unit lighting. Finally, ensure that any floor tiles are well fitted and a colour that is easy to maintain and keep clean.

## Converting the loft

A loft conversion is a more expensive improvement, yet probably gives back the best value for money. Most lofts can be easily converted and expanding the house upwards offers homeowners an extra bedroom for growing families or a space for extra storage. Adding an extra bedroom can give huge value to your home, particularly if it includes an en-suite bathroom.

## Install a fireplace

A fireplace can bring a lot of character to a room and creates a focal point. It's also practical; the warmth from the fire allows you to reduce the use of your central heating which will lead to savings on your energy bills.



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# Kitchens, bedrooms and bathrooms

## Kitchens

Homeowners today want an open and thoughtfully designed kitchen that blends seamlessly with the rest of the home's design aesthetic. From hidden appliances and bins to beautifully painted cabinets in complementing colours, homeowners want their kitchen to be stylish enough for entertaining, yet welcoming and functional for everyday use.



### Clean lines

Cabinetry with clean lines and built-in styles are popular. More homeowners might be willing to go with a more modern look because of the new technologies being introduced in kitchens.

### Two tone

White and grey are still the go-to colours for many. Two-tone kitchens are also trending. Wood cabinets still dominate the kitchen, but metal cabinets (such as stainless steel, gold, and black) could be on the rise. Quartz is the top countertop choice.

### Long-term investment

Accessible and universal design features are trending as homeowners are choosing to age in place and more households are multi-generational. Technology is on the rise with internet-connected appliances making their way into the kitchen as well as induction cook tops and steam ovens.

### Bin it

Integrated kitchen bins, which feature multiple compartments, allow you to make the most of unused kitchen cupboard or drawer space.

## Bedrooms

The bedroom market is coming of age as homeowners seek a designer look, just as they do in the kitchen and the bathroom. The range



of options available in the fitted bedroom market has expanded offering more choice than ever.

### Luxury and comfort

Jonathan Warren, director at bed and sleep specialist Time 4 Sleep, thinks we should add an element of luxury to our homes this year. He says: 'Autumn is all about feeling cosy your home. Indulge in beautiful furnishings to create a charming, boutique-style room. Your bedroom should be a haven of relaxation at the end of a long day so choose furniture that will make you feel calm and content. Opt for a plush, upholstered headboard to add a luxurious touch to your bedroom. Team this with an excellent quality mattress for the perfect combination of comfort and style.'

### More options than ever

Recent developments have seen an explosion of not just colours, textures and styles but a totally new approach that coordinates bedside tables, beds and

occasional furniture. More sophisticated hidden storage options and lighting allows consumers to personalise their bedroom design like never before.

### Technology with a vintage feel

Current stand out trends in bedrooms include the growth in synchronised MFC finishes. Modern technology has enabled the production of beautiful wood grained finishes with texture and variety that are much closer to the real thing, making these very popular.

### Sleek solutions

In terms of products, sliders are surging in popularity. There is a growing demand for sliding wardrobes because they present a sleek solution to bedroom storage and are available in a wide range of colours and finishes.

## Bathrooms

From Nordic to coolness and vintage, stylish design is in demand for bathrooms in 2017.

### Urban coolness

Black, metal and concrete are hot for the coolest of looks. Characterised by clear, strong lines, sharp edges and complete avoidance of embellishments, the urban coolness interior trend is all about purist minimalism in its most pared-down form. This style is also ringing the changes in the bathroom, with black and white replacing bright colours, single shades instead of patterns, stainless steel rather than brass and raw concrete in place of warm plaster.

### Vintage style

Retro and vintage styles are still key trends, enhanced in some cases with a modern note. Familiar items are being rediscovered and revealed in new interpretations, inspired by style influences, but avoiding direct replication. And no one wants to sacrifice modern technology and contemporary comforts, especially in the

bathroom. Quite the re-verse, functionality is taken for granted, exclusive luxury is a must.

### Scandi

Scandinavia's appeal is as strong as ever. All over the world, the Nordic lifestyle stands for friendliness, authenticity and an affinity with nature. And nature is also an inspiration in interior design, with lots of wood, understated shapes, clear lines and soft colours reflecting the typical Nordic lifestyle and inviting a feeling of well-being into the bathroom.

### Greenery

Conjuring up images of fresh leaves and new shoots, greenery, the Pantone colour of 2017, is a fresh, yellow-green shade representing nature in spring. This life-affirming colour is brimming with vitality and passion. Greenery also stands for diversity, having already permeated every area of the fashion, architecture and design worlds. Its influence is also apparent in the bathroom.



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- Make sure you check the company's qualifications and experience of carrying out similar work.
  - Ask to see references from other satisfied customers.
  - Ask if the work is covered by a guarantee, how long the guarantee should last and whether it is backed by insurance. Should the company cease trading, any defects will still be remedied. An insurance backed warranty is desirable, especially if the project is a large undertaking.
  - Evaluate how well a company or tradesman responds to your enquiry; do they turn up on time, how closely do they listen to you to find out what you require and how carefully do they survey and measure?
- Ultimately, the individual or company you select for your project will determine the quality of the final result, so ensure you choose a trusted, certified tradesman and receive expert workmanship and peace of mind.
- Are they members of an established trade association such as the Scottish & Northern Ireland Plumbing Employers' Federation or Gas Safe?
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## Trade body memberships and what they mean

In the area that this supplement serves, where there are many tight knit communities, word of mouth and recommendations are very important. We all know someone who knows someone and many advertise locally in The Oban Times business directory and via social media. The tradesmen who are the busiest are often the best choice (they are busy for a reason!) but it can get frustrating sitting on the waiting list for a site visit and quote, when you really want to get things started. If you need to widen your net, checking a tradesman

sounds like a chore. But do you really know a decent builder from a dodgy one without checking?

The best way to check that your tradesman is legitimate is to check their trade association and insurances; a good indication of their qualifications and professionalism. Once you have found your tradesmen, you should check they are who they say they are:

1. Ask your tradesman what association they belong to.
2. Call the association and ask if your tradesman is a member. If the association has an online search function, then this will save you some time.

**Beware – some trade associations are better than others....**

Trade Association membership is a good indication that your tradesman is professional – and especially important if it means the tradesmen can sign off their work as Building Regulation compliant. This is important when you sell your home and you will need to produce certificates to prove that your work meets the national building regulation standards. It sounds dull, but building regulations are the law.

To qualify, trade associations may ask tradesmen to meet certain criteria and demonstrate high quality standards. It is

a good first port of call – but take note: these organisations are funded by membership fees. They will have varying levels of checks, and striking someone off their list will mean a loss of income. So while they offer some protection you can't take them at face value. If you want to compare and contrast then look at their codes of practice to see how much protection they give you. It is also very important that your tradesman has public and employer liability insurance and professional indemnity insurance.



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# Interior design

## Top 10 interior design trends for 2017

With 2017 set to see interior design services increasingly utilised by self-builders, the experts at Alexander James Interior Design have compiled a list of the top 10 interior design trends for 2017.

### 1. Natural textures in home accessories

Natural textures have come back with a vengeance in 2017 - think matte glazed dinnerware, wooden serving platters and beautiful earthenware bowls.

### 2. Rough, natural woods

Woods are big business this year. From floorboards to tables to shutters, forget highly polished gloss - a natural finish is the only way to go.

### 3. Ceramic table lights

A big trend for 2017 is ceramic table lights. Again inspired by nature, they feature delicate

tones and patterning, with greys, light browns and pinks blending beautifully into the other natural materials.

### 4. Bold trimmings

When it comes to soft furnishings, bold trimmings both complement and contrast the natural feel of the home this year.

### 5. Hand-painted style wallpapers

Again with the focus on creating a harmonious natural environment, hand painted (and hand painted style) wallpapers will allow the inspiration of nature to flow through the home. These will be paired perfectly with...

### 6. Pastel tones

From paints to fabrics, pastel tones are essential for on trend interiors in 2017. Yellow will also make a comeback, again in a muted, pastel tone.

### 7. Textured glass

When it comes to lighting, textured glass is unquestionably the way to go. A rough, natural finish created through texture, while retaining the beauty of glass, further contribute to the natural vibe.

### 8. Patterned rugs

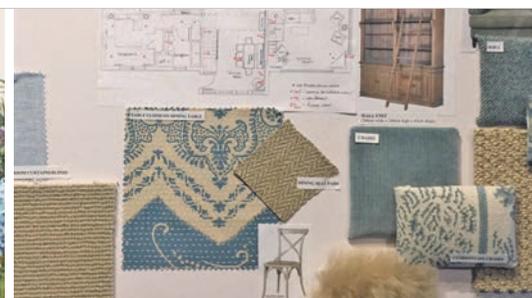
Rugs are one way to make a statement in 2017. Patterns that pick up on the pastel tones and natural hues of other objects, while also standing out as a centrepiece, are the way forward.

### 9. Sculptural chairs

In 2017 we see chairs imitating art, blending style and comfort in order to stand out as design pieces in their own right.

### 10. Graphic inspired art

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## What to expect from your interior designer...

When most people think about an interior designer, they zero in on aesthetics. But that's just scratching the surface. These pros go beyond cosmetic concerns to ensure that a space feels harmonious through and through, from its floor plan to the last nailhead.

A designer plans and outfits spaces in a way that makes them both beautiful and functional. He or she balances aesthetic considerations with structural planning to reflect the clients' lifestyle, set the desired mood, complement the home's architectural features, and ensure that less glamorous details (like electrical outlets) fit into the scheme. An interior designer also cultivates relationships with trusted artisans, vendors and tradespeople. You may have a vision for your home, but an interior designer can help you bring it to life while making sure it satisfies nitty-gritty considerations. A trained eye allows for devising solutions that you might never have imagined, and attention to the tiniest details will transform your space into a haven that looks polished and pulled together.



**Before and After: SLJ Interiors transform a room for one of their clients.**



## Exterior design and landscaping

Even if you can decorate a living area or bedeck a bedroom with the best of them, landscape design has a unique set of challenges that may leave you stumped. And that's where a landscape pro can prove to be invaluable. Before you get started, you'll need to determine the skill set that best matches the scope of work you have in mind.

Landscape architects, who typically hold advanced degrees in their field, are trained to develop structural and aesthetic plans that include hard-scaping, water use, and drainage as well as plant

selection and garden design. Plans may also include part or all of the overall exterior design.

Landscape designers may or may not have advanced training. They often specialize in the aesthetic and horticultural side of yard and garden planning, but many do structural work as well.

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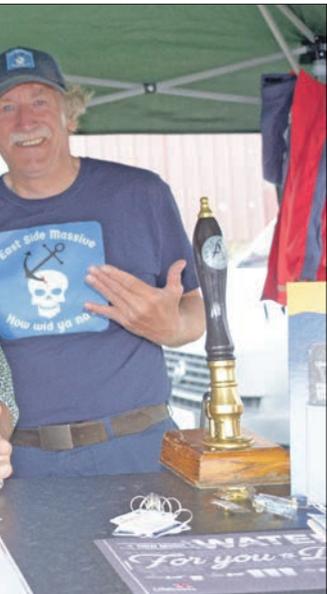


Dodgy sheriff Alan Walker tried to take the golf club whisky before he had won the treasure hunt. He is pictured with Lorna Campbell, left and Gillian Kitson. 25\_c30harbourday08



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Baker Vitold Skrupski and his wife Zanna, who run Drumfearne Cakes, sold out in about an hour. 25\_c30harbourday16



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# The View at 2014's MOKFest was fantastic

HATS OFF to Dundee's indie rockers, The View, who headlined 2014's MOKFest.

The event was extended by another day to include the Festival Gaelic concert which was headlined by Norman MacKinnon.

Inverness-based indie outfit Searching For Donkeys supported the View on Saturday night while multi award winners Braebach headlined the trad concert, supported by Marc Duff and Hamish Napier.

The festival ceilidh featured its first country band with Honest Sam and the Dealers playing the concert set and the Nicky McMichan Ceilidh Band also performing.

The Mitchell's Glengyle Dalriada connections concert headlined with Breton guitarist Soig Siberil who was joined by Colin McAllister, Davie Robertson, Iain MacPherson and a host of local and visiting musicians also performing.

Slainte Davaar Allstars returned to headline Survivors' Night which also included Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, Twisted Melons and Gilchristians.

**MULL of Kintyre MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
20th - 24th AUGUST 2014

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FESTIVAL GAELIC NIGHT  
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FRIDAY 22nd  
FESTIVAL CEILIDH  
Tickets £15 & £8  
Nicky McMichan  
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Honest Sam & the Dealers  
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SUNDAY 24th  
SURVIVORS NIGHT  
Victoria Hall: Tickets £22  
Slainte Davaar Allstars  
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Gullion  
Medium High  
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Jamie Girvan (MC)

Soig Siberil (Brittany)  
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# Tea dancers trip the light fantastic



Piper Calum McKillop started both sessions. 25\_c30teadance03



Tea dancers taking a break from the floor. 25\_c30teadance01

A DEDICATED group waltzed across the Campbeltown masonic hall floor at a tea dance.

The event, last Saturday, was organised by Campbeltown Community Council member Cathy Duncan with Kay Johnston as the MC.

Further support came from the musicians: brass player Beth McPherson, piper Calum McKillop and accordionists Alex



Accordionists Alex McKinnon and Alex McAllister who won the raffle prize everyone wanted - a broolly. 25\_c30teadance02

McKinnon and Alex McAllister. Margaret Wallace and Michelle Hodgkinson helped with the raffle and food.

# Party to celebrate garden gateway's growth

A VACANT lot of waste ground opposite Park Terrace has bloomed into a marine-themed garden.

The transformation is all thanks to the hard work of a voluntary team supported by South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT).

### Delightful

SKDT worked with Campbeltown Community Orchard and Garden, Argyll and Bute council adult learning, Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service and Argyll College UHI to design and construct the Gateway to Campbeltown providing

visitors and tourists with a delightful first impression.

Zena Coffield of SKDT said: 'Additional volunteers came from the Third Sector Interface, Addaction, Employability and the Department of Work and Pensions and more recently we have been joined by Campbeltown Grammar Learning Support Team.

'The project was made possible thanks to funding and support from Stalled Spaces Scotland, Tesco Greenspace, Argyll and Bute council and the Voluntary Action Fund.'

To celebrate the hard work last Wednesday afternoon Tesco donated food and treats for an al fresco picnic.

Zena Coffield of South Kintyre Development Trust said: 'Special mention should go to our suppliers, many of whom donated items or provided special discounted prices.

### Thanks

Particular thanks to the Chandlers, Windfarm, Buildbase, CalMac, Glenbarr Nursery and West Coast Plant Hire, Jamie, AJG Civils; Pavel, Signs of Scotland; and Gordon Bennie, Argyll Signs;

Gus McEachran and Glen Scotia Distillery for donating planters, James Herrod and Ivor Watson who gave us those fabulous boats, ACHA for leasing the land to us and Martin Sim for letting use his yard free of charge for their generosity.'

As the garden is a work in progress, SKDT needs more volunteers and groups to get involved to help maintain and developing this and other community projects.

Anyone interested in volunteering with SKDT should contact: info@skdt.org.

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

To advertise in the community noticeboard call 01586 554646 or 01546 602345

### CLACHAN ART SHOW

August 11th - 13th

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Tarbert - Loch Fyne Gallery

Campbeltown - Coastal Design

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### Inveraray Youth Project Presents..... Thursday 3rd August 7.30pm

The Inveraray Inn 'An Evening of Music' brought to you by 'Children of Mid Argyll'

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Theme: Musical Extravaganza

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## Come fly to Gigha!



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Landing fees for single engines **£15** and twin engines **£25**.  
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All pilots are required to phone The Trust office on **01583 505390** to enquire the airstrip is free from sheep and the conditions are suitable for landing.

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## Gigha Gallery

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**CARRADALE**

## Village plans 2018 music festival

A CARRADALE committee hopes to crank up the volume at an East Kintyre two-day music festival next April.

Festival committee member Ryan Gosling said: 'The popularity of music festivals in the West Coast of Scotland is soaring.'

'The committee is in the early stages of organising a new festival, in Carradale village hall.'

The plan is for a main stage within the hall and an outdoor stage for young local acts to gain more experience.

This stage will have

live music in the afternoons of the weekend which will be run as a free entry for the public.

Mr Gosling added: 'This would be a non-profitable event. But, to enable us to proceed, we need to gauge who would support financially, in the way of sponsorship.'

'In April, of this year, we held an event - 'Carradale Ceilidh', which was a roaring success and have received great feedback since the event, which has made us realise the creation of a festival could be possible.'

**TAYINLOAN**

## Summer evening's rapid sale of work

IN JUST more than an hour a sale of work raised £1,400 for Killean and Kilenzie church.

The guild event, opened by its president Pat McMillan last Wednesday, included strawberry cream teas, knitwear and a raffle and packed Tayinloan hall.

Pat McMillan and Joan Grady enjoy a welcome cuppa.

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Pat Rawson's knitwear stall. 25\_c30tayinloan02



Donnie McGregor picks a raffle ticket from Stewart McMillan's bucket. 25\_c30tayinloan01

**CLACHAN**

## Youth club children clean Clachan beach

YOUNGSTERS from Clachan's youth club gave the beach a summer clean.

Recently six children, with six supporting adults, tidied the pebble shore between Clachan and Tayinloan

which is known as the Flat Stone beach.

The group used GRAB trust litter pickers supplied by Andrea McShannon and filled three bags with litter along half a mile of shoreline.

Lori Silvan, one of the youth club leaders said: 'On the whole, though, the beach was very clean.'

'I was very impressed by the children's enthusiasm without being asked. They enjoyed it, and had enough spare time for a barbecue and play afterwards.'

'What a lovely way to start the holidays.'

The group hopes to tackle another Kintyre beach in the near future.



Zepher cleaning beach.



The beach cleaners' barbecue.

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These applications listed below together with other related documents may be inspected between 09:00-12:30 -13:30-16:00 hrs Monday to Friday at 1A Manse Brae Lochgilphead PA31 8RD, at the alternative locations detailed below during their normal opening times or by logging on to the Council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk).

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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address	Location of Plans
17/01667/PP	Demolition of extensions, alterations and extensions to dwellinghouse, alterations and change of use of laundry building to form ancillary dwellinghouse, conversion of steading to form boiler house and store and installation of septic tank	Asknish House Lochgair Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8SB	Mid Argyll Area Office
17/01900/PP	Installation of 4 replacement windows from timber single glazed to timber double glazed sash and case windows	2 Main Street West Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8TU	Sub Post Office Inveraray
17/01902/PP	Installation of 4 replacement windows from timber single glazed to timber double glazed sash and case windows and 2 replacement doors	1 Main Street East Inveraray Argyll And Bute PA32 8TP	Sub Post Office Inveraray
17/01666/LIB	Demolition of extensions, external and internal alterations and erection of extension to dwellinghouse, external and internal alterations to laundry building to form ancillary dwellinghouse and alterations and extension to steading to form boiler house and store	Asknish House Lochgair Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8SB	Mid Argyll Area Office
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Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended

ADVERTISEMENT UNDER SECTION 67(2) OF THE MAKING OF A REVOCATION ORDER or MODIFICATION ORDER

Planning Permission in Principle for Erection of a Dwellinghouse and Associated Works at Plot 4, Lower Auchans, Dunmore, Near Tarbert, Argyll PA29 6XA

REFERENCE NUMBER: 15/01861/PPP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Argyll and Bute Council have made an order under section 65 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to revoke the above planning permission.

The Council have been notified by the owner or lessee (if any); the occupier of the land, and all persons who in the Council's opinion will be affected by the Order that they do not object to the Order.

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If no such notice is given by that date the Order will take effect by virtue of the provisions of Section 67(7) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 on 8th September 2017 without being confirmed by The Scottish Ministers.

Date 28th July 2017

Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead

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For the Financial Conduct Authority  
Date: 21 July 2017

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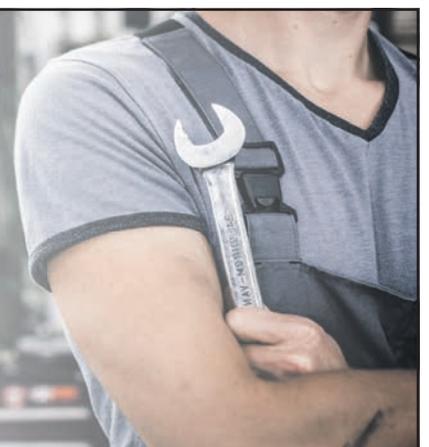
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## FROM OUR FILES

### TEN YEARS AGO

Friday July 27, 2007

#### Sergeant Reid retires

SERGEANT Dougie Reid has retired after 30 years in police service and is heading for the high seas.

He and his wife, a popular couple in local yachting circles, will set sail later this year. More than 50 colleagues attended Sergeant Reid's retirement dinner and party at the Argyll hotel, Campbeltown.

Inspector David Lavery presented him with gifts of a suitably nautical nature on their behalf.

These included a tidal watch and an underwater video camera. Sgt Reid has worked with both Northern and Strathclyde constabulary in a number of areas and served in CID and the drugs squad in Glasgow before moving to Campbeltown.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Friday July 31, 1992

#### Hero Walter cheats death

A CAMPBELTOWN man escaped serious injury when the van he was driving rolled over four times and burst into flames after a near-collision with a motorbike on the A82.

Walter Tavendale, 44, proprietor of Saddell Street stores, had put his own life at risk only moments before the white Suzuki van exploded, to rescue his cousin, Fergus Burrows, aged 48, of Manchester, who was still strapped in the van.

Mr Tavendale was driving to Glasgow with his cousin the day before his daughter Nicola's wedding to collect a new suit.

He rounded a corner near Loch Lomond and pulled the van onto the grass verge to avoid a collision with the



Sergeant Dougie Reid's retirement party in 2007.

on-coming bike. After the van rolled over Walter heard a woman's voice shouting at him to get out and when he did he saw that a fire had started at the back of the van. He realised his cousin was trapped and crawled back in to help him out.

Moments later the petrol tank exploded and the van was destroyed. In spite of his aches, pains and scratches the father of the bride still fulfilled his duties the following day at the wedding.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Thursday August 3, 1967

#### Carnival plans take shape

HIGHLAND games and a foot race from Tarbert are just two of the ideas put forward for Campbeltown pageant and carnival later this month.

The week will open with a procession on August 19.

Proceeds will go to the town's swimming pool fund - but the success of the venture will depend on the number of townspeople participating actively.

Vehicles will be made available for

decoration and the staging of tableaux - whether humorous, historical, political or for the purpose of advertising.

Plenty of volunteers in fancy dresses will be required as collectors at the procession, for the benefit of the swimming pool.

### 100 YEARS AGO

Saturday July 28, 1917

#### Narrow escape from drowning

WHILE bathing on the Askomil shore, beyond Trench Point, on Wednesday afternoon, Miss Jean Robertson, daughter of Mr David Robertson, fish salesman, Strathaird Place, had a narrow escape from drowning.

It seems she was endeavouring to swim when owing to her bathing cap coming off and hair getting about her face, she got into difficulties and floated beyond her depth.

The attention of Mr Archd. Revie, chemist, who was walking in the vicinity, was attracted, and he promptly entered the water and took Miss Robertson ashore.

## Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



IT IS usually the misuse of the apostrophe that catches my eye.

This tiny mark on the page can alter the entire meaning of a message and frequently makes me smile when it is placed in entirely the wrong place.

However, the best is yet to come. We had lunch on Sunday at a very nice venue with wonderful views, good food and fine service.

I will not divulge the name of this place, but I would be interested to know if my friends in Kintyre have also noticed this typo.

Attempting to cater for folk with differing dietary requirements, the information stated confidently that this particular dish was 'glutton free'.

I mused on this with a smile and thought how appropriate to be able to eat my fill of this without appearing greedy.

It's interesting that we can change the whole meaning of something simply by including an extra letter and changing another.

The dish in question was of course, 'gluten-free', which has a completely different meaning altogether.

Often in our world of so much tragedy, so much sadness, so much hurt, we just don't know what to do.

Yet maybe we just need to look at the difference something small can make in our lives.

Jesus spoke of small things that heralded the Kingdom of God.

He spoke of a mustard seed, a small coin, a small child as things which could work for good in this world.

A small act of kindness, a hand of friendship, a kind word - all these things can make a difference.

Jesus takes them, blesses them and uses them.

So whether you are glutton free or gluten-free, enjoy the cake!

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**TEXT FOR THE WEEK**

"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask of God..." (James 1:5).

**MARRIAGES**

**MCKERRAL - GRAY** - At Callander Kirk, Callander, on July 8, 2017, by Rev Martin Forrest, Peter, elder son of Peter and Kate, Dundoaran, Southend, to Amy, daughter of Stuart and Val, Claish Farm, Callander.

**DEATHS**

**HAMILTON** - Suddenly at home, on July 21, 2017, John (Johnnie) Reid Hamilton, aged 86 years, of Roscairn, St Clair Road, Ardrihsaig, beloved and loving husband of Marie Jones, much loved father of John and Robert, dear father-in-law of Hazel and Tracey, adored grandpa of Kayleigh, Clare and Daniel and great grandpa of Lilly-May. A dear friend and good neighbour to many. Funeral service was held in Ardrihsaig Parish Church, on Thursday, July 27, 2017, followed by interment at Achnabreac Cemetery. Sadly missed.

**MACGILP** - On July 24, 2017, peacefully, at Erskine Glasgow Care Home, Alasdair Bertram MacGilp, in his 79th year, beloved husband of Sina Brown, dearly loved father of Sandra, Ann, Alison, Shendl and Kari, a dearly loved Papie and great Papie. Funeral service at Lochgilphead Parish Church, on Wednesday, August 2 at 12.00 noon, interment thereafter at Achnabreac Cemetery, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Glasgow Erskine Care Home.

**MCGRORY** - Suddenly at home, New Parliament, Campbeltown, on July 16, 2017, Sean William McGrory, in his 47th year, dearly beloved father and friend of Jason and Alicia, precious and adored son of Jennifer and Tommy, dearly loved brother and best friend of Tommy, Mark, Martine and Michelle, loving brother-in-law of Alison, Rosemary, Keith and Ryan and a much loved grandson, uncle, nephew, cousin and good friend to many. RIP.

**NICOLL** - On July 23, 2017, peacefully at home in Skipness with his family, Richard (Dick) Nicoll, in his 79th year, beloved husband of Phyllis Howie and much loved father of Jennifer, Richard, David, Colin and Lynsey, and grandad of Robert, Stewart, Cameron

and James. Funeral ceremony will take place at Dundee Crematorium on Thursday, August 3 at 10.15am, to which all family and friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care and Macmillan Cancer Support. A further commemorative gathering will take place locally, details of which will be advised in due course.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**BRYDSON** - June, Fiona and all the family wish to thank everyone for flowers, cards, phone calls and messages of sympathy following the sad loss of Allan. Thanks to the Rev William Crossan for a comforting service and to T A Blair Funeral Directors for professional services. Our most sincere thanks and gratitude to all hospital staff, carers and district nurses who looked after Dad/Papa over the last year. You all do an amazing job, thank you.

**COPE** - Jan and family would like to thank everyone for their calls, cards, flowers and messages following their sad loss. Grateful thanks to Dr Anderson and staff at the Acute Ward, Campbeltown Hospital for their amazing care over the last four months,

Macmillan and Marie Curie nurses, district nurses and carers. Thank you to Rev W Crossan for his comforting service, to Cath Black for the music, to Kenneth, Rhys and Alasdair Blair for their caring and professional service, to Zofia Sloan and staff at Glenbarr who provided wonderful food, and finally to all who came to pay their respects at the church and graveside and gave generously to the retiral collection which raised £533.

**MACPHERSON** - The family of the late Elizabeth (Elsie) MacPherson would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy received on their sad loss. Special thanks to T A Blair Funeral Directors, to Rev Philip Wallace and to the Ardshiel Hotel. Thanks also to the ambulance staff and staff at Campbeltown Hospital, for the care shown to Elsie, along with her carers from Carr Gomm. The retiral collection raised £364 for Lorne and Lowland Church.

**IN MEMORIAM**

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Forever in our hearts.

- Love, Mum, Allan, Debbie and Lewis.

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Loved and remembered always.

- Love, Laura, Andrew, Jodie, Courtney and Murray.

**DICKSON** - Precious memories of our darling daughter, sister, mummy and friend, Carole, who fell asleep July 30, 2010.

In life all we truly have are memories

We love them, kiss them and hug them

For all they are worth To us those memories are life

Our life together x. Love and miss you forever.

- Mum, Dad, Alex, Keith and Heather xxxxx.

Mummy, my forever angel, Love you to the moon and back.

- Love, Thomas xxx.

**DICKSON** - Love and miss you always, Sister. Lots of love, William, Gemma, Mirren and boys xxx.

**LIPPE** - Precious memories of Louise Iona, died July 28, 1994, aged 2 years.

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**30TH JULY**

Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 6:30pm



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**Sunday 30th July**

11.15am Worship Service Isaac Spiers

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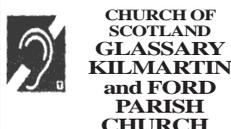
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**Sunday 30th July 2017** Cumlodden

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# Southend stars create Hi



There were some spills in the girls' under-six sack race. 25\_c30southendgames10



Campbeltown Running Club's Stuart McGeachy had a great week winning the two miles at Inveraray games and the mile at Southend. 25\_c30southendgames15



It was a photo finish in the girls' six to eight years sack race. 25\_c30southendgames12



Teenager Jilly LeFebvre takes the 100 yards. 25\_c30southendgames02



Sprinter Kevin MacIntyre ran a great 100 yards. 25\_c30southendgames01



It was triple trouble as these two girls had three-legged fun. 25\_c30southendgames23



Jane Gallagher throwing the broom. 25\_c30southendgames24



Susan Gardiner took the ladies' shot putt title. 25\_c30southendgames25



## Heavy cloudburst fails to dampen the spirits

SOUTHEND Highland games' open cup champion, Carluke's Paul Dearie, was cheered all the way by a dedicated group of travelling South Lanarkshire fans.

The small group continued to cheer him on as the light fell and he collected his prizes.

A heavy cloudburst, at about 3.30pm, did nothing to dampen the athletes' spirits but did mean that John Galbraith occasionally left his other duties to push vehicles stuck in the quagmire by the gate.

In addition to the official events Campbeltown tennis club ran a skills challenge. It found an ace in Mark Robertson, who, after nearly breaking his parents, at 50 pence a go, managed to hit 10 balls into the tub in 30 seconds.

The full results are as follows: Men: 100 yards: 1 Kevin MacIntyre, 2 Paul Dearie, 3 Peter McKerral. 220: 1 Kevin MacIntyre, 2 Paul Dearie, 3 Peter McKerral. 440: 1 Kevin MacIntyre, 2 Paul Dearie, 3 Peter McKerral. Half mile: 1 Cameron Campbell, 2 Stuart McGeachy 3 James Murdoch. Mile: 1 Stuart McGeachy, 2 Cameron Campbell, 3 James Murdoch. High jump: 1 Paul Dearie, 2 Kevin MacIntyre, 3

Fraser Cameron. Hammer: 1 Craig Nicolson, 2 Paul Dearie, 3 Robert Earl.

Caber: 1 Craig Nicolson, 2 Paul Dearie, 3 Kevin MacIntyre. Shot putt: 1 Craig Nicolson, 2 Paul Dearie, 3 Robert Earl. Weight over the bar: 1 Robert Earl., 2 Craig Nicolson, 3 Paul Dearie. Weight for distance: 1 Craig Nicolson, 2 Paul Dearie, 3 Robert Earl.

Ladies: 100 yards: 1 Jilly LeFebvre 2 Hazel Barr, 3 Gillian Docherty. 220: 1 Jilly LeFebvre, 2 Hazel Barr, 3 Gillian Docherty. 440: 1 Jennifer Martin, 2 Hazel Barr, 3 Eilidh McAlister. Half mile: 1 Jennifer Martin, 2 Hazel Barr, 3 Eilidh McAlister. Mile: 1 Jennifer Martin, 2 Hazel Barr, 3 Eilidh McAlister. High Jump: winner: Jilly LeFebvre. Shot putt: 1 Susan Gardiner, 2 Jilly LeFebvre, 3 Hazel Barr. Broom Throwing: 1 Shelley Marsh. 2 Jennifer Cameron, 3 Susan Gardiner.



Paul Dearie had plenty of space to spare in the high jump. 25\_c30southendgames21

# ghland games magic



The mens' cup winners were from left: The open - Paul Dearie, the Carskies cup - Kevin MacIntyre and the Kevin Scally cup - Stuart McGeachy. The ladies Carskies cup was not ready.  
25\_c30southendgames19



Shelley Marsh carrying three-year-old Jakub Seidl raced to the mum and toddler crown. 25\_c30southendgames22



A boys' under-six sack racer takes to the air. 25\_c30southendgames11



Piper Andrew McCowan provides the music as these girls compete in the Highland dancing. 25\_c30southendgames26



Boys in the Highland dancing are: Stuart Adamson and Mark Connelly.

## Dunaverly's lucky lottery winner

AFTER four draws, one winner scooped the top prize in Dunaverly golf club's three number lotto.

Congratulations go to Alison Fox who won the £1,000 jackpot on July 23, with winning numbers 13, 15 and 19.

The next draw, for a jackpot of £100, will be on August 6.

Tickets are available from committee members, Muneroy Tea-room, the Burnside bar and the club steward.

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## SPOT THE BALL

THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT £450

LAST WEEK'S BALL WAS HERE...



This week's nearest the ball winners, who each receive £25 are:  
**M Andrew**  
**Isle of Gigha**  
&  
**P Marshall**  
**Stewarton**  
**Campbeltown**

### All you have to do

We have removed the football from the photograph opposite. Now look carefully at the position of the players and use your skill and judgement to place a cross at the exact point where you think the centre of the ball was. You may have a maximum of 10 attempts on this coupon at a cost of £1. If you wish to have more attempts, you must enter on separate coupons. The game starts with a jackpot of £250 and will increase by £50 per week until it is won outright.

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### Easy to enter

Cut out your completed coupon and put your entry plus £1 per 10 attempts into a sealed envelope and post it to reach "Spot the Ball" Competition, The Campbeltown Courier, Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown, Argyll PA28 6AE by 4pm on Tuesday. No refunds will be given for entries received after the deadline. You may hand it into The Courier Centre, Main & Longrow South, Campbeltown by the same time. Otherwise all entries must be posted.

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# SPORT



**INSIDE THIS WEEK:**  
Southend stars create  
Highland games magic

## Mixed doubles winners pocket Platypus trophy

A TENNIS cup first played for in 1919 and named after an ungainly Australian mammal will be engraved with another set of names.

The HMS Platypus trophy, for mixed doubles, was donated to Campbelltown tennis club in 1918 by the crew of the depot ship, of the same name, built two years previous-

ly for the First World War.

Last Thursday Jane Gallagher and her partner Jamie Morris, one of five competing pairs playing just one set against each other partnership, smashed the opposition scoring eight points to win the trophy.

The full results in games won and points

were: 1 Jane Gallagher and Jamie Morris 4, 8; 2 Elizabeth Hill and Sary Rahma 3, 6; 3 Dorothy Grey and Sid Gallagher 2, 4 Catherine Dobbie and Mark Davey 1, 2 and 5 Ann Ogilvie and Sid Gallagher 0, 0.

This year's men's singles championship is scheduled for Sunday August 6.



Platypus cup players.  
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Jamie Morris in action.  
25\_c30platypus04



Jane Gallagher hits a rapid forehand in the final set. 25\_c30platypus01



Dorothy Grey is fine form. 25\_c30platypus05



Elizabeth Hill in aerial action. 25\_c30platypus06



Platypus cup winners Jamie Morris and Jane Gallagher. 25\_c30platypus02



Dancing cup winners and where they are from are from back left: Zoe Coleraine, Bonhill; Andrew Gregg, Motherwell; Mark Connelly, Motherwell; Chloe Anderson, Campbelltown; Freya Borthwick, Campbelltown; Morla Bruce, Alexandria; and Tiffany Norris, Campbelltown. 25\_c30southendgames17

## Largs girl's super Southend games

A TEENAGE pentathlete, ranked in the UK's top 10 at under-13, shared top women's points and the inaugural Carskies cup for ladies at Southend Highland games.

Jilly LeFebvre, 13, from Largs, but formerly of Kilmichael Glassary near Lochgilphead, has been shattering Argyll and Bute records for more than two years.

On Saturday evening at Southend, LeFebvre, amassed 11 points, winning the womens' 100 yards, 220 yards and high jump as well as placing second in

the shot putt. Consistent Hazel Barr, second in five events: 100, 220, and 440 yards, the half-mile and the mile and third in the shot putt, also gained 11 points to share the Carskies cup with Lefebvre.

Jennifer Martin won three events the 440 yards, half and mile races to total nine points.

In the men's events, Paul Dearie, from Carlisle in South Lanarkshire scooped the Open cup. He was the most consistent point scorer collecting 18, but only gained the maximum

three in one event, the high jump.

Craig Nicholson gained most men's firsts in the field events. The men's Carskies cup was won by Kevin MacIntyre and mile winner Stu-

art McGeachy won the Kevin Scally cup.

In addition, a record entry of 44 Highland dancers took part from as far afield as Alexandria and Paisley. For more on the games see pages 30 and 31.

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