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# Public water supply has been leaking for eight years

## Waste blasted

**REPORT**

by COLIN SMEETON  
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A Kildonan man claims millions of gallons from a public water supply are being wasted because of a pipe that has been leaking for more than eight years.

Alastair Hamilton, who lives at the remote cottage of Lilybank, claims the problem started back in 2008 when a series of properties, including Lilybank, which was then owned by Mr Hamilton's mother, were connected to the public water supply.

North Ayrshire Council instructed a surveyor to investigate upgrading the pipe and a grant was received and awarded to a local subcontractor to undertake the works.

Mr Hamilton then moved to the south of England where he lived for a number of years before later returning to Lilybank – only to discover the prob-

lem was still ongoing. Describing himself as being caught in the middle of the dispute, Mr Hamilton says the three parties involved in installing the new pipework now blame each other for the waste, and that, while they all deny responsibility, his garden is slowly being ruined.

Determined to get the matter resolved, he approached North Ayrshire Council again but was told it had already paid for the work to be completed in good faith after the surveyor informed the council that the work had been satisfactorily completed.

To further complicate matters, the pipe runs under and across a farmer's land and has turned one of his fields into a boggy marshland, something that Mr Hamilton believes clouds the issue over responsibility even further.

Mr Hamilton said: 'I don't wish to lay blame



Arran's young musicians took part in the Advanced Young Musicians competition in partnership with the Douglas Hotel. The talented young performers delighted the audience with their extraordinary musical abilities in the intimate venue with a stunning backdrop. For a full report, results and pictures, see pages four and five. Photograph: David Lambert

on any one group in particular, but what I do know is that while this situation continues, the waste of public water will continue with no-one willing to resolve it or assume re-

sponsibility for it.' A spokesman for the local authority said: 'North Ayrshire Council offers grants for improvement and repair of houses under a framework set out in law.

'Under this framework, the recipient or agent working on behalf of the proprietors are responsible for ensuring that the work on the property is carried out to a satisfactory standard.'

A spokesman for Scottish Water said: 'The service pipe is privately owned and it is not Scottish Water's responsibility to maintain or repair the pipe.'



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### Kildonan man safe in the Gambia

Maurice Deighton of Kildonan, who was caught up in the recent unrest in the Gambia, has contacted the *Banner* to let everyone know that he is safe and will remain in the west African country as the situation has settled down in recent days.

Confirming that the Isle of Arran School in Sukata has escaped unscathed, he described his situation as 'secure' following the exit of the country's former president Yahya Jammeh, who fled across the border.

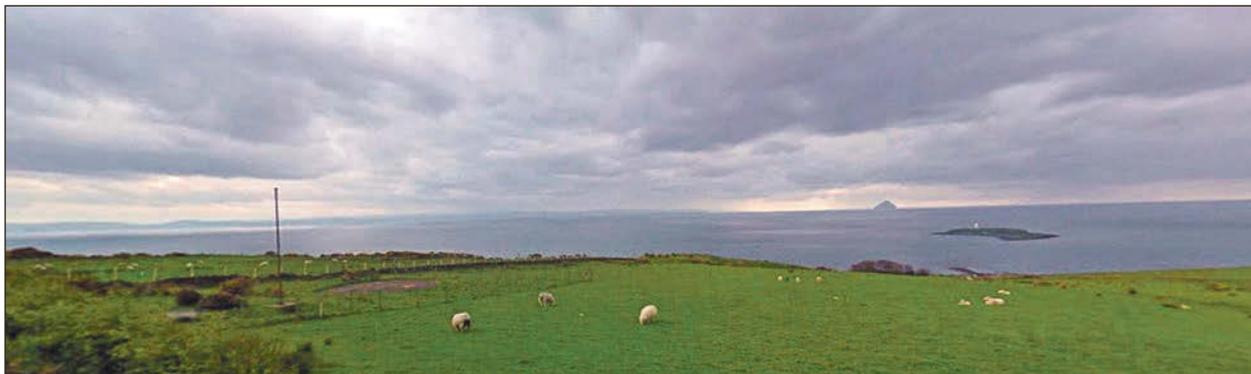
Maurice said: 'The situation has improved and although the shops are closed and there is no money available in ATM machines and banks, we will continue with the building works. 'While the military jets are still flying overhead, I intend to take some time to prepare the school for the children's return.'

# New terminal for Arran helipad site is approved

Arran is to get its first helipad terminal. Planning permission has been approved for the erection of a small terminal building at an existing helicopter landing site near Kildonan.

The application, made by the managing director of the Arran Brewery, Gerald Michaluk, says that, as an expanding business, his firm has an additional need to be able to connect with the mainland for engineers, staff and retailers outwith ferry times and during ferry disruptions.

The two-storey, 78 square metre building will allow people to shelter from the elements before and after flights and will also provide basic utilities and storage. North Ayrshire Council's planning department approved the ap-



The site of the new helipad terminal above Kildonan.

plication based on the need for the building.

It said it met with rural development regulations and that its stone exterior and zinc roof fell within the rural design guidance. There were no representations received and no objections from North Ayrshire Transport. The site has an area of approximate-

ly 844 square metres and is located within on the south side of the A841, north of Kildonan.

The site slopes north to south and is bounded by stob and wire fences and stone walls. The area is mainly laid to grass with an existing tarmac landing pad in the south end of the site.

It is surrounded by agricultural fields.

Large vertical windows would be located on the south and east elevations with a further smaller glazing on the north elevation.

The proposed building would be finished in natural stone and a zinc standing seam roof and would house

a viewing gallery, waiting area, changing area, kitchen and toilet. In relation to the remainder of the site, a short path would be laid from the building to the landing pad. A new vehicle access would be created onto the A841 with gravel parking and turning area provided on the site.

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The course is being repeated at the Douglas Hotel on Wednesday February 15 and names are being sought as soon as possible at [info@visitarran.com](mailto:info@visitarran.com).



The participants on the recent Professional Visitor Services course.

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# First steps towards marine discovery centre

The Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) opened the doors of the old pavilion in Lamlash last Friday to celebrate its new ownership with the community. Representatives from Visit Arran, Arran High School and the Outdoor Education Centre, as well as

many businesses, community groups and residents, had a chance to visit the building and discuss future plans for the Marine Discovery Centre.

Volunteers have already started renovation works on the pavilion, which will become the new headquarters

of Arran's Marine Protected Area. This building will provide an office space for COAST and a hub for marine activities and education until the new building for the Marine Discovery Centre is completed by 2020.

COAST director Andrew Binnie, who encourages lo-

cal involvement, said: 'We need volunteers to help with building and painting work, the maintenance of two of the tennis courts and with our engagement and fundraising activities.'

If you would like to assist COAST with any of the volunteering work or for more information, contact [info@arrancoast.com](mailto:info@arrancoast.com).



Representatives, visitors and local volunteers discuss the future plans for the Marine Discovery Centre.

## Medical teams come together for lifesaving emergency training

The majority of NHS staff on Arran took part in several days of emergency medical training this week during a visit from mainland emergency medical teams, including paediatric, obstetric and adult retrieval services.

Central to this training was the NHS Scotland Mobile Clinical Skills Unit, a lorry that expands into a clinical training area, equipped with the latest simulation and video feedback equipment.

As well as updates on clinical knowledge and skills, attention was also paid to teamwork and optimal communication using this cutting-edge approach to team training.

Support was generously provided by the Lamlash Co-op, and space and additional facilities for training were provided by Scottish Fire and Rescue, at the Lamlash Community Fire Station. Sandpiper Trust simulation equipment was also used as part of the training and skills development.

Dr David Hogg, GP with Arran Medical Group, said: 'Arran NHS staff participate in integrated training at least once a year, and we were delighted to welcome a number of Scotland's retrieval teams to the island this week to help us keep emergency skills up to date.'

'We are grateful to all those who have enabled this week to take place.'



Arran medical staff and their mainland counterparts made use of the NHS Scotland Mobile Clinical Skills Unit during their emergency training. 01\_B04clinical01



Work is already under way on the old pavilion with volunteers offering their services on the community noticeboard.

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Ross Dobson a S4 pupil sang *Lullaby*. 01\_B04music10



James Macis performs *If We Hold On Together* in the junior singer category. 01\_B04music01

# Young Arran m hit all the high

The extent of the musical talent on Arran was put on full display at a performance at the Douglas Hotel and at the Arran High School on Monday when the Young Musician of the Year competition took place.

The event, organised by James O'Neil, faculty leader of music, and David Lambert, depute head teacher, was judged by Ronnie Robertson of Kirkintilloch who has a keen ear and more than 30 years experience as a principal teacher of music.

The junior and intermediate competitions took place at the school community theatre, while performers

in the advanced category were given the opportunity to perform in front of their peers, parents and teachers in the intimate environment of the Douglas Hotel, which hosted them for the evening.

The performers competed in three sections; instrumental musician, traditional musician and vocal musician, with a first place and runner up being awarded in each section.

One S5 or S6 performer from each section was selected to compete in the upcoming North Ayrshire Council Young Musician Competition at the new Garnock Community Campus during February.



David Lambert depute head teacher. 01\_B04music05

### Results:

The results are as follows: In the Advanced Young Singer of the Year category the overall winner was Ellie Bonner, with overall runner-up going to Megan Hamill.

In the Young Musician of the Year category the overall winner was Lucy Walsh. Alison Provan was overall runner-up. Commendations were awarded to Lois Ashley and Sam Hirschfield. The Young Traditional Musician of the Year went to overall winner Bethany Walsh. The overall runners up went to Fiona Bulger and Ross Kerr. In the Intermediate section the Young Singer of the Year was won by Finlay Elliot on the piano and the runner-up was Dominick Demazeux. The Young Musician of the Year went to overall winner Marsha Bain with Charlotte McKillop taking the overall runner up. The Young Traditional Musician of the Year went to overall winner Iona Summer and Elyse Aitken, and a commendation was awarded to James Reid. In the Junior category the Young Singer of the Year went to overall winner Lori Prescott, with John McNeish as the runner-up. The Young Musician of the Year overall winner was Donald Currie, with James Macis as the runner-up. A commendation was awarded to Naomi Provan. The Young Traditional Musician of the Year was awarded to overall winner Andrew Milton, with the runner-up going to Natasha Nelson and a commendation was awarded to Freya McNicol.



Mia Walker performs with James Macis.



Megan Hamill amazed the audience with her vocal performance. 01\_B04music09

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# Musician's notes



Teacher welcomed the audience to the Douglas Hotel.



Jessica Reid performs *Ode to Joy* on her trombone. 01\_B04music04



Bethany Walsh who attends the Royal Conservatoire Junior School played a fiddle set. 01\_B04music07



An accomplished musician Emily Divine played the guitar and sang *If I Were a Boy*. 01\_B04music08



Fiona Bulger impressed the audience with her bagpipe skills. 01\_B04music06



Les O'Neil on piano. 01\_B04music03



Lori Prescott sang *Rip Tide* accompanied by her own musical backing. 01\_B04music02

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# Labour pick candidate for Arran seat

The North Ayrshire Labour Group has announced its candidate for the Ardrossan and Arran seat for the local council elections in May.

The candidate is Clare McGuire, who was born and raised in Ardrossan. She studied computer game development at Ayrshire College and obtained her modern apprenticeship with North Ayrshire Council. In the past Clare has worked for Combat Stress, a veterans' charity, and she currently works for Deloitte.

Labour will be standing 17 candidates across the 10 wards in the election on May 4, enough to win a majority on the North Ayrshire Council.

Speaking after the team launched the campaign, Labour group leader Joe Cullinane said: 'With our team in place, it is game on. It is team of many talents and one ready to deliver for our local communities.'

## Pitiful

'Just a few months ago the SNP ran for the hills as soon as the going got tough and resigned from administration. Since then, their pitiful attempt at opposition has amounted to them attacking Labour councillors for attending events in our communities rather than the glitzy awards dinners that they had signed up to attend.'

'Their performance, and

behaviour, in recent months have shown that they aren't fit to be in opposition, never mind running the council.'

'In contrast, we have got straight to work – reinstating investment in local schools that the SNP had cut, increasing the council's house building programme, securing living wage accreditation for the council and paying our lowest-paid staff the new rate early and much more.'

'That's the choice that people across North Ayrshire will face next May – a Labour council that will put our communities first or an SNP council run by the people who resigned just a few months ago.'



Labour candidate Clare McGuire.

## Tory MSP confident of good local election campaign

West Scotland MSP Jamie Greene has expressed confidence that the Scottish Conservatives will have a good local election campaign in North Ayrshire this year.

The Scottish Conservatives made gains in West Scotland during last year's Scottish Parliament election, where Mr Greene beat Labour into third place in the Cunninghame North constituency seat. They also won three of seven of the West Scotland regional seats.

Mr Greene said: 'I'm confident that we can build on the progress we made last year during the Holyrood elections. We've got a great selection of candidates who would all be excellent councillors in North Ayrshire.'

'Returning a strong group of Conservative councillors will not only bring a sensible centre-right voice to North Ayrshire Council, but it will send a strong message to the Scottish Government that it should focus on the day job and rule out a second independence referendum.'

He added: 'We have candidates in every ward in the council area now. I will be supporting my fine team of candidates over the coming months. As the second largest party in North Ayrshire, we have to show people what being a Scottish Conservative is about. We are effective in Holyrood and can do the same in local councils.'

## NHS Ayrshire and Arran agency nurse costs soar

NHS Ayrshire and Arran has paid the highest amount for bank and agency nurses to work a single shift, a freedom of information request has revealed.

In 2015/16, NHS Ayrshire and Arran paid nurses £1,300-£1,600 for a

single shift.

### Agency nurses

Last year the NHS spent £158 million paying for bank and agency nurses to cover shifts.

West Scotland MSP Jamie Greene commented: 'I think we need to get better at

planning ahead for our NHS staffing needs. Agency and bank nurses do play an important role in helping to plug gaps in the NHS but we should be focusing on employing full-time nurses into NHS Ayrshire and Arran.'

'Staff nurses earn a fraction of £1,600 a shift. Surely it would be more viable in the long term to allocate those funds to employing full-time nurses at hospitals.'

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# Ayrshire growth deal takes centre stage at Westminster

'The deal is about securing £359.8M investment'

On Thursday of last week, the Ayrshire Growth Deal was debated on the floor of the House of Commons, the first time Ayrshire has taken centre stage at Westminster.

The debate was secured by North Ayrshire and Arran MP, Patricia Gibson, who set out the importance of the Ayrshire Growth Deal for the future economic health of Ayrshire.

Ms Gibson said: 'The Ayrshire Growth Deal is about securing investment of £359.8 million to develop a number of exciting projects which will create the conditions to achieve a step change in economic growth and prosperity across Ayrshire.'

'It is already supported by the three Ayrshire local authorities and the SNP Government, as well as all four Ayrshire MPs.'

'The UK Government had previously indicated that it is interested in supporting this initiative to regenerate Ayrshire, but the response to my debate was disappointing. I and my three Ayrshire MP colleagues will continue to lobby the UK Government to secure vital support for Ayrshire.'

'I have also written to the three Conservative list MSPs in the West of Scotland and the Conservative MSP for Ayr urging them to throw their support behind the Ayrshire Growth Deal

and lobby the UK Government for its support.

'Ayrshire's greatest asset is her people, which is why economic growth must be inclusive, to reduce inequalities across our communities. As well as harnessing the talents of our people, we must capitalise on our natural assets, such as our beautiful coastlines, harbours, ports, as well as tourism, life sciences, engineering and aerospace industries.'

'Alongside this, work has to be undertaken to remove barriers to employment, upskilling workers and ensuring our young people are fully prepared to play their part in digital indus-

tries of the future while our school-leavers continue to achieve positive outcomes.'

'Infrastructure is vital in attracting new inward investment, delivering on key projects such as that already committed to by the SNP Government, including improved digital connectivity and better public transport.'

'SNP MPs from Ayrshire and all across Scotland attended this debate to support Ayrshire. It is essential that all Ayrshire's elected representatives stand together for Ayrshire and I urge the Conservative representatives to do so.'

**Arran MP, Patricia Gibson pictured in the House of Commons.**



## New trail will help find Arran's hidden artists

A new Arran Art Trail is being launched in April.

The idea is to give visitors and local residents the opportunity to visit practising artists and craftspeople in their studios and to gain some insight into how creative people work as well as what inspires them.

Artist Angela Elliott-Walker was one of those inspired by the island.

She said: 'Arran's ever changing coastal and mountain landscape is really conducive with creating wonderful art and crafts.'

'I'm looking forward to welcoming people to Edith, my shepherds hut studio, and hopefully inspiring a few to pick up a paint brush too.'

Arran has a wealth of creative talent, often quite hidden to the public, which is why Angela, along with jewellery maker Ann Hume, has developed the trail. They hope it will create an artistic journey through the island's dramatic landscape directing visitors to undiscovered places with spectacular views.

Ann, who, like Angela,

has a studio at her home in Brodick, said: 'It's going to be great to welcome people into my workshop and to share the process of jewellery making with them. This is a fantastic opportunity to get in touch with Arran's creative community.'

The trail will include 18 venues, including potters, painters, jewellers, sculptors, wood turners, photographers, textile workers, glass workers and furniture makers, as well as venues and galleries exhibiting local artists work all year round.

Visitors will be able to pick up information on art-

ists' work, including a map and details of each studio, on the ferry, in the VisitScotland tourist office and at other venues around the island.

Arran Art Trail has developed from the hugely successful Arran Open Studios weekend. Now in its seventh year, with more than 35 artists and crafts people welcoming visitors to their studios, this year's event runs from August 11 to 14.

More information will be available soon on both Arran Art Trail and the Arran Open Studios weekend - visit [www.arranopenstudios.com](http://www.arranopenstudios.com).



**Ann outside her Brodick studio with Angela. The pair have developed the new trail.**

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## Water, water everywhere . . .

Our front page story this week describes a waste of public water in Kildonan, which exemplifies the meaning of the word impasse.

With no progress in sight, it is easy to see how the situation has managed to drag on for so many years and how it could easily continue if left unresolved.

It is a multi-faceted issue with no clear solution in sight as it seems no-one is willing to accept responsibility. And why would they? Why would anyone wish to incur a cost or burden for which they do not believe they are responsible for?

The answer may lie in something which is often found in smaller communities and it reminds us of a story about a recent charity football match in Whiting Bay.

A helicopter was situated on the field at Sandbraes right where a football match was about to take place. A footballer and the helicopter pilot met on the sidelines and a discussion ensued to avoid any disruption to either party. Suddenly the goalposts were picked up and carried further down the field across the demarcated lines so both the football game and the helicopter could carry on with their tasks.

A spectator commented, saying: 'Only on Arran could such an amicable arrangement, solution and, indeed, situation take place.'

It was meant as a compliment and it resulted in a simple and quick solution for everyone.

Similarly, with the goodwill of all involved, a quiet bureaucracy-free agreement could be reached, as they often do on Arran, and the problem would be curtailed and everyone can come out of it triumphant.

One thing is certain: while the situation continues, we all lose as public water continues to pour down the metaphoric drain. Let us hope that something can be done to resolve the situation, in a manner that is possible, only on Arran.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near.' (Isaiah 55: 6)

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## Letters to the Editor



### Pathway permission

Sir,  
There was an article in the *Banner* a few weeks ago on the new path between Cordon and Kings Cross about the work being finished but there are several sections not pathed because the owner refused permission. Those areas were like a skating rink this weekend and should be pathed by cutting the branches and briars on the land next to the shore and drained where necessary. This type of path making might not conform with modern ways of path making but at least it would be safer.

I would like the first section from Cordon to the new path (500 metres) to be made to give the less able access to enjoy the view of Lamlash Bay and village. This section could be made by a machine and using quarry material. This would allow the sides of the path to grow. The problem here is further along and is owner's consent to the new path so I would ask them for permission for this section of path work to be done.

For the readers' information, permission for less able paths is turned down on Arran villages and organisations as not needed because you walk down there, which is fine, but I always think those not able to walk very far could walk along the new path to the wooded walkway and enjoy the views.

If the owners would give permission it would not cost them any money and will put a path from the houses at the end of the road at Cordon to the burn, down the burnside and along the grass above the shore to the new path. (If they have an alternative route for the less

able in the area, then that can be discussed.) I hope this project will succeed as the one at the other end of the village did not.

Yours,  
**Alistair Hendry,  
Brodick.**

### Hospital upgrade

Sir,  
It was lovely to read about the new surgical same-day admission at Crosshouse but it would have been nicer if the £1 million would have been used on Arran as we cannot afford to lose our lovely hospital. Years ago, we had a wonderful surgeon. It would be great to have that again.

**Jean Stone,  
Lamlash.**

### Be Real campaign

Sir,  
I'd like to commend the launch of the Be Real campaign which has been working with charities, schools and public bodies to help build the confidence of young people in the UK. A recent poll delivered by the campaign revealed that one-third of the 2,000 teenagers polled avoid getting involved in PE lessons because of the way they feel and look.

In The Boys' Brigade, we have noted similar figures to this relating to both body image and young people's mental wellbeing and have made considerable efforts to stress the importance of how our organisation and youth work can help provide support and advice in relation to these issues.

The BB offers a safe space where our members can discuss how they are feeling and learn about both external and peer pressures that could affect them and how to deal with them effectively.

One of our goals is to in-

stil resilience in young people, which leads to an increase in confidence and better equips them to deal with various situations they could face in life.

Hopefully, more campaigns like this succeed and we can work together to stamp out stigma around mental health and help address body confidence issues, while supporting young people to reach their full potential.

Yours,  
**Alan Hunter,  
Acting director,  
The Boys' Brigade  
Scotland.**

### Quote the source

Sir,  
I fully endorse last week's correspondent's difficulty in verifying CalMac's anticipated wind speeds used to justify ferry cancellations. I, too, could not find a match.

Many researchers acknowledge the source of their information. CalMac might receive less criticism if it quoted its source and the time of attainment. Indeed, perhaps this should be a condition of its contracts.

Yours,  
**Ian Scott,  
Lamlash.**

### Ferry petition

Sir,  
In the coming weeks, a group of Arran residents who support the retention of the Brodick to Ardrossan ferry route will be collecting signatures outside the Co-op in Brodick on various days and at various times. We are aiming to give people who might not have access to the petition on social media a chance to have their voices heard in the consultation about our lifeline ferry.

So if you support the

Brodick to Ardrossan route, please seek us out and sign the petition. It is crucial that we collect as many signatures as possible and we will forward them to Humza Yousaf, minister for transport and the islands.

Yours,  
**Ellen McMaster,  
Shiskine.**

### Panto thanks

Sir,  
On behalf of the committee of Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall, I would like to thank and congratulate the children and young people who performed on January 13 and 14 in our *Aladdin* pantomimes, especially as all of our cast were under 16 years of age.

Thank you also to all of the people from the North End who made up the audience along with the other very welcome faces from all around Arran who attended. Your support and participation was a great encouragement to the cast as this was, for many of them, their first live stage performance.

Many people must be thanked who gave so much help to make the pantomime such a success, in particular, the dressmakers, make-up, set painting, pianist, sound and lighting and stage crew and others.

A very special thank you must go to Heather Gough who ultimately produced and directed the whole production, ably assisted by Fiona Henderson. Without these two wonderful ladies, this production would not have been possible.

**Kate Hartley,  
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# Green-fingered course at Argyll College

Argyll College UHI in Lamlash is now offering a part-time horticulture course which will start on Monday February 6.

The college, which already provides access to a wide range of further and higher education courses in the dedicated Arran campus, is working closely with

the Community Land Initiative in Whiting Bay and Brodick Castle gardens to offer the part-time NPA Rural Skills course.

## Core units

The NPA is a part-time course which will take place every Monday for 15 weeks and consists of the following three core units: horti-

culture skills; soft landscaping – general plantings; and rural business investigation.

This course will be highly practical in nature and will appeal to anyone with a keen interest in horticulture and/or gardening. The knowledge and skills which are taught during the course will be a benefit to a wide



Plants are nurtured from seed before in individual containers.

## All change at Arran Antiquarians

More than 40 members attended the Annual General Meeting of the Society on January 16.

The meeting was chaired by Colin Mackenzie. Secretary Hugh Brown gave his report, remembering members who have died during 2016, and thanking members who have contributed in various ways, such as the sound system and the visual apparatus, the tea ladies and the hall keeper. He thanked Tommy MacLeod for printing the syllabus, the committee, the author of *The Arran Banner* reports, and finally Harry Davidson who had served for 17 years as secretary and the past two years as chairman.

### Interesting

The syllabus for this year is complete and the meetings planned look very interesting, with a variety of topics ranging from Lochranza Church, the inventor of Penicillin, Clyde steamers and KGB spies.

Meetings are on the third Monday of every month, with the exception of April which will be one week later due to Easter. The society meet in Brodick Hall at 2pm and new members and visitors are always welcome.

Treasurer Margaret Bruce gave a clear presentation of the society's finances and was able to reassure us that they were healthy. Membership in 2016 was 108 and visitor numbers were up.

Mr Mackenzie announced the new committee.

The three officers remain the same, with Iain Hendry acting as vice-chairman. Committee members are Liz Dale, Myrna Boal, Linda Turner, while Harry Davidson will be an ex-officio member. Grace Small is the honorary president and Stewart Lambie the honorary vice-president.

From 2018 the June meeting will not take place, as the annual outing usually

takes place during the same week. It had been proposed that the society should change its name to the Arran Historical Society as being more modern, more descriptive of the remit and more in keeping with similar groups on the mainland.

### Change

A lively discussion followed, with views expressed for and against.

A show of hands voted for the change by 22 votes to 11 against, with some members abstaining.

The AGM concluded at 2.35pm and then we formed into four teams and enjoyed a fun quiz devised by Colin Mackenzie to reveal how much we knew – or did not know – about Arran, Scotland and our history.

The new historical society's next meeting is on Monday February 20 at 2pm when PennyMcWaters will give a talk about the Lochranza Church windows.

Norma Davidson



A student tending a vegetable bed on the horticulture course.

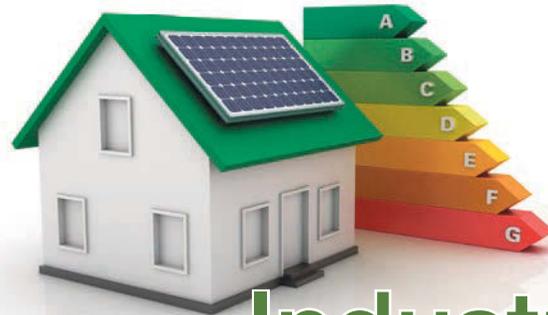
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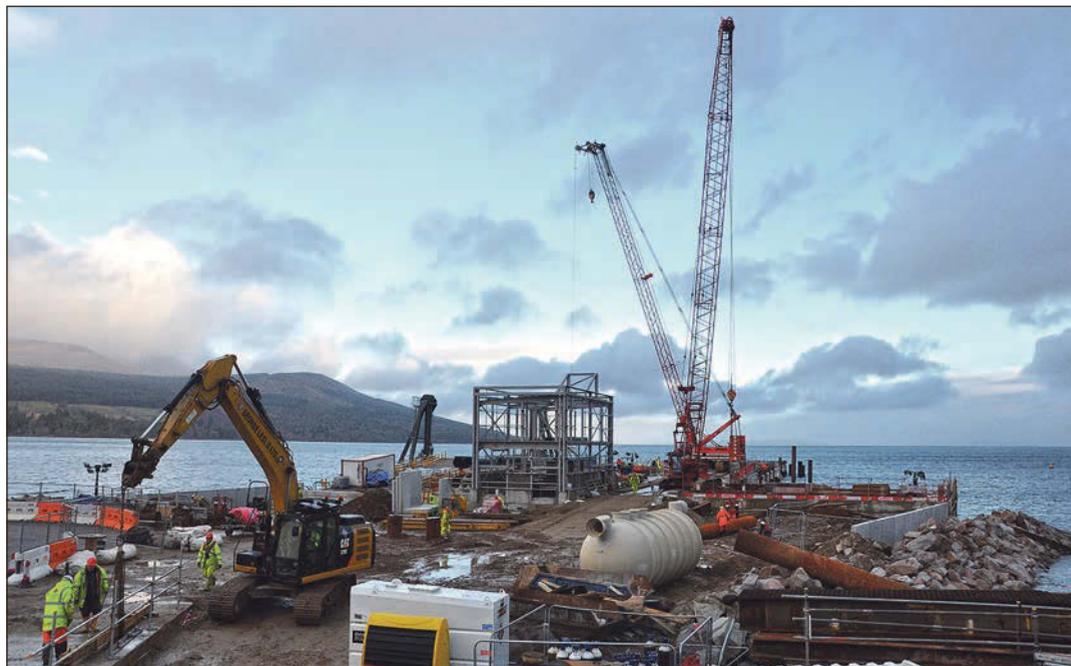
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Work progresses on the new pier and fire escape building. 01\_A03terminal02



The fire escape building under construction. 01\_A03terminal04



A first floor fixed walkway will link the main terminal building (left) to the fire escape building. 01\_A03terminal01



The new car park, coach drop-off and taxi ranks under construction. 01\_A03terminal11



The sandstone cladding of the ferry terminal is almost complete. 01\_A03terminal03

# End of t show ca

## Work still on schedu

Work on the Brodick ferry terminal redevelopment has passed the year mark and is still on schedule for completion in early August.

The principal contractor, George Leslie Ltd, started work on Monday January 11, 2016, and has now entered the fifth phase of works, which are due to be completed by mid March.

Work is progressing on the coach drop-off, taxi ranks and new car park to the south of the new terminal building.

**Internally**  
Construction work also continues internally on the new terminal, the fire escape building and new main pier, for which piling work is almost complete.

A new fixed walkway,

which will link the first floor of the main terminal and fire escape building is under construction offsite and will be brought to Brodick in sections and erected in preparation for the Adelte moving passenger access system (PAS), which will provide a covered walkway to the ferries.

Work is also progress-



Service pipes are installed in front of the new terminal building. 01\_A03terminal10



The fire escape building shows the walkway support to the

# Self build & Renovation

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Self-builders come from all backgrounds and all ages, though they tend to be existing homeowners. Other popular categories include couples in their 30s and 40s with young families who are keen to leap two or three rungs in the housing ladder, and empty-nesters, people coming up to retirement, perhaps living in a large home where they brought up their children, who want to downsize to somewhere smaller, easier and cheaper to maintain. What this disparate group does share, however, is the ability to organise.

That includes knowing how to work out a budget, how to prioritise, how to nego-



tiating - often the most worrying aspect to the beginner, but a skill that develops with surprising ease - and, perhaps most important of all, knowing how to ask questions, and to go on asking until you get an answer that makes sense.

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### Set a realistic budget

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### Arrange financing

Whether through a bank or a dedicated self-build mortgage company, your next step should be to secure funding. That way you will know exactly what your budget is from the start, and when you find a plot you love, you will be able to seal the deal before it gets sold out from under you. Self-build mortgages often work on a stage payment basis, in which funds are released at key points throughout the project, either in advance or in arrears, depending on the product you choose.

### Choose a building route

Many first-time builders choose a package company to guide them through the entire

process, from design to build. These companies generally offer customisable standard houses and bespoke design options. The other option is to hire an architect and contractor or professional project manager, so that the house can be built to your exact specifications. Check listings, then ask around to find out if others had a good experience with your potentials.

### Find an architect or self-build package company

Whether you choose a package supplier (who designs and builds the home for you) or a local architect, make sure they understand your requirements and budget. The more information they have up front, the more efficiently they will be able to design your dream home. Continually going back to them with changes or additions will slow down the process and add to the cost.

### Start the planning process

Get in touch with the local planning authority early. North Ayrshire Council council offers

a pre-application system called PPC (Planning Permission Principle), so you can find out whether your proposal is likely to be acceptable in terms of the provisions of the adopted development plan.

### Sort out the essentials

Before going any further, make certain you have all the proper consents in addition to planning permission (sometimes you need other special local permissions, such as conservation area consent.) Be sure to safeguard your investment by getting the contracts, warranties and insurance in place. Even if your contractor has insurance, you may need to take specialist self-build insurance.

### Prepare the plot

The first step before starting the build is preparing the site, something your contractor usually deals with. This includes clearing vegetation, levelling the plot, installing drainage and setting out the trenches.

### Get building

Most home building projects fall into five stages: foundation work; getting the house wind and weather tight (roof on, windows and doors in); first fix (initial services, structural carpentry and plastering); second fix (after the plastering) and final decoration. You can choose to have the interior completely fitted out, or, if you are handy with carpentry, perform the details such as cabinet installation, carpet laying and painting yourself.

### Enjoy your dream home!

By this stage, you will be raring to move in. First, consider a few practicalities, such as obtaining the Completion Certificate from building control, making sure any last minute snags are dealt with - and don't forget reclaiming the VAT. After months of paperwork and stress, it's time to enjoy the fruits of your labour!

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SLJ Interiors have extensive experience of working with clients, their architects and

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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

## What will it cost?

Everyone knows that when you buy a traditional home, you get a mortgage. But how do you go about financing a self-build, and how much will it cost when you factor in the land and the build?

This will be based on available savings, the likely profit from the sale of your existing home and what you can expect to raise on a mortgage. Traditionally, around a third of the total has been devoted to purchasing a plot, with the remainder covering construction. At today's land prices, 40-60 per cent is more likely to account for the plot, and in popular areas the percentage can rise even higher. Estimating the build cost will depend on the house size, the form of construction, the complexity of the design, the materials selected, local labour rates and the specific conditions of the site such as poor ground conditions that demand specialist foundations.

## Setting budgets

In other words, it's complicated, and you're almost certain to require specialist help. Having said that, architects' and builders' price books, detailing the costs of every aspect of construction and updated annually, are available in local libraries or at bookstores (look for names like Spon or Wessex).

Estimating software such as EstimatorXpress from HBXL is a good way to plan the cost of your project. Easy to understand building diagrams help you input your project's dimensions to calculate the cost, and because it's linked directly to a builders' merchants price list, the estimates are totally accurate.

It also guides you through each build phase step by step, so you don't forget to factor in certain materials, labour or plants that can prove costly later on. Design and build package companies will also provide basic estimates for their standard designs. Some builder's merchants will supply free estimating services based on detailed house plans.

Traditionally, construction estimates are provided by a quantity surveyor, though the service is unlikely to be cost-effective for a project as small as a single house. In practice, arriving at a precise budget will depend on negotiations with your designer or project manager and your contractor. Don't expect to tie everything down before you start. Every build has its own peculiarities. A 10 per cent contingency fund is recommended.

## Financing a self-build home

Most people obtain a mortgage to finance their project. Mortgages, however, are granted on the basis of collateral. That obviously doesn't exist when all you have is a building plot. Self-build mortgages are therefore funded on the completion of various stages of the build, typically four or five.



## Cash flow

This means, of course, that you need to be able to fund stages, either from your own resources or other borrowing, before you are reimbursed by the next payment from your main lender. In the case of a timber frame house, where the frame might account for a third of your total budget - payable in one go - this is likely to require careful juggling of finances. Always establish clearly with your lender when and how stage payments will be made so you don't find yourself running into cash flow problems and perhaps losing a reliable subcontractor. One solution is to raise a loan on your existing home, to be re-paid when you sell it.

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Catherine takes up the story: "We bought the land for our new home in December 2013 and broke ground ten 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."

## Catherine and Joe's new home

Build cost - £240,000 including land  
Current value - £350,000.

### Project highlights

"We worked well with our architect and our builder to create a unique space for the family," says Catherine. "The kitchen is at the heart of the home and it is where we spend most of our time so it was important that it was big enough to accommodate us all. Joe is a pipefitter and, with the help of his brother, he carried out most of that work which saved us money and ensured we have a high quality product. We are glad that we used local trades-people, building suppliers and professionals as we built some good relationships along the way. I love the kitchen and our upstairs lounge with its fabulous views and cosy wood burning stove. It's a great family home and affords us good space for socialising."



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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.**

So what chance does the lone, usually inexperienced self-builder have? Actually, he or she has advantages denied to the professional. The first is that paying the keenest price is not always a priority. A developer will usually need to build and sell a new property as soon as possible - to reduce borrowing and maintain his business.

A self-builder, however, is likely to spend several years in the house they build, allowing them to spread the cost of the plot over a long period. Not all plots are going to appeal to developers. They may be too small to generate sufficient short-term profit or they may have potential problems - a steep slope or an awkward shape. Remember, no plot is going to be perfect. Often solving a local problem can inspire you or your designer to think in new and imaginative

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# Finding land



directions that might never have occurred to you otherwise.

Where should you start? Estate agents are a good starting point, so get on the mailing lists. Another approach is to use a plot-finding agency, which, for a subscription, will typically provide plot opportunities, such as PlotSearch, plotfinder.net or UK Land Directory Ltd.

Auctions are another plot source, but demand strong nerves and ready cash. A 10 per cent deposit is normally required at the fall of the hammer, with the remainder payable within a month. If you are targeting a particular area, visit it often. Chance conversations in pubs, wine bars or cafes can sometimes flush out potential vendors. Even more important, explore the area, preferably on foot. Look for large, neglected gardens, particularly with road access or gaps between terraces. Find out the

owners by asking locally or through the Land Registry.

Another source of plots is the local authority planning department. Occasionally, applications are not acted on or are unsuccessful. You may spot an opportunity. Sometimes you, or your designer, may see a way of making an application successful - perhaps by changing the size or position of the house.

Finally, an increasingly popular option in high priced areas is to buy a run-down property and replace it. At least you know that planning permission exists for a dwelling on that spot, even if the new house - as sometimes happens - has to cover the same footprint.

Useful websites:

[www.plotfinder.net](http://www.plotfinder.net); [www.plotsearch.co.uk](http://www.plotsearch.co.uk)

## 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.

Normally your home must be completed within three years of you receiving your building warrant, although you can apply to extend this deadline (you need to pay an extra fee for this though).

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# Architecture

**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.

An architect will ensure that you are in compliance with all statutory obligations such as planning permission, party wall agreements and building regulations. He or she will have extensive knowledge and experience to guide you through the application processes when obtaining these permissions.

Your architect will aid you in selecting the proper fittings, finishing, materials and lighting that are compatible with your lifestyle and will

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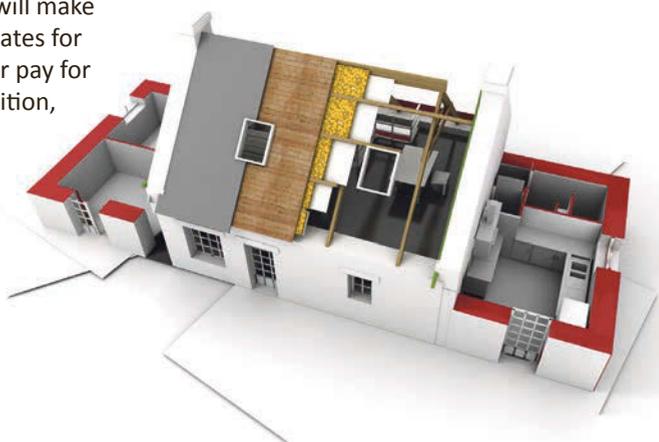
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ultimately increase the value of your home. Furthermore, the architect can also help control costs during the design and specification stages of the project to make sure you are getting the most out of your budget.

He or she will oversee the project to completion, helping to control the programme and costs during the build process. Your architect can also help you select the right builder and arrange and administer your contract with them. This contract will ensure the building work is being done in accordance with the drawings and specifications to a predefined time-frame and cost. The architect will make regular inspections and issue certificates for completed work so you will only ever pay for the work that has been done. In addition, an architect can coordinate with various consultants and engineers to ensure all parties are on the same page throughout the project.

An architect can prevent headaches for you during construction, as they will solve various construction issues that may arise as the project develops. Specifically, your architect will be able to prepare change orders that are necessary when there are deviations from the original plan. And, because they are required to hold professional indemnity insurance, if there is anything in the design work that causes problems later down the line, you will be protected.



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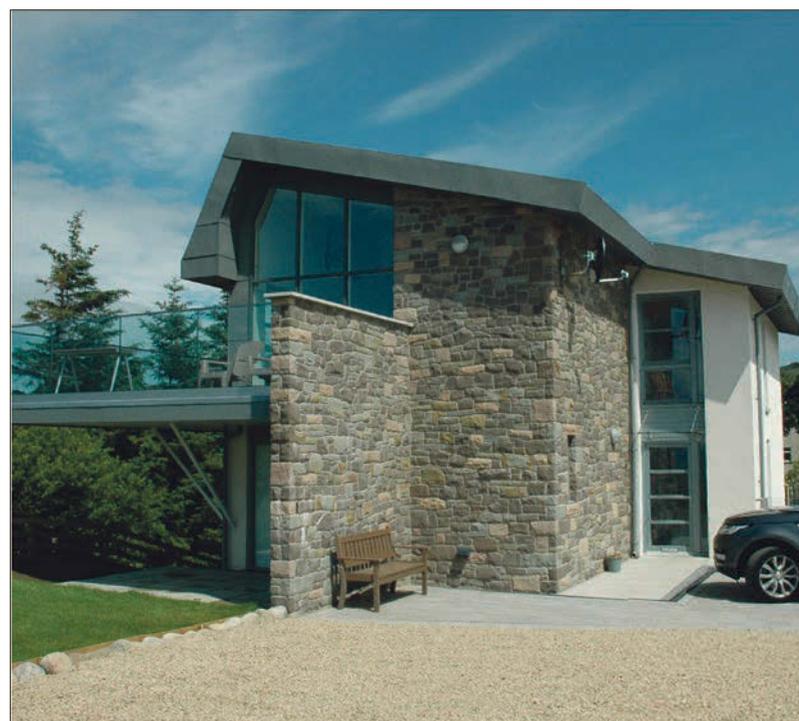


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# Building on th

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



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## The know-how

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for you to check with Scottish Water and power companies early on to make sure you can get connections when you need them. In rural areas, particularly if the site is far from other properties or on a hill, there can be

problems in connecting sites to the mains water and gas grids in particular and the cost of the connection can be high; therefore if your site is in a remote area, you should check the feasibility of arranging connections before you commit to buying a site. In certain circumstances, you may need to consider providing your own energy or water/sewerage supplies (Scottish Water and the energy companies, along with your builder, architect

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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. Sure, it's nice to capture great views, but you also want to make sure that you maximize energy efficiency and avoid terrain troubles.



## 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.

or project manager, should be able to give you further advice on this). Where possible, you should arrange for the water mains drainage and electricity supply to be provided for the site as early as possible because the builders will need access to water in particular during the build process and also to electricity at certain stages (although not necessarily for the initial stages). However, if it is not

feasible to arrange at least a temporary connection (such as a water standpipe) in time, it should be feasible to put in place other temporary arrangements, such as hiring an electricity generator or making arrangements with any nearby neighbours to use their water supply if they have an outdoor tap.

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# Kit homes

**Kit homes are pre-fabricated homes designed and manufactured in the factory and shipped onsite with all or most of the materials, components and even plumbing included. It's like a jigsaw puzzle with each parts measured, designed, and fabricated to fit perfectly to create a complete piece.**

Some people think that these are lesser quality homes that have smaller spaces and low-grade materials. However, this is a real misconception, because quality will always depend on the supplier or manufacturer. You can get a huge kit home that will last for a lifetime with a reliable supplier that offers high-quality materials, components, and services.

First and foremost, what makes this type of home popular is the potentially lower cost to build. The overall expense can be reduced further if you build it on your own without hiring contractors for construction. This works for homeowners who have the skills and some help from family members and friends.

The time it would take to finish building a home is much faster because design, materials, and other components are already available and would simply need to be put together for completion. With the help of contractors, it could take a few days to finish building a home. That's faster than site-built homes that would normally take months or years to be completed. It saves you time and cuts down more costs along the way.

Few limitations prevent self-builders from availing of this low-cost property alternative. Considering terrain and other environmental conditions, a regular kit home may not always be appropriate to areas with uneven and challenging terrains, which requires a customized home design and architecture.

If you prefer your home to be a certain way with a couple of inclusions and alterations, a kit home may not be ideal for you. Homeowners, however, are initially given several options from existing designs by suppliers. While adjustments are not always accommodated by suppliers, you can inquire if a supplier can oblige you with slight modifications to existing designs.

If you are thinking of a self-build, why not explore the advantages of a kit home today?



## Types of kit homes

Most kit homes fall into one of four main categories:

### Log homes

Log homes are made of hand-crafted 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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### Common mistakes to avoid

Owner-builders often make mistakes when building their kit home, which can be a huge drain on time, money and resources. To prevent the same thing happening to you, here's what to avoid:

- Don't just place your kit home anywhere on the site. Consider views, privacy, and cardinal directions for hot and cold temperatures.
- Don't pour all the cement at once in order to save money, as it will harden before you can even finish the job.
- Don't schedule tradespeople out of order, e.g. plumbing, insulation and electric work should be done before you call in the drywall.
- Don't settle on the design and budget before knowing what the site requirements are, e.g. earthworks and access to essential services.
- Don't do everything yourself. Have an experienced professional help you out.
- Don't create a large kit home with no design features or it will just look like one big box.
- Don't go for cheap wall frames when installing the roof or the walls will not stay straight.
- Don't create a unique design that will be unappealing to others and make it hard to sell the home.
- Don't hesitate to seek professional advice where necessary. Spending a few bucks on expert advice can save you considerable money later on.
- Don't set impossible deadlines that could ruin your health and family life.
- Don't make any guesses. Figure out how many hours is required for each task from the bids given by subcontractors.
- Don't just look at prices when comparing kit homes. Also consider the number of standard inclusions.
- Don't just choose contractors with the lowest bid price. Find out why it's cheaper than others.
- Don't forget to set aside some money for landscaping.
- If you don't apply glue to the floor sheeting, it will squeak.
- If you don't re-plumb door jambs, the doors will not hang correctly.
- If you don't seek help to fix a mistake you made, you could create even bigger, more expensive problems later on.
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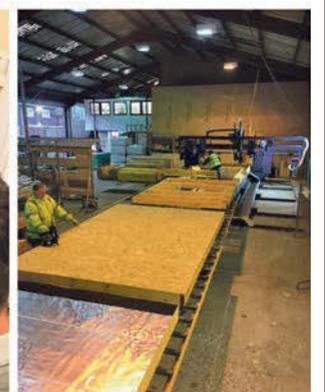
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# Energy and renewables



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

Did you know you can apply for an interest free loan to install a variety of measures such as solid wall insulation, double-glazing or a new boiler?

Through the HEEPS loan scheme, an owner occupier or private sector landlord could get up to £15,000 per property, and landlords with multiple properties are eligible for up to £100,000 in total. The repayment period varies based on the amount you intend to borrow but those taking out higher value loans will be able to pay back over 10 years.

From October 2016 for a limited time and subject to available funding, applicants are eligible to receive a grant of 25% of the cost of their work, up to a maximum of £3,750. Applicants must be able to complete works and claim funding by March 10, 2017 to benefit from this offer.

To accommodate this change the HEEPS loan will be reduced to a maximum of 75% of the cost of eligible works. The maximum loan value remains at £15,000.

Applicants are also entitled to claim up to £150 towards the cost of the Green Deal Advice Report that is required before a loan can be approved.

If you are installing external wall insulation and apply directly to your local authority for a building warrant you can also claim back this cost. Payment in these circumstances will only be made based on the actual cost paid to the local authority for lodging the warrant and you must be able to supply a copy of the bill, receipt or invoice issued by the local authority.

This special offer will also be available to private sector landlords for a maximum of three properties. If applying for work at more than three properties loan funding, the interest free loan will still be available for 100% of the eligible costs, up to a maximum of £15,000 per property. For more information on the loan scheme, visit [energysavingtrust.org.uk](http://energysavingtrust.org.uk).

Installing green technologies in your self-build can not only offer energy savings in the long run, you might qualify for Government schemes to help pay for them.

## 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

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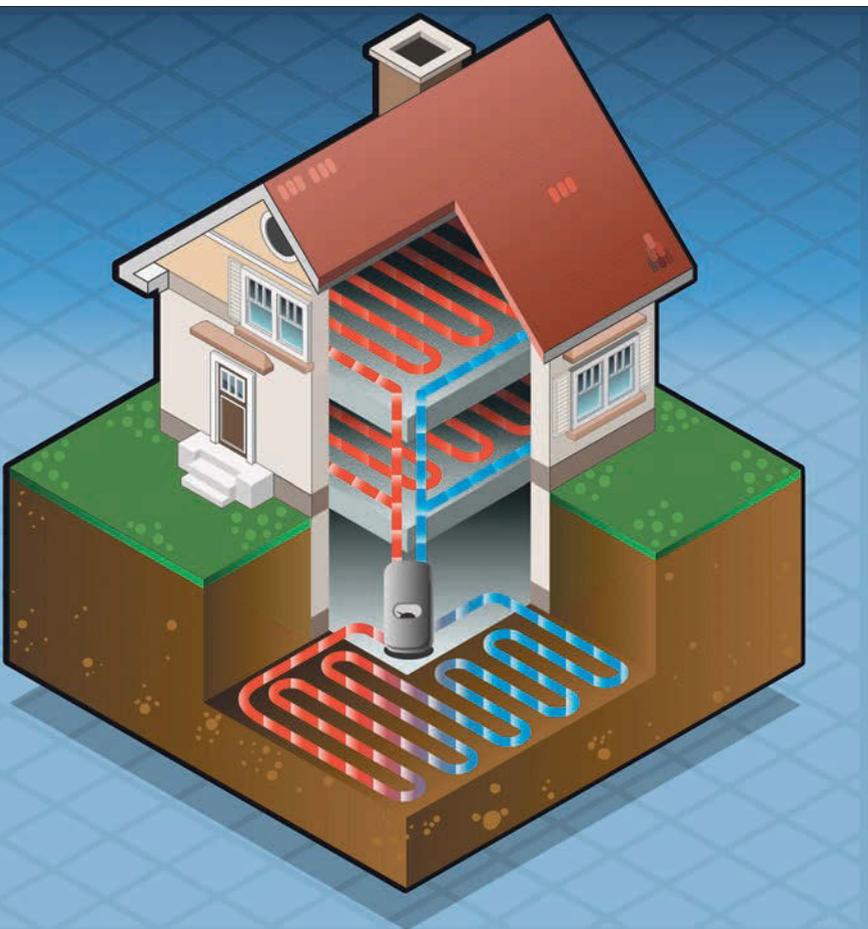
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- Advise you on your options for saving energy in your new home and generating your own energy (heat or electricity).
- Make recommendations in a written report, explaining the savings you might make, financial support available and technical and planning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

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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 is a nationally recognised quality assurance scheme, which certifies microgeneration technologies used to produce electricity and heat from renewable sources.

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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# Renovating a Home: Top Ten Dos and Don'ts



When renovating a home it's essential to carefully plan and budget for your project. Make sure you follow our Top 10 Dos and Don'ts when renovating a home:-

There are lots of things that you need to do when considering a property project, but here are our Top Ten Tips to get you started:-

1. Do make a list of everything that you want to do, not just in one room, but around the rest of your home too.
2. Do write down a priority order of what needs doing. For example, do you renovate room by room, or get the home painted throughout first?
3. Do work out how much you have to spend - keeping up to 30% of the budget as a contingency.
4. Do write down a list of materials that are required and start to work out and then find out the difference in value versus quality

5. Do make sure you shop around for materials - or if professionals fitted ask them to list and break out cost of materials and labour
6. Don't employ a tradesperson or professional company, unless you are sure you have read and both parties have signed a contract.
7. Don't pay for work upfront, agree stage payments for work and make sure you keep 10% of the final cost back until the work is finished to your satisfaction.
8. Don't skimp on items that need to last such as taps or showers
9. Don't keep changing your spec throughout the project - you will go over budget and annoy the trades people!
10. Don't try to do too much in one go, do things in the right order and take one step at a time.



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# Kitchens, bedrooms and bathrooms

## Kitchens

Liberated from old-fashioned customs like colour-coordinated appliances and the sacred single work triangle, designers are thinking about kitchens in new and exciting ways. On trend kitchen design for 2017 includes new thoughts about colour, finding your own workflow and use of authentic materials and natural lighting.

**Colour redefined**-A base of neutral and soft colour palettes are a very popular choice this year as they allow the homeowner to experiment with his or her own individual expression of complementary colour.



**Finding flow**- A greater level of collaboration between designer and home owner is driving the desire for better integration between kitchen and living areas. Open-plan kitchens that allow for seamless interaction between living and prep areas will remain key, as will the need to maximise cupboard usage to increase storage through functional design, without compromising organisation and access.

**Materials matter**- Combining materials is still popular, especially when it comes to countertop materials, as are sleek lines, with integrated profile door handles and work surfaces becoming slimmer to enhance this clean linearity. Diversity is key to current kitchen design, with

elements being created in such a way as to make them resemble crafted furniture and not just functional storage."

**Mindful tech**- An increased awareness of technology in the kitchen will see kitchen designers incorporate a tech perspective in the kitchen cabinet and we can expect to add-ons such as built-in charging stations, hands-free functionality and tablet holders. Think designs that feature touchscreen control panels, heating membranes, sound activators, aromatic scent dispensers and LED lights along with multimedia entertainment systems.

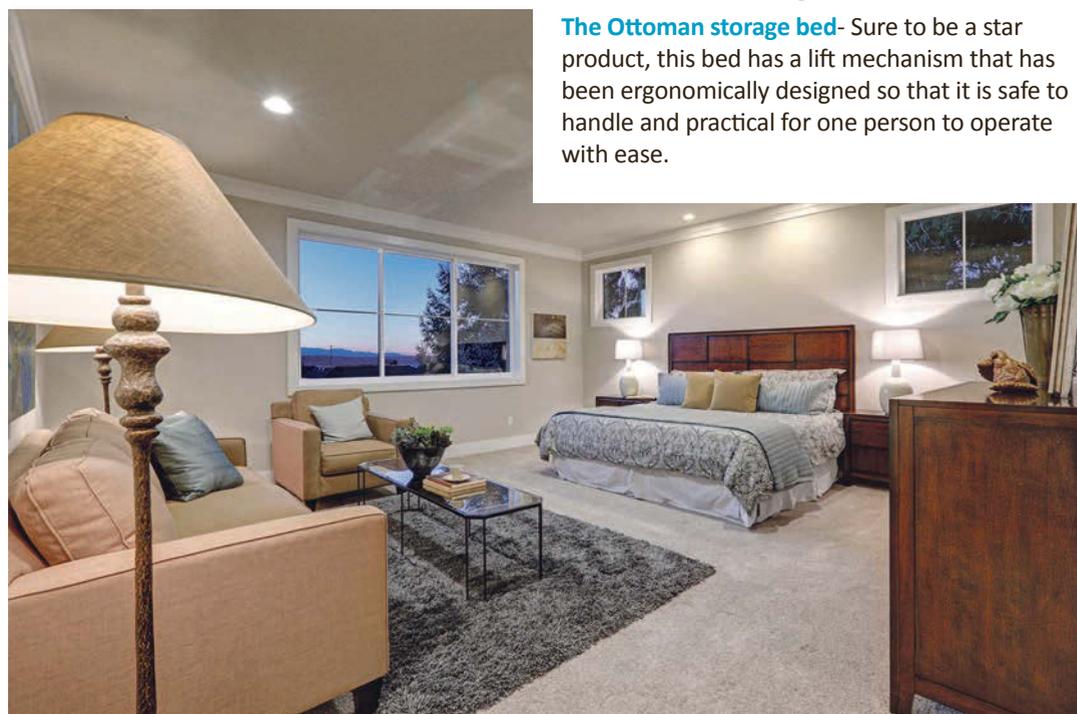
## Bedrooms

The bedroom market is coming of age as homeowners seek a designer look. The range of options available in the fitted bedroom market has expanded offering more choice and extensive range. 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.

**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. In terms of colour, grey continues to lead in both matt and gloss and different shades of grey.

**Sliders are the way ahead**- In the past a sliding wardrobe door was considered to be a solution to a small room, rather than a preferred option. This has changed and 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.

**The Ottoman storage bed**- Sure to be a star product, this bed has a lift mechanism that has been ergonomically designed so that it is safe to handle and practical for one person to operate with ease.



## Bathrooms

Clean, modern style and neutral colours dominate bathroom design for 2017. Neutral colours dominate the bathroom, with white being the most popular fixture colour and whites and greys being the most popular overall colour schemes. Increasingly popular are bathroom amenities including electric heated floors, easy maintenance features, one-piece toilets, towel warmers, humidity-sensing fans, steam showers, smart toilets/bidets and water sense toilets and faucets. Some other hot trends in baths for 2017 include:

**Freestanding tubs**- Built-in bathtubs are declining in popularity. Freestanding bathtubs are the preferred bathtub of choice among 2017's trendsetters. When you're initially designing your bathroom layout, freestanding tubs offer a lot of flexibility in their placement. Interestingly, some people are choosing to put their freestanding tubs inside their shower areas.

**Fifty shades of grey**-Grey has been a trendy colour for the past few years, and it's still going strong for 2017. If plain grey or a combination of grey and white doesn't excite you much, remember that grey can take on any other colour as an undertone. For example, we've been seeing a lot of grey and turquoise combinations around; this works because the greys being used are greenish-bluish-greys that complement the turquoise perfectly.

**Polished metal finishes**- In 2017, expect more polished metal finishes and less matte. Brass has been a hit for this year, but you can go full-on metal come 2017. From gold, silver, platinum, stainless, brushed steel - metals sure will be back in full strength. These finishes are perfect to grace your cabinet knobs and even your faucets.



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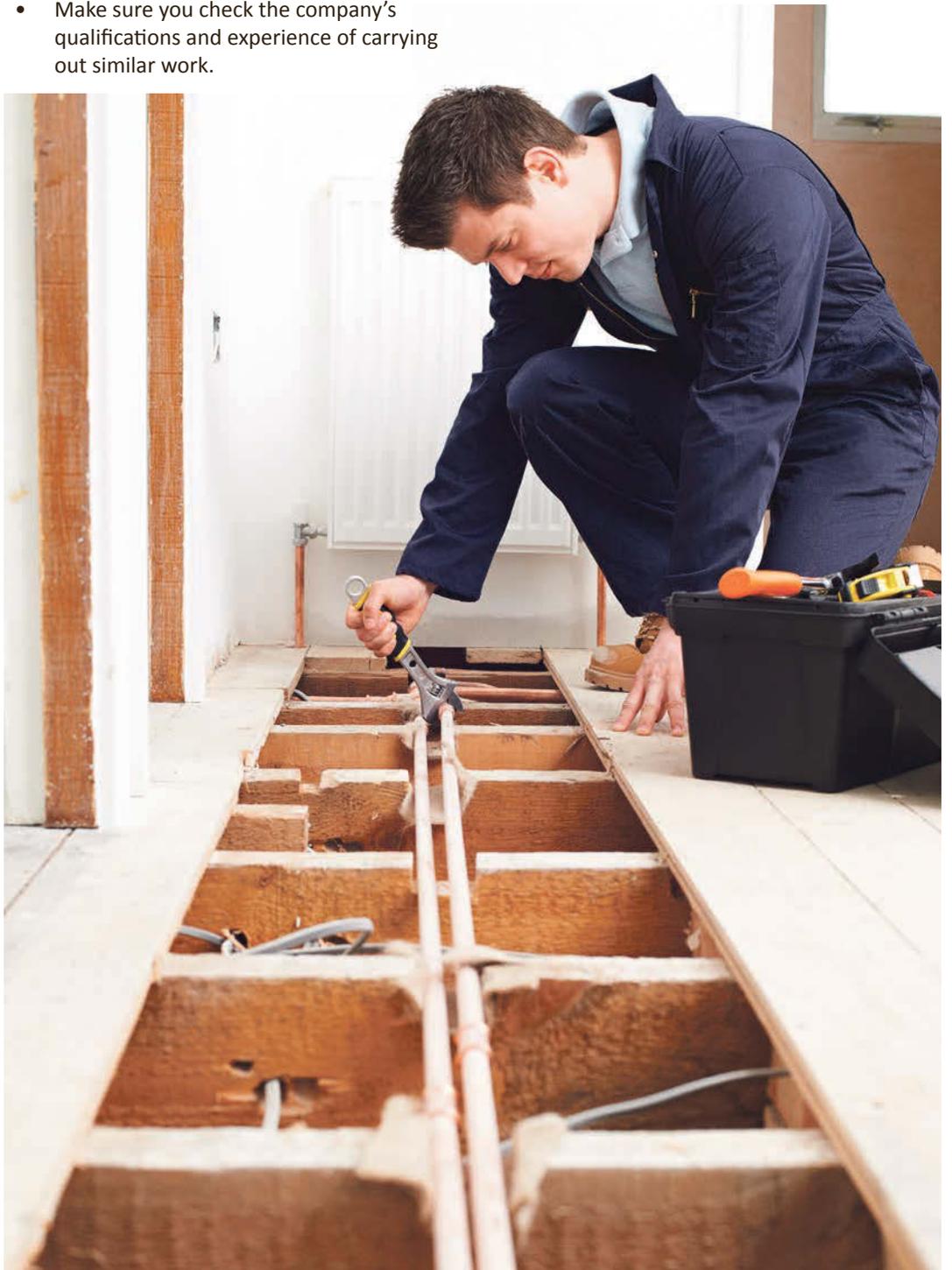
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**Choosing the right company to work on your self-build is a big decision. With rogue tradesmen and poor workmanship widespread, how can you find a local rated tradesman or company you can trust? Follow these handy tips to help you choose the most suitable approved tradesmen for the job:**

- Are they members of an established trade association such as the Scottish & Northern Ireland Plumbing Employers' Federation or CORGI?
- Beware of employing a tradesman who is unable to provide a home or business address and a landline phone number.
- 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?

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## Trade Associations 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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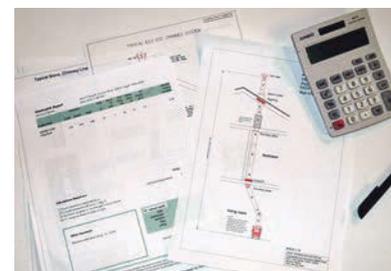
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# Interior design

From dark jewel tones to oversized statement lighting, here's what's hot in interior design for 2017.

**Rich, dark jewel tones: Creating a mood of mysterious glamour, dark and jewel tones such as black, charcoal, purples, blues, wines, and especially forest green, are making interiors feel elegant and inviting this year.**

Layered neutrals: As a counterpoint to the bold colour trend, neutrals communicate appealing depth and intensity when skilfully layered with tone and texture.

Colour of the Year: Pantone's much anticipated announcement of its annual Colour of the Year was met with high praise for its selection of 'Greenery.' The colour is the brightest neutral, which embodies freshness and a connection with nature.

Terra cotta: Terra cotta, a material that has been used for thousands of years, is getting

fresh attention in interiors, appreciated for its earthy connection to nature and history.

Artistic wallpaper: Intriguing backdrops are a highlight this year, achieved with meticulously detailed artistic wallpapers.

Matte finishes: In paint, metal, and tile, the subtlety of a more natural matte texture is a sophisticated finishing touch.

Dark kitchens: While white kitchens remain timeless, dark grey, black, and navy blue are coming into the spotlight as a stylish alternative.

Brass, Bronze and Gold: Replacing the popularity of copper and rose gold last year, we're now seeing a return to the more classic glamour of gold, bronze and brass.

Integrated indoor/outdoor living: Space planning with an emphasis on indoor/outdoor living continues to grow in importance as modern families yearn for more open, connected homes.

Handmade, Organic, and Natural: Maintaining a relationship with the natural world by integrating woods, hides, fur, and woven textures in design makes interiors feel more comfortable and welcoming.

**Oversized statement lighting: From modern geometrics to dangling chandeliers, oversized lighting works as sculptural art in a room, an architectural element with function and character.**



Vintage modern: Translating exceptional vintage pieces with modern materials, colours and patterns is a fresh approach with staying power.

Interesting faucets: Organic shapes with a playful simplicity are a trend in today's bathrooms, particularly with faucets.

Flooring focal point: Cool floors of every kind are underfoot in 2017, from engaging juxtapositions of tile to natural woods with deeply weathered textures.

Complex patterns: Global, tribal, and Aztec patterns strengthen the eclectic appeal of spaces with vibrant colour.

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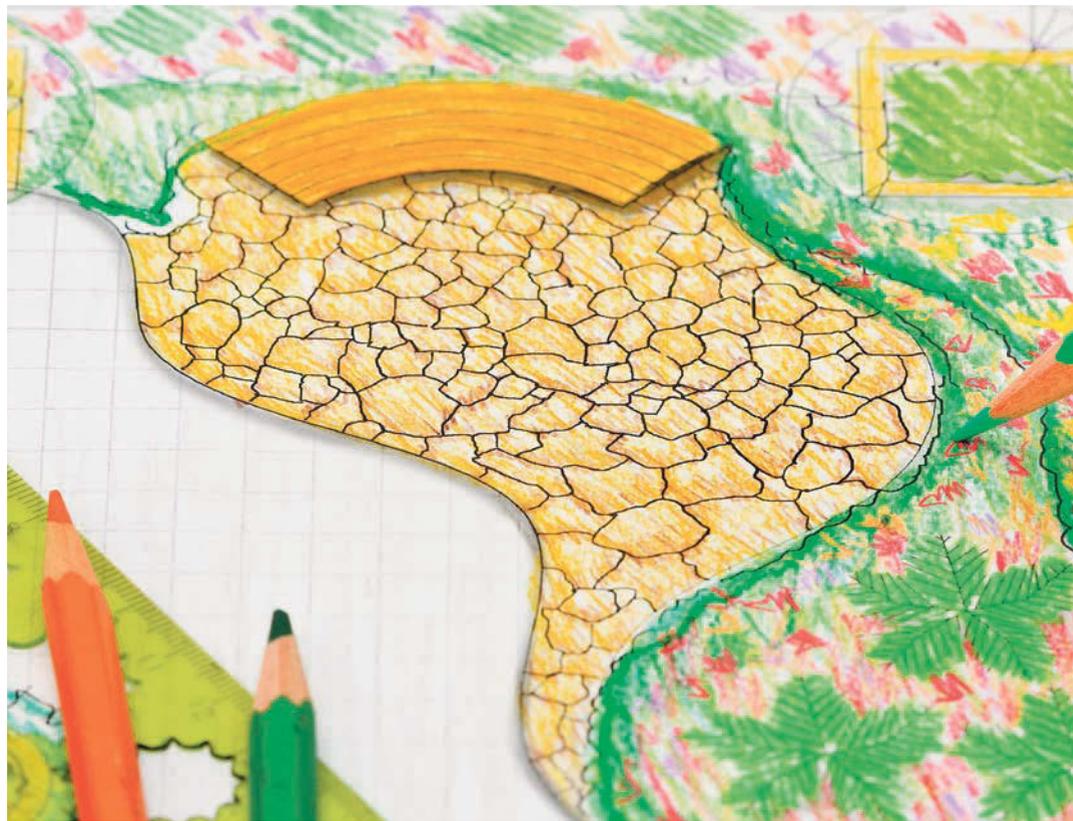
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**Before and After: SLJ Interiors transform a room for one of their clients.**



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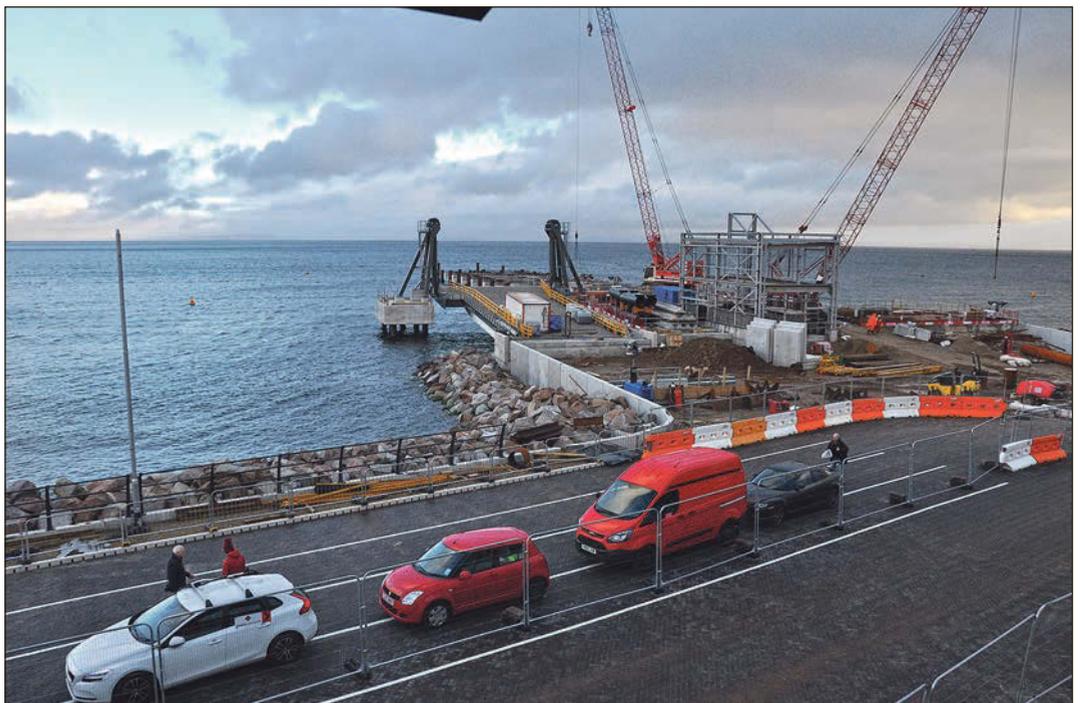
Contracts manager Michael McKeon in the new passenger lounge of the terminal building. 01\_A03terminal09



The new linkspan which was pre-built and shipped from Poland. 01\_A03terminal07

# The pier carries on

## ... for August finish



A section of marshalling yard which is at present only being used as an overflow for vehicles. 01\_A03terminal08

ing on the linkspan, which was shipped from Poland at the end of last year, and the new east berth fixed ramp will be completed.

**Finished**

The seaward side cycle path and main decorative boundary fence on top of the seaward perimeter walls will also be finished in this phase.

Contracts manager

Michael McKeon said: 'Since the phase five changeover, we have continued to progress well.

'We have completed the majority of the marine piles, which allowed us to remove the floating barge and 180-tonne crane from site. Works to the east fixed ramp, the main pier, terminal and fire es-

cape buildings, marshalling areas and car park and drop-off area are all progressing well.

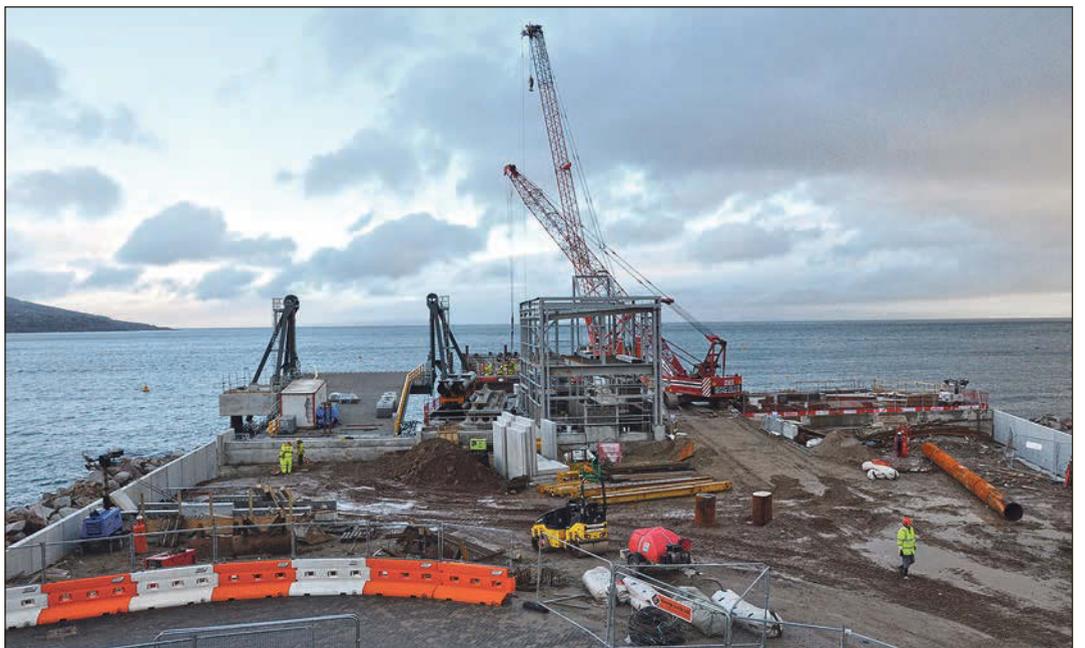
'The new ferry vehicle entrance also appears to be working well, with the new bus stances and shelters continuing to be used. Overall, the project is on budget and programme with a scheduled completion of early August 2017.'



Showing the foundations of the left. 01\_A03terminal12



The new buildings will be watertight once the windows are installed. 01\_A03terminal13



An overview of the pier works. 01\_A03terminal06

## Market report from Stirling

United Auctions at Stirling had forward 1,050 store cattle, 176 cast cows and 1,519 store and breeding sheep at last week's sale.

Bullocks £ per head:  
Tighnafreoch (AA) £850, Bellevue (Sim) £840, Bellevue (AA) £770, Tighnafreoch (HF) £625, Claughlands (HF) £550.

Bullocks ppk: Bellevue (AA) 239ppk; Bellevue (Sim) 238ppk; Tighnafreoch (AA) 198ppk; Tighnafreoch (HO) 143ppk; Claughlands (HO) 129ppk.

Cast cows: Hawthorne (AA) £895 and 18ppk; Claughlands (HO) £625 and 98ppk.

Store hogs: Springfield (Tex) £74.00; Ardbheinn (Tex) £72.00; Drumaghini-er (Suff) £67.50; Drumaghini-er (Tex) £62.50; Brodick HF (Tex) £59.50; Bridge (Tex) £57.00; Springfield (BF) £47.50; Ceithir Gaoithe (EasyCare) £43.50; North Sannox (BF) £40.00.

Feeding ewes: Ardbheinn (Tex) £62.00; Brodick HF (Mule) £57.00; Springfield (BF) £45.50.

Tups: Bridge (BF) £58.00.

# Great night wi Burns at Shiskine Hall

More than 80 people attended the biennial Burns Supper at Shiskine recently, which sees everyone in the community join together to celebrate the works of the bard. Following the Selkirk Grace by Neil Arthur, and the traditional, and tasty, cock-a-leekie

soup, the haggis was piped in by Willie Robertson, carried by his daughter Amelia, and jointly addressed by three P7 pupils at Shiskine primary school: Julie Hamill, Erin McNiven and Laila Webster.

Guests were then treated to a fabulous supper ably

served by the hall committee and friends. The freshly caught and cooked Arran Butcher haggis was kindly donated, and served with bashed neeps and champit tatties, both prepared by the Tee Room at Shiskine Golf Club. The company then enjoyed some lovely cheeses from Bellevue and Island Cheese Company, served, of course, with Wooleys of Arran Oaties.

The Ongauns were chaired by Gordon Kinniburgh, who was excellent and witty throughout. A super Toast to the Lads was delivered by Sarah Kelso, and replied to in great style by Colin Cameron. Liz Kerr then proposed the Immortal Memory and offered some unusual facts about the bard, among which were three links to Lochranza,



Sarah Kelso delivers her Toast to the Lads.

This was followed by the (now renowned) Shiskine Community *Tam O'Shant-er*, with no fewer than 24 people taking part.

Musical entertainment came from Nikki and Andy

Surridge, who were able to attend at very short notice. Nikki's voice was beautiful, singing *My Luve is Like a Red Red Rose* and *Ae Fond Kiss*, and Andy also played background for the community songs. The Toast to the Hall was delivered by Sheila Gilmore, and hall chairman Steve Garraway replied. The evening concluded with *Auld Lang Syne*.

This is a major fundraiser for the hall and more than £1,200 was taken on the night – a big way towards the £6,000 annual running costs for the facility. Thanks must go to all the entertainers, in particular chairman Gordon Kinniburgh. Also to Alistair Fotheringham, Alan Dunlop, Kinloch Hotel, Shiskine School, A&C Cameron, Island Cheese, Arran Butcher, Arran Distillers and Wooleys of Arran.



Chairman Gordon Kinniburgh and speaker Colin Cameron raise their glasses.



Katy Murchie and Rachel Brown give a reading of the bard's work.



Julie Hamill, Erin McNiven and Laila Webster address the haggis.

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**Speakers:** Dr Matthew Frew - Senior Lecturer in Enterprise and Stuart Robertson - Director Digital at Highlands and Islands Enterprise

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So why not start this weekend? January 28 to January 30 is the weekend of the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch.

It is time for you to stock up your bird feeders, spend one hour of your weekend watching your garden birds and note down the highest number you see of each bird species.

Last year, nearly half a million people throughout the UK and more than 30

on Arran took part in this valuable exercise. For more information and to get the free starter pack, visit the RSPB website Big Garden Birdwatch <http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch>. If you do decide to take part, please share your records with me.

But why do it once a year, when you could do it throughout the year through the British Trust for Ornithology's (BTO) excellent Garden BirdWatch scheme and contribute even more to our understanding of garden birds?

The BTO Garden BirdWatch, through its network of 14,000 volunteers across the UK, produces a quar-

terly magazine called *Bird Table* in which it shares information, including a quarterly report on trends and changes in garden bird population. This is an extract from the article from July to September 2016. 'Following a dull and wet June, July started unsettled with frequent weather fronts passing through.

'A poor breeding season for blue and great tits resulted in garden counts lower than average. Long-tailed tits, however, were recorded in their highest ever numbers in gardens for the time of year. Normally, only around 10 per cent of Garden BirdWatchers see this species but this year it was over 20 per cent. Coal tit numbers were high throughout most of the year.'

Anyone who watches garden birds can get involved with the BTO Garden BirdWatch project, which is the largest year-round survey of garden birds in the world.

Not only is the survey great fun but simple observations made by participants build up our collective understanding of garden birds and help to protect bird populations. It



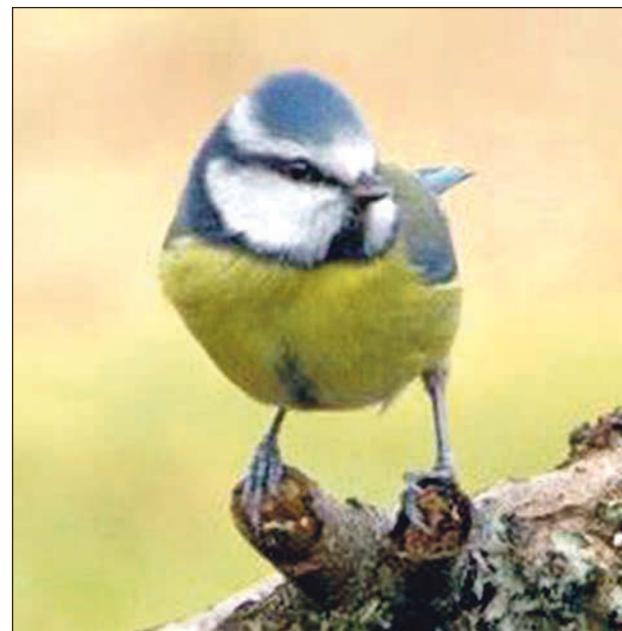
**Chaffinch.**

Photo: Angela Cassels.

is easy to join. To find out more visit this website Garden BirdWatch (GBW) or BTO – British Trust for Ornithology <http://www.bto.org/volunteer-surveys/gbw>.

Enjoy your birding.

Please send any bird notes with 'what, when, where' to me at Kilpatrick Kennels, Kilpatrick, Blackwaterfoot, KA27 8EY, or email me at [jim@arranbirding.co.uk](mailto:jim@arranbirding.co.uk) I look forward to hearing from you. For more information on birding on Arran purchase the *Arran Bird Atlas 2007-2012* as well as the *Arran Bird Report 2015* and visit this website [www.arranbirding.co.uk](http://www.arranbirding.co.uk).



**Blue tit.** Photo Robert Lambie.



**Robin.** Photo: Sue Archer.



**Coal tit.** Photo: Finlay Hopkins.

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### Creamery sale

Scottish Pride is still in negotiations with Robert Wiseman Dairies but only for the sale of its fresh milk division. It is also in negotiations with Scottish Milk Ltd for the sale of its cheese and UHT division.

This is made in a statement from the chairman of Scottish Pride, Lord Sanderson of Bowden, on January 28. Torryllyn Creamery is part of the cheese division and thus stands to be part of the sale.

The company is considering the sale following making a loss of £2.4 million in six months to September. The company has received a number of approaches to buy its trading activities and, while no firm decision has been reached, confirms



**Brodick butcher Donald Mackay and Lord Lindsay discuss which cut of meat the agriculture minister would like during his official visit to Arran on Wednesday.**

that it is most likely to be sold to Scottish Milk Ltd.

### Station rejected

A matter raised at the community council was the proposed fire station at Lamlash, which is seeking planning permission.

Four members of the council had discussed the matter and decided to oppose it being built on the site next to the Murray Estate.

At the meeting some members felt that it was a reasonable site and proposed acceptance of it but they were outvoted.

Then it was put to a full council vote and it was opposed. Thus the community council, somewhat reluctantly, will object to a new fire station at the Cordon Road end.

### Capital cash

North Ayrshire Council education committee has been looking at its capital building programme for the year 1997/98 and it includes two Arran proposals.

The first, which comes in ninth place in its priorities list, is to spend £150,000 relocating the Arran Outdoor Education Resource, whose premises in the Lamlash council offices have been condemned.

Also included in capital expenditure, but for some time in the future, is £600,000 for the 'provision of additional pupil places' at Lamlash Primary.



**Prize-winners are pictured at the 100th Brodick Poultry and Pigeon Club Show, better known as the Chookie Show, which had a large entry.**



**Members of the Arran Mountain Rescue Team smash a collection bottle which was in the Heathfield Hotel to raise funds for the team. The bottle, which was full to capacity, raised £365.30.**



**Hamish Mitchell, Yvonne Bailey and Ann Mitchell stand in front of the window display at Ardgowan, which was runner-up in a supplier competition for the best window display.**



**Senior pupils at Arran High School taking part in a Young Enterprise initiative display their international trading products received from their partner school Whitewater Middle School in Fayetteville, Georgia.**

# What's on

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## Everyday

Trout fly fishing  
Brodick Castle,  
Arran Brewery  
Lamlash tennis courts/putting green  
Soap making and candle dipping

Loch Garbad, bank fishing  
garden open 9am-dusk  
Fri - Sat 10am - 5pm Sun - Wed 12.30pm - 5pm  
Open all day  
Arran Aromatics, Brodick, 10am - 4pm

Arran Vets reception  
Yoga  
Hydrofit  
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service  
RunArran  
Yoga-Arran  
Live music  
Mixed hockey  
Dog classes  
Flow yoga  
Knittnerly and Natterly  
Bus pass club meal  
Chair yoga St Molios  
Coffee Morning  
Mexican night  
Parkinson support group

9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm  
Auchrannie studio, 9.30am-10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am  
10.30-12.30 and 1.30-3.30  
Auchrannie spa, 5.30pm  
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm  
Fiddlers, Brodick 7.30pm - 10pm  
Auchrannie sports Hall, 7.30-9pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm  
Shiskine Hall, 7.30pm  
Kilmory Hall, 2pm - 4pm  
The PHT, noon - 2.30pm  
Church Hall, Shiskine, 11am - noon  
Lamlash Church hall, 10.15am - 12noon  
The PHT, Lamlash, 5pm - 9pm  
Lamlash fire station, 2pm - 4pm

## Saturday 28th January

Army Cadets  
Over 21s disco  
Family games  
Fun in the pool  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
Live music  
Blackwaterfoot bowls Bowling Club,  
Flow yoga Ormidale Pavilion,  
Live music - Rock band Sin City

Auchrannie Road 11am -1 pm  
Ormidale Hotel, 10pm  
Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie spa pool, 4-5pm  
9.30am - 11am  
9.30am - noon  
Fiddlers, Brodick from 7.30pm  
Brodick, 1.15pm  
Brodick, 9am  
The PHT, Lamlash 9pm

## Thursday 2nd February

Morning fitness  
General knowledge quiz  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
Live music  
Ladies' hockey  
RUNFIT  
Burger and quiz night  
Winter bowls  
Mixed Martial Arts/XFit  
Arran Bridge  
Quilt Arran  
Flow yoga  
Chair yoga  
10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers  
RUNFIT  
Brodick Embroidery Group

Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm  
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm  
Fiddlers, Brodick 7.30pm - 10pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm  
Lamlash front green, 6.45am  
Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm  
Auchrannie, 7pm  
Balmichael Centre, 7pm  
Brodick Golf Club, 7pm for 7.15pm  
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 10.30am - 11.30am  
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm  
Lamlash green, 6.45am  
Brodick Library, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

## Sunday 29th January

Family games  
Fun in the pool  
Open acoustic session at Fiddlers  
AA meeting  
Taigi and Oigong  
Sunday session

Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm  
Auchrannie spa pool, 4pm-5pm  
Fiddlers, Brodick 2.30pm - 5pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm  
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm

## Monday 30th January

Over 50s badminton  
Badminton  
Morning fitness  
Badminton  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
Arran Junior Football Club  
Circuit training  
Lamlash Aerobix  
RunArran  
Tae Kwondo  
Arran bridge  
Arran Citizen's Advice Bureau  
Live music Fiddlers  
Arran Skinnymalinks  
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Scottish country dancing for beginners and improvers

Lochranza Village Hall, 2-4pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6.30pm  
Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am  
Auchrannie sports hall, 7-9pm  
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm  
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm  
Ormidale Park, 6-7.30pm  
Auchrannie gym, 6-7pm  
Arran High School dance studio, 6.30pm  
Drift Inn, Lamlash 5.30pm  
Brodick Church Hall adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm  
Lamlash Golf Club, 7pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, 11.30am - 3pm  
Brodick 7.30pm - 10pm  
Lamlash Church Hall 3:30 - 4:00pm  
Brodick - Arran Active 4:15 - 4:45pm  
Corrie - Breaigha Holistic Beauty 5:00 - 5:30pm  
Shiskine Church Hall 5:15 - 5:45pm  
Brodick Church Kitchen 5:45 - 6:15pm  
Corrie Hall, 2pm - 4pm

## Friday 3rd February

Yoga  
Hydrofit  
Arran Youth Foundations  
Lochranza children's badminton  
Lochranza adults' badminton  
Quiz  
Arran Vets  
Arran Vets reception  
AA meeting  
Live music  
Tae Kwondo  
Karaoke/disco

Auchrannie spa leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am  
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am  
Church Hall, Brodick 7pm-9pm  
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm  
Lochranza Hall, 8pm  
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm  
surgery 9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm  
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm  
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm  
Fiddlers, Brodick, 7.30pm  
Arran High School, Lamlash adults, 7pm - 8.30pm  
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm

## Tuesday 31st January

Pop quiz  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Youth club  
Arran Vets surgery  
Arran Vets reception  
Rotary Club  
Healthy outdoors  
Blackwaterfoot bowls  
RunArran run coaching  
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)  
Open cricket session  
Lamlash Junior Drama Club  
Flow yoga  
Live music  
Metafit  
Pilates  
Scottish country dancing  
Winter bowls  
Arran Skinnymalinks  
Community Council meeting

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 2pm  
Kildonan Hall, 7pm  
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm  
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm  
Glencloy Suite, Auchrannie, 6.30pm  
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm  
Bowling Club, 1.15pm  
Lamlash, 5.30pm  
Brodick Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm  
Brodick AstroTurf 7pm-9pm  
Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm  
Corrie and Sannox Hall, 6pm  
Fiddlers, Brodick 7.30pm - 10pm  
Arran High School, 6pm  
Kilmory Hall, 6pm - 7pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Auchrannie, 7pm  
Lochranza Arran Distillery visitor centre 3:30 - 4:00pm  
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodick, 6pm

## Wednesday 1st February

Rock an pop bingo  
Tae Kwondo  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Arran Brass rehearsal  
Arran Vets surgery

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm  
Arran High School Kids-6.30-7.30pm adults-7.30-8.30pm  
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm  
Brodick Church Hall, 7-9pm  
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm



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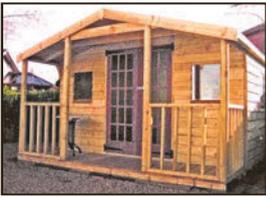
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Registration for all Local Authority Early Years and Partner providers of early learning and childcare in North Ayrshire will take place in the week beginning Monday 30 January 2017. Parents wishing to register their children for early learning and childcare should apply directly to the class/centre of their choice.

At the class/centre you will be asked to fill in an application form and provide your child's birth certificate. It is not always possible to place all children in the early year's class/centre of their choice. You will be asked to state your second and third choice of establishment.

**Please note:**

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Please note that North Ayrshire Council operates an Admissions Policy which clearly describes priorities.

Further information on North Ayrshire Council's Admissions Policy and Early Years places can be found on the North Ayrshire website.

All Local Authority Early Years provision and Partner providers of early learning and childcare in North Ayrshire are listed below and parents are requested to contact the class/centre of their choice to confirm the most suitable time to register.

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All Local Authority Early Years provision and current Partner providers in North Ayrshire can be found below.

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Tel: 01770 870262

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### PARTNER PROVIDERS OF EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE

**Brodick Nursery, Brodick Public Hall**, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8DL  
Tel: 01770 302065/07944 033993 (Brodick Nursery is open from 9.00am - 12.10pm or can be contacted on the above number for registrations)

### NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (A841, BRODICK CASTLE) ARRAN (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2017

North Ayrshire Council made the above named Order on 19 January 2017 to facilitate resurfacing works.

A841 from Brodick Old Quay eastwards for 700m is to be closed to traffic under the terms of Section 14 (1) of the Road Traffic Regulations Act, 1984, as amended by Schedule 1 of the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act, 1991. Restriction to be in duration from 9.15am to 12noon and from 12.45pm to 3pm from 30 January 2017 to 3 February 2017. Access to emergency vehicles will be permitted throughout the closure.

Diversion routes will be signposted.

Diversion: A841, B880, The String, Shiskine, Blackwaterfoot, A841, Machrie, Pirnmill, Lochranza and vice versa.

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS)(SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents may be examined at Planning Services, Cunninghame House, Irvine\*, between 9am - 4.45pm weekdays (4.30pm Fridays) or at [www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk](http://www.eplanning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk)

\*and at The Council Offices, Lamlash  
Written representations may be made to the Executive Director (Economy & Communities) at the above address or emailed to [eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:eplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk) by 17.02.17. Any representations received will be open to public view.

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1)

**17/00029/PP**; Broombrae, Blackwaterfoot, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Replacement of existing barn with one and a half storey dwelling house.

**17/00039/PP**; Braehead Farm, Sliderry, Brodick, Isle Of Arran; Change of use of existing unused farm buildings to create an agricultural retail store.

Elma Murray  
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**Please contact - Vicki Yuill, Operations Manager**  
**01770 600909** [vicki.yuill@arrancvs.org.uk](mailto:vicki.yuill@arrancvs.org.uk)  
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## CHURCH NOTICES

## SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Church)  
St Margaret's, Whiting Bay.

**Sunday, 29th January**  
11.00 am.

Holy Communion.  
Rev Adrian Fallows.  
Coffee after service.  
ALL WELCOME

## ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

There will be Taizé worship on

**Thursday, 2nd February**  
at 7.30 pm

in St Molios' Church, Shiskine.

ALL WELCOME

## CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Parishes of North Arran Brodick, Corrie, Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine

Independent but working together

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Rev Angus Adamson  
Parish Assistant:  
Mrs Jean Hunter:

Worship will be conducted in the above churches at the following times to which all are invited.

**Sunday 29th January**  
Lochranza and Pirnmill

Churches, 10.15am  
Morning Worship in  
Lochranza Church.

Shiskine Church, 12noon  
Morning Worship.

Brodick Church, 10.30am  
Morning Worship.

Corrie Church, 11.30am  
Prayer Meeting, 12noon  
Morning Worship.

There will also be a Service of  
Worship in Montrose House  
at 1.30pm.

## WHITING BAY AND KILDONAN

## CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(Charity Number: SC014005)  
**Sunday 29th January**

Worship will be conducted by the minister, Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am.

Tea and coffee will be served in the Transept after the service. All most welcome.

## CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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**Sunday 29th January**  
Rev Lily McKinnon

Kilmory 10 am  
Lamlash 11.30 am

In both churches:  
Service of praise

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## ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

(continuing)

**Sunday 29th January**  
Morning service 11am

Trust Housing Lounge  
Glen Estate, Brodick.

Evening service 6.30pm  
5 Glen Road, Brodick

## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 29th January  
Sunday Mass 11am

## ARRAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister: Rev Vince Jennings  
**Sunday 29th January**

Service 11am

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Tea and coffee after

the service

Wednesday at 7.30pm

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## ARRAN FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Shiskine 11am (church on road between Blackwaterfoot and Machrie)

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Rev Benjamin Van Rensburg

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## DEATH

**Milton - Henrietta May** - (nee Sillars). May passed away at Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock on Sunday, 22nd January 2017, aged 80 years young. Wife to the late 'Boyda', Mum to Eric, Grannie to Robbie and Andrew, and Sister, Aunt, Friend and Neighbour. All welcome to the graveside service at 11.30am Monday, 30th January 2017 Brodick New Cemetery, and to a gathering afterwards at Auchrannie House Hotel, Sun Lounge.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**JOSEPHINE MARGARET BELL** - The family would like to express their gratitude to all those who cared for Joey on her return to Arran, especially the wonderful staff and carers of Glen Estate, Stronach and Montrose House. Our heartfelt thanks for the exemplary care and compassion shown to Joey by the Arran Medical Group and the staff of the Arran War Memorial Hospital, to David and Clair Hendry for their sympathetic support, to Eleanor for the beautiful flowers and Glenisle Hotel for providing a perfect setting for the lovely refreshments. Our sincere thanks to the Rev Lily McKinnon and the Rev Angus Adamson for their spiritual support and the comforting Thanksgiving Service. Our grateful thanks to those who contributed so generously to the Arran Hospital Supporters' League in Joey's memory.



## Whiting Bay Golf Club

Sunday January 22, Winter Cup round four. After last week's weather-induced postponement, an elite field of eight golfers played in the January round of the Winter Cup.

Scoring was good with all returned scores in the net 60s resulting in the CSS going down to 62. David Brookens romped home with a creditable 55 to win by five from John Dick, whose net 60 would have been a winning score on most other days. 1 David Brookens 12, 55 and lowest gross, 2 John Dick 14, 60,

3 Graeme Crichton 13, 62, ACB.

Magic twos went to Wolfi Kroner and Andy Martin at the fourth and to John Dick at the 17th. With only two rounds to go of this season's trophy, only five players have three scoring rounds recorded so it's all to play for.

Fixture: Sunday January 29, stableford, yellow tees, 10am draw.

## Shiskine Golf Club

Saturday January 21, 18-hole medal, 10 played. 1 B Sherwood 80-12=68, 2 J McNally 80-11=69, 3 C Rutterford 88-18=70. Scratch, J McNally 80, BIH. Magic twos, B Sherwood.

Sunday January 22, Ryder Cup results. Singles, Shiskine four v Torbeg four. Blackwaterfoot four v Kilpatrick four. Bonus

point was shared by Blackwaterfoot and Shiskine. half point each. Table looks like this after four games: 1 Shiskine 15 1/2pts, 2 Kilpatrick 13pts, 3 Blackwaterfoot 12 1/2pts, 4 Torbeg 11pts. Nearest pins, 4 C Allison 10, C Allison 12, B Sherwood.

Fixture: Sunday January 29, 12-hole medal and Winter Cup.

Saturday February 11, 18-hole medal.

Sunday February 12, Ryder Cup, fifth game.

Sunday February 19, Ryder Cup, final game

## Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday January 18, Wednesday Cup. 1 J Green 82-20=62, C O'Neill 78-15=63. Terry Raeside had the only magic two.

Sunday January 22, Winter Cup Clochendichter, stableford. 15 played. Bill Donaldson 17, 38pts, Bob McCrae 8, 36pts, Gordon Hendry 5, 35pts.

Fixture: Sunday January 29, Winter Cup, 9am and noon.

## Corrie Golf Club

Saturday January 14, Winter Cup. A small turnout due to the frost in the morning made this a non-counter. Of those who played, Graeme Andrew won by a distance with an excellent net 59.

Saturday January 21, Winter Cup. The mild sunny weather attracted a large entry.

Scoring was very good, with Alistair MacDonald leading the way. 1 A MacDonald 70-11=59, 2 G

Hendry 65-5=60, 3 M MacDonald 74-13=61. Scratch, E McKinnon 62. Magic twos, G Hendry x2 and D Logan.

## Machrie Bay Golf Club

Tuesday January 17, Lochranza Hotel Cup, CSS 65. 1 P Betley 37pts, 2 J Pennycott 36pts BIH, 3 C Laing 36pts.

Fixtures: Tuesday January 31, Winter Cup, noon. Saturday February 4, Lochranza Hotel Cup, noon.

## Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday January 19, yellow medal, CSS 61, par 61. 1 W O'Connor 80-21=59, 2 I Bremner 69-8=61, 3 Alan Smith 73-11=62. Scratch, I Bremner 69. Magic twos, I Bremner, A Martin, QJ Young.

Sunday January 22, Glenburn Cup, CSS 65, Par 64. 1 I Bremner 68-8=60, 2 A Wales 76-9=67. Scratch, I Bremner 68. Magic twos, A Wales.

Fixture: Sunday January 29, winter stableford, 9.30am and noon.

Thursday February 2, yellow medal, 18 holes at 11am.

## Arran Golfers' Association

Sunday February 5, winter league / Duncan Trophy, fourth round at Brodick Golf Club. Draw: Brodick v Shiskine, Whiting Bay v Lamlash, Corrie v Machrie.

All at 10am sharp, all go to allotted tees and wait till 10am and a clear fairway ahead.

## THANK YOU

# END OF AN ERA!

A huge thank you to Jessie and Terry McManus for everything you have done for us over the past 16 years - how time flies! We will miss you and wish you both a very happy and healthy well deserved retirement.

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# THANK YOU

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Salute Sicilia!

# A valiant attempt but Arran remain at the bottom of the league table

## Arran RFC 14 Bishopton RFC 29

Arran RFC were hoping for a win in their home game against Bishopton in last Saturday's match at Ormisdale Park to lift them from the bottom of the standings. However, despite playing some convincing rugby, they were unable to produce a victory.

With a final scoreline of

14-29, the team put up a good fight but at the end of play on a gloriously bright day they were unable to defend against a strong Bishopton who have now risen to sixth place in the league.

### Enjoyable

Despite this defeat, an enjoyable match was had by all, with Arran RFC thanking the visitors for the game and with Bishopton

commenting on the beautiful setting and challenging rugby.

Man of the match for Bishopton was awarded to Alex Neil for their bonus point win over Arran RFC. The next match for Arran RFC will be an away game against Moffat RFC on Saturday January 28, which was rescheduled due to a frozen pitch.



Frazer Gilbert brings an abrupt end to a Bishopton advance. 01\_B04Rugby05



Frustration is etched onto a Bishopton player's face as he is brought down by Babs MacNeil.

01\_B04Rugby06



Frazer Barr tackles an opposition player with assistance from his team mate.



Sam Tattersfield tries to break through the Bishopton defence.

01\_B04Rugby03



Arran's Danny Head secures the ball in an Arran lineout.

01\_B04Rugby07



Iain Loach bulldozers his way through opposition players.

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An Arran player dismisses an opposition player's attack.

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Abbie McKelvie secured the game with the team's third goal from a pass from the back.

# Ladies remain undefeated in Ardrossan hockey clash

**Ardrossan 2s 1  
Arran Ladies 3**

As the Arran Ladies get back into the hockey season after a two-month break over Christmas, there was some doubt as to whether or not the game in Ardrossan was going to go ahead.

Even though the team had already travelled over to Ardrossan on the 8.20am ferry, the call to cancel the game due to the pitch being frozen had not been finalised. The decision was

made to go ahead with caution as a quarter of the pitch was very slippery, much to Arran's delight, as it would have been a wasted journey for the players.

Arran lost the coin toss so the first half of the game was played shooting into the sun and, on the frozen quarter of the pitch, it certainly was a disadvantage with unsure footing causing quite a few slips and air shots. Arran had a few attempted shots on goal

and Ardrossan had some very good strong attacking breaks which kept Arran's goalkeeper, Ali Hollingworth, on her toes. Ardrossan's efforts were rewarded with a goal close to the end of the first half.

After a chat at half-time, where Phil Adams encouraged the team to talk to each other more and to call for passes, knowing that playing down the opposite side of the pitch would end their disadvantage, the team came out with determination in the second half.

Swiftly keeping control of the play and after quick successive passing entering the shooting circle, Arran's left wing, Lorraine Hewie, scored the team's first and equalising goal.

Ardrossan were awarded a penalty flick shortly after which didn't make the back of the net, much to Arran's relief. With all still to play for, both teams attempted to add to their points. Arran's defence proved unbreakable and Ali charged many attempts from Ardrossan's fast centre forward striker, completely putting her off

her stride and fouling any attempts on goal.

Arran got a break in mid-field play and drove the ball forward, and a superb pass from Judith Ross from the right wing over to the left ended with Lorraine's second goal. Shortly before full-time, Abbie McKelvie scored Arran's third from a pass from the back up to the top of the circle from which she sealed the deal for Arran's winning result.

The final whistle blew with Arran victorious in a 3-1 win, still undefeated this season and securely sitting on the top of the fourth division league table with a clear five points ahead and a game in hand.

Abbie McKelvie was nominated man of the match and Ali Hollingworth was voted dame of the game by her team-mates. Thanks went to Pauline Reid for umpiring and Billy Dunlop for coming out to mentor and coach Pauline.

The next game for the Arran Ladies will be an away fixture on Saturday January 28 against Giffnock 2s, weather permitting.



Coach Phil Adams inspires the team with a rousing half-time team talk.



Arran's defence was unbreakable as the team worked together to prevent any further scoring in the second half.

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