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Castle bosses act to halt vandalism

Police warn culprits they
will be 'treated robustly'

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Bosses at Brodick Castle have stepped in to halt the ongoing vandalism and misuse of the new adventure playground.

They have installed CCTV cameras to catch the culprits damaging the new Isle be Wild park after it closes at night, thought to be local youngsters.

Wilful damage

In the past week, during their daily safety checks, staff have discovered wilful damage to the perimeter fencing, vandalism to the main tower, resulting in part of the playground having to be closed to allow it to be repaired, damage to the zip lines due to overloading and discarded rubbish left across the park.

Safety fencing in the main tower, which rises high into the tree line, and the bridge which crosses over a deep ravine, have both had holes cut into them, which is a major safety concern for officials.

Police on Arran, who are investigating, say they are treating the incidents very seriously and warn that anyone caught will be 'dealt with robustly'.

In addition to the damage to the facilities, unauthorised vehicles which use the long castle drive and grounds as a meeting place and race track at night are continuing to be a problem for staff who live on the property, and for neighbouring properties, who hear the noise of the engine left across the park.

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Jellyfish lead Lochranza gala



A long procession led by the Isle of Arran Pipe Band and the umbrella jellyfish children snakes its way into the grounds of the village hall at the start of the revived Lochranza gala weekend which proved a big success. Full coverage starts on page 15.

Care home trying to fill six vacancies

Montrose House, which has been forced to suspend respite care, has six outstanding vacancies, it emerged this week.

As previously reported by the *Banner*, the Brodick care home has a staff crisis with an increasing number coming from the mainland and having to be put up in rooms at the home.

A spokesperson for North Ayrshire health and social care partnership said: 'Recruitment on Arran, not just in Montrose House, can be challenging at times and there is continuous work ongoing to address the situation.'

'Montrose House currently has six social care worker vacancies and they are a mixture of full-time and part-time posts. Two of the vacancies are due to staff within Montrose House being promoted to more senior positions, and sadly one of the other vacancies is a result of a staff member passing away earlier this year.'

The other three vacancies are the result of staff turnover. Interviews will be held within the next couple of weeks.

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Two CCTV systems have been installed in the area

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gines during the early hours.

Now two CCTV systems have been installed, one to monitor the playground and a second to cover the main drive by the National Trust for Scotland who look after the castle and country park.

Interim property manager Chris Mills said: ‘Since Isle be Wild opened on Saturday July 1 we have had a fantastic response from visitors to the property who

have found the playground to be an amazing experience.

‘Unfortunately we have also suffered from less desirable visitors once we have closed at the end of the day. Not only is this unacceptable behaviour a safety concern for those involved, but it raises real issues for children wishing to enjoy the playground the next day.

‘For the staff that live on the property the nightly ac-

tivity of cars racing along the drive, parking near their homes and the noise from the ‘playing’ in the playground has become a matter of great concern. As a result a CCTV system has been installed in the playground to monitor when and who enters after the park closes and the local police have been informed. A second CCTV system has also been installed on the main drive to cover all vehicles entering



The Isle be Wild playground which has been hit by vandalism. 01_B30park01

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and leaving the country park overnight.’

Mr Mills added: ‘This activity has to stop. Our primary concern is for the safety of all our visitors and this behaviour, by a minority, is endangering this. The team here at the castle are very keen to ensure that everyone can enjoy the

park and grounds and we want to promote a warm welcome for those wanting to visit the Country Park as long as it is done in a responsible fashion.’

Acting island police sergeant Allen Gow said: ‘We are actively looking into all the incidents which have been reported to us. These

appear to be the acts of young persons which we are treating very seriously.’

He urged anyone with any information to contact Lamlash police office using the non-emergency 101 number but added that anyone witnessing an ongoing incident should not hesitate to dial 999.

Funding boost for Arran schools

Schools on Arran and across North Ayrshire will receive nearly £5 million in 2017/18 to help close the poverty-related attainment gap, the SNP government has announced.

More than £45 million of dedicated funding is being provided to primary and secondary schools across Scotland in 2017/18 to help pupils from low-income backgrounds succeed at school.

The Scottish attainment challenge prioritises improvements in literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing of children adversely affected by poverty in Scotland’s primary and secondary schools. This funding takes the challenge authorities and schools programme into its third successive year.

Nine local authorities and an additional 72 individual schools have been allocated funding from the Scottish attainment challenge, for education initiatives and projects targeting Scotland’s most deprived children.

Commenting, Arran’s MSP Kenneth Gibson said: ‘Improving the education and life chances of our children and young people is the defining mission of the SNP Government.

‘This funding of £4,874,620 has been provided to North Ayrshire Council and is in addition to the £4,392,000 that has been allocated directly to school head teachers in North Ayrshire this year through the pupil equity fund, which goes to every school based on the number of pupils eligible for free school meals.

‘This latest round of funding will ensure that schools where the need is greatest have substantial additional funding for the coming year to improve literacy, numeracy, health and well-being.

‘I’m delighted that schools in Arran and the rest of North Ayrshire will benefit from this funding, targeted to improve the life chances of children and young people in Scotland.’



Maureen Laya, Cooriedoon health adviser, centre, along with residents and staff receive their first prize from Helen Bruce of the North Ayrshire oral health team.

All smiles at Cooriedoon

Residents and staff at Cooriedoon care home in Whiting Bay are celebrating after winning first prize in a competition for National Smile Month.

Putting on a raft of activities from a barbecue to an art competition and a sing-along, the event, one of Cooriedoon's largest yet, was judged as North Ayrshire's best.

National Smile Month is the UK's largest campaign promoting good oral health. Individuals, groups and organisations, such as hospitals and care homes are invited to take part in the campaign activities and to enter a competition for the best event.

Organiser Maureen Laya, health advisor, welcomed a member of the judging

panel who visited Cooriedoon last week and presented the staff with their first prize, certificate and gift. Maureen said: 'We took a video of the celebration and other events and submitted it along with the *Banner* feature and we are delighted to have found out that we have been awarded first prize in the North Ayrshire Category.'

Summer arts show in Lochranza

An art exhibition, hosted by Arran Visual Arts, opens today (Saturday) at the Lochranza and Catacol Village Hall. The exhibition showcases the work of Arran artists and includes a variety of mediums and styles. It will be open every day from 10.30am until 5pm until Thursday August 3.

The popular summer show attracts an au-

dience of hundreds of people every year who vote for their favourite artwork, in the People's Choice award, or who purchase works from their favourite artists.

Family workshop

In addition to the show on Tuesday August 1 there will be a family workshop with weaving, spinning, clay modelling and silk painting, from 2pm to 4pm.

Lifeboat rescues injured cyclist

A cyclist who suffered multiple injuries in a coastal crash was rescued by the Arran RNLI lifeboat crew.

In their fourth call-out of the week, the in-shore lifeboat Rachel Hedderwick launched at 10.25am on Tuesday July 25 towards the Cock of Arran where, near Laggan Cottage on the north east coast of Arran, a cyclist was reported with serious injuries.

On arrival the casualty was stretchered and taken by the lifeboat to the Lochranza pontoon with a suspected broken ankle

and dislocated elbow along with shoulder injuries.

After transferring the casualty to a waiting ambulance, the lifeboat crew returned to Laggan Cottage to assist the casualty's two companions, taking them and their three bicycles to Brodick to ensure they could meet the ferry and a connecting flight.

Arran RNLI helm Mark Nelson said: 'These kinds of accidents can happen to anyone and the crew and myself are all well-trained to respond and offer assistance to people in these sit-

uations. Being able to evacuate our casualty to our colleagues in the ambulance service and ensure his friends made it to their ferry on time hopefully gave everyone involved two positives from an otherwise traumatic experience.'

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Fiat road trip round island



The Fiat 500 Club members with their cars outside the Ormidale Hotel. 01_B30fiat0

The sight of five classic cars may have turned a few heads on Arran recently.

Five Fiat 500s visited the island as part of a road trip taking in the Lake District and the Scottish lowlands.

The 10 drivers and passengers from the Fiat 500 Club based in

Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire arrived on the late afternoon ferry on Thursday July 13, stayed overnight at the Ormidale Hotel in Brodick and then spent the Friday touring the island, leaving in the late afternoon.

Paul Anderson, Fiat 500 Club UK

secretary, said: 'The cars on the tour mainly date from the 1960s and early 1970s, As 2017 is our club's 25th anniversary year and also the 60th anniversary of the Fiat 500, it is a special year.'

Unfortunately, six cars started the trip but one had to withdraw after a minor accident in the Borders.

Arran residents hit by pension date change

Government plans to raise the state pension age to 68 from 2037, seven years earlier than planned, will affect up to 500 people on Arran, it has been revealed.

Figures from the Scottish Parliament Information Centre show that 13,999 men and women, born between April 6, 1970, and April 5, 1978, living in North Ayrshire will now be forced to wait a year longer to get their state pension, after the government announced it would bring forward an increase in the state pension age which wasn't due until 2044.

North Ayrshire and Arran MP Patricia Gibson said: 'A great number of people in their late 30s and 40s will already be planning for their retirement; the fact that they will be forced to wait another year for their state pension is a major blow. The Tories must urgently reconsider this decision.'

'Meanwhile, the SNP will continue to call for the establishment of an independent Savings and Pensions Commission to responsibly consider pension policies to ensure they are fit for purpose and take

into account Scotland's demographic needs.'

The government argument, that the changes reflect growing life expectancy have been questioned by former government health adviser Sir Michael Marmot, who warned the trend towards longer lives was 'pretty close to having ground to a halt' since 2010, after rising constantly since the Second World War'.

Richard Baker, policy and communications manager at the charity Age Scotland, added: 'In bringing forward a rise in state pension age

by seven years, the government is picking the pockets of people in their 40s. New authoritative research has suggested that the long-term improvement in life expectancy is stalling. For people affected, their state pension may seem a lifetime away but the fact is that the change will have a real impact on them later in life.'

'Repeated changes to eligibility increases the risk that more people will struggle to plan and save adequately to maintain a decent quality of later life,' he said.



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Arran support staff are voted the best

Two of the top accolades in the Highlands and Islands Students' Association's (HISA) annual awards scheme have been won by Argyll College UHI representatives.

Mo McKenna and Judi Worthington, who run the college's Arran Centre, were named best support staff, while Dunoon student Scott Anderson won the best engagement with the student voice – student category. A further three staff members were highly commended in this year's honours, which are open to nominations from all 13 different colleges and research institutions which make up the University of the Highlands and Islands.

Argyll College UHI Principal Fraser Durie said: 'It is wonderful that our students felt strongly enough about the fantastic job many of our staff and student representatives do that they took the time to nominate them for these prestigious awards.'

'The Argyll College UHI nominees were up against high-quality competition from an area stretching from Shetland to Elgin to Perth, so to come out with two awards and three commendations is brilliant. I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate our winners in particular, but also all other nominees and other staff who together work so hard to ensure Argyll

College UHI provides the best educational experience it possibly can.'

Mo and Judi, the Arran centre manager and assistant centre manager respectively, were nominated by a student who said although there were only two of them, they 'provide the support, encouragement and advice of a team of 100'.

'They are always so happy, enthusiastic and positive and work together so hard as a team to make our lives at college as smooth as possible. The pair of them are true stars and it's fantastic that they've been recognised for all they have done for me and every other Arran student. They tru-



Judi Worthington and Mo McKenna of the Arran Centre have received one of this year's HISA student awards.

ly deserve it,' the student added.

Mo said she and Judi were both 'absolutely delighted' to have received the award. 'Supporting students through good times and bad can be one of the most chal-

lenging, but also the most rewarding, parts of our job. I know how hard all staff in University of the Highlands and Islands work to support students, so to win this is just amazing,' she added.

Lost ring

A visitor to Arran is appealing for the return of a ring that she lost during a recent visit. Claire Edwards from Yorkshire misplaced the silver ring with a turquoise oval stone, either at Felicity's or at the Arran Community Theatre during the Doug Scott talk on Tuesday July 4.

The ring is of great sentimental value, owing to the fact that it was a 50th birthday gift, so Claire would be delighted to hear from anyone who may have found it. She can be reached on 07981 083740.

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Learning team bring family fun

Two days of family fun are being held this month by the North Ayrshire Council Family Learning Team which are open to all families with children who live on Arran.

The events are free and will be on two separate days – Thursday August 3 from 10am to 3.30pm at Arran High School, and Monday August 14 from 9.30am to 3pm at Kilmory Primary.

The events are open to all children and young people, under 18, but those wishing to go along must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

There will be a variety of games and activities for families to take part in regardless of age or ability and there will be the opportunity to get a light bite and a drink. Organisers would like to say 'a big thanks' to the NAC catering team and Co-op for donating supplies so far, and KA Leisure for the use of the high school.

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Church fete is a sell-out success

Brodick Church was packed to the pews with the large number of visitors attending the annual fete held in the church, hall and garden last Saturday afternoon. The hall, located to the



Visitors enjoy delicious homebaking delights while in the background the tombola is packed to capacity. 01_B30fete01



Church volunteers did a roaring trade in mini loaves which rapidly sold out. 01_B30fete02



Visitors browse the various books for sale which were laid out across the pews. 01_B30fete03

side of the church, offered a tombola, a groaning baking stall and a tea room, which was filled to capacity. In the church itself, visitors keen to scoop a bargain were greeted with a plant stall, bric a brac stalls, children's toys and a treasure trove of books spread throughout the church pews. Outside in the sun-drenched garden, children's games took place along with the traditional ducky

derby which involved volunteers selling tickets for a numbered duck which was then plucked from an inflatable raft 'pond'. The annual garden fete was followed up with the grand auction at the Brodick Golf Clubhouse where larger items and artworks were auctioned off on Thursday night. Proceeds from the fete and the auction all go towards church funds for events and activities throughout the year.

Summer attractions for all at Heritage museum

The Arran Heritage Museum always has a number of special events days each summer, and by far the most popular is the children's fun day, which takes place tomorrow (Sunday) from 12.30pm to 3.30pm.

This is the one annual island event guaranteed to provide children with an afternoon of fun and games, while being entertained and educated at the same time.

The whole afternoon at the

Rosaburn museum in Brodick is geared to providing fun, and it's free to children up to the age of 12 if accompanied by an adult. A variety of traditional games will be on offer and a model train layout will be working.

Storytelling

There will also be storytelling sessions, children's tombola, horse-shoe throwing, demonstrations of spinning and weaving and felting.

Other treats include cup cake decorating, a chocolate fountain, and candy floss.

The Isle of Arran Pipe Band will be in attendance, and other musicians will entertain throughout the afternoon. And there is plenty for the grown-ups to do too with many new and upgraded indoor and outdoor displays to see.

And, as usual, the famed Café Rosaburn will be selling meals,

teas and coffees and cakes all afternoon. Another interesting event at the museum is an archaeology talk by David Aitchison, who has a vast knowledge of the island's archaeological past.

Lasting approximately 45 minutes, and taking place in the museum's archaeology room, this is a wonderful opportunity to absorb some of the ancient happenings and ways of life on Arran centuries ago.

There are two sessions on Wednesday August 9, starting at either 1.30pm or 2.30pm. Booking is not essential, but will be on a first come first served basis, and no additional charge is being made other than normal museum entry fee.

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Warning after missing dinghies found on Arran

Dinghy sailors are being warned to make sure someone on shore knows of their plans when they make an open water crossing after a

multi-agency search in the Firth of Clyde.

The search was sparked last weekend after two sailing dinghies were report-

ed missing from Prestwick. The Arran RNLI in-shore lifeboat Rachel Hedderwick launched at 3.50am on Sunday joining search

teams from Troon and Girvan RNLI, Ardrossan and Arran Coastguard Rescue Teams and Rescue 199 Search and Rescue helicopter.

The two dinghies had been reported missing after departing Prestwick on Saturday morning with no further contact being made by the vessels. The alarm was raised on Saturday evening with the search originating on the Ayrshire coast but quickly escalating to a large-scale sea search involving Arran, Troon and Girvan lifeboats and Rescue 199 Search and Rescue helicopter all searching a very large area of sea and coast.

At approximately 5am on Sunday morning the Arran crew spotted two vessels on the shore at Sandbraes in Whiting Bay. After investigating the vessels and consulting with Belfast and Arran Coastguard rescue teams it was established that these were the missing vessels and the occupants were safe and well.

Arran RNLI helm Martin Wood said: 'We were all very relieved when we spotted the dinghies on the shore at Sanbraes which had obviously been stowed overnight. It was a great conclusion to the search. We would like to remind everyone that when they are planning an open water

crossing, particularly in a small craft such as sailing dinghies or kayaks, that they should have a contact on shore who is aware of their plans or make the coastguard aware of their passage plans and estimated time of arrival.'

It was the second recent call-out for the Arran Lifeboat. At 9pm on Tuesday July 18 the crew, responding to a Pan-Pan distress call, found the stricken vessel North East of Pladda. It was apparent that the crew had encountered mechanical difficulties but had managed to effect repairs on their vessel. It was escorted to its destination by Troon lifeboat.

Volunteer chief steps down

Jim Nichols, the leading light of the Arran Community and Voluntary Services (ACVS) has retired.

Jim has been an asset to the Lamlash based ACVS for more than 10 years. He served as treasurer before joining the staff in 2005. As chief executive officer he has guided the organisation through many changes and helped ensure that ACVS is a respected and trusted organisation throughout Ayrshire.

Operations manager Vicki Yuill said: 'His work ethic has been incredible, putting his all into everything he has done.'

'His contribution cannot be summed up in a few words, it will not be forgotten and we are so pleased that he has chosen to join the board. We would like to say a big thank you, from the ACVS staff, board of directors and from the in-



Jim Nichols with his retirement gift. NO_B30jim01

dividuals and groups on Arran who have benefited from his knowledge.'

Jim will remain on the island close to family and

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End these acts of stupidity

One of the many things to love about Arran is the fact that there is so little anti-social behaviour.

It makes it really disappointing then that the island's newest tourist attraction, which is proving extremely popular, has been hit by a string of vandal attacks since it opened at the start of the month.

But these are not visitors causing the problems; these are local youngsters getting their kicks by damaging other people's property. And, make no mistake, the castle bosses already know who some of them are from the CCTV cameras. Now the police are involved.

It may not be wanton destruction but instead pure stupidity which is having a serious impact on the playground and has to stop before someone gets hurt.

The castle is really trying to make the playground work to bring much-needed revenue into the coffers and, so far, it seems to be successful. But if sections have to constantly shut down for repairs, it could have a serious impact on the overall attraction.

That is why we have to hope that the CCTV cameras do their job both at the playground and in dealing with the wider issue of boy racers on the castle drive, and put an end to the problems.

If not, the law may be the only alternative.

Thought for the week

'Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil and cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love and honour one another above yourselves.' (Romans 12: 9-10)

Not a great advert

Sir,
As a 'second home owner' on Arran and a lover of the island, I rent my cottage out to holiday visitors during the season. This season I have never heard so many complaints regarding the facilities available.

Firstly my guests complain that they have been 'caught short' on several occasions and find it most embarrassing to have to go into a cafe or restaurant and ask to use their toilet, even though they are quite prepared to pay a small charge that several are rightly charging. Many of my guests say they will not come back to Arran until the position is corrected. Great advert for holidaying on Arran.

May I suggest that we invite the whole council and local MSPs over to Arran for the day and keep them 'out and on the go' for several hours and when they need 'to go' tell them to find an open toilet or a big bush. Maybe then they will see how ridiculous their decision to close the toilets is, especially on a holiday island. These people sit on their 'behinds' miles away and make decisions that do not affect them.

Second, come over to Arran for a great holiday with children ... what rubbish now that several swing parks etc are being closed. Talk about biting yourself on the bum. Why not just cancel the ferry and the big ugly terminal as well. That will save money also.

Yours,
**Jack Cowan,
Giffnock.**

Top priority

Sir,
We have been renting holiday cottages on Arran for

very many years and this year there were 20 of us in the party, three of whom were under three years of age.

The fact that there were no public toilets on the island this year was not good as you can imagine. Public health is the top priority in any civilised authority's agenda and the provision of public toilets essential. So like P M Trousdale (*Arran Banner* letters July 22) we will sadly not be coming to Arran until this ridiculous situation is sorted out.

Yours,
**Colin and
Denise Bowes,
Lancashire.**

Sea Dragon visit update

Sir,
This is to update readers on the preparations for eXXpedition Round Britain with the Sea Dragon due to sail into Lamlash Bay on August 16.

Russ and Elspeth Cheshire are giving their day in the RiB to bring the crew ashore for the day's events. The Co-op in Brodick is generously restocking Sea Dragon with sufficient fresh food to take us on the next 10-day sail, up to the Western Isles and the north, through the Pentland Firth and around to Edinburgh.

The RNLI is lending us the lifeboat station in Lamlash as a venue for the day's events in August. We have two visiting scientists, Dr Natalie Welden of the Open University and Winnie Courtene-Jones from SAMS near Oban. We'll be talking about our findings of plastics of all sizes, down to the very smallest, in the open ocean. COAST is lending us microscopes, so we can

study plastic samples, discuss their effects on sea life – and consider the changes we need to make to prevent any more plastic ending up in the sea.

In the afternoon our scientific crew and visiting experts will be going to the high school to work with older students. COAST will be inviting folk at 3pm to join us in a beach clean nearby.

In the evening, the PHT are hosting a storytelling and musical evening from 7.30pm, Tales from the Sea Dragon. Our all-women and all-ages crew will be telling tales based on our days at sea, some to make you laugh, some to make you cry. Local musicians are coming to support us and welcome us into Scotland. And in the morning, we shall sail away on the next leg of our circumnavigation.

So, that's the day onshore on Arran, but of course we have a lot more going on everywhere else. Of interest to Arran readers might be that we have successfully crowdfunded £10,000 of which half came from the Heritage Lottery Fund in recognition of our environmental work. This enables us to bring speakers, hire venues, buy science equipment, produce publicity materials for the entire voyage.

On our way to Arran, in Belfast, we expect a visit from the Lord Mayor! Our Scottish sailing leg culminates in Edinburgh with a reception at Holyrood, organised for us by MSP Kenneth Gibson. Our highpoint in England could be when we sail up the Thames and under Tower Bridge on August 30, to a reception on Tower Pier.

Yours,
**Sue Weaver,
Kildonan.**

Gold award

Sir,
I thought you and your readers might be interested in the picture below from earlier this month. Graham and Barbara Tinto, former Arran GPs now living in Perthshire, were delighted to be in attendance with Mark, now 25, and others from an adults with support needs group at Holyrood for his Duke of Edinburgh gold award presentation, having completed his bronze and silver sections while at Arran High School (AHS) with Ms Hogg and Ms Manson.

Of extra Arran interest, HRH Prince Edward was escorted throughout the proceedings by Barry Fisher, former pupil of AHS and son of Angie Fisher, Whiting Bay, erstwhile primary head teacher on the island. As many will be aware, Barry is director of Duke of Edinburgh Award Scotland.

After four years at an ASN College, in Shropshire, Mark is now well settled into his routine as a day attendee at Corbenic Camphill Community close to Amulree, between Dunkeld and Aberfeldy, where the family have lived since 2015.

Yours,
**Graham Tinto,
Dunkeld.**



Mark Tinto with his proud parents after recently receiving his Duke of Edinburgh gold award at Holyrood.

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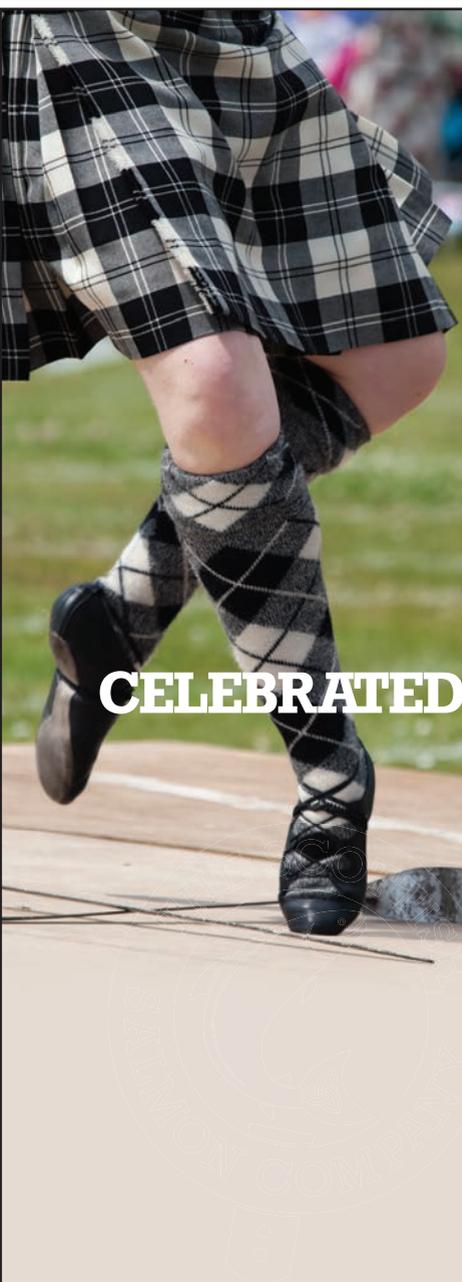
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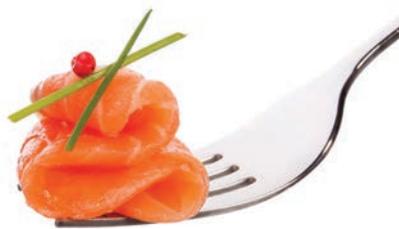
On your marks, children set off for the family relay race. 01_B30fun04



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The entertainment didn't stop all week at the Whiting Bay fun week which saw record entries to events and big crowds this year.

Last Sunday, after the raft race and Bay Queen crowning ceremony, reported in last week's *Banner*, it was over to the bowling green where a big entry of 64, including a number of children who had never played bowls before, fought it out in the good natured family competition. The contest was won by Whiting Bay's own Cathie and John Steed with their partners Ann and Robert Frame.

The always popular beach sculpture competition last Wednesday was one of the events which attracted a strong entry, despite doubts it may not be able to go ahead due to the weather. However, it stayed dry until the prize-giving and there were some excellent entries in the children, family and adult sections for visitors to admire.

Coming out top on the day and taking away three prizes - family winner, overall winner and the impressive People's Choice trophy - were the Burns-Thompson family, who have a holiday home in Lamlash.

Attracting a crowd of over 70 people, despite the rain, the grand putting competition saw some excellent scoring with brothers, Torren and Brodie Hart taking first place in the child and teenager's category with a 44 and 37 respectively.

Winners' mug

Defending ladies champion Alice Martin retained her title with a score of 37 while Jamie Macpherson also won again with four holes in one and a score of 34, securing himself another coveted and unique winners' mug to add to his collection.

On Friday, at the fancy dress fun run winner of the Inspiration's Maisie Moo competition, Ava Pringle and her family joined the



Spectators line the beach as the ducks make their way down from the bridge. 01_B30fun06



Winners of the putting competition were, l to r, Torren and Brodie Hart who won the child and teenager category while Alice Martin and Jamie McPherson retained their titles in the ladies and gents competitions.



Fancy dress winners, Daisy May McNamara, Rosie-Anne McNamara, Kirsty Morrison and Kitty Townsend who were Eeyore, Winnie the Pooh and Piglet.



Winners of the family relay race, Lewis Crossen who helped dad and daughter team of Jason and Isla Street win first place.

01_B30fun05

nd games in Whiting Bay

runners, including a group from the Scripture Union camp, in a race from Sandbraes to the putting green. Running down the route lined with spectators and supporters the winner was Jesse Townsend closely followed by Ewan Morrison and with third place being shared by Luke Goatley and Sid Townsend. Taking the prizes for the best fancy dress was Daisy May McNamara, Kirsty Morrison, Rosie-Anne McNamara and Kitty Townsend who were Eeyore, Winnie the Pooh and Piglet.

Completing the week of fun activities was the incredibly popular duck race which saw a big crowd of supporters shouting encouragement at the 1,000 ducks that were released at the Sandbraes bridge where they made their way towards the sea only to be scooped up by the volunteers standing ankle deep further down in the burn.

Winning £100 with the first duck to cross

the finish line was Patty Primrose of Kildonan, followed by the ducks of Alison Page of Lamlash and John Steed of Whiting Bay who each won £50 and £25 respectively.

The final event of the day, and wrapping up a week of fun activities, was the family relay race around Sandbraes field which was won by Jason and Isla Street and Lewis Crossen of Lamlash who joined the team to make up the two juniors and one adult relay team.

All the events are organised by The Whiting Bay and Districts Improvements Association who said in a statement: 'Many thanks to everyone who organised or helped at events - too many to mention individually but all your hard work and support is much appreciated.'

All the events were very well attended, so a huge thank you for the generosity of all the locals and visitors who came along to the Fun Week and had fun!

See also page 12.



There was a healthy entry for the beach sculpture competition. 01_B30fun10



Runners prepare for the family fun run dressed in fancy dress.



On duck duty, children help the adults to collect 1,000 ducks from the burn. 01_B30fun02



Volunteers Linda Tudhope, Katie Litton and Ian Cook present duck race winner Patty Primrose with her prize. 01_B30fun03

Volunteers stand at the ready to catch the first duck over the finish line. 01_B30fun01

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Fun week was well attended, say organisers



Tallulah Burns is trapped in a snake tentacle of Medusa sand sculpture. 01_B30fun07



The family bowling competition at Whiting Bay fun week in full swing.



The Burns-Thompson family who scooped a trio of awards with their Medusa sand sculpture. 01_B30fun09



Family bowling competition winners, l to r: John Steed, Ann Frame, Cathie Steed and Robert Frame.



Jesse Townsend crosses the finish line in first place at the family fun run.



A photo finish of equal third place winners, Luke Goatley and Sid Townsend.

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Sunshine draws the crowds at church fete

The warm weather, bright sunshine and undoubtedly the smell of a barbecue ensured that the Corrie Church fete attracted a large number of visitors wishing to sample some of the many delights on offer.

The large expanse of garden at the Corrie and Sanno Village Hall was put to good use with an outdoor golfing challenge, a plant stall, a tombola and a gen-

erous amount of seating for people to sit and savour the homebaking and barbecue treats.

Indoors in the annex, further seating was filled to capacity with parched visitors enjoying tasty refreshments and watching the flow of patrons visiting the stalls.

Among them was a book stall, a silent auction, a large bric-a-brac stall and an Eco

Savvy station selling re-purposed, second-hand and home-made items.

On offer too were holistic therapies from Brèagha Holistic Beauty and a jewellery stall which attracted a considerable amount of interest. All funds generated on the day will contribute to the church fund which meets running costs, building maintenance and upkeep expenses.



Visitors make the most of the sunshine at the Corrie Church fete. 02_B30_Corrie_02



Sarah Blair and Jude King promoted environmental awareness at the Eco Savvy station 02_B30_Corrie_01



Bob Blair and Anne Pringle manned the popular barbecue selling burgers and sausages. 02_B30_Corrie_04



The tombola stall joined the plant stall outside in the village hall garden. 02_B30_Corrie_03



Elma Stevenson and Faye Reid did a brisk trade at the home baking stall. 02_B30_Corrie_05



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Double cash boost for COAST will go towards new projects

A leading Arran environmental group has received not just one funding boost but two in recent weeks

along with a community award.

And recently two representatives from the Com-

munity of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST) were at an awards ceremony in Glasgow to receive the prize.



Vincent Gilligan of Howdens presents former executive director Andrew Binnie and COAST's new director Paul Chandler with a donation.



Sibbie Sangster and Jenny Stark collect a spirit of the community award on behalf of COAST.

COAST's treasurer Sabrina 'Sibbie' Sangster, and Jenny Stark, a marine outreach officer, attended the awards evening to receive the spirit of the community award

and a grant of £5,000 from the Yorkshire and Clydesdale Bank.

The awards programme, now in its fifth year, recognises the important role community groups and charities across Scotland play within their local communities. Organisations were recognised under three different categories: help people have a healthy relationship with money; help people into employment and help people improve their local environment.

Jenny said: 'COAST is extremely grateful to be awarded this funding boost and award under the local environment category. This will enable us to launch an exciting new secret sea life trail and exhibition, as well as promoting awareness through our wild summer programme of events. Both Sibbie and myself were amazed by the outstanding work the other deserving recipients showcased on the night and we wish them all the best for their projects'.

Howdens Joinery has also donated £500 to-

wards COAST's renovation project of the former tennis pavilion in Lamash. COAST's new director, Paul Chandler, said: 'We are extremely grateful to Howdens for donating this money to help off-set the costs of the wonderful kitchen that we purchased from them. Work at the pavilion and tennis courts is progressing well and we hope to move into our new offices and Marine Protected Area HQ later this year.'

COAST has a fun-filled summer planned for anyone wanting to get active and explore the delights of Arran's coast and marine environment. Further details are available at www.arrancoast.com and details regarding the tennis courts can be obtained by email at info@arrancoast.com



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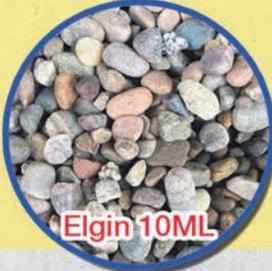
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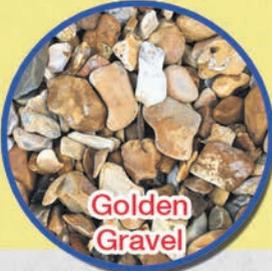
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Revived Lochranza gala is a splashing success

After more than 20 years the Lochranza gala weekend has been revived and what a splendid event it turned out to be, attracting big crowds to the events.

The skies may have been overcast on Saturday and rain was in the air as the long parade, led by Sea Queen Abi Traill and Neptune Tony Baboolal snaked from the Lochranza Pier, picked up the Arran Pipe Band at the castle, and made its way to the village hall.

Sensibly organisers had arranged for the children to take part in a jellyfish umbrella parade and dozens of youngsters were dressed up with their decorated umbrellas.

However busy organisers, Holly Murdoch, Lorna Logan and Jess Kerr-Fearon, need not have worried about the weather as after a short shower, as the gala day was opened by the Sea

Queen, it dried up for the events of the afternoon.

The burger stall did a roaring trade and there were games and stalls in the hall where the parade judging took place with Beth Fearon winning first prize for the best costume and umbrella.

There was also a dog show with a healthy entry, children's races – with the mums and dads getting involved too – and a live band of local musicians with Brian Millar on lead vocals who could be heard across the village.

One of the highlights of the previous gala days was the cart race on the castle spit and this was revived this year as the Bogie McBoatrace.

Five contraptions took part in the timed event though an obstacle course where competitors were also pelted with water bombs.

The event was won by Gregor and Ewan Morrison. The afternoon



Sea Queen Abi Traill formally opens the gala day. 01_B30_loch_06

events concluded with a duck derby from the Golf Course Bridge to the doctor's surgery.

At night there was the

chance to dance away to the sounds of the excellent Falkirk band Soundcradle in the hall. And the weekend of fun continued with

a Texas Scramble held at Lochranza Golf Course, a children's putting competition, a sausage sizzle and other children's events

followed by the prize-giving with the Sea Queen handing out the prizes.

See our picture special on pages 16 and 17.



The Sea Queen and Neptune at the head of the parade. 01_B30_loch_01



The long procession behind the jellyfish umbrella parade. 01_B30_loch_02

Weather fails to dampen the spirits at



A converted bike was one of the bogie race entries. 01_B30_loch_15



A bogie competitor is hit by a water gun as he negotiates the course. 01_B30_loch_16



Winning cart race duo Ewan and Gregor Morrison. 01_B30_loch19



Sea Queen, Abi Traill. 01_b30_loch_07



Mums join in the races with their daughters. 01_B30_loch_14



Little mermaid Beth Fearon, who won the fancy dress competition with mum Jess Kerr-Fearon. 01_B30_loch_05



A smiling Marie Craig with her first placed bitch Skye. 01_B30_loch_10

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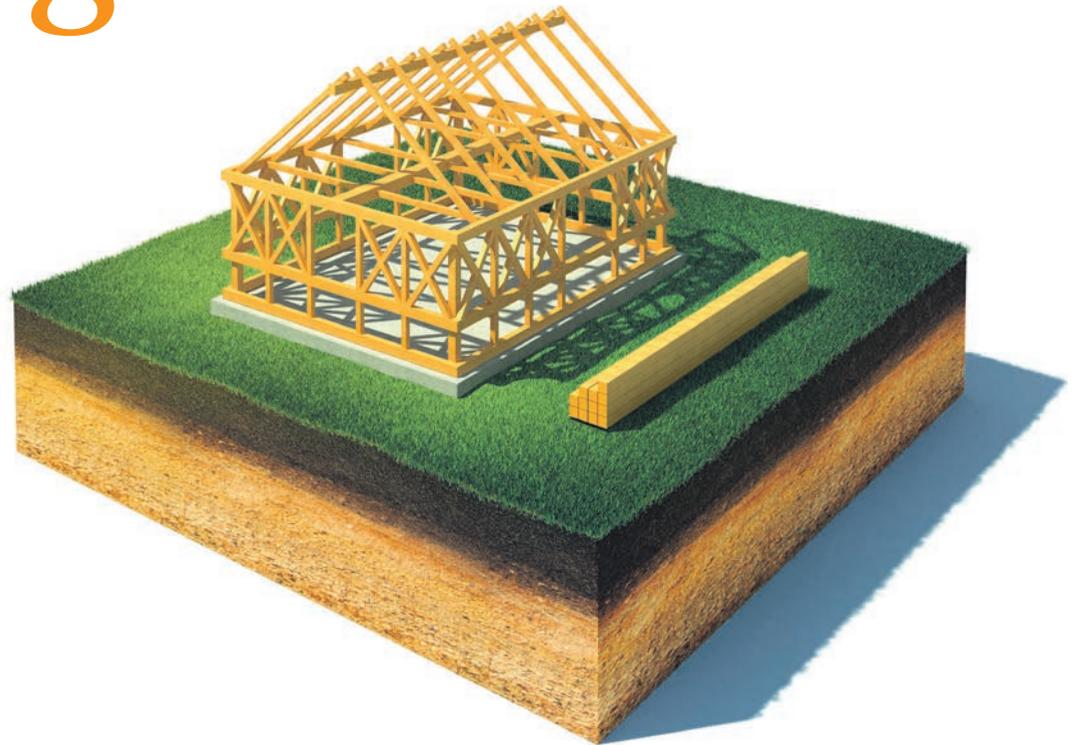
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While the largest number of new homes being constructed in the UK each year is not self-built, many of us dream of building our own home. Of course, most of us will never do it, leaving it instead to the professionals. However, every year, some 13,000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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Raising finance

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

Self-build mortgage

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

Nest egg

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

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

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

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Funding for croft homes

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

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



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

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

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



Loan opportunities for self-builders in the Highland Council region

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

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

The fund aims to generate growth in this self-build

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

'It was great to be able to pick up



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

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Finding land

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

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

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

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

Once you have worked out what budget you have available, you can find out about plots of land for sale which may be suitable for self build from a number of sources. There are several websites that allow you to search for details of plots for sale, although for some of these you need to pay a fee for membership. A range of websites are available, such as BuildstorePlot-search, UK Land Directory Ltd or plotfinder.net.

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

searching the Scottish Property website for suitable public sector land for sale;

checking your local Solicitors Property Centre or estate agents;

looking out for 'For Sale' signs;

approaching local private developers with undeveloped or partly developed land to see if they would consider selling you a plot;

seeing if there are any community trusts in the area which may have land available for self builders, especially if you want to build in a rural area;

considering sites with a derelict property which could be demolished or substantially renovated. See estate agents or the Buildings at Risk Register to find possible properties.

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

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

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

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They will hold your hand

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

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

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

They can help you with your room layout

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

They can help you work to your means

This function is much more common in

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

They think outside the box

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

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



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Kit home facts

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

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

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



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

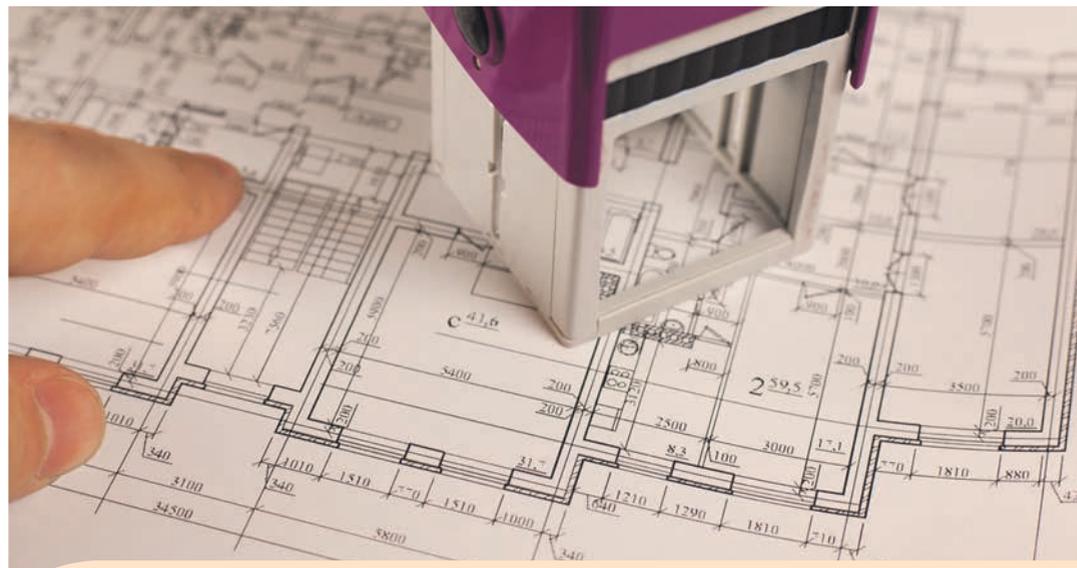
Product systems in the self-build market are a mix of timber frame and traditional methods, with kits continuing to represent a significant share of the self-build sector.

Let's go to the Homebuilding & Renovating Show

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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.

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

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Kit homes are cost-effective and can save you money

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

Kit homes help you in the building process

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

Kit homes are energy-efficient and eco-friendly

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

Common mistakes to avoid

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



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

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



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Self-build doesn't have to be stressful or expensive



Most would-be self-builders don't succeed because they start off thinking they need a 'grand design', which almost inevitably they can't afford.

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Types of kit homes

Most kit homes fall into one of four main categories:

Log homes

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

Timber-frame homes

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

Dome homes

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

Panelised homes

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

Create a checklist

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

Here's what to put on your checklist:

- Do your research – If you have no

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

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



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Building on the islands

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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.

Think before you act

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

How do you get there?

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



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It's worth contacting Scottish Water and the power company you want to use early on, to make sure they can connect you when needed. You may think you can arrange to have these services connected once you move into your new home, but remember your builders will also need to use the services to

build your house.

As a priority, try to arrange to have the water mains drainage and electricity supply connected as soon as possible. The builders will need access to water from the early stages of building, and will need electricity in later stages.

If this isn't possible, try to arrange something temporary like an electricity generator, a water standpipe, or permission from neighbours to use their outdoor tap.

If your plot is in a rural area there may be problems connecting you, especially if it's far from other homes or on a hill. Depending on how remotely you're living it might cost you a lot of money to get connected, so check with power companies before you commit to buying a plot.

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Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)

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

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

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

usually pays back in four to five years.

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

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

Feed in tariffs (FITs)

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

Energy saving loans

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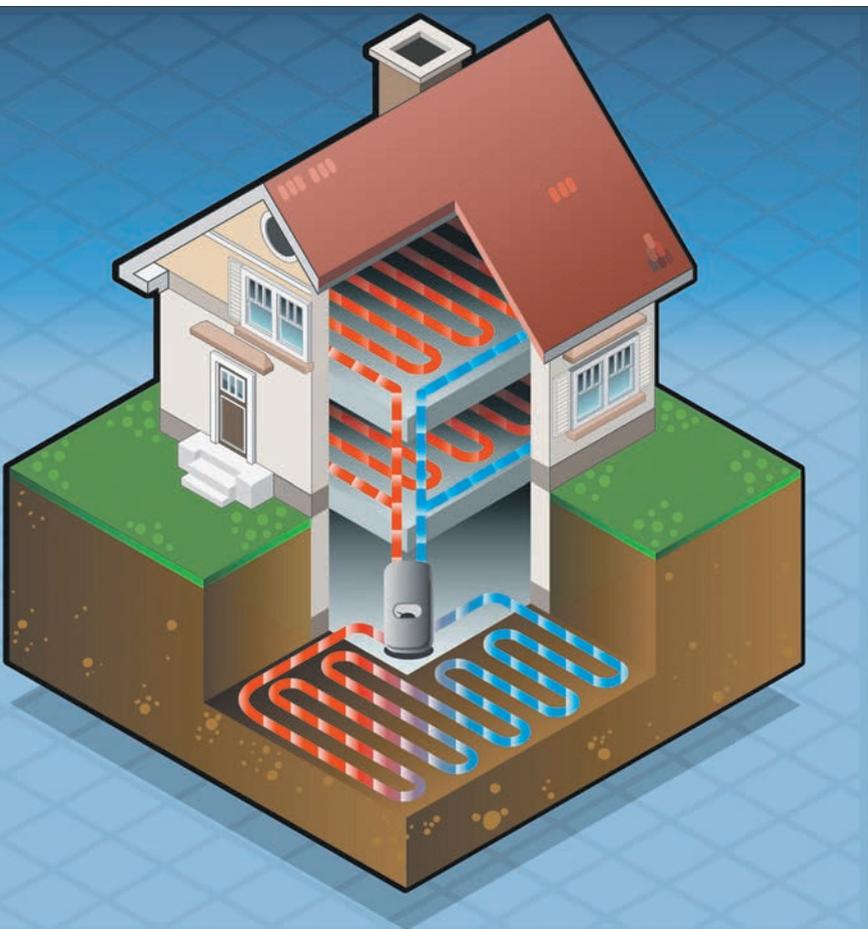
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How to qualify

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.

The renewable heating companies in our guide will be able to guide you through the RHI process, including providing an idea of how much your quarterly payments will be. Renewable heating is the obvious choice for any self-build project and with Government incentives in place, it has never been a better and more profitable choice.



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Renovating a home

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

Opening up space

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

Makeover the kitchen

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

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

Converting the loft

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

Install a fireplace

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



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'We offer a range of trades within our company now, and would like to let existing and new clients know about our services, which also includes a 24/7 emergency call-out service to deal with any building emergencies,' Barry said.

The company's 25 employees work alongside a network of local subcontractors. 'The success of any company is dependent on the quality of its staff, and ours are excellent,' Barry said. 'We get fantastic feedback from customers about our work-

men's standard of work and respectful manner.'

McKinven and Colville's building work has proven to be award-winning, with their Campbeltown Town Hall restoration project winning the Judges' Award at the prestigious Herald Property Awards for Scotland. On being a part of the restoration of the iconic structure, Barry said: 'It was a huge privilege helping to bring the Town Hall back to its former glory. Local projects like this are always very important to us.'

McKinven and Colville building contractors continues to grow from strength to strength, carrying out work not only in Kintyre, but also in Tarbert and Mid Argyll.

'Although the company was created more than 50 years ago, we have moved with the times,' Barry added. 'Improving things like our environmental awareness, and work practices and methods is very important to us.'

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



Clean lines

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

Two tone

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

Long-term investment

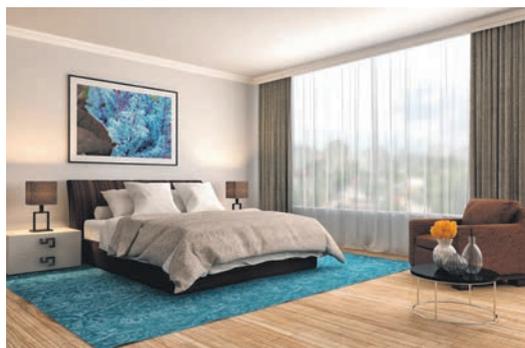
Accessible and universal design features are trending as homeowners are choosing to age in place and more households are multi-generational. Technology is on the rise with internet-connected appliances making their way into the kitchen as well as induction cook tops and steam ovens.

Bin it

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

Bedrooms

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



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

Luxury and comfort

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

More options than ever

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

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

Technology with a vintage feel

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

Sleek solutions

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

Bathrooms

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

Urban coolness

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

Vintage style

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

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

Scandi

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

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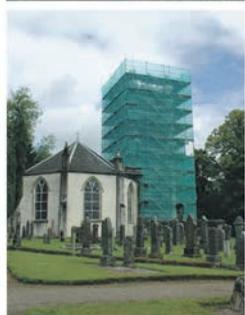
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 - Evaluate how well a company or tradesman responds to your enquiry; do they turn up on time, how closely do they listen to you to find out what you require and how carefully do they survey and measure?
- Ultimately, the individual or company you select for your project will determine the quality of the final result, so ensure you choose a trusted, certified tradesman and receive expert workmanship and peace of mind.
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Trade body memberships and what they mean

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Interior design

Top 10 interior design trends for 2017

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

1. Natural textures in home accessories

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

2. Rough, natural woods

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

3. Ceramic table lights

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



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

4. Bold trimmings

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

5. Hand-painted style wallpapers

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

6. Pastel tones

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

7. Textured glass

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

8. Patterned rugs

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

9. Sculptural chairs

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

10. Graphic inspired art

Graphic inspired art provides a contemporary take on nature this year. Natural items like pebbles and blades of grass give a new lease of life through the playful interaction of graphics and textures.

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What to expect from your interior designer...

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

A designer plans and outfits spaces in a way that makes them both beautiful and functional. He or she balances aesthetic considerations with structural planning to reflect the clients' lifestyle, set the desired mood, complement the home's architectural features, and ensure that less glamorous details (like electrical outlets) fit into the scheme. An interior designer also cultivates relationships with trusted artisans, vendors and tradespeople.

You may have a vision for your home, but an interior designer can help you bring it to life while making sure it satisfies nitty-gritty considerations. A trained eye allows for devising solutions that you might never have imagined, and attention to the tiniest details will transform your space into a haven that looks polished and pulled together.



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



Exterior design and landscaping

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

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

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

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

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A family watch how to make a knitted bracelet. 01_B30_loch_08



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A dash to the finish line during the races. 01_B30_loch_12

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Lamlash Church

Saturday 29th July

Army Cadets
RNLI Shop
Over 21s disco
Family games
Fun in the pool
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Blackwaterfoot bowls
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
Brodict Bowling Club rink game
Live music – North Country Winters
Live music – The Splinters
Art exhibition
Harvest at the Haven
Cricket fun day
Live Music – The Splinters

Sunday 30th July

Family games
Fun in the pool
AA meeting
RNLI Shop
Live music – Alan Frew
Art Exhibition
Live music – Alan Frew

Monday 31st August

Over-50s badminton
Badminton
Morning fitness
Badminton
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Arran Junior Football Club
Circuit training
Lamlash Aerobix
Tae KwonDo
Summer bridge tournament
Adult Tennis
Brodict Bowling Club rink game
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
Arran Skinnymalinks
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Coffee morning
Live music – Mike Bailey
Art exhibition

Tuesday 1st August

Pop quiz
Alcoholics Anonymous
Youth club
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Healthy outdoors
Blackwaterfoot bowls
Bridge class (beginners/improvers)
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Ormidale Hotel, 10pm
Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie spa pool, 4-5pm
9.30am - 11am
9.30am - noon
Bowling Club, 2pm
WBay Bowling club, 2pm
Brodict Bowling Green 2pm
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Lochranza village hall, 10.30am - 5pm
Kilmory Public Hall, 10am - 4pm
Ormidale Park, Brodict, noon
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm

Auchrannie games hall, 3pm-4pm
Auchrannie spa pool, 4pm-5pm
Brodict Church Hall, 5pm - 6.30pm
Lamlash Pier, 2pm - 4pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm
Lochranza village hall, 10.30am - 5pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 4pm

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
Brodict Church Hall adults and over 10s, 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm - All welcome
Shiskine golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm
Brodict Bowling Green 6.45pm
WBay Bowling club, 6.30pm
Shiskine Church Hall, 5.15pm
Brodict Church Kitchen, 6pm
Whiting Bay and Kildonan church hall, 10.30am - noon
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm
Lochranza village hall, 10.30am - 5pm

Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
Brodict Church Hall, 2pm
Kildonan Hall, 7pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
NTS Ranger Centre, 10am - 1pm
Bowling Club, 2pm
Brodict Golf Club, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Arran High School, 6.30pm - 9pm

Flow yoga
Pilates
Brodict Castle garden walk
Art exhibition
Family craft workshop
Evening of summer entertainment

Wednesday 2nd August

Rock an pop bingo
Tae KwonDo
Alcoholics Anonymous
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Heritage Museum archives and genealogy service
Mixed ability Run (Arran Run Coach)
Yoga-Arran
Mixed hockey
Dog classes
Knittnerly and Natterly
Family friendly pub quiz
Bus pass club meal
Burger and quiz night
Brodict Bowling Club rink game
Whiting Bay Bowling Club rink game
Arran Skinnymalinks
Summer ceilidh
Art exhibition
SWI Rural show
Arran farmers show
Annual show dance

Thursday 3rd August

Morning fitness
General knowledge quiz
Arran Vets surgery
Arran Vets reception
Ladies' hockey
Quilt Arran
Spinning and weaving demonstration
Chair yoga
10th Ayrshire Shiskine Cub Scouts and Beavers
Adult tennis
Live music – Arran Ceilidh band
Live music – Mike Bailey
Open garden – Model Trains
Art exhibition
Music Matters

Friday 4th August

Yoga
Hydrofit
Arran Youth Foundations
Lochranza children's badminton
Lochranza adults' badminton
Arran Vets
Arran Vets
AA meeting
Tae KwonDo
Arran Aromatics factory tours
Quiz
Smart Recovery meeting
Open garden – model trains
Live music – Buchaneers
Open mic with Scott Manson
Live music – North Country Winters

Corrie and Sannox Hall, 6pm
Kilmory Hall, 6pm - 7pm
Meet at Visitor Centre, 2pm
Lochranza village hall, 10.30am - 5pm
Lochranza village hall, 2-4pm
Wbay hall, 7.30pm

Ormidale Hotel 9.30pm
Arran High School Kids-6.30-7.30pm adults-7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 7.30pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
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
Dunfion Carpark, 5.30pm
Kinneil, Lamlash, 7-8.30pm
Auchrannie sports Hall, 7.30-9pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 1pm
Kilmory Hall, 2pm - 4pm
The PHT, 8.30pm
The PHT, noon - 2.30pm
Felicity's @ Eden Lodge, from 7.30pm
Brodict Bowling Green 6.45pm
WBay Bowling club, 6.30pm
Lamlash Church Hall 4.15pm
Brodict Hall, 7.30pm - 10.30pm
Lochranza village hall, 10.30am - 5pm
Arran High School, Lamlash, 11am - 4pm -Prize giving 3.30pm
Glenkiln, Lamlash, from 9.30am
Kilmory Haven, 8.30pm

Auchrannie gym, 9.30-10.30am
Ormidale Hotel, 9pm
9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Ormidale Pavilion, 7.30-8.30pm
Lamlash Fire Station, 2pm - 4.30pm
Arran Heritage museum, 11am - 4pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 10.30am - 11.30am
Shiskine Hall, 6pm - 7.30pm
Shiskine Golf & Tennis Club from 5.30pm
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm
Coast, Wbay, 7.30pm
47 Murray Cres, Lamlash, 10am - 5pm
Lochranza village hall, 10.30am - 4pm
Lamlash Church Hall, 2pm

Auchrannie spa leisure, 9.30am - 10.30am
Auchrannie Hotel leisure, 9.45am - 10.45am
Church Hall, Brodict 7pm-9pm
Lochranza Hall, 6-8pm
Lochranza Hall, 8pm
Surgery 9am - 10.30am and 4pm - 6pm
Reception 9am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm
Whiting Bay Hall, 7pm
Arran High School, Lamlash adults, 7pm - 8.30pm
Home Farm, Brodict, 11am, 1pm & 3pm
Whiting Bay Golf Club, 8pm
Ormidale Pavilion, Brodict, 1.30pm - 3pm
47 Murray Cres, Lamlash, 10am - 5pm
Fiddlers, Brodict, 7.30pm
The PHT, Lamlash, 9pm
Coast, WBay, 7.30pm

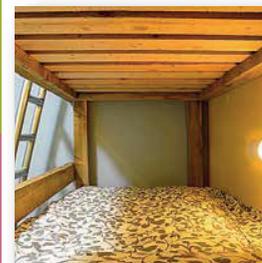
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Arran Farmers' Society

Wednesday August 2, 2017



181st Annual Show

It is a show for everyone and this year's Arran Farmers' Society show looks set to be a cracker when it is staged at Glenkiln Farm in Lamlash on Wednesday.

Not only does it mark the celebration of all farming life on the island but is a day of family fun for locals and visitors alike and organisers have their fingers crossed for a fine dry day.

This year's proceedings will be overseen by society presi-

dent Donald Robertson.

Don attended his first show in 1939 and he continued exhibiting from then until 2003 – a very special year when three generations of the Robertson family took a role, ultimately lifting the top prize!

At this, the 181st outing of the show, the Drakes of Hazard will be waddling down from Luss to entertain all with their antics in the main ring. Mark Wylie and his team promise not just one, but two,

quacking good routines at noon and 2pm on the day.

As an added extra, David Shaw from Sorn, is bringing over his working threshing mill to let the more mature re-live old memories, and the young see a machine they will never have heard of! A baler will be in action too.

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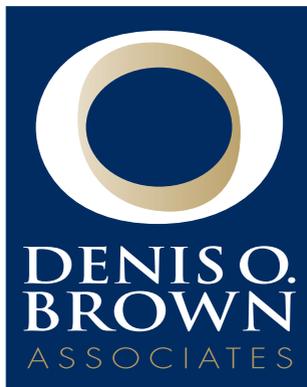
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And there is free car parking at the Glenkiln show ground.

For entrants there is a reminder that the cut off time for late entries in the horse section is 9am this year to

allow stewards more time before the judging starts at 9.30am.

Secondly, just the usual to remind exhibitors that white coats and wrist bands should be worn, and only stockhandlers should be within the animal handling area whilst judging taking place.

The dog show, vintage tractor class and stick section are open to all with entries taken on the day.

Fantastic prizes are also up for grabs in the grand prize draw. Over the years the contribution from the sale of the tickets has become a major part in the continuation of the show. The Society is extremely grateful to the donors of the prizes – Island Meats, R. Stewart Engravers, Kilmarnock, Best Western Kinloch Hotel, Arran Aromatics, R & L Miller Ltd., Dalry, Portavadie, Loch Fyne, and Andy Gray Digital and not forgetting the 5 x £100 cash donated by the Society itself. Tickets will be on sale now, and will be available at the show.



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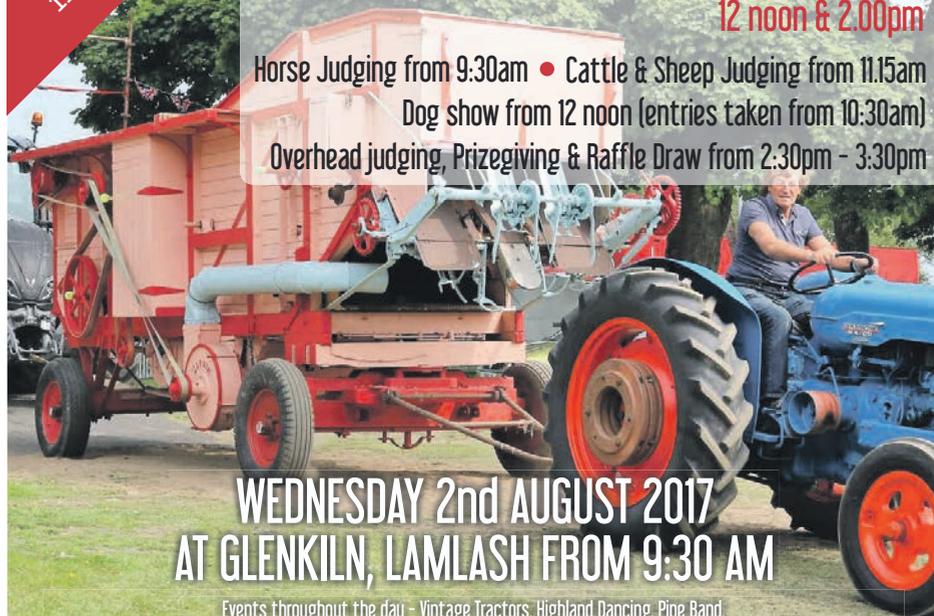
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Dog show from 12 noon (entries taken from 10:30am)
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WEDNESDAY 2nd AUGUST 2017
AT GLENKILN, LAMLASH FROM 9:30 AM

Events throughout the day - Vintage Tractors, Highland Dancing, Pipe Band, Birds of Prey, Dog Scurry, Butter Churning, Dog Agility, Chainsaw Woodcarving, Arran Show Marquee

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9.30am	Show opens to the public
9.30am	Horse & Pony judging commences
10.30am	Entries taken for Dog Show
11am	Parade/Judging of Vintage Tractors in main ring (weather permitting)
11am	Arran Highland Dancers
11am	Pet Lamb judging
11.15am	Cattle & Sheep judging commences
11.30am	WORKING THRESHING MILL (weather permitting)
12 noon	Dog Show judging commences
12 noon	DRAKES OF HAZARD
1pm	Parade of Vintage Tractors
1pm	WORKING THRESHING MILL (weather permitting)
1pm	Arran Highland Dancers
1.30pm	Murray's Dog Scurry Heats
1.30pm approx.	Isle of Arran Pipe Band
2pm	DRAKES OF HAZARD
2.30pm	Overhead judging in main ring
3pm	Prizegiving & Grand Raffle Draw
3.30pm	Murray's Dog Scurry Finals

(Timings may be subject to change on the day)

Also throughout the day:

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 - Texel/Suffolk/Other Breeds (+ Fleece)** – Alan Clark, North Garngour, Lanark
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First red-backed shrike sighting in 20 years

The red-backed shrike, *Lanius collurio*, is a member of the shrike family Laniidae.

Shrikes are also known as butcher birds from their habit of impaling their prey, which consists of large insects, small birds, mammals and reptiles on thorns or barbed wire or in forks in trees and using this as a 'larder'.

Red-backed shrikes are slightly larger, but slimmer, than house sparrows. The male is unmistakable with a bluish-grey head, black mask, bright chestnut back and thick hooked black bill.

Underparts are tinged pink and the tail has a black and white pattern similar to that of a wheatear. In the female and young red-backed shrikes, the upperparts are brown and vermiculated (wavy lines or markings).

Underparts are buff and also vermiculated. Shrikes like to perch prominently on the tops of bushes, fence posts and telephone wires,

where they have a good view of potential prey.

The red-backed shrike breeds in most of Europe and western Asia and winters in tropical Africa. Once a common summer visitor to Great Britain, it is now mainly recorded as a passage migrant. Numbers declined sharply during the 20th century. This dramatic decline to virtual extinction as a UK breeding species make this a red listed bird. By the 1990s no nests were being recorded in the UK.

In September 2010 the RSPB announced that a pair had raised chicks at a secret location in Devon where the bird last bred in 1970. In 2011, two pairs nested in the same locality. In 2012 there was another breeding attempt, this time unsuccessful, probably due to a prolonged spell of wet weather. In 2013 breeding was again confirmed in Devon, with two young fledged at a new site. This return to south western



Bird notes
by Jim Cassels

The male red-backed shrike photographed by Phil Naylor at Kingscross.

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England has been an unexpected development and has raised speculation that a warming climate could assist the bird in re-colonising some of its former haunts, if only in small numbers.

Continuing with the Devon connection, on the 16 June 2017 a couple from Devon were at the Ard-lui campsite in Kingscross when they saw and photographed a male red-backed shrike. To say that they were delighted by this unexpected encounter, on their first visit to Arran, would be an understatement. The last record of this rare vagrant to Arran was 20 years ago when a male was reported in Kildonan on September 27, 1997. The Kingscross bird did not hang around. There was only the one sighting.

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THE ARRAN BANNER 20 YEARS AGO

Saturday August 2, 1997

To the wire

The likelihood of the threatened strike of seamen on CalMac's Clyde ferries has changed from day to day over the last week. At present it is scheduled to start at midnight on Sunday with no further talks arranged to take place before then. On most occasions in the past an agreement has been reached at the 11th hour.

Agreement or not, the likelihood of a strike has created much alarm on Arran over the last week. Hoteliers have been having cancellations and early departures from guests anxious that they may not get away off the island. Restaurateurs have been having issues with buying and securing supplies and even workmen are having to buy regularly used equipment to last them in case supplies are no longer available. The protagonists are CalMac and the RMT union representing about 180 sailors in CalMac's Clyde ships.

Five more years

Stagecoach Western has secured the Arran bus contracts for the next five years at a saving to North Ayrshire of £50,000 on last year's cost.

This was decided at meeting of the council's corporate strategy committee on Tuesday and ends much angst within the council over the last year about who should run Arran's buses and at what cost.

It was a year ago when NAC would only accept a one-year contract with Stagecoach and encouraged bids from other bus companies. They even went through various steps to run a council bus company. Since 1992 when Arran Transport lost the contract to Western Scottish there has been some uncertainty about who would be running Arran's buses. Now it has been settled for at least five years.

Citizen's arrest

Shopkeeper Ian Murchie made a citizen's arrest this week when he found a youth



Runners are pictured here at the start of the first leg of the Round Arran road race last Sunday.

had broken into his Lamlash store in the small hours of Monday morning. The culprit turned out to be a 15-year-old youth from Royston in Glasgow and it is believed he may have broken into Lamlash Bowling Club prior to his foray into Murchie's Stores. The youth gave in quietly and Ian handed him over to the police. He will now be reported to the children's panel. It is believed that this is Ian's second time that he has arrested someone this year.



Nicki Souter, David Milne and Gus Swain from Abertay University have been seen investigating manholes on Arran. They are conducting a study on reducing non biodegradable waste on beaches prior to Arran receiving a proper waste sewage plant.



Mrs Joan Stuart's car was found burnt out in the small hours of Saturday morning in Lamlash. The fire service suggested an electrical fault as being the most likely cause.



A rare sight: John Smith's Trichocereus Macrogonis which only flowers every seven years, and then when the Argentinian and Bolivian native does flower, it only last for 36 hours before quickly wilting and withering away.



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Sunday 30th July
11am Holy Communion
Mrs Janis Gallagher
Coffee after service
ALL WELCOME

Wednesday 2nd August
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ARRAN CHURCHES TOGETHER

There will be Taizé worship on
Thursday 3rd August
at 5.30 pm, in St Molios' Church, Shiskine.
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Parish Assistant:
Mrs Jean Hunter:

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

Sunday 30th July
Lochranza Church, 9.30am
Morning Service
Pirmill Church, 10.45am
Morning Service
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 30th July
Family Worship will be conducted by Rev Elizabeth Watson, at 10.30am.
Crèche facilities will be available in the Church Hall. Tea and coffee will be served immediately after the service - please stay and enjoy more fellowship.
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'A faith to proclaim ~ a fellowship to share'
Sunday 30th July
Rev Lily McKinnon
Kilmory 10 am
Lamlash 11.30 am
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Sunday 30th July
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Sunday Mass 11am

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(continuing)
Sunday 30th July
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Glen Estate, Brodick
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Sunday 30th July
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Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday July 19, The McLintock Cup. A field of 28 contested one of the oldest and most revered trophies and once again a very pessimistic weather forecast was found to be wide of the mark. The morning and afternoon players enjoyed benign conditions although the evening players had a wet time of it.

Scoring at the top of the leaderboard was good and even a birdie finish by David Brookens couldn't prevent club captain Wolfi Kroner lifting the cup with a splendid nett 59. 1 Wolfi Kroner 15, 59, 2 David Brookens 11, 60, 3 Frazer Barr 9, 61, 4 Andrew Mack 14, 63. Danny Head had the lowest gross score with a 69, CSS stayed at 63 and magic twos went to Nicol Auld and Alan Hill @16th and David Brookens @17th.

Saturday and Sunday July 22 and 23, The Armitage Groundworks Whiting Bay Gents Open. The 2017 Open, Whiting Bay's flagship event, got off to a fine start on Saturday with a good field enjoying fine weather, until late afternoon at least, and a golf course in the peak of condition. The good fortune continued on Sunday when, after the Saturdays evening



Whiting Bay club captain Wolfi Kroner with trophy winners Allan Macleod, Danny Head, Brian Adair and Stephen Judge.

rain, the weather remained fine. The whole event went well and a huge vote of thanks is due to Stewart and James for the condition of the course; many visiting players said the greens were the best they had played on this year. Thanks also to John and the clubhouse staff, Nancy, Jamie, Jamie the Train and Louise for catering so well to the needs of so many hungry and thirsty golfers.

The smell of burgers grilling on the outdoor barbecue proved a real incentive to a brisk pace of play on the last five holes. Finally a big thank you to the main sponsors, Armitage Groundworks for their generous and continuing support and also to the many members, friends and supporters who donated prizes for the event.

Saturday July 22, The Bank of Scotland Cup, 86

played and with fast tricky greens and a changeable breeze, conditions were far from easy, especially for those playing later in the day when heavy rain was added to the mix. CSS went out to 65, (66 reductions only for visiting golfers) and places were decided on a countback after three players, all in the second division, returned nett 63s. 1 Allan Macleod 12, 63 ACB, 2 Kevin McAleney 12, 63 ACB, 3 Alan Hill 15, 63, 4 Jack Adair 16, 64. Scott Adair carded the lowest gross score of 70. Magic twos came from Sandy Pringle at 2nd hole, Ryan Armstrong @11th and Jamie Ainsworth @17th.

Sunday July 23, The Royal Bank of Scotland Cup. 92 players took advantage of an optimistic forecast and conditions were considerably easier than they had been on Saturday. CSS stayed at 63 (66 for visitors) and the top four placed players beat that with a couple of shots to spare. 1 Stephen Judge 11, 57, 2 Danny Head 5, 60, 3 Brian Adair 19, 61 ACB, 4 Craig Tart 16, 61. Danny Head's gross 65 was the lowest of the day and there were no fewer than 10 magic twos, Stephen Judge and Alasdair Kelly @2nd hole, Alan Kay @3rd, Nicol Auld @4th, David Mack and Graeme



Brian Adair receives the Armitage Groundworks Whiting Bay Open Trophy from club captain Wolfi Kroner.

Mack @7th, Danny Head and Stephen Judge @16th and Scott Adair and Neil Richardson @17th.

Sunday July 23, The Armitage Groundworks Whiting Bay Open Trophy for the best 36 hole nett score. 1 Brian Adair 19, 127, 2 Danny Head 5, 128 ACB, 3 Scott Adair 6, 128. Brian also scooped the Seniors Shield and the Salver for the best scratch score over 36 holes went to Danny Head on 138. Fixtures: Sunday July 30, Nestor's Jug, Stableford. Wednesday August 2, The Betty Black Cup.

Lamlash Golf Club

Thursday July 20, Summer Cup, CSS 65, Par 64. 1 Iain Murchie 65-5=60, 2 Allan Colquhoun 73-David Mack and Graeme
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GOLDEN WEDDING



HAPPY DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MUM & DAD

Harry and Connie. Love from all your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Xxx

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A huge thank you to all who helped look after Ken during the past year. Also for your beautiful cards & flowers, a great comfort to me. Sheila

The Arran Belles take on Hebridean challenge

Earlier this month 10 Arran Belles travelled to the Outer Hebrides to cycle the 145 miles from Castlebay on Barra to Stornoway on Lewis staying in hostels, bunkhouses and even a tractor shed along the way.

On a beautiful, calm morning the seven hour ferry trip from Oban to Barra,

calling in at Coll and Tiree, passed very quickly before a quick eight-mile cycle through Barra took them to their next ferry to Eriskay then South Uist for their first night stop. On Eriskay they detoured to the bar SS Politician, well known for its association with the film *Whisky Galore!* and where they were

shown a bottle of whisky from the sunken ship. The following day they headed north through the Uists and Benbecula, stopping at the birthplace monument of Flora MacDonald, a bleak, remote spot but one full of atmosphere.

With rain arriving it was with relief that they reached The Tractor Shed in North Uist, where they spent their second night of the tour. The old tractor shed had been converted into a kitchen, living room and bunkroom along with other turf covered huts outside. After drying off, a nice dinner and a good night's sleep the Belles rose to a lovely day to continue their journey to Tarbert, South Harris via the Berneray/Leverburgh ferry. Turning west on Harris they were treated to the stunning beaches of Scarasta, Seilebost and Lusken-tyre overlooking Taransay.



The Arran Belles who took part in the Outer Hebrides tour.

At this stage the Belle's were thankful for the tailwind that they had enjoyed since their departure as the route became more hilly with a lunar like landscape.

After another overnight stay in a Tarbert hostel rain had returned for the last day but undeterred the Belles set out to tackle the Harris Hills between North Harris and the Isle of Lewis. Cross winds blew two of the cyclists, Sue and Fiona, across the road so the planned de-

tour to the Callinish Stones had to be cancelled. However, they did pass the Bonnie Prince Charlie monument commemorating his visit in 1745, before finally arriving in Stornoway.

This was the first cycle tour for most of the Arran Belles, full of doubts and concerns about their fitness but they coped with determination and motivation surprising themselves with their ability. Well deserved medals were presented to

Isla Murchie, Sue Archer, Fiona Leslie, Fiona Douglas, Fiona Carswell, Toni MacKenzie, Carol Vella Boyle, Linda Johnston, Jillian Plenderleith, Wee Flo and Janice Small who all agreed the Outer Hebrides had been a truly wonderful experience, a place of isolation, haunting beauty, antiquities, dazzling beaches, turquoise seas, sea lochs and dramatic hills and a place to return to.

Janice Small



The Belles inspect their accommodation for the night, an old tractor shed in North Uist.



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9=64, 3 Colin Richardson 81-16=65, 4 Dougie MacFarlane 65-0=65. Scratch, I Murchie 60, BIH over D MacFarlane. Magic twos, QJ Young, I Bremner, C Richardson, N Young at 16th, I Murchie, D MacFarlane at 12th. Yellow Medal, CSS 62, Par 61. 1 Jim Gibson 72-12=60, 2 Eugene Mitchell 82-18=64. Scratch, J Gibson 72. Magic twos, J Gibson, J Gordon at the 16th.

Sunday July 23, Medal Shield 3, CSS 64, Par 64. Winner, Mark Wren 77-11=66, scratch, Mark Wren 77. Ladies Section: Monday July 17, Ladies Open Tri-Am, 18 teams took part in the Open Tri-Am. In spite of a poor weather forecast, only two teams suffered the worst of the weather. The winning team

of Merle King, Jan McPhee and Margaret Robertson of Irvine returned an amazing net 47. Runners up were Lamlash ladies Sherie Walker, Ann Gibson and Meg El Adm with a net 52 and in third place Tricia Martin, Gege Kroner and Margaret Bryce with net 53. The special prizes of nearest the pin in one at the 5th went to Ann May, Aileen Latona and Isobel MacDonald. Nearest in two at the 7th to the Barclay team of Jean, Claire and Lesley. Nearest in two at the 12th to Ann, Isobel and Aileen and nearest in one at the 16th to Carole Stewart, Pat Adamson and Rion Culpan.

Fixtures: Sunday July 30, Hastings Cup Final Day, 8.30am, 9.30am and 12.30pm. Thursday August 3, Summer Cup. Make up own games and see starter for times. Friday August 4, Open practice day and Dan Crawford Salver, (Lifeboat Day). See starter for times. Saturday August 5, Lamlash Open, includes qualifying for the McLean

Salver. Sunday August 6, Lamlash Open Day Two. A small number of tee-off times are left, then cancellations only. Contact starter for times and payments.

Machrie Bay Golf Club
Tuesday July 11, Peter Sutton, CSS 65. 1 P Betley 72-12=60, 2 H Bannatyne 74-7=67, 3 R Woods 85-17=68. Lady Mary, CSS 68, R/O. 1 E Ross 99-23=76 BIH, 2 J Turnbull 92-16=76. Tuesday July 18, Peter Sutton, CSS 63, 1 R Traill 83-18=65, 2 R Betley 97-28=69, 3 J Penny-cott 88-12=76. Lady Mary, CSS 68, R/O, 1 A Latona 97-23=74, 2 K Genda 91-12=79.

Fixture: Tuesday August 1, Peter Sutton/Lady Mary at 12.30pm and 5.30pm.

Brodick Golf Club
Wednesday July 19, Summer Cup, 25 played, CSS 65. 1 Iain Sillars 77-15=62, 2 Bill Donaldson 79-16=63, 3 Derek Roxburgh 72-8=64 ACB. Scratch Matt Keir 68. Sunday July 23, Navy Shield Stableford,

22 played, CSS 37. Gordon Hendry 6, 40pts, Chris Pattenden 13, 37pts, Iain Pittman 13, 36pts ACB. Ladies Section: Tuesday May 25, Helen's Vases Greensome, 1 Pat Adamson and Isobel MacDonald 83-19=64, 2 Fiona Henderson and Lesley Murray 95-19=76.

Fixtures: Sunday June 30, Club Trophy. Tuesday August 1, August Medal. Tuesday August 8, Brodick Ladies Open.

Shiskine Golf Club
Monday July 17, Centenary Putter, 20 played, CSS 41. Gents 1st Class: 1 Craig Watson 28pts, 2 Hamish Bannatyne 26pts, 3 Phil Betley 24pts BIH. 2nd Class: 1 David Brown 24pts IH, 2 Mike Hesp 24pts, 3 Colin Whitelaw 23pts. Magic twos, D Brown, P Betley, J Salton and C Dair. Ladies, CSS 44. 1 Julie Whitelaw 22pts, 2 Winnie MacCallum 21pts. Well done to Craig and Julie, congratulations.

Corrie Golf Club
Wednesday July 19,



Lamlash captain Mary Adams is pictured with Ladies Open Tri-Am winners Margaret Robertson, left, and Merle King, right. Not pictured, Jan McPhee.

Wednesday Medal, competition abandoned due to weather.

Friday July 21, The club championship was contested by Euan MacKinnon and David Jeffrey in what a tightly fought but sporting encounter over the first nine with Euan pulling

clear to win. Saturday July 22, Summer Cup. 1 J Adam 69-9=60, 2 E MacKinnon 63-1=62 and scratch. Magic twos A Macdonald and R Logan. A welcome return to form from John.

Fixtures: Saturday July 29, Summer Cup, ballots at 9am and 2pm.



Eyes on the ball, children take part in a mini match. 01_B30_camp_07



Taking part in a point scoring exercise this youngster taps the ball with the side of his foot. 01_B30_camp_05



Children learn ball skills from the coaches and each other. 01_B30_camp_11

Summer fun at



Coaches and children pose for a group photograph before training. 01_B30_camp_02

Top quality training deliver

Words and pictures by
COLIN SMEETON

Dozens of youngsters spent a few days of their summer holidays last week brushing up on their football skills at the annual summer camp held by KA Leisure at Arran High School.

The training undertaken by SFA coaches Graham Muir and Christopher Monk took place with the help of high school pupils and former attendees

of the camp themselves - David Copperwheat and Dylan Smith.

Catering for five to 12-year-olds, football camp teaches children the basics of the sport in a fun and safe environment where they can practice their skills with children their own age. The fun learning event which includes lessons on ball control, accuracy, balance, good sportsmanship and tricks includes manoeuvres from many of the children's



Young footballers practice their tackling skills. 01_B30_camp_01



Coaches Graham Muir and Christopher Monk explain a m 01_B30_camp_09

football camp



A trio from the younger group put their skills to the test. 01_B30_camp_08



Assistant coach David Copperwheat watches over a kicking challenge. 01_B30_camp_06

ed by Scottish FA coaches

favourite football idols. After each particular lesson, children take part in skill challenges such as the Ronaldinho spin and the Beckham shoot to test their new-found skills.

The final day last Thursday was a crazy hair day and a culmination challenge of all of the lessons learned since the start on Monday. Coach Graham said: 'The camp on Arran has been tremendous this year, not only because of the glorious weather we

have had but also because of the enthusiastic and impeccably behaved children. Both the coaches and children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we are already looking forward to our next one.'

On average between 30 to 40 children attended football camp every day with a daily morning and afternoon session for boys and girls of primary school age. Football camp takes place twice a year, once during summer and one at Easter.



Goal! A young player sneaks one past the goalkeeper. 01_B30_camp_10



anoeuvre before children try it out themselves.



Assistant coach David Copperwheat ensures that a youngster does not trip over his laces. 01_B30_camp_09



Jake Young impresses with his back flip abilities. 01_B30_camp_12



A young footballer practices his ball control and accuracy. 01_B30_camp_04

SPORT



INSIDE THIS WEEK:
Summer fun at football camp

Hat-trick for Secuna as Southend beat Lamlash

Lamlash 0
Southend 6

Lamlash went into Monday night's game with a few key player's missing and Southend took full advantage with a superior performance.

The visitors took an early lead when Secuna Junior fired a low powerful shot into Heenan's goal. Five minutes later Southend were awarded a penalty when full-back Chris Gosman was deemed to have handled the ball in the area.

Ryan Armstrong stepped up and made no mistake from 12 yards. Secuna added his second of the game after a good passing move from the MBS boys. Lewis

Kennedy was given a yellow card just before half-time after he reacted angrily to a challenge from Todd Jameson.

Secuna was playing with confidence and it was well into the second half when he bagged his hat-trick after a cool finish.

Tightrope

Kennedy was walking a tightrope and then he made another poor challenge giving referee, Archie McNicol, no choice but to give the striker his marching orders to reduce Southend to 10 men.

Despite being a man down Southend continued to dominate and Armstrong went on a mazy, solo run beating a handful of Lam-

lash players before sliding the ball into the net to get his second of the game.

Youngsters Gregor Crichton and Liam Bremner came on for Southend and they both struck shots one after the other with Heenan making a brilliant double save but on the third occasion Gregor's shot was one step to far for David to prevent it going in the net. Fourteen-year-old Gregor scored his first competitive goal for Southend, which will surely be the first of many.

Archie gave the man of the match unsurprisingly to Secuna after his best performance this season with some great trickery and a hat-trick to boot.



Man of the match Secuna Junior scored a hat-trick for Southend. 01_B30footy05



A breakaway attempt from Lamlash player Johnny Sloss is abruptly stopped by Southend opponents. 01_B30footy03

Northend 3
Shiskine 4

There was a lot at stake in this game with both teams battling to avoid the embarrassment of finishing last in the league.

Bionic man Neil Faulkner made a comeback for Shiskine and it wasn't long until he had opened the scoring for the away team.

It was another man making a comeback, after being away for years, who got the reply as Bryan McCalum hit the back of the net with a fine strike. Faulkner then put the Kinloch boys back in front with his second of the match but again

it didn't last long as Peter Gilson scored from just outside the box in his first game of the season. Shiskine then upped the ante and Joel Small scored two goals in quick succession, the first being a wonder goal from inside the box.

Northend did score a consolation goal in the last minute when Lennon Deary slotted through Ben Innes to stroke the ball beyond Finlay Murchie in the Shiskine goal. Small's goal's put him up to being top Shiskine scorer this season edging by Cammy Thomson. However it was Thomson that was given

the man of the match after another energetic performance upfront causing all kinds of problems for the Northend defence.

The result put the two teams on the same number of points where they are likely to remain unless one of them can pull off a shock victory against one of the other three teams in the league.

*In last week's league table Lamlash were listed as having 19 points. This, as the rest of the table showed, should have been 12 points.

The fixtures for Monday July 31 will see Brodick vs Northend at 7pm and Lamlash vs Shiskine at 6.30pm.



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