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Carers 'at unnecessary risk' says trade union

by Colin Cameron
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Carers and health workers in Argyll and Bute are at risk because of a lack of coronavirus personal protective equipment (PPE) and unclear guidance, says a trade union.

In the wake of the death of a care at home worker in neighbouring West Dunbartonshire, the situation for Argyll and Bute staff was this week slammed by UNISON.

In a statement the union said: 'The situation with regards to PPE for key workers in Argyll and Bute has been at best mixed and at worst disgraceful.'

'At what is already a stressful period for everyone, not having clear guidance or the kit is sending anxiety through the roof and is dangerous.'

'The UK and Scottish governments published new guidance on April 2 making it clear care at home staff and other care workers should have access to masks and eye protection so

'Not having clear guidance or the kit is sending anxiety through the roof and is dangerous.'

they can don the appropriate PPE when needed.

'We hoped this would bring swift change on the ground, [but] in too many cases this has not happened.'

Dawn MacDonald, branch secretary, Highland Healthcare UNISON, said: 'Carers, no matter whether employed by the NHS, council, voluntary organisations or the private sector, should have the right to protect themselves, patients and others from cross infection.'

'If all carers do not have access to proper PPE, we will have staff go off sick, thus reducing the very staff pool we need to care for the most

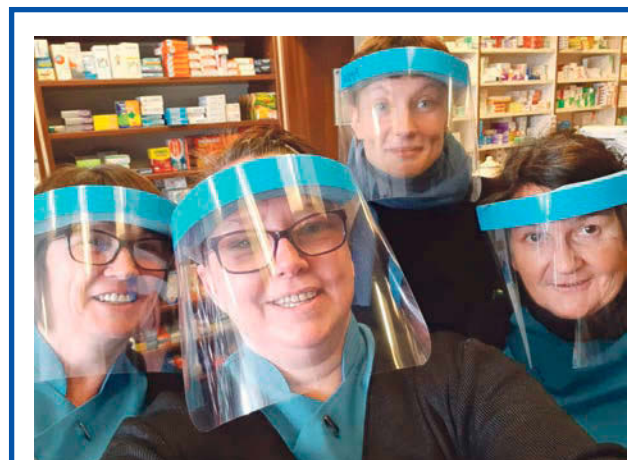
vulnerable people in our communities.'

An NHS Highland spokesman said: 'The safety of our health and social care staff is a priority and we follow the Scottish Government national guidance in relation to the wearing of appropriate personal protective equipment.'

'We have a robust distribution system in place and receive regular deliveries of PPE so we can ensure there are appropriate levels of supplies available for our staff.'

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell said there was 'total commitment to getting PPE to where it is needed.'

He added: 'Nationally a range of solutions has been put in place, including using army logistics and transport and massive effort put into getting additional supplies. Locally, the health and social care partnership has been working with government to make sure the correct PPE is in hospitals and GP surgeries and increasing the roll out to care homes.'



Tarbert Pharmacy staff were delighted to receive face shields from Midton earlier this week. From left: Gail MacDonald, Lynne Watt, locum pharmacist Amy and Margaret McNeill.

Great response to equipment plea

Businesses and individuals around the region have responded magnificently to calls for additional personal protective equipment. Earlier this week Lochgilphead firm Midton completed its first order of 1,000 face shields for the NHS in Argyll. A campaign to recruit stitchers in the manufacture of surgical scrubs and gowns has also gathered momentum. More next week.

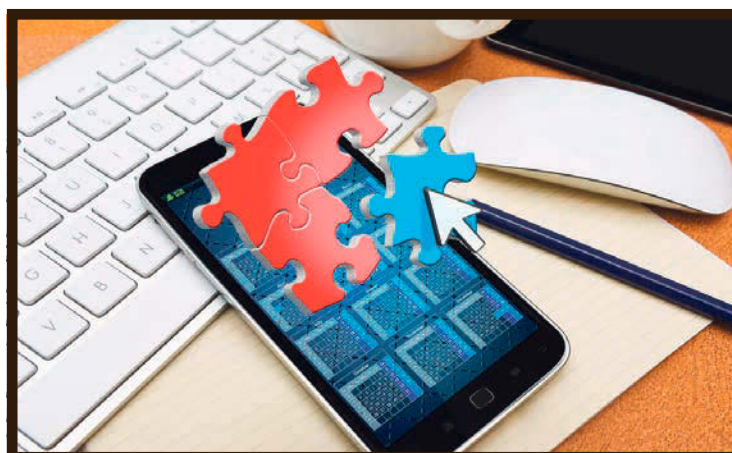
Hospital prepares for pandemic

Preparations are being made at Mid Argyll Hospital for any increase in coronavirus patient numbers.

Dementia patients from Knapdale Ward deemed clinically fit for discharge are to be temporarily moved to a bungalow in Lochgilphead purpose built for those with enhanced physical care needs.

On Monday this week, a spokesman for Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) said: 'We hope the move will take place sometime this week. The current nursing staff will move with the patients. This move is good news for the patients and their families, and will also provide much-needed capacity within Mid Argyll Hospital for those who test positive for COVID-19 and require hospital care.'

No figures have been released about the incidence of coronavirus cases in Argyll and Bute. An HSCP statement read: 'We are following national guidance and due to reasons of patient confidentiality we will not make public where in Highland [health board area] the positive cases are.'



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Break-in to house

Sometime between Tuesday March 10 and Thursday March 26, a house in Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, near the former ambulance station, was broken into and used as a drinking den, with damage caused. Police are investigating the incident and appeal for witnesses or anyone with information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Offensive weapons

At 4.15pm on Tuesday March 31 at Croft Park, Tarbert, a man, aged 77, was allegedly found to be in possession of two offensive weapons. The man was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Drugs found

At 11.45pm on Friday April 3, a 29-year-old man was stopped and searched by police in Stag Park, Lochgilphead, and charged with being in possession of cannabis. The man was issued with a recordable police warning.

Anyone with information in relation to the above, or to any incident, should contact their local police station on telephone number 101 or, anonymously, through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.



Kirsty Brady with her rainbows of hope.

Artist Kirsty's glass rainbows support Midton funding effort

Mid Argyll glass artist Kirsty Brady hopes her hanging rainbows will raise a pot of gold to help protect NHS workers.

Kirsty, who runs the Touch of Glass studio from her garden at Kilmichael Glassary, has orders for more than 70 of the rainbows so far and is donating £2 from each sale to a funding appeal launched by her former workplace Midton Acrylics which is making face visors for front line health workers – see front page story.

Kirsty said: 'Orders are still coming in for the rainbows and I'm doing my best to send them out as fast as I can to help spread a bit of cheer.'

'When I heard about the good work happening at Midton where I used to work, I wanted



A close up of one of Kirsty's rainbows.

to do something to help. They launched an appeal for £2,000 and they have smashed that. Workers have been volunteering to go into the factory to make the visors and get them out to the front line.'

Kirsty can be contacted by email on info@touchofglass.co.uk



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	Morning	Safe Walking Times		Afternoon	Safe Walking Times	
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Wed, 1 Apr 2020	11:18	08:18	13:48			
Thu, 2 Apr 2020	12:26	09:26	14:56			
Fri, 3 Apr 2020				13:47	10:47	16:17
Sat, 4 Apr 2020				15:08	12:08	17:38
Sun, 5 Apr 2020				16:08	13:08	18:38
Mon, 6 Apr 2020				16:56	13:56	19:26
Tue, 7 Apr 2020				17:40	14:40	20:10
Wed, 8 Apr 2020				18:22	15:22	20:52
Thu, 9 Apr 2020	06:50	03:50	09:20	19:05	16:05	21:35
Fri, 10 Apr 2020	07:33	04:33	10:03	19:49	16:49	22:19
Sat, 11 Apr 2020	08:17	05:17	10:47			
Sun, 12 Apr 2020	09:04	06:04	11:34			
Mon, 13 Apr 2020	09:54	06:54	12:24			
Tue, 14 Apr 2020	10:54	07:54	13:24			
Wed, 15 Apr 2020	12:13	09:13	14:43			
Thu, 16 Apr 2020				13:35	10:35	16:05
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Mon, 27 Apr 2020	08:28	05:28	10:58			
Tue, 28 Apr 2020	09:11	06:11	11:41			
Wed, 29 Apr 2020	10:02	07:02	12:32			
Thu, 30 Apr 2020	11:00	08:00	13:30			

Stay safe: Check weather conditions and hours of daylight before you go



In an emergency, dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard

Speak up, stay safe

Crimestoppers Scotland has launched a campaign aimed at deterring doorstep criminals during the coronavirus lockdown.

The charity is appealing to people to share the message on keeping safe at home, especially with those who are most at risk.

Doorstep criminals are cunning, creative and often convincing when targeting people and Crimestoppers Scotland is encouraging people to Think, Secure, Question, Consider and Control.

There are two main types of doorstep crime:

Bogus callers try to get into your home or obtain personal details by pretending to be someone they are not. They might, for example, pose as council staff, charity collectors, meter readers or police officers. In reality, they are criminals trying to steal money and valuables.

Rogue traders usually cold-call, claiming to be workers offering to sell services, make repairs or carry out work on your house, garden or driveway. In reality, they charge inflated prices for shoddy or unnecessary work.



Angela Parker, national manager for Scotland at Crimestoppers, said: 'Our charity believes everyone has the right to feel safe wherever they live, especially in their own home and at this time. Doorstep criminals often target older people who live alone and while many legitimate companies use doorstep selling, sadly fraudsters also use this technique.'

'The emotional and financial upset this causes often devastates the victim, so we are encouraging people to speak up and stay safe. Remember,

it's your home. There is no reason why anyone should ever enter against your wishes.'

'If you know or suspect someone who is involved in doorstep crime, scams or fraud you can speak to our independent charity anonymously. When you contact our charity, we won't judge or ask any personal details. All we want to know is what you know.'

You can tell Crimestoppers what you know by using a simple and secure online form at Crimestoppers-uk.org or by calling 0800 555111 which is open 24/7, 365 days a year.

Team Tarbert – here to help



Volunteer Fay Harris sorting through the many donations.

■ If you need assistance you can contact Team Tarbert either through the group's Facebook page or call:

Fiona McTaggart – 07717 325628

Ailsa Laing – 07748 641412

Jonathan Arnott – 01880 820341

Anne MacArthur – 07484 928026

Alice Kilbride – 07488 293523

Bea McAllister – 01880 820061

Izzy McGarrie – 07776 349788

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A community group set up in Tarbert as the coronavirus lockdown began has hit the ground running.

Team Tarbert Facebook group is supporting people in practical ways through its network of volunteers but is also there to reduce anxiety with plenty smiles along the way.

It was the brainchild of Fiona McTaggart who explained: 'I always had an idea to start such a group, allowing individuals and families to get support when they need it.'

The COVID-19 pandemic was the catalyst for its formation and now Team Tarbert is up and running, in partnership with Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust and with help from Tarbert and Skipness Community Council.

Around 85 volunteers, and rising, have made themselves available, while others have offered to help in any way they can from home.

'Our community is so important in Tarbert,' said Fiona.

'In a short space of time we are already providing shopping/newspaper deliveries, mental well-being packs, phone chat service, home activities/DVD/book packs and a Facebook page for the community to keep in touch.

'I would like to thank Team Tarbert's army of helpers: the carers for being our voice and relaying information to



Councillor Anne Horn appreciates the help of Team Tarbert.

neighbour. 'I knew the person beforehand,' she explained, 'but after this is over, we will know each other really well as friends.'

Tarbert woman Elma McGougan added: 'They are doing a great job. Anything you need they are there, plus there is always someone to help if they need them. Well done to them all.'

Councillor Anne Horn said: 'The volunteers are doing an amazing job. It's great to get a cheery wave and smile. They are doing all the work so we can stay home and stay safe.'

The final word goes to Fiona, who said: 'Our group is definitely something I would like to remain. It has brought so many people closer and made our community stronger than ever.'

their clients, to the pharmacy, surgery, school, newsagents, Co-op and all others for supporting our group.

'To all the many members and businesses who have done so much already and donations we've had from so many.

'We've had donations of delivery baskets, milk, gloves, hand soap, hand sanitiser and

300 eggs – all of which we delivered to doorsteps.

'But most importantly, a massive heartfelt thank you to Team Tarbert's volunteers. Their commitment, time and kindness is invaluable and has made such a difference in our community.'

Team Tarbert volunteer Irene Leckie has been helping a

Emergency committee keeps council running

Argyll and Bute Council's leader says she expects that issues relating to the COVID-19 pandemic will take up much of the time of a new emergency committee.

Aileen Morton will chair the 'business continuity committee' of nine councillors, which was set up last week, with chief executive Pippa Milne also being given executive powers.

The committee is due to have its first meeting, which will be conducted electronically, on Thursday April 16.

Papers are expected to be published on the council's website by the end of this week.

The committee's other members will be councillors Gary Mulvaney, Sandy Taylor,

Lorna Douglas, Robin Currie, Rory Colville, Kieron Green, Yvonne McNeilly and Douglas Philand.

All other meetings of the council and all its committees have been suspended for the duration of the virus lockdown.

Councillor Morton said: 'The aim of creating the new business continuity committee is to ensure we have a manageable way of continuing to undertake essential council business, while having a limited impact on the council's IT infrastructure.

'Hundreds of staff are now working at home who were previously in offices – everyone from registrars to our econom-

ic development team providing support for businesses to our teachers providing support for pupils.

'My expectation is there will be a mix of items coming to the committee over the next couple of months – although most will either relate to the COVID-19 response or to more time-sensitive matters of other council business.

'Like other changes to council services, this approach will be kept under review and may be amended to ensure effective working.'

A full meeting of the council last week, also conducted electronically, took only a few minutes to agree the committee should be established.

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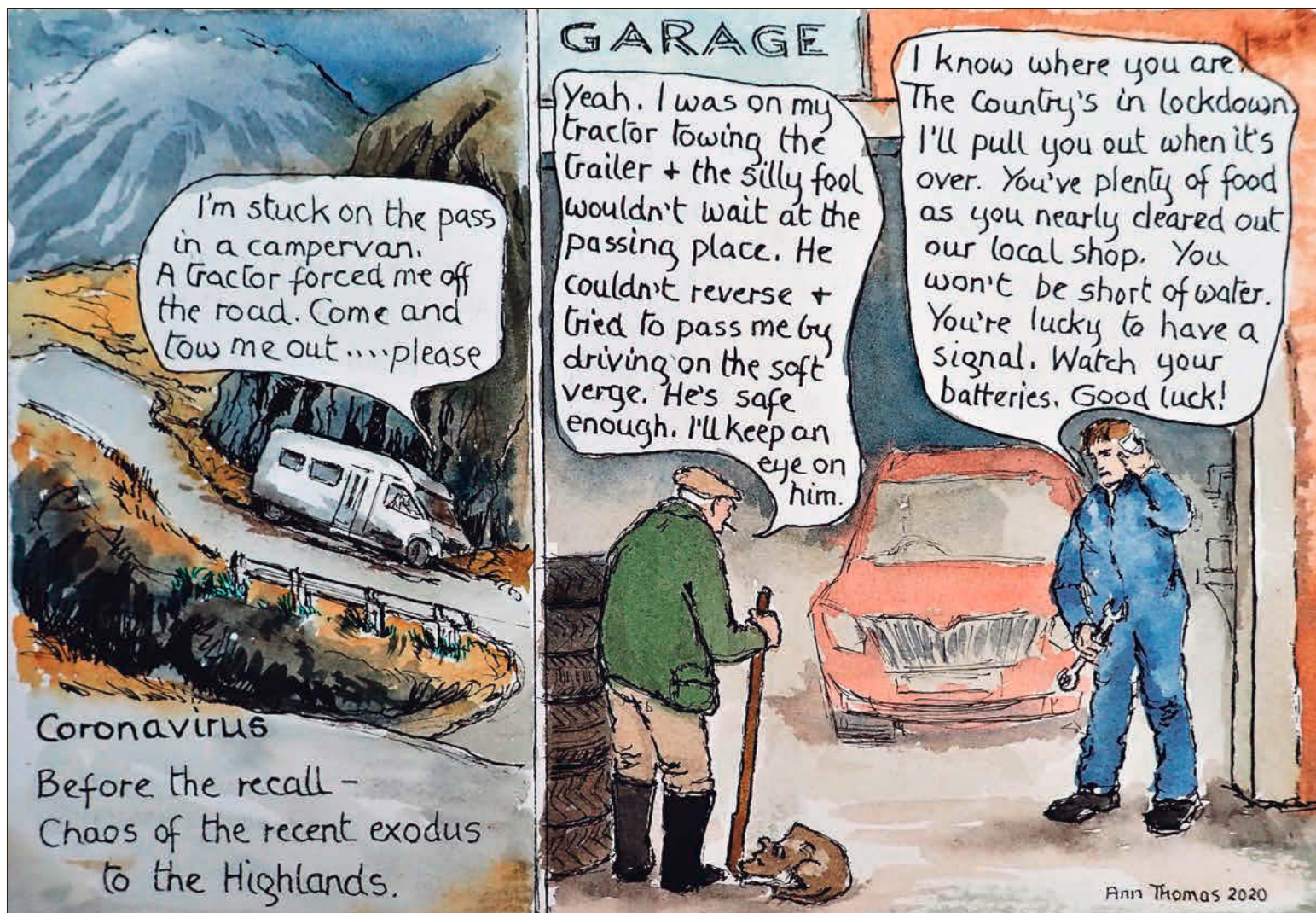
Ach, you'll be fine...

Anecdotally, some people still seem to be travelling to Argyll from other parts of the UK despite the clear instruction to stay at home.

The selfishness and recklessness of this behaviour cannot be overstressed and this week our artistic contributor Ann Thomas looks back to the campervan exodus which happened just before the lockdown was enforced.

In this take on the situation, the stricken vehicle's occupants receive little sympathy.

In the real world, anyone stranded on our roads would benefit from a little more help...perhaps.



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- 4 level tbsp sweetener
- 500g fat-free, no-added-sugar vanilla yogurt

*Pregnant women, the elderly, babies and toddlers are advised to choose eggs showing the British Lion stamp if eating raw or partially cooked eggs

Method:

- Tightly tie strips of non-stick baking paper around 4 individual, straight-sided soufflé dishes (about 9cm wide x 5cm deep, or 200ml), leaving a 4cm collar above the rims. Then soak the gelatine in cold water for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, purée the raspberries in a food processor and set aside.
- Put the lemon zest and juice, egg yolks and sweetener in a large, heatproof bowl. Boil a pan of water, then turn off the heat. Place the bowl over the water, making sure the base isn't touching the water. Using an electric hand whisk, beat the lemon mixture for 5 minutes, or until pale in colour and slightly thickened.
- Heat 3 tbsp water in a small pan, so it just covers the base. Squeeze the water from the gelatine. Put the leaves in the hot water, take the pan off the heat immediately and stir until dissolved. Then whisk into the lemon mixture (still over water); set the bowl aside to cool completely.

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Lockdown help in Achnamara

Community support is available in Achnamara during the current coronavirus movement restrictions.

Achnamara Village Hall committee has compiled a list of volunteers who can help neighbours with shopping, collecting prescriptions, lending books and DVDs and help with pets.

Achnamara Village Hall Committee chairwoman Ailsa Raeburn said: 'Details of the many helpful initiatives from local shops and businesses are being shared, as well as information from the council. For those without access to the internet, phone buddies are keeping in regular touch to check everyone is well and has everything they need.'

Contact Ailsa Raeburn on 01546 850335 or Alka Foster on 01546 850242 if you want to join the emailing list or need help.

A list of volunteer community support groups around Mid Argyll can be found on page eight. Anyone needing help during the coronavirus outbreak can also call Argyll and Bute Council's Caring for People helpline. This brings together partner agencies and covers issues including help for those who are experiencing difficulties accessing food or prescriptions, business advice including access to grants and anyone who has financial or personal concerns.

The number - 01546 605524 - is available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. An answer machine will take messages outwith office hours and at weekends. For health advice go to nhsinform.scot

Fulmar drops anchor for a while

If you are one of the many people enjoying our series of extracts from a log book chronicling the 1956 west coast voyage of the yacht 'Fulmar', we are afraid you will have to wait a while for the next instalment.

Competing demands on the Argyllshire Advertiser's resources during the coronavirus crisis mean we must suspend publication of the series until a future date.

Musical Shaun keeps up Tarbert's spirits – Live!

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Many people been left frustrated as coronavirus restrictions keep them stuck at home – but not Shaun Elliot.

Tarbert's Shaun has been self-isolating at his home in the fishing community, but far from moping around, Shaun has become an internet sensation.

The 38-year-old music fan is

isolating himself because of health issues, but his nightly Shaun Live shows on Facebook have become a must-watch for the people of Tarbert.

Shaun, who has some learning difficulties, works in the Islay Frigate Hotel and is a hugely popular figure in the village.

One of Shaun's neighbours said: 'He is an absolutely fantastic young man and lives by himself. He is a very social guy and loves people.'

'Every night Shaun is there on Facebook live. We all tune in and he plays musical requests for us using his Alexa speaker. Shaun certainly lifts the mood.'

Shaun's mum Jane said: 'Facebook is right up his street and this helps keep him going. People have been supportive and hopefully they enjoy it.'

Rangers-daft Shaun – who prefers to be known by his DJ handle 'Shaun boy Elliot' – explained: 'Isolation was getting everyone a bit down so it was my idea to play music on Facebook.'

A big fan of all kinds of music, Shaun's favourite is the live acts at Tarbert Music Festival.

He added: 'I need to keep everyone's spirits up, so that's why I do it.'

Keep an eye out for Shaun's live Facebook shows starting around 7pm each evening.



Music fan Shaun is keeping everyone's spirits up with his Facebook Live shows.

Harley is desperate to help his dad.



Reasons to be cheerful

Continuing our 'reasons to be cheerful' series, reader Jimmy McMahon sent us this photograph of his four-year-old son Harley.

Jimmy told the Advertiser: 'I had my son Harley out helping

with the garden when the weather was good. We have been planting our own fruit and vegetables and taking a little break in between. He has also been helping rake the garden after cutting the grass.'

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Shining example

As we have highlighted in the paper over the past few weeks, the response of the public in the coronavirus crisis has been superb.

People generally have abided by government advice to stay at home. The impact on many local businesses is likely to be significant though.

Even the firms still operating are finding it tough in the present circumstances.

Some have adapted and Midton is the shining example in Mid Argyll. Congratulations to everyone involved at the company and everyone who has worked in partnership with Midton.

We hope to carry a more in-depth story about the people working hard to make scrubs to protect health and care staff in next week's edition.

Tarbert community

The community spirit in Tarbert is well known and in many ways Team Tarbert is simply an extension of that. But it takes real energy to get a group like this off the ground.

Well done to Fiona and everyone involved in this fantastic project.

And – as if Tarbert didn't have enough going for it – there's Shaun Elliot.

What an inspiration this man is. Stay safe everyone.

Thank you

Sir,
Could I, through your letters page, thank the two good Samaritans that came to the aid of my 81-year-old auntie when she fell in front of on-coming traffic in Ardrishaig last week.

They put themselves at risk by ignoring the two metre distance rule.

These are the kind of people that should receive a medal.

Thank you to the lady and gentleman for coming to her rescue, from auntie and myself.

Jackie James, Brixworth, Northampton.

Clap for Carers

Sir,
Out working in Ardrishaig last Thursday night at 8pm, I was touched by the support of everyone.

There was a fantastic response and a huge lot of noise – clapping, cheering, pots being banged, bagpipes and an accordion. It brought a tear to my eye. Thank you Ardrishaig.

From an Argyll home carer, via Facebook.

Coronavirus business clarity

Sir,
I am backing calls from Scottish business organisations, including CBI Scotland, the Scottish Chambers of Commerce and the Federation of Small Businesses, for greater clarity and consistency in the guidance being provided to them during the coronavirus crisis.

Business leaders in Scotland are concerned the messages from the UK and Scottish gov-

ernments do not seem to be as aligned as they should be in some areas. Everyone understands the Scottish Government response to the coronavirus emergency won't be a mirror image of Westminster's, but where the SNP does seek divergence, it should set out exactly why that's necessary.

Businesses are clearly beginning to get worried about confusing and mixed messages. That will only harm Scotland's economy even more.

Donald Cameron MSP, Highlands and Islands.

Over 70 and energetic

Sir,
I could hardly believe my new glasses as I perused this week's Squeak.

Healthier Scotland has taken a full page advert warning pregnant people over 70 to stay two metres away from other folk.

No wonder the NHS concluded it was safe to close the Knapdale Ward. Maybe they will relaunch it as a maternity ward for the expected new arrivals. The 'Nappydale Ward' would provide these energetic over 70's with a much more relevant service.

If the sap's still rising at 70, they will surely be able to cycle to Glasgow in the unlikely event of dementia.

Duncan Graham, Stirling.

Thanks from CalMac

Sir,
It is hugely encouraging the public is paying attention to the government advice of not travelling unless your journey is essential.

CalMac has seen passenger numbers drop by 95 per cent since new rules on essential ferry travel were put in place.

The company has introduced an essential lifeline timetable aimed at keeping essential goods, services and people going to and from the islands.

Since then 2,593 passengers were carried compared to 57,233 for the same period last year. Some services are running with just one or two passengers along with the essential goods and services.

Throughout March, commercial vehicles were also down by 32 per cent over the same period last year.

We are fully committed to keeping lifeline services running to the islands we support, bringing in food, fuel and medical supplies and taking off goods vital to keeping economies running.

The vast majority of people are getting the stay at home message loud and clear and we are only turning away a very small number at our ports.

This has been an extremely challenging time for our staff and our communities and I praise both for the way in which they have handed these unique circumstances.

Robbie Drummond, CalMac managing director.

No child should go hungry

Sir,
We find ourselves writing this in uncertain times.

The past two weeks have seen all of us having to change our lifestyles dramatically and come

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If your readers are fortunate enough to be able to help, their donation will make a big difference to children who desperately need it.

Please join us in fighting to end food poverty. Find out more by visiting plateup.org.

Nadiya Hussain and Rosemary Shrager.

YOUR PICTURES



Reader Aileen Gillies sent us this week's image of Loch Ederline at Ford, but all is not as it seems. Look at it closely. Aileen explained: 'As we can't get out just now to take photographs, I edited one of my photographs last night and gave it a twist. I think it worked well. The photograph went from colour to black and white and upside down. I also turned it back to front.' Send your favourite photographs for publication to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

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Craignish

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Inveraray

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Mid Argyll Coronavirus Support Group. More information: Mid Argyll Coronavirus Support Group Facebook page.

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Tayvallich

Tayvallich volunteer phone tree. More information: Kirsten Logue, email kjlogue@hotmail.co.uk

■ If your group has been missed, let us know by emailing editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk, via the Argyllshire Advertiser Facebook page or by calling 01546 602345.

Sunday school note mystery

Cash prize up for grabs

At the end of the third week of lockdown, one of the nation's favourite pastimes has been tidying up and clearing out cupboards.

Some people are finding long-forgotten items, others are finally clearing out unnecessary clutter.

One such item has been sent to us by a former Sunday school teacher from Ardrishaig.

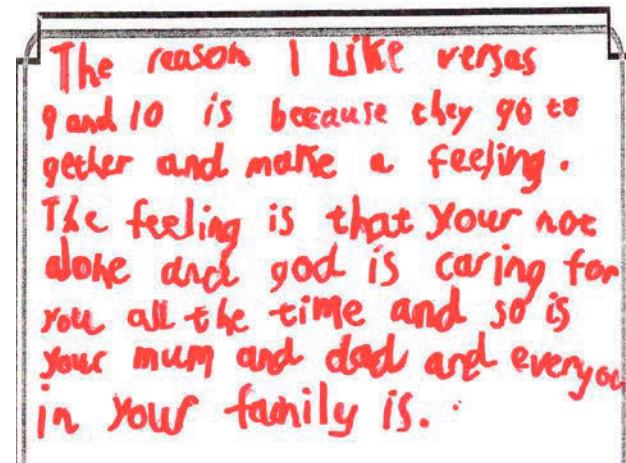
The handwritten note dates from around 2007 and reads, intriguingly: 'The reason I like verses 9 and 10 is that they go together and make a feeling.'

'The feeling is that your (sic) not alone and God is caring for you all the time and so is your mum and dad and everyone in your family is.'

The former Sunday school teacher said: 'This statement of childlike faith may indeed offer comfort to some right now, but it also contains a mystery... there was nothing found with it to indicate from which book or chapter of the Bible the verses nine and 10 came.'

Do you think you could identify the passage?

With 66 books in total, it will take some searching to find which book and chapter contain verses nine and 10 that create this feeling of being cared for that the young



The mysterious note – but can you solve the puzzle?

author describes. Taking 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 in the New, there are a total of 1,189 chapters to hunt through – so this is not for the faint-hearted.

Ardrishaig minister David Carruthers will accept your answers, so if you think you have found the perfect verse,

please email your answer to DCarruthers@churchofscotland.org.uk. A cash prize of £25 is on offer, courtesy of the Sunday School teacher, to the diligent searcher who finds the verses. The closing date will be June 1 and the winner plus the winning verses will be announced shortly after that.

■ What have you found while clearing your cupboards? Send us photographs of your long-lost treasures with a few words of explanation. Email editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

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- Keep busy with some cooking, baking or gardening – even a wee spring clean
- Settle down with a good book, some crosswords or puzzles, or just put some music on
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Homeston heifer reaches top price

Caledonian Marts Ltd had forward 332 store cattle at its sale on Monday April 6.

Bullocks averaged 204p per kg selling to 263p for a pen from Ardtalla Estate, Isle of Islay, and to £1170 for a pen of Limousins from J & J Brown, Loanrigg, Slamanan.

Heifers averaged 201p per kg selling to 236p for a pen of Charolais from J & D Mitchell, Offers, Gargunock, and to £990 for an Aberdeen Angus from M McArthur, Homeston, Campbeltown. Black and Whites averaged 184p per kg selling to 215p per kg from S & E Parker, Balgown, Stranraer, and to £600 from Avoncrook Farm, Westfield, Bathgate.

Other leading prices: Bullocks per head: £1150 & £1130 (twice) Loanrigg; £1100 Loanrigg (twice) and Hill O Harthill; £1090 Homeston (Campbeltown); £1070 Skeoch; £1060 Hill O Harthill.

Heifers per head: £950 Woodcockfaulds and Jawpark; £920 Homeston; £910 Skeoch; £900 Woodend.

Bullocks per kg: 261p Wester Whin; 256p Cladville (Islay); 247p Offers; 246p and 240p Woodend; 240p and 239p Offers.

Heifers per kg: 228p Offers; 223p Cladville (Islay) and Woodend; 220p Cladville (Islay).

Caledonian Marts also had forward 80 store hoggets.

Leading prices: Texel X: £58 Inch; Cheviot X: £56 Ardtalla Estate (Islay); Blackface: £43 Inch.

Celebrate Scottish food and drink

NFU Scotland insists it remains committed to keeping the plates and glasses of Scotland full throughout the COVID-19 crisis.

A huge amount of time and effort is being put in by farmers, crofters and every part of the Scottish food and drink chain to ensure plentiful supplies of fresh, local produce remain available in shops, stores, supermarkets and for delivery.

The NFUS says there isn't a single part of the agricultural industry and food supply chain that isn't working flat out to find a way through what is an unparalleled period of disruption for the nation, with unprecedented levels of collaboration, co-operation and innovation.



NFUS president Andrew McCornick.

President Andrew McCornick said: 'The messages of support Scottish farmers and crofters have received for their efforts throughout this crisis have been humbling but pale beside the praise and recognition merited by our front line NHS staff, care workers, emergency services and volunteers. Farmers and crofters are working flat out

through a springtime that brings lambing, calving, ploughing, planting – all of which will guarantee security of food supplies in the future.

'As for the here-and-now, it is a testament to the efforts of many that there remains a fantastic array of Scottish produce for consumers. Markets and abattoirs have adapted their practices to underpin supplies of the best beef, lamb and pork in world. Strawberry picking has just started on Scottish farms. Scottish eggs, poultry, milk, cereals, potatoes and vegetables remain available.

'Social distancing and self-isolation will mean traditional Easter family celebrations will be different this year. But there is still an opportunity, where possible,

for people to celebrate and support the fantastic array of food and drink we produce.

'While disappointing to Scottish farmers and crofters to see things like imported lamb, beef or strawberries on some supermarket shelves at this time, the health of the nation must come first and we fully recognise the need for retailers to keep shelves stocked and the nation well-fed, particularly when panic buying was commonplace. Thankfully, there are signs the messages on stockpiling are having an effect.

'In the weeks ahead, where the opportunity arises, and people have a choice on what food keeps them fuelled throughout the crisis, we hope they will choose Scottish.'

Animal disease testing to continue amid coronavirus

Revised Scottish Government guidance has been issued on official testing for livestock during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The guidance is aimed at managing the risk associated with coronavirus together with the ongoing need to protect animal health and welfare and avoid the long-term consequences of loss of disease control measures.

NFU Scotland animal health and welfare policy manager Penny Middleton said: 'Statutory testing programmes, such as BVD or TB, are part of legislative requirements and there is no capacity at the moment to change or suspend the regulations,

meaning all legislated testing should continue. It is also important to maintain the health gains the industry has already achieved, as much as possible.

'If statutory testing is ignored, disease can quickly spread unchecked. When TB testing was suspended during the Foot and Mouth outbreak in 2001 it resulted in long-term consequences of silent, unchecked spread other parts of the UK are still dealing with.

'The guidance issued by the Scottish Government will remain under review and could be subject to further change as the current situation develops.

Provided you can practice safe social distancing, apply hygiene and sanitation meas-

ures and comply with all other standard health and safety requirements, statutory testing should continue for now.

This includes: TB (four-yearly herd tests, post import and breakdown investigation)

BVD annual herd screening (by check test, testing all calves or testing all animals)

Anthrax inquiries
Brucella (post import and abortion reports)

TSE (post-mortem sampling)

Salmonella testing (poultry flocks)

If sampling/testing is impossible due to Covid-19 constraints, herds will be identified as overdue for the statutory test. If you are unable to carry out a test please docu-

ment the reason why in case of future audit.

The usual restrictions will apply to herds with overdue TB and BVD testing. These will be reversed as soon as required testing is completed.

Cattle can move direct to an abattoir regardless of their BVD status.

The usual enforcement procedures will be modified or waived as appropriate.

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MOT EXEMPTION DOES NOT MEAN MINIMUM LEGAL TREAD DEPTH IS SUSPENDED



With the introduction of a six-month exemption on MOT for Britain's motorists, drivers should be aware this does not mean the law governing the minimum legal tread depth of 1.6mm has been suspended, warns TyreSafe. Tread depth is essential to keep a vehicle in contact with the road in wet conditions. Without this crucial contact, a vehicle will be more difficult to control and take longer to stop. At present, a tyre being driven below 1.6mm is illegal and if found by the police could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and three-points being added to a driver's licence – per tyre. In the battle to halt the coronavirus pandemic, the government

announced that from March 30, 2020, vehicle owners have been granted a six-month exemption from MOT testing to enable vital services such as deliveries to continue, frontline workers to get to work, and people to get essential food and medicine.

While this measure was deemed to have been essential, it does mean drivers will have to take greater responsibility for their own road safety. As over a quarter of MOT failures have historically been due to unsafe tyres, too many of Britain's vehicle owners have until now clearly been leaving tyre checks to the MOT testers. If motorists are to minimise their risk of an incident on the roads, they will need to ensure their tyres' air pressure, condition and tread depth are fit for the road and legal.

A tyre's correct air pressure is determined by the vehicle manufacturer and can be found in the handbook, door shut or fuel filler cap, and on many online pressure look-up tables including at tyresafe.org. Owners should use an accurate pressure gauge to check their tyre's inflation level and adjust it according to the manufacturer's

recommendation, paying attention to the need to adjust between heavy and light loads.

A 20p-piece can be used as a guide to how close a tyre's tread is to the legal limit. Insert the coin across the width of the tyre and around its circumference; if you can see the border to the 20p, your tyre is close to the legal limit and should be checked with an accurate gauge.

Drivers should also check their tyre doesn't have any lumps, cracks or objects embedded in it. If any of these are seen, the tyre should be considered unsafe to use until checked by a professional.

Stuart Jackson, TyreSafe Chairman said: 'The need to make vehicles exempt from the MOT is regrettable from a road safety point of view but entirely understandable in the current context of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, drivers should be making certain when they drive, their vehicle is safe. With so many uncertainties and unexpected events happening to families and organisations all the time, drivers should not delay in carrying out these checks but instead be confident their car is roadworthy no matter what the reason for their essential journey.'

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Thought for the Week
with Marilyn Shedden

This is Good Friday. Good Friday was a day of violence. It was a day of torture and broken dreams, a day of suffering, of agony and death.

It was a day of betrayal and of weeping, a day when an innocent man was sent for execution. It was a day when Love was nailed to a cross. It was a day of ghastly noise. Yet, it was a day of deathly silence.

Our world today knows about silence, about death, about fear, about suffering.

We are united globally by a common fear, an unseen enemy that is wreaking havoc across our planet. We have never experienced anything like COVID-19.

We hold our breath for fear of catching or spreading this toxic terror.

We keep our distance for fear of inviting death itself into our lives, our homes, our village. We are afraid.

Yet, this is Good Friday and even amidst the darkest skies, we await the dawn of resurrection morning. Why?

We want to hear the story again of that empty tomb.

Yes, we've heard it many times. But now we NEED to hear it. We want to know that death is not the end.

'What good will that do?' some may ask. Maybe it will do more good than we can ever imagine.

Maybe those today who are crucified by this virus and are powerless in its clutch need to hear the story of Good Friday and Easter Day. On Sunday morning, whatever happens, the sun will rise, the dawn will come. Night will be banished and hope will be born.

Not an easy, shallow kind of hope. A resurrection hope. On Sunday morning may the risen Christ come to you and warm your hearts with peace, love and hope.

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INVERARAY

Inveraray Post Office in the Londis shop is to temporarily close on Tuesday April 14.

Current owners Brian and Audré McCaughey have announced their intention to give up the business on Saturday April 25. It will re-open the following Monday under landlord and former operator David Owen.

Time will, however, be needed before that date to remove Post Office equipment and stock.

Brian said: 'It has been quite an experience being a postmaster. In our early days it was affectionately known as 'FPO' however as time went on and as we gained experience and trained our staff, it became very much part of what we did and kept us in touch with the community.'

In a letter to the community, Post Office change manager Robert Sharp apologised for any inconvenience, adding the company is 'investigating the options available which will enable us to reinstate a post office service to the community'.

Mr Sharp added: 'We would welcome any applications from potential retail partners interested in running a branch locally on our behalf. The vacancy is currently being advertised on our website www.runapostoffice.co.uk'.



Plenty of egg-citing prizes in the MS Centre Easter draw.

Easter fun

Plenty of egg-citing prizes are up for grabs in the Grand Easter Raffle being organised by the MS Centre in Lochgilphead.

The COVID-19 lockdown has failed to stop staff and volunteers organising this annual fundraiser - but online for 2020 - and there is a huge selection of 'cracking' Easter items to win. To buy tickets, £2 per number, visit the MS

LOCHGILPHEAD

Centre Argyll Facebook page and pay through the donate button or use PayPal - Clairecameron1@talktalk.net, reference - Easter

Let Claire Cameron know via the Facebook page when you have paid and she will get you a number. The raffle will be drawn on Monday April 13.



ISLE OF BUTE

Distillery's gel donation to practice

A gin distillery on Bute has joined the growing number of firms changing production in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Isle of Bute Gin has been delivering batches of hand sanitising gel in the area.

As a delivery arrived on Tuesday April 7 at Strachur Medical Practice, Anne MacLachlan, practice manager, said: 'What a lovely surprise. We received a wonderful supply of alcohol hand sanitiser from the team at Isle of Bute Gin.'


'Thank you so much for all you are doing to help NHS staff, ambulance staff and care workers in Argyll.'

Left: There was a special delivery to Strachur Medical Practice on Tuesday.

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DUNAGAN - James Jardine (91). It is with great sadness that the family of James Jardine Dunagan (Jack) announce his death in Balhousie care home, Huntly on April 6, 2020. Jack of Helensburgh and later Minard, Loch Fyne, dearly loved husband of the late Netta. He is survived by his two daughters, Catriona and Fiona, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The private service will be held at Kilevin cemetery. An opportunity for family and friends to celebrate his life will take place at a later date. We will miss him dearly.

GRANT - Peacefully at her home, 3 Cossack Street, Lochgilphead, on Sunday, April 5, 2020 with her family by her side, Jess Grant, in her 82nd year. Beloved wife of the late Alastair, and much loved mother of Angus and Fergus. A much respected mother-in-law of Andrea and Laura. Dearly loved Oma of Viviane, Nell, Alan, Hamish and Kirsty. A good neighbour and very dear friend to many. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. A Celebration of Jess's life will be held at a later date.

MCLEAN - Euphemia 'Fay' McAuley Mclean, née McArthur, age 85. The Mclean family announces

the passing of their mum Fay, peacefully at her home in Hardgate, Clydebank on March 29, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Don Mclean much loved mum and granny. A private funeral will be held on April 14, 2020 with a memorial service in Campbeltown planned for a later date.

MACLEOD - Peacefully on Saturday, April 4, 2020, Betsy (Betty) née Cumming, in her 96th year, of Redwood, 4 Ross Court, Inverness and formerly of Campbeltown and Raasay. Dearly loved by family, friends and all who knew her. Graveside service at Kilvean Cemetery on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 1.00 p.m. A memorial service will take place at the Reformed Baptist Church, Telford Street, Inverness at a later date. Gus an bris an lá, agus an teach na sgáilean. Arrangements by William T. Fraser and Son, Culduthel Road, Inverness.

MACPHERSON - Suddenly but peacefully at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow on April 4, 2020, Zandra MacPherson, in her 76th year, Craigellachie, Low Askomil, Campbeltown, dearly beloved daughter of the late Janet Ross and a much loved mum of Jonathan Jones. Funeral private.

RAMSAY - Suddenly (as the result of Coronavirus) at Guelph Hospital,

Canada, April 5, 2020, James Campbell Ramsay (Jim), aged 74 years. Much loved Dad of Neil and Alison and special Papa to his four grandchildren. Son of the late Willie and Betty Ramsay, Carradale and dear brother of Elizabeth, Matthew and the late John. Thanks for all the support to the family at home and away these last few days. God Bless.

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WARREN - Janette, Margaret, David and Ian and their families would like to thank all staff at Ardenlea Care Home, Dunoon for their attentive care of their Aunt Margaret (Meg). Our thanks are also extended to Father Simon MacKenzie, Christ Church, Lochgilphead for a comforting service at the graveside. Also to Donald MacDonald funeral directors for their caring and efficient arrangements.

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Staying at home to save lives... ... and leaving home for lives to be saved.

by Dr Rodger Crooks, minister of Campbeltown Free Church

Stay at home! The message is clear. This is the best thing non-keyworkers can do to save lives: our own and the lives of others.

Some though must leave home and put their own lives at risk to perform the key tasks needed to fight the virus and keep us safe and supplied with essentials. We are so grateful for their selfless devotion to their duties. Sadly, some, who did not have the safer option of staying at home, have already lost their own lives as they fought to save the lives of others.

Christianity rests upon the historical events of Jesus' actual death and physical resurrection. So, this week that leads up to Easter is a special time for Christians throughout the whole world. Good Friday and Easter Sunday remind us that Jesus could

not have performed his work as Saviour by staying at home.

Like our keyworkers, Jesus was thinking of others when he left home. Lives needed to be saved. The virus must be defeated. The 'virus' Jesus came to deal with was not coronavirus but sin. The only way for us to be rescued from the danger this 'virus' poses to us was for Jesus not to stay at home but to come to die on the cross. He deliberately put himself in harm's way for others, knowing that it meant, not just the risk of death, but the certainty of death for him. So far, there is no available vaccine for the coronavirus. The good news of Christianity is that Jesus' death is the cure for sin, and God validated what Jesus achieved on the cross by raising him physically and bodily from the dead.

There is no immediate end to the

restrictions that are necessary to protect us all from coronavirus. So, although we find it frustrating and inconvenient, those of us who should, must stay at home.

Yet, there are things we can all do. We can pray that God would heal those who are ill mentally and physically and protect those who are not; comfort those who are grieving; give leaders extra wisdom and the best advice; strengthen all who are on the frontline against Covid-19; give researchers unexpected breakthroughs; and calm our fears and anxiety, filling us, instead, with his hope and peace.

Above everything else, we should trust in Jesus, who left the safety of his home to die so that we can be forgiven and have the certain hope of a home one day in heaven, where we will be safe for ever.

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Witness appeal after sports storage container break-in

Police officers are appealing for witnesses after a storage container in Tarbert was broken into.

The lock of the unit, situated near the sports pavilion and football pitch off Back Road, was damaged during the incident which occurred sometime between 9pm on Sunday April 5 and 9.30am on Monday April 6.

Nothing was stolen from the container, used to store sporting equipment. Police are investigating and witnesses or anyone with any information is asked to contact the police on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.



Shinty is facing up to the coronavirus challenge. 06_a12ShintyKilmory03



Camanachd Association chief executive Derek Keir.

How do you avoid going lockdown loco?

Calling all sports fans and players – how do you keep fitness levels up and your sporting juices flowing while the UK is in COVID-19 lockdown?

Whether you follow bowls, football, golf, darts, shinty or any other pastime, how are you keeping yourself from going stir-crazy?

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Shinty working hard on coronavirus crisis

Shinty's top official says the sport is working to come to terms with the financial and wider impact of the coronavirus lockdown, writes Colin Cameron.

The summer shinty season began in early March, but just a single match was played for most clubs before competition was suspended ahead of the lockdown on March 23.

In a message sent round clubs, Camanachd Association chief executive Derek Keir paid

tribute to staff, committees and association directors for the 'incredible support they have provided during this time'.

In common with many other sports, shinty faces financial challenges around commercial income, gate money, television income and membership fees.

Staff at the Inverness-based governing body are working from home and options have been explored to reduce costs.

Mr Keir also revealed the association's finance committee

has agreed the organisation should access government support where appropriate.

He added: 'Six members of staff are already funded by the Scottish Government and are therefore not eligible for additional government support. The remaining three have been offered and accepted to be furloughed to support the efforts to protect our sport.'

The Camanachd Association, said Mr Keir, is 'still very much operational' and is looking

to understand the needs of member clubs in the present situation.

To assist clubs and ensure income is maintained, the association is also 'exploring creative solutions' for subscriptions.

Mr Keir concluded: 'In common with all other sports we cannot predict when it will be safe to resume playing matches.'

'We are discussing various options based on assumed

start dates. We will make every endeavour to make the best use of any time available.

'Please be assured we will be working hard and acting in the best interests of our sport, clubs and members.'



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