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# Economy hit hard, but life is returning to Mid Argyll



## Finlay's birthday smiles

Finlay MacIntyre of Ardrishaig had great fun under lockdown on his third birthday on June 16. He enjoyed a treasure hunt, playing on his slip and slide in the sun and eating plenty cake. More lockdown birthday dedications on pages four and five.

by Colin Cameron  
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Slowly, gradually, there are signs life is beginning to return to something resembling those far off pre-lockdown days.

Construction firms are cautiously beginning to restart, garages are opening, shops are innovating to open their doors, council activities are growing and preparations are under way to reopen schools – all with social distancing and other measures in place.

And we can now take to the fairways and dust down the bowls – subject to rules.

Significantly, Cabinet Secretary for Tourism and the Rural Economy Fergus Ewing last week announced tourism businesses should be able to reopen 'provisionally' from July 15.

At the same time, groups set up to support communities during the crisis are beginning to reduce their operations. Team Tarbert, for example, has stopped its newspaper delivery

service, while its TLC bags (food and essentials) service will wind up at the end of June.

It will, though, continue to support those who are shielding and remaining at home in accordance with the government advice and will remain as a voluntary group beyond the pandemic.

The volunteer sewing group, Let's Get Scrubbing for the NHS, is also winding up – more on page three.

But any doubt of the economic impact of coronavirus on Mid Argyll was removed when new figures from charity Social Investment Business revealed debit card transactions in Lochgilphead have dropped by 49 per cent since the pandemic started, with the town coming fifth in a list headed by Oban, which saw a 68 per cent fall in transactions.

Argyll and Bute Council, however, has plans to combat the economic effects of the virus.

The council's interim executive director for development

and infrastructure Kirsty Flanagan said that while it will take time to fully understand the short, medium and longer term economic impacts, 'work has already commenced to gather data for Argyll and Bute, working with our partners to inform future engagement with potential funders including both governments'.

Ms Flanagan added: 'The process of recovery has already commenced with a number

of areas making progress in anticipation of the national economic recovery plan that may also have an impact on future economic priorities and direction of travel for our region.'

On Thursday June 18, Nicola Sturgeon was expected to announce a further relaxation of government restrictions – phase two – as COVID-19 mortality rates continue to decline week-on-week.

## Vital statistics

As the group winds down, here are some figures from 'Let's Get Scrubbing for the NHS' over nine weeks of production:

They have used:  
4,500 metres of fabric  
210,000 metres of thread  
11,000 metres of elastic  
3,300 metres of drawstring cord  
700 buttons  
Total hours spent sewing: 5,506

More on page three.

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# Pupils in blended transition to schools

Transition activities for pupils due to start primary or secondary school in Argyll and Bute in August will be carried out online, the local authority has confirmed.

No young people within the area will return to the classroom until the planned date of Tuesday August 11, when a

'blended approach' is due to be implemented to allow them to return.

Neighbouring West Dunbartonshire Council had previously announced pupils due to start P1 or S1 in August will return to school for a short period this month.

Another council, East

Renfrewshire, has also said pupils at the same stages will return on a rota basis from Monday June 15.

A spokesperson for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'Under the direction of the Scottish Government, children and young people will return to schools, early learning and

childcare settings from August 11, 2020, with a mix of school and home learning. In Argyll and Bute, there is a well-established transition programme for pre-five children and P7s. The programme is built up over the school year, with arranged visits for specific events, shared projects and opportunities for

visit to be made. To enhance this, our transition focus for June is currently based around vulnerable children/young people, pre-five/P1 and P7/S1.

'The main focus will be on emotional well-being and is being delivered through online activities and virtual meetings.'

# 256 photos of the Crinan Canal

To celebrate the Crinan Canal, Ardrishaig Bothy is inviting the public to send in photographs of themselves walking or cycling along the canal or images of landscapes they discovered as they took their daily exercise.

The bothy, a collaboration between Cycling UK and Scottish Canals, works with organisations to encourage more people to walk and cycle in the area.

The response has been great, with people posting images from sunsets to semi-abstracts, allowing everyone, including those staying at

home and shielding, to appreciate Scotland's most beautiful shortcut.

The target is 256 photographs - matching the number of days the bothy had been open on April 14.

Ardrishaig Bothy project co-ordinator Alec Ohnstad said: 'To date we have received 142 fabulous images. Image 100 was taken by Aileen Gillies who received a copy of the book, In the Footsteps of Kings. The 200th, 256th and most creative image will also receive prizes.'

Alec continued: 'It would be great to see the current

surge of cycling and walking continue as more people realise the physical and mental health benefits associated with exercise.'

When coronavirus guidelines allow, the bothy aims to start one-to-one confidence rides for individuals or single households. The Ardrishaig Bothy is funded by Smarter Choices Smarter Places, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership and the Energy Saving Trust.

For more information, look on Facebook, email alecohnstad@cyclimguk.org or phone 07887 567578.



Pedal to freedom - one of the entries.

## POLICE FILES

### Bench vandalism

Between midday on Monday June 3 and 10am on Monday June 8 at Blarbuie Woods, Lochgilphead, a picnic bench was intentionally damaged by fire.

Police are investigating and are appealing for any witness or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

### Charged

A man, aged 33, was stopped and searched by police about 8.30pm on Friday June 12 in MacDonald Terrace, Lochgilphead.

He was charged with being in possession of a small amount of cocaine and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Trees damaged

Bark was stripped from five live trees in a forest near Braevallich, Lochaweside, causing irreparable damage. The incident happened between Friday June 5 and Wednesday June 10.

Police are investigating and are appealing for any witness or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

### Window broken

Police are investigating and appealing for witnesses after a window in a flat at Oakhill, Tarbert, was smashed around Tuesday June 9. Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

### Break-in and theft

Between Monday March 23 and Tuesday June 9, an office on Lunga Drive, Craobh Haven, was broken into and money stolen.

Police are investigating and are appealing for any witness or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

**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.**

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# Leader appeals for urgency on Argyll's £50m growth deal

The leader of Argyll and Bute Council has urged the UK and Scottish governments to fast-track a £50 million package to boost Argyll and Bute's economy and aid recovery from the impact of COVID-19.

Councillor Aileen Morton has written to the Secretary of State for Scotland and to the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Islands and Connectivity following the council's recent agreement of an economic recovery plan for Argyll and Bute which features the £50 million+ Rural Growth Deal.

The Scottish and UK Governments have committed £25 million each in support of council-designed projects to deliver success based on attracting skills, jobs, businesses and visitors; making more of our natural and built resources; and connecting businesses with markets.

The overarching aim is to meet the council's vision of economic success based on a growing population.

Councillor Morton said: 'The area faces unique challenges



Councillor Aileen Morton.

of a falling population and diverse geography.

'The deal is all about bringing transformational investment into the area, to turn economic opportunities into growth and a sustainable future for Argyll and Bute. Making Argyll and Bute economically successful will also contribute to a UK-wide economic recovery.

'We urge both governments to work with us in delivering with urgency the economic support Argyll and Bute needs.'

The next stage in the process is to agree exactly how the £50 million funding will be put to use in Argyll and Bute.



## Davaar Island Safe Walking Times

	Morning Safe Walking Times			Afternoon Safe Walking Times		
	Low Tide	From	Til	Low Tide	From	Til
Mon, 1 Jun 2020				14:10	11:10	16:40
Tue, 2 Jun 2020				15:11	12:11	17:41
Wed, 3 Jun 2020				16:04	13:04	18:34
Thu, 4 Jun 2020				16:53	13:53	19:23
Fri, 5 Jun 2020	05:28	02:28	07:58	17:40	14:40	20:10
Sat, 6 Jun 2020	06:13	03:13	08:43	18:25	15:25	20:55
Sun, 7 Jun 2020	06:57	03:57	09:27	19:10	16:10	21:40
Mon, 8 Jun 2020	07:41	04:41	10:11	19:56	16:56	22:26
Tue, 9 Jun 2020	08:25	05:25	10:55	20:43	17:43	23:13
Wed, 10 Jun 2020	09:12	06:12	11:42	21:30	18:30	00:00
Thu, 11 Jun 2020	10:04	07:04	12:34			
Fri, 12 Jun 2020	11:01	08:01	13:31			
Sat, 13 Jun 2020	12:05	09:05	14:35			
Sun, 14 Jun 2020				13:09	10:09	15:39
Mon, 15 Jun 2020				14:08	11:08	16:38
Tue, 16 Jun 2020				15:00	12:00	17:30
Wed, 17 Jun 2020				15:46	12:46	18:16
Thu, 18 Jun 2020				16:29	13:29	18:59
Fri, 19 Jun 2020				17:08	14:08	19:38
Sat, 20 Jun 2020	05:27	02:27	07:57	17:45	14:45	20:15
Sun, 21 Jun 2020	06:01	03:01	08:31	18:21	15:21	20:51
Mon, 22 Jun 2020	06:37	03:37	09:07	19:00	16:00	21:30
Tue, 23 Jun 2020	07:16	04:16	09:46	19:43	16:43	22:13
Wed, 24 Jun 2020	07:59	04:59	10:29	20:30	17:30	23:00
Thu, 25 Jun 2020	08:46	05:46	11:16	21:20	18:20	23:50
Fri, 26 Jun 2020	09:37	06:37	12:07	22:12	19:12	00:42
Sat, 27 Jun 2020	10:32	07:32	13:02	23:07	20:07	01:37
Sun, 28 Jun 2020	11:32	08:32	14:02			
Mon, 29 Jun 2020	12:36	09:36	15:06			
Tue, 30 Jun 2020				13:42	10:42	16:12

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In an emergency, dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard

## Have your say on council's Ardrishaig plans

Your views are wanted on plans by Argyll and Bute Council to upgrade an area of Ardrishaig's waterfront.

The draft layout is the latest step in a project to enhance this important area within the village with the aim of encouraging people to visit and spend more time there.

A public consultation on the design will be open until Sunday June 28.

As a result of national coronavirus guidance, the consultation will be available online. View the consultation at [www.ardrishaig.net](http://www.ardrishaig.net), where it can be completed.

The project is also funded by Transport Scotland and Sustrans and is part of a wider improvement vision for Ardrishaig.



A view of the plans.

# Slick Wick trip to finish

## Volunteer Mid Argyll stitchers deliver final batch of scrubs

Not satisfied with supplying hospitals and care homes in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Glasgow, volunteer Mid Argyll stitchers have sent much needed protective scrubs and face masks 244 miles to Wick in Caithness.

The sewing group Let's Get Scrubbing for our NHS is winding down after nine weeks of existence during the height of the coronavirus crisis.

The group's last major delivery travelled 244 miles to Wick, involving three days, two bus companies, three coaches, a train and a volunteer to deliver to Pulteney House care home.

Let's Get Scrubbing was set up by Ardrishaig woman Nikki Thompson, who said: 'I can't stress strongly enough how much we appreciate the help given by West Coast Motors (WCM), Shiel Coaches

and Scotrail in getting our delivery to Wick. We could not have done it without them.

'Robert (Peachy) Mackay of WCM had it organised in one day.'

Nikki added: 'It has been a privilege to supply protective scrubs to NHS and care staff from Kintyre to Caithness, in particular, nurses and doctors working in larger hospitals in Glasgow who are still dealing with COVID-19 patients daily.

'We have achieved more than we ever imagined but feel, with lockdown easing, it is time for the Let's Get Scrubbing team to pack away their machines.

'I would like to thank the large army of home sewers who have given so freely of their time to turn out scrubs every week and the wider community and local businesses for their support and donations of fabric and thread. We couldn't have done it without the help of West Coast Motors which transported our scrubs and fabric the length

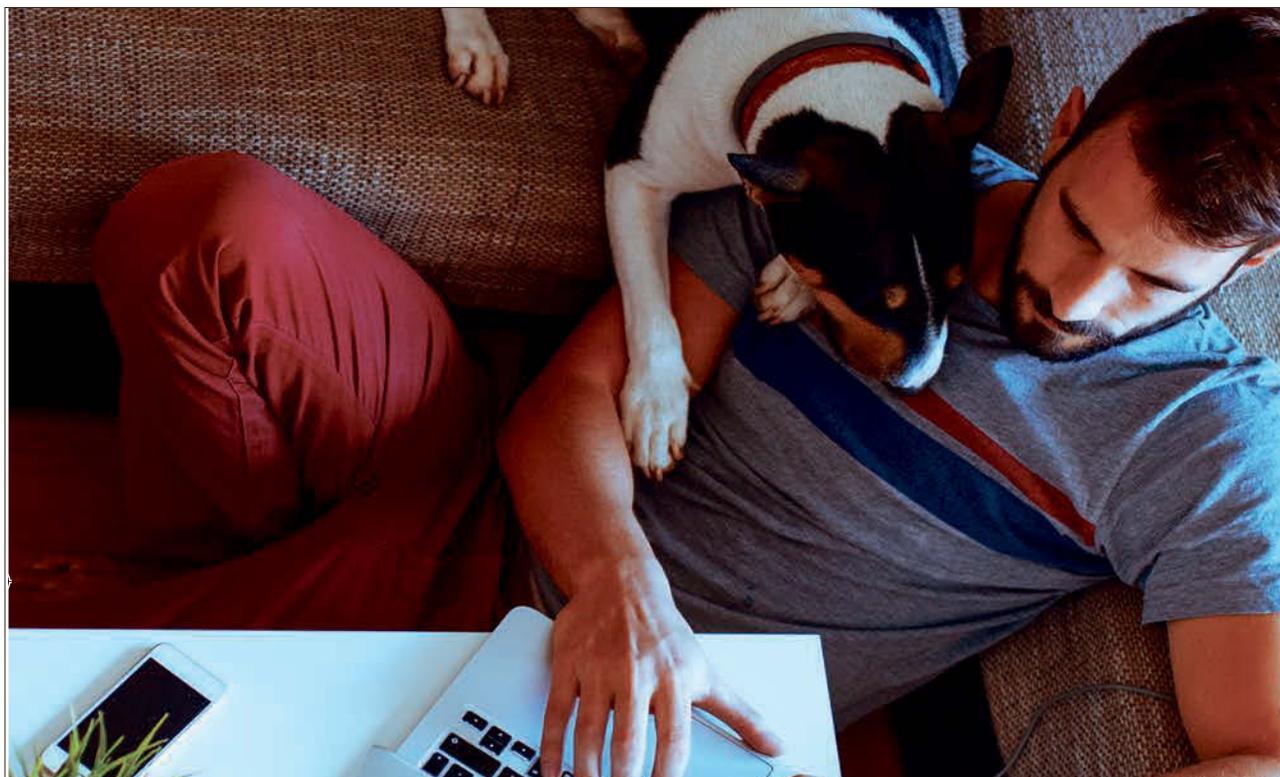


WCM operations manager Robert Mackay and his father Robert senior take charge of the scrubs at Ardrishaig. Robert senior drove them on the first leg of their journey to Oban.



Delivered to the door – Susan Martens, centre, with Pulteney House's deputy managers Julie Lewis and Liz Sinclair holding up tunics.

and breadth of Argyll and beyond, Premier Laundry which ensured hundreds of scrubs were laundered weekly and MacLeod Construction which copied patterns for us. A few sewers will continue to produce face coverings which are still available at Johnny Law's Keystore in Ardrishaig. The money raised from these and the funds from Our Just Giving page will be gifted to the NHS. Thank you once again to everyone involved. You have all been amazing.'



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# Happy lockdown birthday

Having a birthday during the lockdown is strange, to say the least.

While government guidelines on minimising social contact are in place, sadly we can't enjoy a birthday celebration with friends and family. You can, though, have your birthday celebrated in the Advertiser.

Send us a photograph of your family member or friend enjoying their special day and we will publish it and wish them a happy birthday.

Remember to include their full name, age, where they are from and a bit about what you did to make the day at home special. Send your photographs to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk



Cooper Munro from Inveraray turns seven on Saturday June 20. He likes playing in his swimming pool and wants a barbecue in the garden with his family for his birthday.



Happy third birthday to our gorgeous boy Lachlan Yule. You make us so proud everyday. You are such a wee super star. Love you so much from Mummy, Daddy, Orlagh, Gramps, Dabbie and Nanny Yule.



Nahia Nebreda celebrated her ninth birthday at her home with her family in Ardrishaig on Saturday June 13.



Left: Husband Andrew sent a birthday request for Inveraray's Lynn Sinclair, who celebrated her birthday on June 8. Andrew did not reveal head teacher Lynn's age, but said: 'She is working hard ahead of going back to school at Dalmally Primary School.'



Left: Tarbert boy Scott Russell will also celebrate his seventh birthday on June 20. Lots of love from mummy, daddy and Lily. There are also special memories of Scott's grandpa, as they have the same birthday.



## The Dochas Carer Centre

### Are you an adult unpaid carer?

We are here for you.

We provide a service to unpaid adult carers across Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles (MAKI). We have three teams:

- Support outreach worker team
- Qualified counselling team
- Volunteer befriending team

The Outreach/Support Team are maintaining regular contact with carers via telephone. Our team is providing a listening ear during this challenging time and we have been fortunate to receive additional funding to support carers and those they care for with creative solutions to help with their mental and emotional health while in isolation.

Please visit our website - [www.dochasfund.org.uk](http://www.dochasfund.org.uk) and Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/dochascentre](http://www.facebook.com/dochascentre) which will be updated regularly with information and advice; we are planning to trial a virtual drop in service.

We are available 10-4pm Monday to Friday. Contact number for the centre 01546 600 022. Email - [enquiries@dochasfund.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@dochasfund.org.uk)

### Contact numbers for the outreach/support team

Mid Argyll: 07464 308 418

Kintyre: 0753 503 6953

Islay/Jura: 0791 201 5393

### The Volunteer Befriending Team

Our volunteer befriending service called Circle of Friends is continuing to run. Volunteers are maintaining contact with the individuals they are befriending by telephone. Our volunteer Co-ordinator, Ryan Taylor, continues to support this service. If you have an interest in this service Ryan can be contacted via the telephone number 0793 203 9801.

### Dochas Counselling Team

The dedicated Counselling Team are currently offering online and telephone counselling to unpaid carers and their families, those who have been bereaved or those living with a long term or terminal condition. During the Covid-19 crisis, the Team have also set up a telephone support service for anyone feeling anxious or struggling during lockdown.

For further information or to arrange an appointment, please telephone Alison Whitefield, Lead Counsellor, on 07432 231217 or contact the service via [counselling@dochasfund.org.uk](mailto:counselling@dochasfund.org.uk) or message the Dochas Facebook page. We are here to support you.



Mid Argyll Youth Development Services  
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### Are you a young carer?

We are here for you...

MAYDS are still providing support for children, young people and families where we can. Anyone needing advice or help can contact the above at anytime.

We are providing our child and adolescent counselling services via skype, phone etc., and still open for referrals for any young person feeling isolated or in need of support. Our Young Carers are still being supported by our team across MAKI and again referrals are still being taken.

We have regular information and updates on our facebook page mid Argyll youth development services.

Online support is also available on [www.cool2talk.org](http://www.cool2talk.org).

Contact 07788900049 or  
[fiona@mayds.org.uk](mailto:fiona@mayds.org.uk) [lynn@mayds.org.uk](mailto:lynn@mayds.org.uk)



Above: Jack Sinclair from Tarbert turned nine on the June 14 and celebrated by having a carnival in the garden.



Right: Ailidh Innis is looking forward to celebrating her 11th birthday on Saturday June 20 at home with family, including her sister Emma, beside her in the photograph, a chocolate cake and hopefully some sunshine in Lochgilphead.



### When is two metres not two metres?

Government coronavirus guidelines have caught the attention of our artistic contributor Ann Thomas. The UK and Scottish governments have been under pressure to review the recommended two-metre social distancing rule to allow more businesses to reopen sensibly. Scientific advisers, however, say a one metre separation carries a much greater risk of coronavirus transmission than being two metres apart.

## Off and running for town's MS Centre

Dinah's off and running, aiming to run virtually 95 miles between Milngavie and Fort William.

In common with most summer events, the 2020 West Highland Way ultra race was cancelled. Undaunted, the organisers came up with a 'virtual' race for this year, with runners asked to submit their times and distances as the race goes on.

Dinah Bosomworth decided to take up the challenge, raising 'actual' money for Lochgilphead's MS Centre while taking on the virtual race.

Dinah, who offers massage therapy at the MS Centre, explained: 'I am going to be running and walking 95 miles in nine and a half days as part of the 2020 virtual West Highland Way race.'

'This started on Friday June 12 and finishes on Sunday June 21.'

Dinah went on: 'The MS Centre doesn't just help folk with MS. It welcomes and supports people with many other long term conditions,



Dinah's off and running.

including ME, fibromyalgia, arthritis, dementia and mental health issues.

'The staff and volunteers are always so caring and supportive. They welcome everyone with a cheery smile and a cup of tea.'

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Life is likely to be quite different as we ease out of coronavirus lockdown.

For a while at least – and no one knows for how long – we will need to be particularly conscious of social contact and hygiene in public spaces. Queues could be the norm, while perspex screens and face masks may be commonplace or even mandatory in certain situations.

The economy has been badly affected by lockdown and, while this is serious enough, wider health aspects must be borne in mind. Anyone who lost a loved one or experienced the virus will attest to the personal impact.

Patience and consideration for others will be hugely important in the weeks, months and even years ahead. In a recent edition, we carried a story about Minard being held up as an example of kindness in a community.

It really boils down to just that – kindness.

And we're a resilient bunch in Argyll. Most businesses will adapt, survive and recover in time, while who knows what new opportunities these strange times might uncover.

**Memories**

Thanks to the Casci family for their memories of the Ritz. If you have a story, we would love to hear it.

**Reopening public toilets**

Sir,  
I write in reply to Mr Laing's letter in the June 12 edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser.

I, too, would like very much to have the public toilets open when and only if it is safe to do so. But we have to understand the restrictions placed on Argyll and Bute Council, which is doing a great job in these circumstances.

I carry my own sanitiser spray and mask and do not expect the hard-pressed council to provide this. Just how long would the suggested units survive in public toilets before they are ripped from the walls and who is to pay for these units and the staff required to supervise? Hotels and public bars and restaurants, when opened again, will provide this.

I remember in the not too distant past when sailing, that the public toilet and showers in Tarbert at the sailing pontoons had fresh flowers on the table on arrival, which was lovely and well appreciated by the sailors, who usually put a donation in the box. But this – please correct me if wrong – was provided by the community and not the council.

I agree with the council that early opening of the public toilets would only encourage people to travel further afield. You only have to look at the A83 at Arrochar in recent weekends.

Pauline Houston, Kilmartin.

**Better world for cats**

Sir,  
I would like to thank People's Postcode Lottery players for their continued support as Cats

Protection enters its third year of funding. During these challenging times, Cats Protection is working flat out to keep caring for cats and the wonderful support we receive from players has never been more appreciated.

People's Postcode Lottery players have helped us find loving new homes for thousands of cats by supporting essential cat care assistant and volunteer team leader roles at our centres across Scotland, England and Wales, and funding our two cat behaviour posts – specialists who provide advice and support to our centres and branches. In addition, 10,000 microchips have been provided to our centres, helping ensure cats leave our care with a safe and permanent means of identification.

Over the coming year, players will also be supporting our important advocacy work, helping us create a better world for cats via campaigns such as Purrfect Landlords and Microchips Reunite, as well as helping to cover the cost of looking after cats at our centres.

Anyone wishing to find out more about the work of Cats Protection, or needing cat related advice, can visit [www.cats.org.uk](http://www.cats.org.uk)

James Yeates, chief executive, Cats Protection, Sussex.

**Broadband speeds**

Sir,  
Constituents from across Kintyre and Islands ward have been in contact with me about their justifiable concerns over internet connectivity in isolated areas.

Average UK broadband speeds have largely held up during the COVID-19 lockdown despite

rising demand from home-working, online lessons and TV streaming. Broadband speeds in rural areas, however, still lag behind those in urban areas. Urban peak-time speeds reached 75 Mbit/s, almost double the rural average of 39 Mbit/s last year.

In Argyll and Bute, speeds can be even slower with additional demands on the broadband network which have been driven, in part, by home working and by school closures leading to a rise in people using streaming and educational services.

Some providers have reported an increase in week-day daytime traffic of between 35 and 60 per cent since coronavirus restrictions came into place meaning average speeds in our villages can drop to an unmanageable slow rate.

As long as people are forced to work from home as a result of lockdown restrictions, fit for purpose broadband speeds are a must.

Central government and providers must do all they can to ensure large swathes of this rural constituency are not sidelined when it comes to vital digital connectivity.

Councillor Alastair Redman, Kintyre and Islands ward.

**Celebrate canine companions**

Sir,  
This year's seventh annual charity Bring Your Dog To Work Day on Friday June 26 has been turned into an exciting 'day in' for our hard-working pawsome pals and their homeworking 'hoomans'.

We've got five online events on the big day, from celebrity judged dog shows to an exclusive

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They've brought happiness and comfort, kept us company and got us out of our homes to exercise.

**Jo Amit, founder,  
Bring Your Dog To Work Day.**

### Beware of snakes

Sir,  
Take care when out and about in the countryside. Lochgilphead Golf Club member Tommy Angus spotted several adders asleep in the sunshine on the course on June 11.

**Phyllis Angus, by email.**



## YOUR PICTURES



This week we feature a photograph of the Crinan Canal at Bellanoch, submitted by Simon MacDonald of Kilmichael who captioned it, simply, 'Our beautiful land'. Send your favourite photographs for publication to [editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk](mailto:editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk)

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## Zesty salmon pasta

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**Ingredients**  
500g dried fusilli pasta  
Low-calorie cooking spray  
4 skinless and boneless salmon fillers, cut into bite-size chunks  
2 peppers (any colours), deseeded and chopped

**Method:**  
Cook the pasta according to the pack instructions, then drain and return to the pan, reserving 100ml of the pasta cooking water.  
Meanwhile, spray a wide non-stick frying pan with low-calorie cooking spray and place over a medium-high heat. Add the salmon chunks and cook for 1-2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Transfer to a plate.  
Add the peppers, garlic and green beans to the frying pan and cook for 6-8 minutes or until tender and lightly charred, stirring often. Add to the salmon cubes and mix gently.  
Toss the salmon mixture through the pasta and stir in the fromage frais, lemon zest, chopped watercress and as much of the pasta water as you need to make a good sauce.  
Season lightly and divide between plates or shallow bowls. Scatter over the watercress sprigs and serve with lemon wedges to squeeze over.

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# Groups welcome SSEN cash boost

More than £27,000 has been awarded to communities across Argyll and Bute for their work during the coronavirus pandemic.

The awards were announced by Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) and beneficiaries include Oban, Mull and Seil.

The cash comes from SSEN's Resilient Communities Fund with community councils and nominated organisations applying for grants, mostly of £1,550.

It will help provide food and materials to vulnerable community members, enable volunteers to support community coronavirus initiatives, provide PPE to vulnerable and front line workers, run community befriending schemes and improve community communication, said SSEN.

Avich and Kilchrenan Community Council received

## Strachur practice uses cash for PPE and medical equipment

£1,550 to provide and deliver food and medicine.

From the beginning of March, food and prescriptions have been delivered twice a week.

Food orders are collated by a resident then put together at the Kilchrenan Inn using its commercial food supplier.

The orders are then delivered, along with prescriptions from Taynuilt surgery, by members of Avich and Kilchrenan's community resilience team.

To date, there are 40 people on the prescriptions list and around 20 households using the food delivery service.

Strachur Community Council also received £1,550 to provide PPE and medical equipment for the village medical practice.

Anne MacLachlan, manager of Strachur Medical Practice, said: 'We are extremely grateful to SCC and SSEN for this grant assistance.'

Ross Fenton, head of SSEN's South Caledonia region, added: 'Knowing our communities are looking out for each other and working together to support those who need extra help is great to see, so I'm pleased our repurposed Resilient Communities Fund

will play an important role in supporting their ongoing response.

'Our staff live and work in the communities we serve and take real pride in the part they play in keeping the power flowing.'

'These past weeks and months have been a worrying time for us all and our teams of key workers have been doing all they can to make sure homes, businesses, care homes and hospitals across the region all have the power they need, when they need it.'

Since its launch in 2015, the SSEN fund has provided more than £2.7 million to 538 community projects.

Beneficiaries include community councils serving Oban, Kilninver, Kilmelford Luing, Mull, Seil, Easdale, Bute, Islay, Lismore, Kilfinan, East Kintyre, Strachur and Cairndow.



Bins uplifts are going back to normal. 06\_a22Bins01

## Bin uplifts return to three-week cycle

Argyll and Bute Council is taking its first step back to three weekly collections for general domestic waste and recycling will help things runs smoothly as we continue to operate under national guidelines and social distancing.'

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## More bad news for gardeners?

Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*) is one of Britain's most invasive species.

A native of Japan, where its shoots are eaten as a spring vegetable, the plant arrived at Kew Botanical Gardens in 1850 and thereafter became a popular garden plant. But it was soon an invasive, national menace that is now almost impossible to eradicate.

Spread by rhizomes that reach down to three metres (10 feet), Japanese knotweed can tolerate almost any soil type as well as extremely low temperatures and can penetrate concrete, roads and paving. Once established, the plant forms large, dense clumps that crowd out native species, so threatening biodiversity.

A tiny piece of Japanese knotweed rhizome is sufficient for dispersal, often being transported along rivers, in sea water and in garden waste.

The UK Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 makes it illegal to plant or grow Japanese knotweed and the Environmental Protection Act 1990 classes it as 'controlled waste' requiring disposal



Japanese knotweed could soon be even harder to eradicate.

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at licenced landfill sites. Additionally, in Scotland it has been an offence to spread the plant, either intentionally or unintentionally, since 2012.

In summer, Japanese knotweed sports large bamboo-like canes up to two metres (seven feet) high that bear white frothy flowers. But, notably, so far seed dispersal has not been a problem. This is because all UK knotweed plants derive from the originally introduced female clone, therefore it has no male pollinator.

The Royal Horticultural Society has, however, investigated the viability of knotweed seeds from soil samples and were surprised to find one that

germinated in a glasshouse\*.

This turned out to be a hybrid, called Connolly's hybrid, between Japanese knotweed and its close relative, the Russian vine (*Fallopia baldschuanica*). Thankfully, the hybrid seedlings did not survive the UK winter in open plots.

There are, nevertheless, other possibilities.

Climate change could allow Connolly's knotweed seedlings to survive and Connolly's knotweed could back-cross with the Japanese variety to produce hardier seedlings. So controlling this invasive species may be set to get a whole lot harder.

\* The Garden, January 2020.

## Argyll tourism groups to share funding

Tourism groups in Argyll and Bute impacted by the coronavirus pandemic are to receive a share of a £500,000 VisitScotland support package.

Eighty one membership organisations across Scotland, representing more than 10,000 tourism businesses, have successfully applied to the Tourism Destination and Sector Support Fund, which was launched last month. They include Argyll and the Isles Tourism Co-operative, Argyll Food Producers and Visit Bute.

Ninety eight applications were received requesting a total of £1.6 million.

Riddell Graham, director of industry and destination development at VisitScotland, said: 'This funding package for destination organisations and sector groups will hopefully go some way towards supporting them through this challenging time. We are pleased to have been able to increase our original funding pot to enable us to provide some funding for all eligible applicants. Even then, it is unsurprising the number of applications has been in excess of what is available and difficult decisions have had to be taken. Recovery will require our collective efforts and this fund represents a great opportunity to enable a collaborative approach to meet the massive challenges set by the pandemic and ensure the best possible outcomes for the entire visitor economy.'

Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for Tourism, added: 'This funding package will be a welcome boost for destination management organisations and sector groups. It will enable them to keep working with VisitScotland, tourism businesses and communities to build a strong and safe recovery, welcoming visitors again in phase three of the route map.'

# Reader's Crinan and Carradale memories



Below left: Crinan basin in 1984. Main photograph: Also from 1984, a young man packing fish, perhaps in Carradale.



Boats at Carradale, taken around 1970.

by Colin Cameron  
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

Photographs and reminiscences of Lancashire man John Walker have featured in the last two editions of the Argyllshire Advertiser.

Mr Walker, who holidayed in Tarbert with his family for eight consecutive years from 1966, has been regular visitor to the area since those early days.

Mr Walker, now retired after a 35-year career with the North West Ambulance Service on the Fylde coast, has been digging out old photographs from that time and kindly sent them to the Advertiser.

He was 17 on the family's first trip, during which they stayed with Margaret and Iain McDonald at their home, Meadow View, in Tarbert.

There were trips out in the Village Maid and Village Belle

herring boats meaning plenty kippers for breakfast.

When they got married, he and his wife Sue spent their honeymoon touring Scotland, including Tarbert.

This week we feature more of Mr Walker's old photographs, this time taken at Carradale and Crinan.

Mr Walker said: 'I would be interested in finding out who the two boat painters were in the photograph, which was taken around 1970. The same goes for the young man packing fish in 1984, though I'm unsure if the photograph was taken in Carradale. I would presume he would now be in his mid fifties.'

**If you have old photographs you would like to share, please send them in jpg format, with background information, to editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk**

## Verse search - everyone's a winner

The Argyllshire Advertiser carried a story in April about an intriguing letter written years ago by a young Ardrishaig Sunday school pupil.

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

'The feeling is that you are not alone and God is caring for you all the time...'

After rediscovering the letter, a former Sunday school teacher decided to run a competition

to find the verses referred to, as the letter made no mention of which book or chapter of the Bible they came from.

A prize was offered, a closing date of June 1 set - but no one came forward to claim it.

The Sunday school teacher, however, did her homework. After trawling through all the verses nine and 10 from Genesis to Revelation, those that have been chosen as best conveying that sense of always being cared for are from one of the Psalms.

She said: 'I'm happy to say that, after checking with the young person who had penned the original letter, the verses which had caused them to feel cared for and loved were from Psalm 139.

'Verses 9 and 10 say: 'If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast'.

'So maybe we're all winners, as God loves and cares for us all.'



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# How financial support

Thousands of companies have been taking advantage of an unprecedented package of UK Government support to protect jobs and support businesses during the coronavirus outbreak. The financial support is helping firms across the nation to adapt, innovate and protect jobs. Here are two examples of how companies have been helped, and what support is available.

## CASE STUDY 1 Q-MASS

AN UNPRECEDENTED package of UK Government financial support has helped firms like Q-Mass in East Kilbride weather the coronavirus crisis.

Director Ronnie Robertson said lockdown hit his company's order book, but the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme has been vital to help them hang on to their valued staff.

Ronnie said: "Before this, we had quite a good order book, with three to four months of work planned, so we were pretty worried where it was going to take us."

At first, he was worried how he would keep Q-Mass' 47 staff on the payroll, but then the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme was announced.

It offers UK Government support to pay 80 per cent of staff's wages up to £2,500 a month, and the scheme has now been extended until the end of October.

Q-Mass manufactures bespoke parts for the oil, gas and defence industry so staff training is important.

Ronnie said: "Our staff are very highly skilled. We've gathered a bunch of people here and trained them up and taken on apprentices. We do a

## SCOTLAND IN NUMBERS

**628,000 jobs furloughed through the Coronavirus Jobs Retention Scheme up to May 31**  
**146,000 claims amounting to £425 million through the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme up to May 31**  
**Across the whole UK 70 per cent of those eligible for SEISS made a claim. The average value of a claim is £2,900**

Source: Her Majesty's Treasury

lot of training, we've got good people, we train them a lot and we want to hang on to them."

He found applying for the furlough scheme quick and straightforward.

He said: "It was surprisingly easy and we were surprised that the money came through relatively quickly."

Now staff at the firm who've been furloughed are gradually returning to work, with strict safety measures in place.

Ronnie said: "We've put a day shift back on and we've still got a few office people working at home, with quite a few still on furlough.

"We're just ticking over. We're trying to cover our costs every month, trying to break even, to stay still. We're looking at it that if we can stay still we're doing very well."

And because of the size of the building, maintaining a two-metre distance hasn't been a problem for returning staff.

Ronnie said: "It's been really easy. We've got a big workshop with wide corridors and we've got a lot of the doors propped open internally so no-one has to touch doors or handles.

"We've got a few toilet areas with restrictions on them and a couple of one-way corridors, but the offices are open plan, so there's no real need for people to be near each other.

"The workshop's a big, wide open space and we have to keep cleaning things like photocopiers and touch screens, but it's been quite straightforward."

Now Ronnie's looking forward to a brighter future.

He said: "I feel like we're on the side of the valley and we're looking across to the other side and it looks absolutely fantastic. Getting through the next few months is crucial for us. We have a really good bunch of people and we want to hang on to them. The furlough scheme has helped us to do that."



'SURPRISINGLY EASY': Q-Mass director Ronnie Robertson praises the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.



CASH HELP: The Shnuggle team.

## 'We were able to diversify

### CASE STUDY 2 SHNUGGLE

Planning, forward thinking and invaluable help from the UK Government has enabled a Northern Ireland firm to diversify and remain solvent.

When Covid-19 struck, Newtownards baby product manufacturer Shnuggle's owners Sinead and Adam Murphy were prepared thanks to advice from their export colleagues in China.

Sinead said: "We reduced our out-goings, put on pause our marketing spend in the business. We just tried to protect the cash that we had.

"The first impact was our customers that we sell to in Asia. They all went into lockdown so our orders and sales to them stopped. But also a lot of our production happens out in Asia so our factories went into lockdown.

"Luckily we had bought a lot of stock beforehand. We were so relieved that we had, at least

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we could carry on trading with our UK and European customers."

With around half of the company's sales in the UK and Ireland and half in the export business, Shnuggle had to rely on their local retail-base.

Sinead continued: "Baby items were classed as essential goods which was a huge relief to us. This meant as long as we

# is helping firms adapt



## Money for business and staff

Here are some examples of the support available for businesses and workers.

- The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme has enabled businesses to put employees on a period of temporary leave (furlough) and apply for a UK Government grant to cover 80 per cent of those workers' usual monthly wage costs, up to £2,500 a month.
- The Self-Employment Income Support Scheme will allow eligible self-employed individuals to claim a taxable grant of 80 per cent of their average monthly profits, up to £7,500.

- UK VAT-registered firms have been given the option to defer VAT payments until the end of June. There will be no interest or penalties on any amount deferred.
- Commercial tenants who cannot pay their rent because of coronavirus will be protected from eviction.
- The UK Government's Bounce Back Loans Scheme provides loans of up to £50,000 to small businesses, with a 100 per cent government-backed guarantee for lenders.
- The Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme is

- available for loans or finance of up to £5m. The UK Government will provide the lender with an 80 per cent guarantee to support the lending.
- The Coronavirus Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme will repay employers the current rate of Statutory Sick Pay they pay current or former employees for sickness starting on or after March 13, 2020.
- The Future Fund will issue loans between £125,000 to £5 million to innovative companies which are facing financing difficulties due to the coronavirus outbreak.

■ Details of the support available to businesses across the UK can be found at [gov.uk/coronavirus/business-support](https://gov.uk/coronavirus/business-support)

## while remaining solvent'

could socially distance within the warehouse we could continue trading and selling online.

"All of our business is supplying other retailers like John Lewis, Mamas and Papas, Amazon. But our online sales actually grew because everyone was at home and maybe an element of panic buying."

Shnuggle took advantage of the furlough and Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS) schemes.

Sinead said: "We furloughed five out of our 16 team, and were able to access the Business Interruption loan through Ulster Bank.

"We were relieved to get the money in quickly, so we weren't worrying about paying wages or our biggest overhead was our suppliers in China who were calling in all of their debts.

"That was our biggest headache and stress, we owed significant amounts of money to them and we didn't have

the cash as we needed time to sell our products."

Shnuggle also received a £10,000 Small Business Grant.

Adam said: "Furloughing was brilliant, and the CBILS was the one that was the best for us because it meant that we could keep all our suppliers happy.

"So even though we had a temporary dip in our sales, and obviously the inventory was sitting there ready to sell, it just kept us solvent and the cash flow moving."



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# Puttin' on the Ritz



Garry and Neilina Casci.

by Colin Cameron  
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Memories of hot orange, boyfriend advice, sweeties – and that famous jukebox – were stirred when remains of the Ritz Cafe facade were uncovered during recent refurbishment work.

The Casci family bought the Ritz Cafe on Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, in 1957 and sold the cafe in 2007 – but what a 50 years there was in between.

It was Lindoro and Alicia Casci who opened the doors to an expectant Ardrishaig public in Easter 1957, and the couple's granddaughter Nic McNamee told the family's story of the cafe.

'When Lindoro retired due to ill health, Garry and Neilina went into the business in 1970. Alice still worked and lived up above the Ritz cafe till she was in her 80s,' Nic explained.

'Over the years the café saw a lot of changes. In 1970 the newspaper business that was formerly Tommy Menzies was acquired. Then in the 1980s,

video rental was introduced and later on game and console sales and rental. These were the halcyon days before Sky TV.'

Nic continued: 'The cafe gave employment to a lot of local people over the 50 years of business and our family has fond memories of them all.'

Garry and Neilina sold the Ritz on April 1, 2007 – exactly 50 years after the Casci family opened for business.

'My brother Anthony and I had an amazing childhood growing up in the Ritz and it gave us a great work ethic,' said Nic. 'I moved away to Glasgow 24 years ago, but Ardrishaig will always be home.'

'I will always treasure my memories of the Ritz Cafe and Ardrishaig.'

There are plenty fond memories among the cafe's customers too.

Alma Allan recalled the cafe in the 1960s with Mr and Mrs Casci and Garry, the jukebox and drinking hot orange. 'Happy days,' she said.

Christine Johnston remembers the queues waiting to get

in when the Cascis came from Tarbert to open the Ritz.

She said: 'I remember hot orange and Smiths crisps and 'Goodbye Jimmy Goodbye', a jukebox favourite!'

Christine also revealed: 'Mrs Casci was great at listening to boyfriend stories. She must have been bored to tears but always gave good, sound, friendly advice.'

'Mrs Casci and Annie MacKinnon ran a wee club once a week in the evening. I think it was just for girls?'

'Such happy, happy days and the selection of sweeties was great.'

**What memories do you have of the Ritz? Contact the Advertiser by emailing editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk with your stories and photographs.**



Right: The faded facade uncovered last month.



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# Ritz in Ardrishaig



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Nic and her husband John with their daughter and Garry and Neilina in 2006, a year before the cafe was sold.



First owners Lindoro and Alicia Casci.

'Such happy,  
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3rd year student Charis says, "during lockdown we carried on with our Video Conference classes as normal, and with



assignments available on the secure online portal, we didn't notice too much difference. I'm going to be continuing with the BA Business and Management in September and am looking forward to working from home once the kids are back in school."

When courses restart on 7th September, life on campus will undoubtedly be slightly different. Our priority is to provide a safe learning environment for all staff and students. Any return to face to face learning will be safely planned in line with the

current and developing Scottish Government public health measures, including social distancing.

Increasingly it will be normal for students and staff to connect with each other from home, travelling into our local college centres for practical

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Local Centre Manager Jackie MacPherson says, "Our buildings are closed, but applications are open. Staff are working at home now, and throughout the summer, so there's always someone you can contact and we want to hear from you."

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A woman with blonde hair, wearing a yellow sweater and blue jeans, is sitting on the floor and looking at a tablet. The background is a white wall with purple abstract shapes. In the top left corner, there is a purple banner with white text that reads "24TH JUNE ONLINE OPEN DAY". In the top right corner, there is the logo for the University of the Highlands and Islands Argyll College, which consists of a stylized 'A' made of two overlapping triangles (one teal, one purple) and the text "University of the Highlands and Islands Argyll College" to its right. A green fern plant is visible in the bottom right corner.

It might feel like life is on hold right now, but your future doesn't have to be. Maybe you're thinking about a change of career, or just want to find out what you can study from home? We have over 20 years' experience in providing distance and online learning. Book now to speak to our friendly team!

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# OPEN FOR BUSINESS

We realise that many more businesses would love to be open, serving locals and visitors alike – our deepest empathy goes out to these businesses and we look forward to seeing their doors wide open when this is all over. Please feel free to get in touch with us if you would like to feature your business, or know a business that should be included. Email nmurphy@obantimes.co.uk or get in touch via our Facebook page on messenger. Let's spread the word as much as we can!

## MID ARGYLL

### SUPERMARKETS AND FOODHALLS

#### Co-op Stores

Lochgilphead, Inveraray, Ardrishaig Tarbert  
Open Mon-Sat 7am-8pm  
Key worker exclusive access: Mon-Sat 8am-9am, Sun 10am-11am  
Lochgilphead offering deliveries – Tel: 01546 602060

#### Tesco Express

Lochgilphead Tel: 0345 671 9305  
Open 6am-10pm  
Your usual groceries and supplies inc Costa  
Coffee machine  
Fuel – pay on pump from 10pm-midnight  
Hand sanitising on entry  
Safe distancing rules apply

#### Riverside Filling Station/Spar

Lochgilphead  
Open Mon-Sat, 7am-8pm, Sun 9am-6pm  
All the usual food supplies  
Hot food/rolls for take-away  
Can deliver via the West Coast Motors service – call ahead to arrange 01546 603858

#### McCaughy's Londis

Inveraray  
Open Mon-Sat 8am-6pm  
Cooked breakfast takeaway 8am-12pm  
Post Office open Mon-Sat 8am-5.30pm  
Can deliver – Tel: 07899 061575

### CONVENIENCE STORES AND NEWSAGENTS

**RS McColl's Lochgilphead**  
Open 7am-8pm daily

**RS McColl's Inveraray**  
Open 8am-6pm daily

**Ardfern Village Store**  
Open Mon-Fri, 8am -6.30pm  
Sat 8am-1pm, Sun 9am-1pm  
Food delivery available – Tel: 01546 870281

**Furnace Village Store**  
Open Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-1pm  
Coffee machine still on!  
Deliveries available locally – Tel: 01499 500668

**Craobh Haven Village Store**  
Open 11.30am-9pm daily  
Lots in stock and free hand sanitizer to locals whilst stocks last!  
Tel: 01852 500658

**Danny's Hardware & Pet Supplies**  
Shop Opening Hours:  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday's  
Shop Open 9am to 4pm.  
Tel. 01546 602443 for enquiries and orders.  
(Answer machine available out with hours) between the same hours,  
10am – 4pm Monday to Friday only.

**Mccolls Ardrishaig**  
Open 7am-8pm 7 days a week  
Deliveries on special request  
Social distancing measures in place  
For info/orders Tel: 01546 606770 or visit our FB page

**Peter Law & Son, Ardrishaig**  
Open 5am-5.30pm 7 days a week  
Deliveries available  
Social distancing measures in place  
For info/orders Tel: 01546 603481

**Cairndow Post Office**  
re-opens on Tuesday 19th May  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 12.30

### FRESH FOOD SUPPLIES

**Aray Fish, Fruit & Veg**  
Delivery to doorstep in Mid Argyll  
Home delivery is free of charge. Minimum spend £10.  
Deliveries on the following days in these specific areas (exact delivery days may vary dependent on demand):  
WEDNESDAY - Inveraray, Furnace, Minard & Lochgair.  
THURSDAY - Cladich to Ford (Lochawe-side), Ardrishaig, Kilmartin, Kilmichael, Cairnbaan & Lochgilphead.  
FRIDAY - Lochgoilhead, Strachur, St Catherines & Cairndow.  
Visit website for full product list www.arayfish.com

Featuring the businesses in Mid Argyll and Kintyre that are open and able to offer vital products and services to our community during the current Covid-19 pandemic. Many of these businesses are working under extreme pressure to bring quality products and services to the people of Mid Argyll, Kintyre and beyond. Please remember to exercise caution when shopping and only shop for essential supplies. Along with our wonderful NHS staff and carers, our local food, fuel, news platforms and home supply businesses are our community champions!

#### The Argyll Café

Lochgilphead  
Open Wed, Thurs, Fri Sat, 5pm-9m  
Your usual favourites, although menu slightly reduced  
Collection only, strict social distancing measures  
Order by phone or on the Facebook page  
Tel: 01546 606225

#### DJ Campbell & Son

Dairy Produce  
Daily deliveries  
Tel: 01546 605273  
Call Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm for orders

#### Marmalade Deli

Lochgilphead  
Good levels of stock  
Bulk orders available – full list on www.marmaladedeli.com  
Order via email marmaladedeli@fastmail.com or by phone 01546 606292

#### Murray Smoked Products

For all your essential fish and seafood supplies  
Open Tues-Fri 8.30am-3pm, Sat 8.30am-1pm  
Deliveries available within approx. 15 miles with West Coast Motors  
Tel: 01546 600262 – or message us on Facebook

#### CW Shellfish

Order on a Thursday for Friday delivery  
Through FB page only please  
Fresh prawns from £10 per kilo, Crabs £4 each

#### Ferguson Butchers

Lochgilphead  
Taking orders by phone for collection  
Fresh fruit and veg also  
Tel: 01546 602400/403

#### Keara's Snack Shack

Lochgilphead  
Taking orders by phone on 07765 550793 or 07717 095691  
Medium Fruit & Veg Pack £9.50  
Large Fruit & Veg Pack £18  
No cash payments – Paypal or bank transfer only  
Free local delivery every Friday

### TAKE-AWAY FOOD

#### Grey Gull

Ardrishaig  
Take-away available 12pm-8.30pm  
Visit FB page for full menu  
Collection only  
Tel: 01546 606017  
Accommodation available for essential/key workers

#### Salty Dog Café

Home-cooked meals  
5 for £20  
See FB page for full menu choices  
Order by 8pm on a Sunday for Monday delivery (local)  
Collections can be arranged  
Tel: 07497 003850

#### CAFE 35

Open for takeaways only  
Soups, home-cooking and home-baking  
9am until 3pm  
Please follow instructions as directed once entering the shop  
Card Payments are preferred  
You can pre-order if preferred via FB or call the shop on 01546600143.

### CHEMISTS/PHARMACIES & HEALTHCARE

#### Tarbert Pharmacy

Open 9am-5pm (closed 1-2 for lunch)  
Social distancing and safety measures in place including hand sanitizing on entry and sneeze guards. 1 in, 1 out policy.  
Tel: 01880 820232

#### Inveraray Pharmacy

Open 9am-4pm, Mon-Fri & 9am-1pm Sat (for general supplies)  
Dispensing for acute prescriptions available 9am-1pm, Mon, Wed, Fri (collection only thereafter)  
Social distancing and safety measures in place including hand sanitizing on entry and sneeze guards. 1 in, 1 out policy.  
Tel: 01499 302133

#### Argyll Pharmacy

Lochgilphead  
Open Mon – Fri 9am-5.30pm, Sat 9am-5pm  
Please only order what you need, check prescriptions are ready for collection BEFORE coming to the Pharmacy, please phone where you can for pharmacy advice  
This goes against everything we believe in as 'good customer service' however we will be here to support you in the best way we can under these exceptional circumstances.  
Please stay safe!  
Tel: 01546 603217

### VETERINARY CARE

#### Dalriada Vets

Open 8.30am-6pm Mon-Fri  
By appointment only  
Social distancing & safety measures in place  
Tel: 01546 602240 or email dalriadavets@btconnect.com

### EXTRA HELP FROM COMMUNITY HEROES

#### Inveraray Community Council

Are you in self-isolation?  
If you are following government guidelines and self-isolating due to a new cough or fever, we have set up a volunteer group for anyone in Inveraray needing essential groceries or prescriptions from local shops or chemist to be picked up and delivered to your doorstep.  
Call Linda on 07388165366 or Aly on 07717885404. Open to Inveraray residents only.  
Payment on delivery please. If you would like to volunteer to deliver goods please let us know.

### West Coast Motors Deliveries

West Coast Motors are offering FREE travel to NHS workers and are also offering a FREE service for pick up and delivery from Lochgilphead and Inveraray.

When placing your order with the store, pay over the phone by card. Let them know that your order will be collected by West Coast Motors. Email or phone Robert Mackay on r.mackay@westcoast-motors.co.uk. Arrange a 01586 555883 (leave a message with your number if he's out) to arrange the pick up from the shop/chemist. Arrange for yourself or a volunteer to meet the bus at the bus stop in your town/village. PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL STORES WHERE POSSIBLE.

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## KINTYRE

### SUPERMARKETS & FOODHALLS

#### Tesco Metro

0345 6779130  
Open 7am-10pm  
Good Friday, Easter Sunday & Easter Monday  
8am-8pm  
Social distancing measures in place

#### Co-op Store

Open Mon-Sat 7am-8pm  
Key worker exclusive access: Mon-Sat 8am-9am,  
Sun 10am-11am  
Absolutely essential deliveries only.  
Tel: 01586 554504

### CONVENIENCE STORES & NEWSAGENTS

#### County Garage

Petrol and Diesel Esso Service Station and Londis Store  
Lots of supplies in-store including breakfast packs and firewood  
Open Mon-Sat 7.30am-9pm  
Sun 8am-9pm  
Contactless up to £45  
Tel: 01586 552368  
Find us on Facebook!

#### McKellar's Stores Campbeltown

Open 7am-10pm  
Plentiful stock. Social distancing measures in place.  
Tel: 01586 551997

#### Muneroy Stores

Southend  
Open 7 days a week.  
Whilst the tearoom is currently closed, there is plentiful stock in the shop for all your essential grocery needs.  
Delivery is available - please call 01586 830 221 to arrange

### FRESH PRODUCE SUPPLIES AND DELIVERY

#### Muasdale Stores

Plentiful supplies of top quality local produce  
Open: Mon-Fri 7am-3pm, Sat 8am-3pm (check FP page for up to date info)  
Doors locked, but customers served at back gate  
Tel: 01583 421101  
Check FB page for up to date info

#### Glenbarr Stores & Post Office

Essential food supplies aplenty - fruit, veg and plants  
Can deliver locally  
Tel: 01583 421200

#### Fresh Connection, Campbeltown

Cakes, eggs, biscuits and much more including

#### Easter goodies

Lovely hampers from £15  
Call the shop on 01586 553220 (leave message if not around)  
Or message FB Page

#### Argyll Bakeries

DELIVERY DAYS  
Monday - Town  
Tuesday - Stewarton, Drumlemble, Machrihanish, SOK, Kilkenzie & Town  
Wednesday - Southend area & Town  
Thursday - Kilkenzie, Glenbarr, Muasdale, Tayinloan & Town  
Also Stewarton, Drumlemble, Machrihanish & SOK.  
Friday - Peninver, Torrisdale, Saddell, Carradale & Town  
Fresh produce and freezer ready meals. Check out menus on FB page.  
Tel: 01586 553635

#### Kintyre Larder

Open 10am-1pm  
Deliveries Mon-Fri  
Collections Mon, Wed, Fri  
Please order ahead: 07725 994521  
Or via FB. Payment by card/bank transfer please  
DELIVERY AREAS:  
CAMPBELTOWN  
PENINVER  
MACHRIHANISH  
SOUND OF KINTYRE  
KILKENZIE

#### Mclvor's Campbeltown

Open:  
Veg Box £10  
Fruit & Veg Box £15  
Fruit, Veg & Salad Box £20  
Add on rolls, eggs, milk, cheese etc  
Can deliver.  
Tel: 01586 552386 to order.

#### MacMillan Foods

(The Fish Shop/Kintyre Smokehouse)  
Open: Tues 9am-5pm, Wed 9am-1pm, Thurs/Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-1pm  
Free local deliveries  
Fish pies, fish, fresh eggs and more  
Delivery Thurs and Fri from Campbeltown to Carradale  
Also delivering for Mclvor's Tel: 01586 552170

#### DJ Campbell & Son

Dairy Produce  
Daily deliveries  
Tel: 01546 605273  
Call Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm for orders

#### The Wee Isle Dairy

Direct deliveries for milk and sweet sauces  
Sauces also via Royal Mail  
Order via FB page or 01583 505400

#### Kintyre Food Bank

Campbeltown Town Hall from 10am to 12pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.  
Anybody who is self-isolating and in need can contact the food bank by telephoning 07936 034600 to arrange delivery.

#### Harlequin Tearoom & Gift Shop, Campbeltown

Soup, Cakes/Cheesecakes, Taster Boxes and "Wee Teas" (Mini Afternoon Teas)  
Open for Takeaways: Wed - Sat from 10:30am - 2pm  
Free Deliveries in Campbeltown: Wed - Sat from 2pm onwards  
To pre-order for Collection or Delivery please call 07979911137 or message FB page

### GARAGE SERVICES / RECOVERY

#### Campbeltown Motor Company

Servicing only - please call ahead  
Tel: 01586 553200

#### Andrew Smith & Son

Essential repairs, please call ahead to book  
Mon-Fri 8am-5pm  
Tel: 01586 553173

#### Argyll Recovery

Open as an essential service providing support for key workers and other local residents to keep transport links and roads open for all.  
Breakdown recovery, roadside assistance and haulage for loads of up to 5 tonnes.  
Tel: 01586 807063 and we are also available 24/7 on our freephone number 0800 433 2468.

### DIY AND HOME SUPPLY SERVICES

#### Archie Houston Electrical Services

Domestic, Agriculture, Industry and Refrigeration  
Emergency call out  
Tel: 01586 552963 / 07979 383140

#### Auchencorvie Sawmill

All types of timber fencing, general building timbers, seats & benches  
Tel: 01586 551 253 / 07718 741544

#### A W Gillies

Fencing Contractor and Supplier  
Agricultural, Industry, Domestic & Security  
Fencing  
Tel: 07887 728406

#### Carradale Garden Services

Domestic & Commercial  
Tel: 01583 431362 / 07432 158404

#### CS Civils

Driveways, Service installation, Digger, Dumper and Small plant  
Tel: 07412 624278

### VETS, PET SUPPLIES AND KENNELS SUPPLIES

#### WESTWARD VETS

Open: Monday - Friday 9am to 5pm.  
Strictly by appointment only.  
Social distancing rules apply.  
Video consultations available on request.  
Tel: 01586 552136  
westwardsvet@aol.com

#### JH HOOPER

Provides veterinary care for your pets  
Usual opening hours - emergency care only  
Tel: 01586 552427

#### NARROWFIELD KENNELS

Drop off & collection of animals will be by appointment only & social distancing & hygiene protocol will be observed.  
Tel: 01586 553979  
Email: narrowfield@live.co.uk

### PET SHOPS AND FARMING SUPPLIES

#### JIM MARTIN AGRICULTURAL SUPPLIES

Phone and collect  
Mon-Fri, 9am-3.30pm, Sat 9am-1pm  
01586 550066  
sales@jms-scotland.com

### CHEMIST/HEALTHCARE

#### Boots the Chemist

Open: Mon-Sat 10am-12pm, 2pm-5pm  
Tel: 01586 553208

#### Kintyre Medical Group

Southend Surgery  
Order repeat prescriptions on 01586 830494  
Collections only on Mon 1pm-2pm, Tues 5pm-6pm, Thurs 3pm-4pm, Fri 12pm-1pm



#### D McNair & Son Ltd

Fuel Merchants  
Tel: 01586 552020

#### Graeme Waste Solutions

Tel: 07788 233119

#### Highland Fuels Ltd

Fuel Distributor  
Open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm  
Tel: 07551 020 307

#### Clachan Filling Station

Fuel and essential groceries and newspapers.  
Mon-Sat 8-4  
Sunday 9-4  
Home delivery service available on weekdays from Whitehouse to Tayinloan and in between!  
Please phone 01880 740609 between 8 and 9 am for delivery.

### TRANSPORT & DELIVERY

The following businesses are helping with transporting food around Kintyre. Big thanks to them:

**AM Transport**  
**MACC Business Park**  
**A Thomson Painters & Decorators**  
**West Coast Motors**

Look up FB pages for more information on local services:  
Look online at [www.campbeltowncourier.co.uk](http://www.campbeltowncourier.co.uk), Kintyre Forum and Explore Campbeltown on Facebook.

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## Around the markets

**United Auctions Stirling, June 10:** sold 637 store cattle, 255 breeding cattle, 142 cast cows and bulls. (Pictured above is a cow and calf from the Carslae dispersal)

Bullocks (342) – averaged 222.71p to 292.90p per kg for a 268kg CHX from Dunlossit (Islay), and to £1500 for a 788kg LimX from Lettar of Ballied.

Dairy Bullocks (25) – averaged 178.53p to 189.30p per kg for a 412kg MOX from Meikle Camoquhill, and to £980 for a 564kg HFX from High Branchal.

Heifers (246) – averaged 219.26p to 267.70p per kg for a 254kg LimX from Dunlossit (Islay), and to £1260 for a 564kg LimX from Deerpark.

Young Bulls (24) – averaged 199.47p to 245.00p per kg for a SimX from Overton, and to £995 for a Lim from Airthrey Kerse.

Beef Cows and Bulls (132) – averaged 140.47p to 176.90p per kg for a BRBX from Greenburn, and to £1450 for a BAX from Chapel.

Dairy Cows (10) – averaged 120.81p to 168.20p per kg for a MOX from Meikle Camoquhill, and to £1130 for a MOX from Meikle Camoquhill.

Bullocks: Up to 250kgs- Mains of Struie £700, 280.00p; 251-300kgs- Dunlossit (Islay) £825, 292.90p; 301-350kgs- Tallant (Islay) £930, Carrabus (Islay) 268.60p; 351-400kgs- Woodneuk £930, Dunlossit (Islay) 250.00p; 401-450kgs- Craigens (Islay) Dunlossit (Islay) 233.60p; 451-500kgs- Craigens (Islay) £1100, Balmyre 228.80; 501-551kgs- Deerpark £1150, 218.60p; 552-601kgs- Deerpark £1260, 226.50p; 602-651kgs- Molemound £1340, Craigend 213.60p; 652-701kgs- Molemound £1350, 205.50p; 702+kgs- Lettar of Ballied £1500, 190.40p.

Heifers: Up to 250kgs- Mains of Struie £535, 232.60p; 251-300kgs- Carrabus (Islay) £745, Dunlossit (Islay) 267.70p; 301-350kgs- 2 Ballinaby (Islay) £770, 248.40p; 351-400kgs- Lossit (Islay) £950, 244.80p; 401-450kgs- Kinnaird £1170, 261.70p; 451-500kgs- Kinnaird £1110, 222.40p; 501-551kgs- Lettar of Ballied £1210, West Brackly 228.0; 552-601kgs- Deerpark £1260, 223.40p.

Young Bulls: 301-350kgs- Lettar of Ballied £800, Overton 245.00p; 351-400kgs- Airthrey Kerse £915, 234.60p; 401-450kgs- Glenkiln Farms £965, 222.40p; 451-500kgs- Airthrey Kerse £995, 220.10p.



Cow and calf from Carslae dispersal.

### OTM Cows:

£ per head- Chapel (BA) £1450, Wardpark (Lim) £1410, Airhouse (AA) £1290, Chapel (Sim) £1270, Snawdon (BRB) £1270, Traprain (SH) £1170, Bonnyton (BS) £1150, Nether Dalkeith (Cont) £1130, Meikle Camoquhill (MO) £1130, Wardpark (CH) £1070. PPK- Greenburn (Lim) 176.90p, Pitcairn (BRB) 171.60p, Meikle Camoquhill (MO) 168.20p, Wardpark (Sim) 162.90p, Traprain (AA) 161.90p, Meikle Camoquhill (HF) 161.10p, Nether Dalkeith (Cont) 147.50p, Traprain (BS) 144.20p, Gateside (SH) 142.10p.

### OTM Bulls:

£ per head- West Park (Lim) £1470, Ransfield (BAZX) £1470, Scart (Sim) £1430, Windshiels (CH) £1370.

PPK- Gateside (Lui) 171.30p, Snawdon (Lim) 161.90p, Ransfield (BAZX) 152.20p, Scart (Sim) 133.40p.

### Breeding Cattle (255)

Heifers with Bull calves at foot West Thomaston (LimX) £2750, Little Kilchattan (BP) £2450, West Park (ContX) £2250, Wester Mye (AA) £2200, Porterstown (SimX) £2350.

Heifers with Heifer calves at foot West Thomaston (LimX) £2700, Little Kilchattan (BP) £2350, Little Kilchattan (ContX) £2250, Porterstown (SimX) £2300 & £2250.

### Bulling Heifers

Airhouse (AA) £1240 & £1220, Heylpol (Tiree) (Lim) £1200.

# COVID-19 guidance issued for farmers

Guidance for farmers and crofters to help them work safely and take all necessary measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) has been published.

While food-related farming and supply chain businesses have kept working throughout the crisis, other outdoor farming activity is now restarting and construction and manufacturing agricultural businesses are preparing to restart as part of the phased approach to easing lockdown.

The Scottish Government guidance provides a summary of sector-specific information and rules that are relevant for farming, crofting and related agricultural businesses, including information on:

- how to support safe working on farms and crofts
- COVID-19 hygiene measures
- farm and croft inspections
- keeping employees safe



Fergus Ewing MSP.

### operating farm shops

Rural Economy Secretary Fergus Ewing said: 'Throughout the pandemic, farmers and crofters across the country have worked safely to produce food, supported by a wide range of agricultural businesses.

'Over the coming weeks

and months, it is vital that everyone in the agricultural industry continues to take all necessary measures to prevent the spread of the virus and keep people safe.

'This guidance sets out what is expected of everyone in the weeks ahead as we cautiously and carefully ease out of lockdown.

'The coronavirus crisis has changed the way many of us work and will have a lasting impact on businesses going forward, so it is important that we work together to support farmers, crofters, and their families and employees.

'This guidance brings together all the latest rules and information and will be updated regularly.

'Please take the time to ensure you have implemented all the measures relevant to your business. If you know of someone who is not aware of this guidance, please make them aware of it.'

## Dairy sector to focus on supply chains as it resets, restarts and recovers

As Scotland slowly eases its lockdown restrictions, Scotland's dairy farmers are looking to build stronger supply chains and discuss milk contracts as they reset, recover and restart from the impacts of Covid-19.

The Union has recognised that resetting and restarting as we emerge from the crisis will provide significant opportunities for Scottish farmers, crofters and growers. All NFU

Scotland's commodity committees and working groups – combinable crops, livestock, milk, pigs, poultry and specialist crops – have identified key steps and actions needed.

For those producing milk, the priorities are the following:

- Engage on all discussions relevant to government support options for dairy farmers.
- Work with processors to ensure any adverse impacts on producers are minimised and

returns to farm businesses are maximised.

■ Engage with processors to assess if their business requirements have changed during the recovery stage to ensure that producers can adapt.

■ Deliver the forthcoming milk contract consultation and engage with the membership.

■ Deliver the Scottish Dairy Growth Board Dairy Future Report, including increasing export markets for Scottish

dairy produce and inward investment for increased dairy processing capacity.

Milk committee chairman, Gary Mitchell, who milks cows near Stranraer, Wigtownshire said: 'What an extraordinary spring. When the Milk committee met in March, we were joined by Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy Fergus Ewing and had a very useful discussion on milk contracts, future investment in dairy

processing in Scotland and all the environmental challenges ahead for dairy farmers.

'A few days later, there was a dramatic change, we hit lockdown and a real challenge came to the sector.

'It took a few weeks to get a grip on the whole dairy market situation during the initial response phase to Covid-19. Now, we are in reset and restart and heading for recovery, and we need to focus on how we

can improve our supply chain.

'I am pleased to say that the UK Government and devolved nations will be launching a consultation on contracts in next few weeks. I would encourage all farmers to take part in it. It is all about the future. It is not just about a farmer's milk contract, but about the whole chain from farmer to processor to retailer and other outlets and making that chain better.'



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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## Earraghail Renewable Energy Development

### Public consultation

ScottishPower Renewables invites you to participate in its public consultation on the draft proposals for the Earraghail Renewable Energy Development. ScottishPower Renewables is proposing to develop the Earraghail Renewable Energy Development, located at the northern end of the Kintyre peninsula, with turbines located 5 km south of Tarbert, within Argyll and Bute.

The proposed development is anticipated to consist of about 13 wind turbines with tip heights of up to 200 m. The deployment of other renewable technologies within the site is also being proposed, including battery storage and, potentially, solar photovoltaic power generation.

Early consultation is key to developing our projects, so, throughout the development process, we ensure that local communities and stakeholders are given the opportunity to provide feedback and are kept informed of project progress.

In lieu of holding public information days, given the COVID-19 restrictions requiring social distancing, we will be hosting online question-and-answer sessions to provide details of the proposed scheme and the progress to date, to introduce the project team and to answer any questions you may have. Recordings of the presentations will be made available on the project website: [https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/earraghail\\_renewable\\_energy\\_development.aspx](https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/earraghail_renewable_energy_development.aspx)

The team will be available to respond to enquiries made by phone, letter or email or via the website.

The live question-and-answer sessions will be held on the following occasions:

Monday, 29 June	Tuesday, 30 June	Thursday, 2 July
11.30 am to 12.30 pm	08.00 am to 09.00 am	12.30 pm to 1.30pm
2.30 pm to 3.30 pm	10.30 am to 11.30 am	5.30 pm to 6.30pm



The project team can be contacted directly by emailing: [earraghailrenewableenergydevelopment@scottishpower.com](mailto:earraghailrenewableenergydevelopment@scottishpower.com)



## PERSONAL NOTICE



**Happy 92nd birthday** to our very special granddad **Jim Crawford** (originally Penninver).  
We miss you lots and hope to see you soon.  
**Love from Jim, Jen, Matt and Wil xxxx**

### Argyll and Bute Council

#### PLANNING

The applications listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be viewed electronically through Argyll and Bute Council website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk). Having regard to Schedule 6, Part 3, s10 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020, documents are only available to inspect electronically at this time. Customers requiring assistance can contact us by e-mail: [planning.hq@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:planning.hq@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or tel. 01546 605518.

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

#### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
20/00684/PP	Change of use of land for the siting of mobile housing units	Port A'Buorrain Dalkeith Farm (Plot 5) Glenbarr Tarbert Argyll And Bute
20/00926/PP	Renewal of planning permission reference 17/00806/PP (Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and formation of vehicular access)	Land North West Of Druim A Bhuinne Kilberry Argyll And Bute

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#### Acha-bheim Woodland Creation, Argyll

Proposal for the Establishment of a Mixed Forest

An application has been made to the Perth and Argyll Conservancy of Scottish Forestry under the Forestry (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 for tree planting and associated works at Acha-bhienn, Argyll.

A copy of the Environmental Report will be available for public consultation for a period of 28 days at <https://www.scottishwoodlands.co.uk/public-consultations/>. Due to current circumstances relating to Covid-19 hard copies for viewing are not available from Perth and Argyll Conservancy however the Environmental Report can be viewed on the Scottish Forestry Website.

Within the total woodland creation of 138.95 hectares, 58.28 hectares is proposed for commercial conifers, plus 20.71ha of native broadleaves and 59.69ha hectares of open ground.

Any comments on the scheme should be submitted in writing to Scottish Forestry, Perth and Argyll Conservancy, Upper Battleby, Redgorton, Perth PH1 3EN or preferably by email to [panda.cons@forestry.gov.scot](mailto:panda.cons@forestry.gov.scot) within the 28 day consultation period which opens on the 19th of June 2020 and closes on the 16th of July 2020.

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**Thought for the Week**  
with Marilyn Shedden

This week, stressed and under tremendous pressure, I tried to remember what life was like before internet, emails, the world wide web, Zoom meetings, FaceTime, WhatsApp and so much more.

As I wrestled for four days with the installation of a new hub from BT, I despaired when it would not work and assumed it was my fault. It was not. BT had sold me equipment that wasn't compatible with the broadband we have in Argyll.

Eleven conversations later, with an average waiting time of 45 minutes, and the last call timed at one hour and 52 minutes, afforded no resolution.

BT offered to send a mini hub to help us through this difficult time, but unfortunately they sent it to the house in which we lived in Glasgow 16 years ago. This did not help the stress levels.

With an important meeting ahead I was worried but, thankfully, a dear friend came to my rescue and let me 'borrow' her WiFi.

We know well modern technology is both a bane and a blessing and is both for us at different times of our lives.

When the connection fails, we cannot do a thing. When broadband is 'down', we lose communication.

Then there is that annoying message which says: 'Our lines are busy, please try later. Your call is important to us.'

Is it? Do the people at the call centre really care about what kind of day you've had? Do they really care that you need to be reconnected as soon as possible?

Then you are told what position you have in queue and that 'your call will be answered as soon as possible'. An hour and 50 minutes later you are connected to the wrong person.

Thank goodness prayer isn't like that. No wrong number, no queuing, no loss of connection, no glitch in technology, no busy lines or waiting times, and, best of all, the one at the other end does care about your call.

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**LOCH FYNE**

Poldy Van Lynden has crossed Loch Fyne and back again for a good cause.

As reported in last week's edition, Poldy took on the swimming challenge to raise much-needed funds for Tighnabraich RNLI which, in common with many other charities, has taken a funding hit during lockdown.

The idea was for Poldy to swim across Loch Fyne from Otter Ferry to the western shore near Achnaba - something he says he had wanted to do for a couple of years.

On Saturday June 13 he succeeded and said afterwards: 'The weather just about held, although the return journey was tough with the wind and the tide. I made it in about two-and-a half hours.'

Poldy added: 'I'm so grateful for the amount of support from locals, friends and family. I find it particularly touching to see donations from people I don't know so well or friends I haven't spoken to in a long time.'

Earlier this week, the total raised for Tighnabraich lifeboat stood at £2,500.

To support Poldy's efforts, visit [www.virginmoneygiving.com](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com) and search 'Swimming across Loch Fyne'.

**DUNOON**

The former gasworks site in Dunoon is to be used for a special drive-in cinema.

With Dunoon's Studio Cinema closed in line with government coronavirus restrictions, Dunoon's Business Improvement District PA23BID is behind plans for this unique event.

Through its Dunoon Presents Facebook page, PA23BID announced last week: 'We are excited to announce Dunoon will be having its own drive-in cinema at the gas works. Dates will be announced soon.'

Public demand for films which might be shown seem to be veering on Facebook towards the classics such as Breakfast at Tiffany's and the Bond movies, but organisers have hinted there



Rosemary Neagle of Carnasserie Farm sent us this photograph of a former Home Guard hut to the north of Kilmartin. 'It was situated overlooking the Oban road in case the enemy approached from that direction,' Rosemary explained. 'My mother remembers her uncle and a few others manned the hut and 'played about with guns'. It was a basic lean-to structure with a corrugated iron roof that has now rusted into the ground. These days it is only used by sheep to shelter from wind and rain.' If you have any photographs you would like to share, send them, with background information, to [editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk](mailto:editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk)

might be a Disney treat in store for youngsters earlier in the day. Don't forget the popcorn, drinks and sweets, which should be available to buy from Studio Cinema before the curtain up at the gasworks drive-in.

**LOCHGILPHEAD**

With the cautious easing of coronavirus restrictions, Mid Argyll Radio Sailing has been allowed to start sailing again, on a limited basis.

The club was established in 2019 to encourage and promote model yacht sailing in all its for-

mats. Sailing to date has taken place on Loch a' Bharain, a lochan adjoining the Crinan Canal near lock nine.

If you fancy having a go, visit [www.midargyllradiosailing.org.uk](http://www.midargyllradiosailing.org.uk).

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DEATHS

**BROWN** - Andrew, suddenly at Port Ban on June 5, 2020, age 50, devoted husband to Catriona, loving dad to Scott and Greg, much loved son of Barbara and nephew of Renee and William Wotherspoon. Andrew had recently moved to the area and was enjoying his job of Head of Technologies at Tarbert Academy. A United Free Church funeral service will be held at the Linn Crematorium, Glasgow at 3pm on Friday, June 19, 2020. Due to current circumstances only family can attend inside. A web link for the service will be available.

**FINDLAY** - Suddenly, at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on June 9, 2020, Alexandra McDougall (Sandra), in her 75th year, 1 Castlehill Court, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Harry Findlay, loving mum of Tracey and Leigh and a loving nana of Devon, Blair, Kaylen and Caleigh. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

**KENNEDY** - Peacefully, at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, on June 8, 2020, William (Bill) Kennedy, in his 82nd year, of Fernlea, Bishopton Road, Lochgilphead, dearly loved husband of the late Martha Galbraith and a much admired step-father of Peter, Billy and Elizabeth. A dear grandpa and great-grandpa. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. A keen bowler and avid supporter of the Lochgilphead Bowling Club. A private family service was held at Achnabreac Cemetery, on Thursday, June 11, 2020. Sadly missed.

**MACFARLANE** - On June 14, 2020, peacefully at home, after an illness bravely borne, Sheila MacFarlane, in her 88th year, beloved daughter of the late Duncan and Margaret MacFarlane and a much loved

sister to Eleanor and Euphie, sister-in-law to Gordon, dearly loved aunt and great-aunt of all the family. A private funeral service, owing to current restrictions, will take place at Cardross Crematorium, on Tuesday, June 23. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care, 14 Links Place Edinburgh EH6 7EB.

**MITCHELL** - Peacefully, in Kent on June 13, 2020, with family near, Mary Wilkieson (née Semple), late of these parts, beloved wife of the late James, sister of the late Anna, Richard and Alice. A much loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, sister-in-law and friend to many. Funeral private, donations in her memory if desired, to Mairi Semple Cancer Fund.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**CRAWFORD** - The family of Amy Crawford would like to thank everyone for all messages of support and sympathy. To all who paid their respects on her final journey to Achnabreac. Special thanks to Pastor Ryan Taylor for his comforting graveside service. The firm of Donald McDonald for their efficient and professional conduct shown. Morna for beautiful floral tributes. Thank you to all NHS staff and care teams involved in recent times. A very special thanks to all Ardfenaig staff for their excellent care and compassion shown to Amy in her final weeks.

**HESSEY** - The family of the late Fionnaigh Hessey, née Campbell, would like to thank everyone for the kind expressions of sympathy and support received in their recent sore loss. Special thanks to Rev Robert MacLeod for a comforting and meaningful service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional services, John Hunt for his renderings on the pipes and to all the villagers of Tarbert who lined the

route to the cemetery in a wonderful show of support, which the family really appreciated. Service and interment was held at Carrick Cemetery on June 12.

**MACDONALD** - The family of the late Sandy MacDonald would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to doctors and staff at Mid Argyll Hospital for the kind care and attention received, Rev Robert MacLeod for a fitting and comforting service, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for efficient handling of all arrangements, to the villagers of Tayvallich for lining the route to the cemetery to pay their last respects, and finally to Han's uncle for his personal tribute to Sandy, by playing his favourite Jimmy Shand tunes on the accordion at the graveside. Interment took place at Carsaig Cemetery on June 8.

**McALLISTER** - Kenneth, James and the family of the late Donald McAllister would like to thank all relations, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy and support following their sad loss. Our grateful thanks to the doctors, district nurses and staff of the Lochgilphead Medical Centre. Also the staff and carers at Caledonia Court. Sincere thanks to all the staff at Ardfenaig Care Home for their kindness and exceptional care which was greatly appreciated. A special thanks to the Rev Hilda Smith for a comforting service and to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for all the arrangements.

**MCMURCHY** - The family of the late Alice McMurchy would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, messages and phone calls received following our sad loss. A special thanks to staff of Campbeltown

Hospital and the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital for the care and compassion shown to Mum. Our thanks to Rev W Crossan for the prayer and blessing at Drumlemble and also graveside service. Thanks to T A Blair Funeral Directors for all their assistance and also to Argyll and Bute Council cemetery staff. For those unable to attend due to the current restrictions on funerals, your kind wishes and thoughts at this time are much appreciated.

IN MEMORIAM

**DOCHERTY** - In memory of my beloved husband and our father Malcolm, who died June 19, 2013. - Barbara and family.

**HORN** - In loving memory of our daughter Amanda, who died June 21, 2001. In our hearts forever. - Love Mum and Dad x Night night Mandy. - Vivien, Russell, Joanna and Eilidh xx

**LANG** - In loving memory of Shiona, a dear sister and aunt, who died June 20, 2019. Gone but not forgotten. - The family.

**MACLENNAN** - Treasured memories of our much loved big brother, Kevin (Keegan), taken from us on June 21, 2010. They say memories are golden. Well, maybe that is true, But we never wanted memories, We only wanted you. Simply the best x. - Love always, Lorne, Leone, Darren, Laurene and families x.

**MCFARLANE** - In loving memory of our son and brother Gordon, who fell asleep on June 23, 2012. We treasure every memory, With tears we speak your name, We will always love and miss you, In a world that's not the same. - Mum, Dad, Liz and boys.

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Major Ruth Russell  
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George Street, Campbeltown



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01586 554589  
[www.campbeltownfree-church.co.uk](http://www.campbeltownfree-church.co.uk)  
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



We invite you to join us for our weekly online service available from 10:30 each Sunday morning, on our Facebook page and website  
Pastor Mark Jasper  
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## Golf course reopens to members and visitors

Inveraray Golf Club is open to members and visitors – provided social distancing and other rules are followed.

After a spell of dry weather and plenty care and attention from the greenkeeper and volunteers, the course is in its best condition for years.

Inveraray Golf Club advises anyone playing the course to observe social distancing rules on the course at all times and follow the guidelines posted at the honesty box.

Individuals are permitted to play golf on their own, as are two-ball games, with household members or with a non-household member, so long as they adhere to the government's physical distancing rules.

At the discretion of the club, and subject to adherence of only mixing with one other household group, play in groups of three or four-balls is permitted.

Golfers must bring their own hand sanitiser to the course and use it regularly during the round.



Inveraray Golf Club – open to players who adhere to the rules.

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# Kieran moves on with top award in the bag

## Young player of the year success

After two years at Scotland's oldest senior football club, Kieran Moore is on the move – but he leaves with an award.

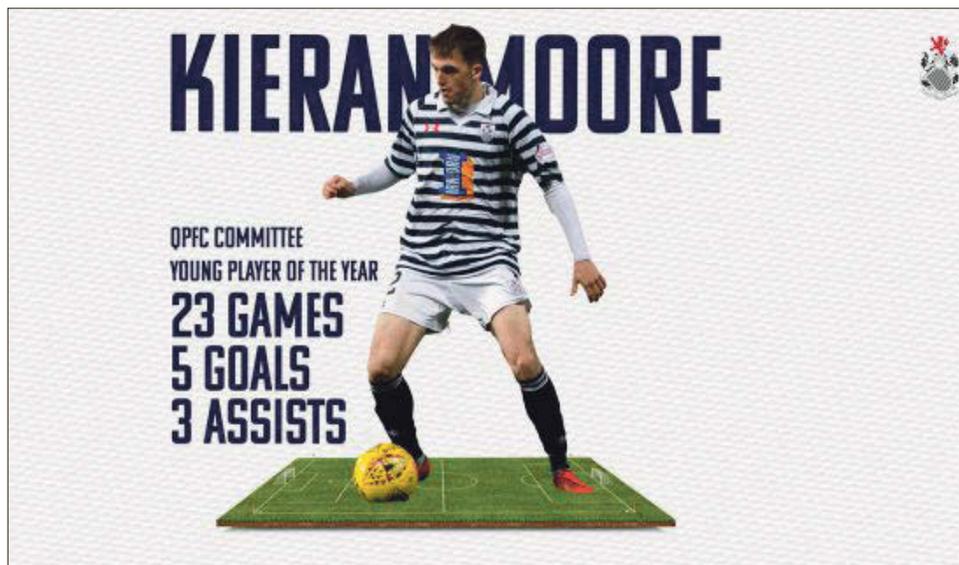
The 20-year-old forward joined Glasgow senior side Queen's Park from Lochgilphead Red Star after helping his home town club secure promotion to SAFL Premier 1 in the 2017/18 season. However, Queen's Park, known as The Spiders, are about to make the move to full-time status, with the emphasis on experienced players. So, along with many other Spiders players it was time for Kieran to seek out a new challenge.

Since news broke of his imminent departure, Kieran's dad and former Red Star manager Dougie said the phone has been red hot, with four or five clubs chasing his signature.

And little wonder. The former Red Star Soccer Centre youth player made his mark in his 24 months in Glasgow. With five goals and three assists in 23 games, he was voted the 2020 QPFC Committee Young Player of the Year. With a number of offers on the table, Kieran is now deciding where his future lies. More next week.



Lochgilphead Red Star won their league in Kieran's last season with the club. 08\_a22RedStarGame29



Keiran's talent is recognised.

## GOLF

### Chris wins Fyne Tankard

Another good turnout of Tarbert Golf Club members gathered for the second round of the Fyne Tankard at Glenralloch on Saturday June 13.

Early starter Chris Smyth set the pace with an excellent 71-9 for a nett 62 which, when added to his first round score of 66, gave him a total of 128. The following pack did their best to catch him with Peter Cupples coming closest, his second round 65 giving him a total of 131. In third place were seasoned campaigners Archie Black and Iain Johnstone senior on 134. There were magic twos at the eighth from Archie Black and Peter Cupples.

This Saturday, June 20, sees the Dodie's Cup and the first round of the President's Cup take place.





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