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Better pylon route proposed as Tarbert council appeals

by Colin Cameron
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There is no reason why a power company cannot change the controversial siting of pylons past picturesque Tarbert, say community councillors.

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) has already started work on the northern section of the new Inveraray to Crossaig line upgrade.

At the forefront of a campaign to change the position of around half a dozen 200-foot pylons near West Loch Tarbert is Tarbert and Skipness Community Council.

The project was granted planning consent by the Scottish Government in July 2019, but the approved route ran closer to the village than previously understood – which campaigners say will ruin the village skyline.

SSEN maintains that there is no mechanism to change the consent, though it can alter the tower positions within the

limit of deviation of 100m for each tower.

The community council has submitted a letter of appeal to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit, and has also complained to SSEN over a lack of transparency in the community engagement process.

A series of consultation meetings had been held after plans for the project were unveiled in 2014, but the amended Tarbert section did not come to light until September 2017 at a consultation event attended by just 11 people. The community council admits the route change was missed, but maintains there was an expectation of better quality information from SSEN.

Crucially, however, community councillors claim that an alternative route preferred by SSEN itself on technical grounds – known as route three – can now be reconsidered.

Route three was rejected due to an area of ground being earmarked for housing. But

the latest Argyll and Bute local development plan no longer shows this allocation.

In its appeal, the community council proposes revisiting option three, thereby 'removing the pylons from the view of the bulk of the important areas of the village, reducing the length of the line and, perhaps, reducing the construction and maintenance costs'.

A spokesperson for SSEN Transmission said: 'We are committed to continue working closely with the local community, landowners and other stakeholders as part of the development of our landscape mitigation plan and as part of this, will do all we can to try and minimise the visual impact in the Tarbert area.'

Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell told the Argyllshire Advertiser: 'I am strongly of the view that the line chosen is the wrong one and the fact that there were clear mistakes on both sides in the consultation means a compromise is necessary.'

Happy birthday, Mrs Campbell



In spite of lockdown restrictions, Mrs Mary Campbell from Ardrishaig managed to celebrate her 100th birthday in some style. Mary is pictured with great-grandsons Tyler and Corey Bowness and, of course, her message from Her Majesty the Queen. More on this story on page five.

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After being stopped by police while driving on the A83 south of Lochgilphead at around 2am on Monday June 22, a woman aged 56 allegedly provided a positive breath test. She was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol and charged with the offence. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

On Sunday June 21, at approximately 8pm, a grey BMW 5 series car was allegedly driven in a careless manner on the A83 near Inveraray. The car was stopped by police and the 28-year-old male driver was charged. A report will be submitted to the fiscal.

About 12.30am on Tuesday June 23 at Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig, a man, 22, was stopped and searched by police and found in possession of a small amount of cannabis. The man was charged and issued with a recordable police warning.

Police attended a road traffic accident at about 9pm on Thursday June 25 on the A819 between Inveraray and Dalmally. A 35-year-old man was arrested for allegedly being unfit to drive. Police later charged him with failing to provide a specimen for analysis; leaving the scene and failing to report an accident; driving without a valid licence; driving without insurance; and theft of a motor vehicle. A report

will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

At around 9am on Saturday June 27 in a car park near the A83 at Inveraray a 31-year-old man allegedly allowed another man to drive his motor vehicle while not insured. The driver of the vehicle, a man aged 41, allegedly drove without insurance. Both men were charged and a report sent to the procurator fiscal.

Between 10pm on Friday June 26 and 5pm on Saturday June 27 at Ross Crescent, Lochgilphead, a man aged 36 was arrested for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner and allegedly resisting arrest. He was charged, held for court and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal.

On the Isle of Islay, police arrested and charged a 22-year-old man at around 10pm on Sunday June 21 at a house on Glen Road, Bridgend after he allegedly breached bail curfew conditions by being out with his address overnight. He was held for court and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal.

If any member of the public has information in relation to the above, or to any incident, they can contact their local Police Station on telephone number 101, or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Volunteer drivers thanked for their lockdown dedication

A Mid Argyll charity which had to rapidly change direction under coronavirus lockdown has thanked its volunteers for their service, writes Colin Cameron.

Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers (MATV) was set up as a service primarily for the elderly and disabled, taking people to and from medical appointments, social occasions and on shopping trips.

But lockdown on March 23 stopped all that, and MATV had to find a new direction.

Volunteers found themselves doing much-needed shopping and prescription deliveries, and more besides, across Mid Argyll throughout the 13 weeks of lockdown, working in partnership with the council's Caring for People service.

Many volunteer drivers with MATV are retired folk with



MATV's volunteer drivers have gone above and beyond to help during lockdown.

nobody knows where the virus might be.'

'Thanks to them from myself and the MATV committee,' said Catherine.

'From my own point of view, the committee has been fantastic with their support and encouragement during what has been a hard time for everyone.'

After weeks of not knowing whether MATV could get closer to resuming normal service, there was a glimmer of hope earlier this week.

Over-70s drivers are now allowed to volunteer again and, speaking on Tuesday, Catherine explained: 'I have just got word it is looking good for Monday July 6 to start taking essential clients to and from GP and hospital appointments, though this has still to be confirmed.'

time on their hands, but the pandemic forced a number of them to shield from the virus.

The charity's co-ordinator Catherine Kennedy said: 'We only had 10 drivers available in total during lockdown - but seven of these were new drivers who came forward to volunteer during coronavirus.'

'Our drivers have been rushed off their feet, but they have been an absolute

Godsend to many people. In a lot of cases, our drivers were their only contact with the outside world.

'They have been right in the front line and have really gone above and beyond to help people. Everyone has all the PPE they need, such as masks, visors, gloves and the like, but it's not stretching it to say the drivers have been putting their own lives at risk, because

times as we've experienced. We will still strive to keep our customers safe and well, and if people are still shielding we will continue to offer delivery to them.

'Furnace, thanks for your support during all of this.'

The couple's post attracted a flurry of positive comments.

Emma Irons wrote: 'Thanks for everything you and Cindy have done, you are the best of gems'

'Thank you both for all that you have done, fantastic care and service. It won't be forgotten and you both deserve a good holiday now,' posted Gill Telfer.

Village shop in the heart of Furnace

Furnace folk responded with gratitude as David and Cindy MacInnes of Furnace Stores announced the winding down of a delivery service which they operated during the coronavirus pandemic, writes Colin Cameron.

David said on Facebook: 'Myself and Cindy have had

great pleasure serving the community of Furnace for the last 13 weeks, keeping everyone safe and watered. I think now everybody will agree of the importance of a village shop at the heart of the community, as it acts as a lifeline to the village in such strange and uncertain

times as we've experienced. We will still strive to keep our customers safe and well, and if people are still shielding we will continue to offer delivery to them.

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Memories of Uist inspire talented writer, Marina

Former staff nurse Marina McCuaig said she was 'delighted' to have a poem published by an online publishing platform, writes Colin Cameron.

Not only that, but her poem, Boundaries, was featured on the home page of the website - US-based Spillwords Press.

Lochgilthead resident and mum-of-two Marina has been attending a creative writing course run by Marian Pallister at Argyll College and told the Advertiser: 'My poem was inspired by the theme 'final frontier', which immediately brought Uist to mind.

'I've had connections with Uist since my mum moved there in 1989 and I spent nearly every summer holiday there and made lifelong friends.'

Marina, who says she 'wasn't really one for poems' before the course, continued: 'Marian is a wonderful tutor and encourages us to develop and submit our writing.



Marina has been attending Marian Pallister's creative writing course at Argyll College.

'A special thanks to Caroline Gauld, who keeps me going and has written several brilliant poems.

'I'm delighted, but still find it hard to believe that my poem has been chosen to be published among many brilliantly written, thought-provoking and meaningful poems and writing.'

Boundaries

Round the gable then to the

byre hunting for eggs, peat stack and back.

Busily doing important things, this was my usual tack.

My daily play and toil performed behind these fortress walls.

And all the while the smell and sound of the Atlantic calls.

A constant I neither noticed or could ever explain.

Gentle lapping to roaring and rushing, my circadian strain.

These were the confines and

this was my whole world.

And I had no need or slightest desire to fathom beyond or unfurl.

Eager to spread my wings and migrate as the Arctic Tern.

I anticipated a life outside my island ahead of the ferry stern.

Outward bound and heading for adventures of life.

Dreams and endless possibilities in my head are rife.

Lists of must do's, wants and fantasies bright as the sun.

Hope, expectation and imagined experienced like a tidal run.

On my way to adventures new, I could only imagine the prize in.

No fixed limit, no end in sight, only the eternal horizon.

In the beginning it was all vibrant, exciting and new.

Delight abound in novel experience, grasped opportunities and debut.

But unrelenting city bounds offer no softness nor solace.

In the constance and furore of a quickly familiar rat race.

Compact and grey, dirty, dreary pavements under foot.

Tarnished Silver, straight lined district of smog and soot.

One street like another I longed to be free and wander alone.

To draw in untainted air and live with a different tone.

Older and thoughtful, now I return to the fold.

Safe and secure in the warmth of my flock, come back from the cold.

Inhaling and gulping the briny air from my own front door.

I am comforted by the moat, as far as I can see from the shore.

Familiar outlines of land, sea and daily routine.

And happy memories of the different life I've seen.

Yellow pink skies, birdsong and whispering waves of dawn.

Contentment in my soul and my story carries on.

Public given more time to comment on Tarbert windfarm plans

An extension has been granted to a public consultation on a proposed hybrid windfarm between Skipness and Tarbert.

After discussion with Tarbert and Skipness Community Council, developer Scottish Power Renewables (SPR) agreed to extend the consultation to August 31 from the original June 6 closing date.

The 105MW Earraghail renewable energy development, as it is known, is still at the scoping stage and would result in up to 13 wind turbines of a maximum height of 200 metres being constructed on a site approximately 1.2 km southwest of Tarbert and 1.1 km north of Skipness. The use of a battery storage system and solar photovoltaic generation are being considered for the site.

The community council is seeking views and questions for SPR. Contact Tarbert and Skipness Community Council by email at tarbertandskipness@outlook.com or via Facebook.

Chamber of Commerce offers help to Mid Argyll businesses

What is needed to encourage people to support local shops in Lochgilthead as we emerge from coronavirus lockdown? Or, for that matter, businesses based in Ardrishaig, Tarbert or Inveraray? writes Colin Cameron.

Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce is asking traders across the region to come up with practical ideas to boost local trade. Would shoppers welcome rain shelters while queuing? What about 'Open for Business' maps or directories, or a new app to encourage virtual shopping?

Applications are now open for the Scottish Government's Towns and BIDs Resilience and Recovery Fund, and the chamber of commerce has offered to support local communities who have suitable projects.

The funding is intended to support localised response activities boosting town centre and high street resilience and recovery as lockdown rules are gradually eased.

£1 million of the funding will be allocated directly to towns to address immediate priorities as lockdown restrictions



Traders across the area are being asked, what is needed to boost local trade in coronavirus recovery?

are gradually eased. A separate funding stream of £700,000 will be allocated to Business Improvement Districts, of which in Argyll there are examples in Dunoon and Oban.

The remaining funding will be used for data analysis, communications and the development of a national media campaign to support town and high street recovery.

Jane MacLeod of Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce said: 'We do not have employed staff, but would be happy to support local communities who have suitable projects.

'Please come back to me if you have any good ideas.'

Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce can be contacted by emailing jane@janemacleod.co.uk.

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Meditation masterstroke from the mindful Manda

by Agnes Wilkie
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Lockdown has thrown challenges big and small at many of us. And the prospect of missing out on school and career opportunities are some of the most depressing.

Top marks for ingenuity, imagination and resourcefulness must therefore go to

Manda Scott, who lives on the Kilberry Road near Tarbert.

Like most of us, Manda has struggled to navigate her way through the rigours of prolonged lockdown with a hyperactive family of teenagers, cats and dogs in tow. But both 16-year-old Tansy and her brother Guthrie, 13, have risen to the challenge, mucking in and discovering new

ways of amusing themselves safely – from helping out with the local fruit and veg delivery service to hunting out cast off bed linen to transform into wacky, colourful scrubs for our medics. And there's always time for an old fashioned video game or 10, of course.

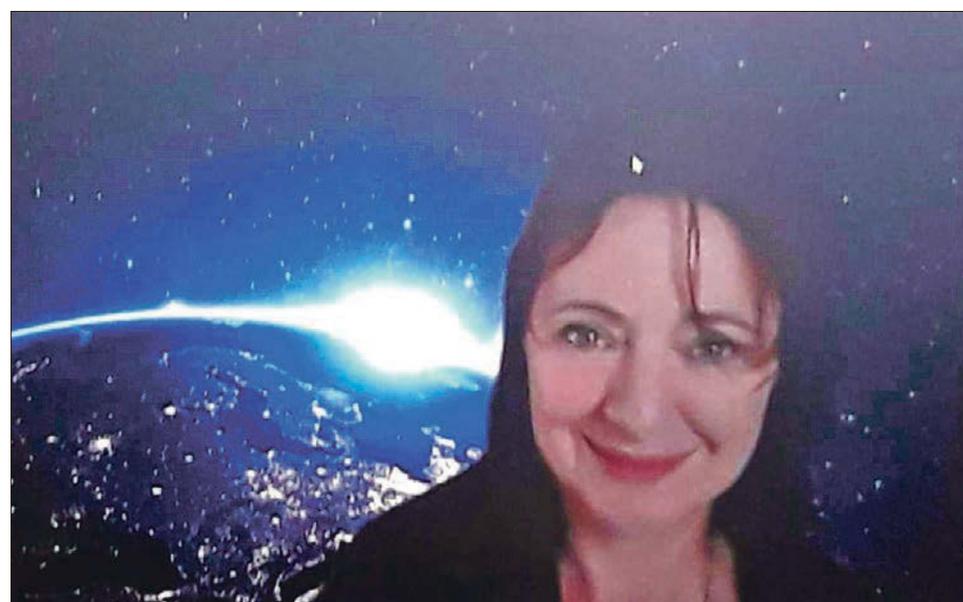
But for Manda, despite the valiant efforts of her children and husband Andrew, there re-



Have laptop, will meditate...



The Scott Family tent reborn as Manda's Meditation mecca.



Manda Scott sits her mindfulness exams, lockdown style.

mained one big gap in her life. Manda risked missing the crucial end-of-year retreat she had to complete for her second year MSc studies in mindfulness from Aberdeen University and the Mindfulness Association – a compulsory part of her course as she trains to become a mindfulness teacher.

Last month she should have been on retreat on the Holy Isle off Arran where Buddhist monks operate a world-re-

nowned meditation centre. The monks have been lockdown resourceful and made their courses available online.

Manda was delighted, but with two teenagers – one a dedicated drummer with a daily practice work ethic – two dogs, a cat and a musical husband all in house, the prospect for the peaceful serenity required for meaningful meditation was not great.

The answer? A meditation

tent in the garden. Manda has created an amazing space from the old family tent just yards from the house but a million miles from its hurly burly bustle.

So successful has it been that Manda and Andrew, who run a specialist eco building company, are thinking about extending the concept. Next stop, an authentic, traditional tepee. Making the most of lockdown – in every sense.



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

Contact numbers for the outreach/support team

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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 or message the Dochas Facebook page. We are here to support you.



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

Online support is also available on www.cool2talk.org.

Contact 07788900049 or fiona@mayds.org.uk lynn@mayds.org.uk

Crinan Canal prepares for phased reopening

by Colin Cameron
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The Crinan Canal, dubbed 'Scotland's most beautiful shortcut' is preparing to re-open to navigation from July 17.

Scottish Canals this week updated interested parties on plans for its waterways network as coronavirus lockdown continues to ease.

In a statement, Scottish Canals said: 'Since we last wrote to you, the First Minister announced phase two of the easing of lockdown restrictions on Thursday June 18, and so we wanted to update you on Scottish Canals' ongoing response to Covid-19 in light of this.

'Phase two will see an increase in the volume of outdoor work being carried out by our operational team in areas such as vegetation management, weed-cutting, litter-picking and channel clearance to prepare the canals for navigation.

'Our offices, visitor centres,

indoor cafes, holiday accommodation, and locks and bridges remain closed until phase three, with the majority of our staff continuing to work from home.

'During phase one we welcomed back leisure boaters living within five miles of their mooring and residential boaters to use the canals for local boating. However, there are still numerous restrictions in place, including no operation of locks and bridges, limited services and limited staff available on the ground. This remains the position.

'We are, however, pleased to let you know that Scottish Canals is planning to reopen canals to navigation in line with the announcement that Scotland's tourism sector is preparing to reopen during phase three of the Scottish Government route map on July 15. Subject to the confirmation of phase three from that date, the canals will open to navigation as follows:

■ Crinan Canal: July 17 – pre booking required

■ Caledonian and lowland canals: July 22

While boats will be able to transit the canals, the operating hours and days still have to be confirmed.

When the canals were closed to navigation at the beginning of lockdown, mooring cus-

tomers received three months' navigation licence free of charge to June 2020.

Credit Note

Scottish Canals added: 'We have decided to extend the concession to cover July, with mooring customers getting a credit note issued to their ac-

count next month in addition to April, May and June.'

A deferment of boat safety certificates has also been further extended until September.

With health and safety in mind, Scottish Canals will adopt strict social distancing, segregation and hygiene meas-

ures to minimise the risk of transmitting Covid-19 for the foreseeable future, including cough screens at transaction points, queue management and clear signs to remind people of the importance of physical distancing and good hand and cough hygiene.

Pipers serenade Mary on her 100th birthday



Mrs Campbell with her special card from the Queen.

This week we feature a very special lockdown birthday. Mrs Mary Campbell from Ardrishaig celebrated her 100th birthday on Thursday June 25.

Observing the appropriate coronavirus precautions, Mary celebrated her big day with some family members at her home with an afternoon tea and cake and, for family who could not travel to be with her, she managed to speak to them through a video call.

There was a lovely surprise when local pipers Craig Lang and Ruairidh Logan arrived to play a couple of tunes outside her house, where she could sit at her door and enjoy being serenaded.

Mary would like to thank everyone for their generosity with all the cards, gifts and flowers she received to mark the occasion, and a huge thank you to Craig and Ruairidh from Mary and her family for giving their time to come along.

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Phase 2

Support businesses in your local area by enjoying shopping safely.

We are now in Phase 2 of changing coronavirus restrictions, which means more retailers near you will be open. You can enjoy shopping again, but please do so in a safe way by following the FACTS guidelines. Make sure you pay attention to signage and guidance as provided, and try going outside of peak hours. If a store is busy, come back another time.

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As we cautiously emerge into the light, thoughts are turning to the debt we owe the folk who have kept us going during these very strange times.

For many people lockdown has been stressful. We have been unable to get close to family and friends, concerned for our own and loved ones' health or perhaps worried about our jobs and businesses.

But vital help has been, and still is, out there, and we join in the thanks to everyone who rolled up their sleeves and kept us going.

The good news is that lockdown seems to be working and things can only improve if we all stick to the advice.

Tarbert pylons

We are told the Inveraray-Crossaig electricity upgrade is of vital national importance. If so, it is vital it is done correctly, and at the moment it is patently wrong at Tarbert.

The scale might be different, but if we can amend a regular building consent, why not this project?

There has to be room for compromise. If the current pylons are anything to go by, the results will be there for another six decades.

A83 blighted by bikers

Sir,
Communities on the A83 are blighted by the noise of bikers, many with illegal exhausts.

Inveraray is the gathering point for motorcyclists and on a recent Saturday during lockdown around 40 were gathered, not two metre social distancing, and failing to adhere to the maximum eight in a group guidance.

This has become the norm throughout the summer, and it seems lockdown guidance does not apply to bikers as they have been a constant feature on the roads, even in phase one.

The unofficial Argyll TT goes past our homes most weekends over the spring and summer months.

I have a bike licence and understand the feeling of freedom, but three-figure speeds past residential entrances, many of them hidden, is completely unacceptable.

As a resident you begin to dread the weekend and sunny days. The noise is constant and intrusive for 12-15 hours in a day, the decibel level in excess of 100 dB where sounds above 85 dB are harmful to hearing.

This is a serious issue for residents who cannot open their doors and windows, cannot use their gardens, pets are terrified, it is often impossible to have a conversation, or a phonecall. The noise from hundreds of bikes is explosive and destructive.

The speeds are terrifying, they travel in intimidating packs, the noise is threatening and the bikers have no respect for the communities they are speeding through. They pass multiple

residential entrances with limited sight lines with no care for risk. The offensive noise seems to come from two actions; modifying motorbike exhausts and extreme acceleration in legal bikes.

If a car made a similar noise, spewed out the same polluting omissions, or did the same ridiculous speeds they would be pulled over by the police, but bikers appear to be above the law.

As technology reduces the noise pollution of cars, planes and other forms of transport, it seems motorbikes are exempt. Bikers claim 'loud pipes save lives' but is safety really the motivation for deliberately creating excessive noise?

Noise counts as a statutory nuisance (covered by Part III of the Environmental Protection Act 1990) if it either unreasonably and substantially interferes with the user or enjoyment of a home or other premises; or is likely to injure health.

The problem on A83 is known to all the statutory agencies, but nothing is done.

If this is a national problem, what action needs to be taken?

Concerned Loch Fyne-side resident

'Xenophobic and elitist' government

Sir,

I am not qualified to judge economic competence, but considering the party he represents, I think that Councillor Redman might find it advisable to be wary of the phrase 'colossal mismanagement' (Argyllshire Advertiser letters page, June 26).

For my part, I would consider a degree of incompetence to be preferable to the great damage caused over the last decade to 99 per cent of the UK's people, as well as to its institutions and its reputation by the cruel, self-serving, xenophobic, elitist, dishonest (and incompetent!) regime currently in Westminster.

Name supplied, Lochgilphead

Sight loss support

Sir,

Our charity's support for blind and partially sighted people affected by the coronavirus lockdown has received a £11,500 boost from the Scottish Government's Wellbeing Fund.

With this extra funding we will be able to support an additional 20 people and respond to the increased demand for more in-depth, one-to-one emotional support.

The practical and psychological effects of losing your sight can have a significant impact on people's well-being, and this current situation has exacerbated the anxiety and isolation felt by many.

Access to essential services such as food and medicines is more difficult as is social distancing, vital information on staying safe isn't always in accessible formats, and many of our older members aren't always confident about using new technology to stay in touch with others.

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James Adams, RNIB Scotland director

Freedom for beer

Sir,
Every pub across Scotland should be allowed to stock and sell beer from local independent brewers, to help them recover post-lockdown.

CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale has launched the 'Cheers for Choice' campaign.

Current beer ties mean that most pub tenants are restricted in what they can sell in their pubs and are often banned from putting on the products they know their customers want to drink.

The campaign wants these arrangements to be relaxed, and MSPs are also being urged to support the Tied Pubs Bill being put forward in the Scottish Parliament by Labour MSP Neil Bibby. The legislation would give tied pub tenants protections in law, including a right to be able to sell guest beers in their pubs.

Allowing small and independent brewers to sell into all pubs will also improve consumer choice and allow pub-goers to support local brewing businesses.

It also makes business sense, with 68 per cent of pub-goers saying they would be less likely to go back to a pub if it doesn't have a range of brews from small and independent producers.

Sarah Crawford, CAMRA director for Scotland, Kirkcaldy

YOUR PICTURES



Simon Macdonald from Kilmichael Glassary submitted this week's featured image. Taken in weather that now seems like a distant memory, Simon called his photograph 'village in bloom'. Send your favourite photographs for publication to argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

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CAMPBELTOWN MOTOR COMPANY



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Sales

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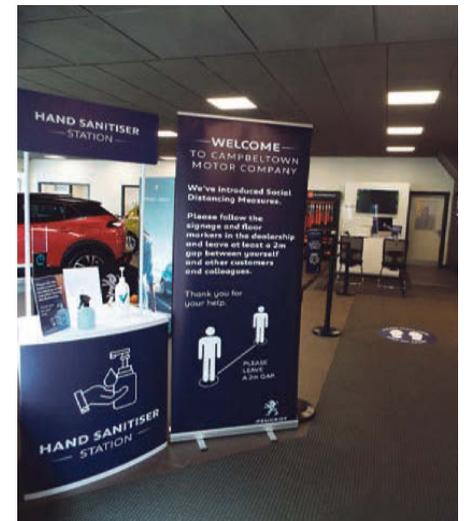
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Tuning into nature and getting



Heather Thomas-Smith.

Heather Thomas-Smith runs **Heathery Heights**, a company based in Lochgilphead, offering a bespoke guided walking service. She has travelled and trekked throughout the world but now lives in Argyll amongst the scenery she loves. www.heatheryheights.co.uk

In normal circumstances busy lives and work schedules often get in the way of finding time to connect with nature, to be able to immerse oneself in the muffled sounds within a forest, seas crashing on rocky shores or the wind blowing the lonesome notes of a curlew across the moor.

When did you last hear the bark of deer, watch an otter hunting for fish to take to its young, or spot the smooth glide of a golden eagle overhead? Have you noticed how tree branches reach to the sunlight or bend to the wind, and did you know you can use such traits to help navigate? Have you gazed at the starlit skies on a clear night and been able to name the constellations or point to the North Star? Have you ever foraged for wild ingredients and flowers to create a new culinary delight?

For many the tragedy of a world in the throes of a pan-

demical has brought around a very different pause, allowing time to tune once more into nature, even if such a pause is brief. Perhaps for the first time in their lives they have heard the bark of deer or spotted something in nature that is totally new to them. And many will have seen footage of the animals and creatures that tentatively stepped into urban settings while humankind remained under lockdown.

But that is changing as we ease back into a new normality. Economics and peoples' livelihoods are, of course, firmly entwined with modern-day living, human survival and wellbeing; it is extremely important that we find a route to recovery and many are suffering deeply. But what we do not want to do is fall back into the same old traps that were so detrimental to the wildlife, nature and ecosystems of our planet. Finding a way forward

and a new balance is not just crucial for other species but for that of our own children and future generations too.

Many will have been shocked at the sudden increase in fly tipping during lockdown, plus the thoughtless parking and abandonment of picnic rubbish, disposable barbecues and indiscriminate toileting as lockdown eased. All have grave consequences for wildlife and nature.

The result is the burning, choking, strangling, trapping or poisoning of animals, birds, plants and aquatic life.

Taking care of our surroundings and appreciating nature is a real joy. Teaching children the beauty of the outdoors and how to care for it can bring a lifelong love for nature; if you love something you usually wish to protect it.

And learning never stops for any of us. Sometimes it is the basics that are needed before



A female common frog.

we move on to the complexities of natural navigation or learning our stars.

So for this month here is one

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g down to business



tip (bizarrely, I always think of Delia Smith's 'How to boil an egg' when I say this – sorry Delia): learn how to go to the toilet in the outdoors! Doing this responsibly and teaching your children makes for a lifelong enjoyment of walking

and exploring without the bane of wondering where the next toilet is.

I know many people who find it incredibly difficult, not great when in the middle of nowhere miles from home.

In a nutshell the key is to carry out all paper and sanitary waste in a sealable bag, to go a minimum of 30m away from watercourses, 50m from paths and places where people or animals are likely to shelter/picnic, 200m from buildings, bothies and crags, and never in caves. Bury poo six inches deep (in a dug hole, not under rocks,

so a small trowel is essential on those wild camps) and always sanitise or wash hands.

Useful natural loo roll includes moss – but watch for ants! And for ladies there is always the 'Shewee', a female device that allows you to pee standing up.

Mountaineering Scotland has excellent online guidance on how to dispose of your natural waste.

I hope, like me, you will wish to continue to enjoy nature and take the time to care for and immerse your senses in this beautiful world we live in.

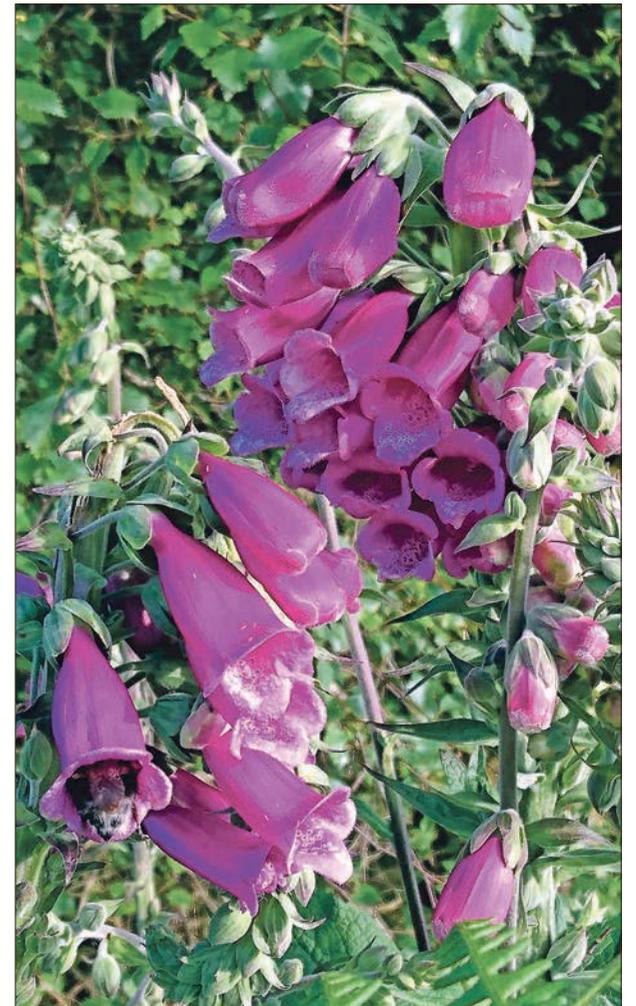
Safety in the Outdoors

Please continue to adhere to current guidelines as set out by the government, exercise responsibly and use appropriate clothing and equipment for your chosen outdoor activity.

Consider informing a contact about your route/whereabouts and don't forget your phone, snacks, drink, any medication/first aid supplies you may need and to check weather conditions.

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Veterans on frontline

Veterans are providing vital skills across a range of projects to help the country tackle the current coronavirus outbreak. From helping to build Nightingale Hospitals to delivering essential supplies to those who are shielding, they have helped thousands of people across the country. We take a look at how one such veteran is helping out.

THIS IS not the first time former soldier Joshua Ryder has seen a pandemic close up, having volunteered to visit Sierra Leone during the West African Ebola virus outbreak.

The 30-year-old worked in what was known as a "red zone" in Kerry Town, 19 miles from capital Freetown.

As a member of Royal Army Medical Core, he worked as a combat medical technician, receiving awards for Top Trainee and Adult Learner of the Year.

Joshua said: "We treated patients with confirmed or suspected Ebola. The symptoms are similar to those of malaria and gastroenteritis.

"We triaged and tested patients to determine whether they had these or Ebola."

The West African outbreak began in 2014, ending in Sierra Leone in 2016.

Two-and-a-half years after the first case was discovered, the outbreak resulted in more than 28,600 cases with 11,325 deaths.

Such was the volatility of the strain – most widespread outbreak of the disease in history – Joshua was only allowed to work in the area for 30 days.

He said: "I loved the country. It has some beautiful sights and the people are really friendly.

"It was sad to see the

devastation caused by the pandemic. We didn't only focus on the pandemic. We visited orphanages and helped build something for the country.

"It was moving to see the children who lost their parents to the virus."

During the coronavirus outbreak he is again working, but the environment could not be more different.

Having left the army in 2018, he is now a trainee nursing associate on a Midlands Partnership NHS Trust acute mental health ward in Stafford.

Joshua, who is father to Tia, aged 12, and her 10-year-old sister Lola, said: "Day to day I am more involved with the physical well-being of the patients – calming them, making physical observations, doing ECGs and bloods.

"I go to Keele University one day a week and am due to start my second year in September."

It was Joshua's experiences and expertise in the army that led him to the NHS in general, and mental health in particular.

He said: "I have worked in demanding conditions in various locations around the world. I am adaptable to suit many environments and job roles."

In the military he saw firsthand soldiers suffering poor mental health. One of



his friends, also serving in the army, committed suicide.

He said: "I entered the NHS through the Step into Health programme, which has been brilliant.

"I was able to show them what I had done and my

experiences counted. There was a lot of competition for the Trainee Nursing Associate place.

"I have been able to prove myself and have had really positive feedback.

"I won an award for

Outstanding Impact Since Joining the NHS at the programme's first ceremony."

Joshua is helping to treat patients through more difficult times than usual.

"We are doing absolutely brilliantly," he said. "It would

be abnormal, with all the constant changes, if we did not experience stress and anxiety.

"We have adapted and made changes.

"Here our patients have been brilliant.

"We have got a good team



TESTING TIME: A member of the armed services carries out a swab to detect Covid-19.

How military knowledge

FORMER SERVICE personnel have helped different communities deal with all manner of problems, making urgent deliveries of food and medicines to vulnerable people while also helping those who are shielding receive what they need.

Many others have helped ensure those who need a test for the virus have been

able to get one by setting up mobile testing sites, allowing them to run smoothly and safely to daily test thousands of people with symptoms.

A lot of this work has required specific skills our veterans have learnt throughout years of military service.

The work of these veterans goes to show the military gives you key skills, transferable to

civilian life – be it healthcare, business or organisation.

Veterans form an important part of our NHS workforce and, throughout COVID-19, many more have come forward to support the continued fight against this pandemic.

Working across a variety of roles, both on and off the frontline, the NHS has benefitted from their military

tackling coronavirus



Fantastic skills of armed forces

Minister for Defence People and Veterans Johnny Mercer, pictured right, said: "Those who've served in the armed forces have developed a vast array of skills during their

career, meaning they can play a huge part now in our national effort to tackle coronavirus. "We have seen many veterans making a fantastic contribution during the

pandemic, through helping out the vulnerable in their local communities, to running mobile testing sites nationally. We cannot thank them enough for their efforts."



WELL DONE: Joshua Ryder receives Outstanding Impact Since Joining The NHS award from Career Transition Partnership Head of Employment Lorraine Cadle and NHS Employers Chief Executive Danny Mortimer at March's Step into Health Awards, attended by Prince William. (photo: NHS Employers)

here, a good mix of people with different skills. We all support each other and do everything we can for our patients."

Joshua has also been a volunteer with men's mental health charity Men Unite, supporting males in crisis.

He ran a half marathon last year to raise £500 for Mental Health UK.

"And this month I am running 100 miles, having so far raised £795 for the same charity through JustGiving," he said.

helps the public

expertise and experiences, invaluable at this challenging time.

From redesigning hospital departments to safely supporting virus and non-virus patients, to providing care for those in Nightingale Hospitals and supporting nurses using military mental health resilience techniques, vets have once again served our country with pride. This

is in addition to many who have continued to work in dedicated NHS services for ex-service personnel, such as Veterans' Mental Health Transition, Intervention and Liaison Service and Veterans' Mental Health Complex Treatment Service to ensure care and treatment remains available throughout this period, virtually or via phone.



Keep our distance,
wash our hands, think of others
and play our part.

Could a two-way conversation transform Scotland's health?

An article by Barabel McKay, chairperson of the independent Health and Care Group, which serves as a voice for users of health and care services

Some of us have learned in lockdown the importance of other people and have been longing for these first personal contacts.

There have been surprises in discovering just what is important in life, and the comfort of knowing you are not alone in your likes, as your favourite brand of chocolate is again sold out.

We have also been made aware that the way we behave makes a difference to the future. It has taken a national emergency to get the government to acknowledge that it needs our compliance and, for that, must give us the information we need.

Suddenly the choices we make are seen as vitally important, and we have a part to play in achieving success for ourselves and our community. Can this be a foundation for a future partnership that could transform the health of Scotland and the pressure on our services?

As a physiotherapist I became aware that there was little one could do to impose solutions; there had to be a relationship that involved two-way listening, mutual trust and support to do what was necessary. In this pandemic Nicola Sturgeon has said that we have behaved in a way that saved lives and protected the NHS.



When this is over we could be at the beginning of another life-altering journey.

It will demand a huge shift in expectations. There is an amazing bias in society towards the idea of decrepitude and dependency in old age, when, in fact, encouraging

dependency increases a slide into that very state. During past months many of these attitudes have been exposed and caused outrage but they are long standing and deep seated.

If you have been trying to escape into fiction you might

We have been reminded of what is important in life.

have no better idea of what is possible. Alison Flood interviewed crime writers about their work, and this is what she found.

Ian Rankin is now writing about a John Rebus who has health issues, James Lee Burke has his detective Robicheaux meditating on mortality in his early 70s and Mark Billingham has slowed his Tom Thorne down a bit because he is in his 50s. Michael Connelly does not believe that it is credible to have his Harry Bosch with a badge and gun and still

working for the LAPD, this in a country where the President is 74 and one of the presidential hopefuls 78.

Worst of all, Sara Paretsky created a feisty, strong woman for her books, only to succumb to popular misconceptions and stop her age at 50 because she didn't 'want Vi to be helpless'.

These fictional creations battle the evils they see in their society. Now that it is realised how our individual decision making makes a difference, whatever our age, we have no need to feel helpless.

It is time to ask for the information and support we need.

To contact the Health and Care Group, email barabelmck@gmail.com



To our customers, old and new...

After 13 long weeks, we are now able to make plans for reopening The Tayvallich Inn.

We have been closely following Government guidance and thinking about how we can provide an enjoyable service while keeping everyone as safe as possible and ensuring our business is financially viable.

Due to continuing uncertainty, and taking the Inn's particular circumstances into account, we have set our target date for opening as the 31st July, although we may bring things forward based on changes proposed over the coming weeks - in particular the 2 metre social distancing.

We will start to provide regular updates about our progress. Our service will be different initially while we all adapt to the new normal, with a focus on outdoor eating and takeaway and delivery. Watch out for updates on Facebook regarding opening times, menus, any review to our dates and the launch of our new website.

We can't wait to welcome you all back!

*Brian, Kathryn,
Danny and the team xx*



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Council discusses business of public toilet reopening

Public toilets in Argyll and Bute must be reopened as soon as possible to cope with increased visitor numbers, councillors have said.

More clarity is also being sought on the restoration of several council services after the announcement that Scotland could move out of lockdown ahead of schedule.

Argyll and Bute Council's business continuity committee (BCC) heard at its meeting via Skype on Thursday June 25 that officers were currently revising plans – and that some toilets in the area could open next weekend.

The debate took place the day after First Minister Nicola Sturgeon advised that the five-mile travel limit is set to be scrapped from Friday July 3.

Other changes to lockdown restrictions are also proposed if the COVID-19 infection rate continues to decrease.

Councillor Robin Currie told the meeting: 'It would be quite good if we had a timeline compared with the Scottish Government route map.'

'It would be useful to know what the dates are for opening up our council services.'

'After all the announcements made by the First Minister yesterday, I think we need to push on with things.'

'I cannot miss out on the opportunity to raise public toilets. Yesterday's announcement included that as of next week, people can travel throughout Scotland, and to holiday homes and self-catering units.'

'So there will be a lot more people about – what are our plans?'

Kirsty Flanagan, the authority's interim executive director, said: 'Officers are currently revising their plans as and when we know dates.'



Council chief executive Pippa Milne.

'We hope we can open some toilets – not all, but some – from next weekend. We are working through that just now.'

No mention was made of any particular public toilets which could reopen.

Chief executive Pippa Milne added: 'Officers are working on the road map in relation to services that need to restart, and we will give as much to members as we can towards the end of next week.'

'If there are developments beyond that, we will keep newsletters coming out to members as and when required.'

'We have no formal meetings, but we have the facility to convene a leadership meeting should we need any decisions made.'

'I think we are getting to a period where it is much clearer what steps are going to be taken and we need to be clearer on

how that affects us.'

Council leader and BCC chair Aileen Morton responded: 'Officers are looking at this and a comment was made yesterday about bringing forward the easing of lockdown, so I expect to hear about ourselves as soon as we can.'

Councillor Alastair Redman, who is not a member of the BCC but listened in via Skype, said: 'I would hope that all public toilets will be able to open up. Can we have some clarity on what is going to happen?'

Ms Flanagan replied: 'Part of it is to do with resources, because we have to ensure there are reasonable measures in place.'

'A number of toilet attendants are in the shielding group. What we intend to do over the next few days is engage with the relevant people to see if we can re-open.'

Vote deadline is looming on the future of Kilmartin church building

Time is running out to have your say on the future of Kilmartin's imposing former church building.

Plans for a redesigned building, prepared for Dunadd Community Enterprise, have been available online for the past six weeks, and have received an overwhelmingly positive response, with some new suggestions being made concerning activities which could take place in the new space.

The proposed new design involves converting the former church for community and business use.

Dunadd Community Enterprise members still have a chance to vote on whether the organisation should attempt to purchase and remodel the building.

'We were very pleased with the response to the online consultation, with 31 people taking the time to respond,' said Dunadd Community Enterprise chairman David Bracken. 'All but one were in favour of taking the project forward.'



Kilmartin Church

'Now we need to formally hear from our members as to whether we should take the next step to secure funding to purchase the church building.'

Member

Anyone normally living in Dunadd can become a member, and those over 16 years of age are able to vote.

'It would be great if eligible folks went online at www.dunadd.scot,

where they'll find the plans, a membership application form and a voting form too. Only members' votes will count.

'It is hoped that all residents of Dunadd will take the time to let their views be known.'

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Ingredients

500g lean beef mince (5% fat or less)	400g jar sweet peppers (such as Peppadew), drained and roughly chopped
1 large onion, finely chopped	3 x 300g packs butternut squash noodles (or see tip)
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped	Chopped fresh parsley, to serve
400g can chopped tomatoes	4 level tbsp freshly grated Parmesan, to serve

Method:

Put the beef in a deep non-stick frying pan over a medium heat and stir-fry for 3-4 minutes or until browned, breaking up any lumps with spoon. Drain off any fat and add the onion, garlic and 2 tbsp water. Cover and cook for 10 minutes or until the onion is soft, stirring occasionally.

Add the chopped tomatoes and peppers to the pan, reduce the heat to low and simmer uncovered for 30 minutes.

When the sauce is nearly ready, put the squash noodles and 100ml boiling water in a non-stick saucepan over a medium-high heat and cook for 5 minutes or until piping hot and tender. Drain, divide between bowls and top with the sauce. Scatter over the parsley and serve with the Parmesan to sprinkle over (1 level tbsp per serving).

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Industry to be proactive as it emerges from Covid-19

Around the markets

STIRLING: United Auctions (Wednesday 24th June 2020) sold 513 store cattle and 101 cast cows and bulls.

Bullocks (236) – averaged 220.09p to 279.40p per kg for a 272kg CHX from Dyke, and to £1290 for a 636kg LimX from Newpark.

Dairy Bullocks (92) – averaged 187.88p to 215.10p per kg for a 509kg BFX from Knockrivoch, and to £1095 for a 509kg BFX from Knockrivoch.

Heifers (163) – averaged 224.55p to 270.20p per kg for a 285kg LimX from Dyke, and to £1220 for a 592kg CHX from Mains.

Young Bulls (22) – averaged 216.09p to 239.00p per kg for a CHX from Ashfield, and to £1150 for a SimX from Hole O Clean.

Beef Cows and Bulls (84) – averaged 144.99p to 191.60p per kg for a BSX from Drygate, and to £1470 for a LimX from Kerculloch.

Dairy Cows (17) – averaged 118.24p to 178.90p per kg for a MOX from Claylands, and to £1070 for a MOX from Claylands.

Bullocks: Up to 250kgs- Gibblaston £640, 262.30p; 251-300kgs- Blackburn £790, Dyke 279.40p; 301-350kgs- Thomanean £845, Dyke 253.30p; 351-400kgs- Newpark £900, Foregirth 234.80p; 401-450kgs- Torrax £1035, Newpark 240.00p; 451-500kgs- Torrax £1120, Farden 237.50p; 501-551kgs- Mollinhillhead £1210, Torrax 225.20p; 552-601kgs- Silverhill £1280, Farden 223.20p; 602-651kgs- Newpark £1290,

Mollinhillhead 203.00p.

Heifers: Up to 250kgs- Gateside £480, 203.40p; 251-300kgs- Dyke £770, 270.20p; 301-350kgs- Kerculloch £810, Dyke 249.20p; 351-400kgs- Kilbrook Farms £905, Millantae 229.50p; 401-450kgs- Farden £1050, 238.60p; 451-500kgs- Torrax £1120, Farden 228.90p; 501-551kgs- Kilbrook Farms £1140, Farden 213.60p; 552-601kgs- Mains £1220, Farden 211.20p.

Young Bulls: 251-300kgs- West Park £685, 237.80p; 301-350kgs- Torrax £800, Ashfield 239.00p; 351-400kgs- Durie £800, 217.00p; 401-450kgs- Durie £860, 211.00p; 501-551kgs- Innerwick £1085, 204.70p; 552-601kgs- Hole O Clean £1150, 200.00p.

OTM Cows: £ per head- .Kerculloch (Lim) £1470, Hardens (AA) £1410, Balgreggie (SH) £1350, Traprain (Sal) £1270, Kerculloch (Sim) £1230, Balquharrage (BRB) £1210, Netherton (CH) £1210, Newpark (SD) £1130, Claylands (MO) £1070, Traprain (HE) £1050.

PPK- .Drygate (BS) 191.60p, Claylands (MO) 178.90p, Balgreggie (SH) 178.60p, Kerculloch (Sim) 177.20p, Balquharrage (BRB) 172.90p, Woodhead of Aberdalgie (AA) 172.40p, Traprain (Sal) 166.70p, Traprain (HE) 163.60p, Kerculloch (Lim) 160.50p, Wester Lochdrum (HF) 159.60p.

OTM Bulls: £ per head- .Broombrae (Sim) £1630, Ballagan (Lim) £1530, Gateside (AA) £1430.

PPK- .Newpark (Lim) 159.70p, Broombrae (Sim) 149.50p, Gateside (AA) 132.70p.

Scotland's agricultural industry must be enabled to be proactive as the nation emerges from the impact of the coronavirus crisis.

Speaking on June 24 by video link with the Scottish Parliament's Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, NFU Scotland's Director of Policy Jonnie Hall joined other stakeholders in discussing the impact of Covid-19 on agriculture, fisheries, aquaculture and food and drink sectors.

In written evidence to the committee, NFUS said that lessons are already being learned but that recovery is likely to take many years. The Union recognised that Scottish agriculture and all that it underpins will have to change and adapt to what is and will be a very new operating environment which will not be 'business as usual'.

Mr Hall also gave evidence on Scotland's Covid-19 recovery when he took part in a video conference with Westminster's Scottish Affairs committee on June 25.

Mr Hall said: 'Post-Covid recovery, and our departure from the EU, will be very challenging for the agricultural sector, as markets and supply chains have to adapt to survive and thrive and agricultural

support is realigned in light of tighter financial constraints and amended policy goals.

'There is significant opportunity for the sector within this challenge. The resetting and restarting of food production, processing and distribution, while meeting a raft of major government policy objectives, will provide the catalyst for change.



Jonnie Hall, NFU Scotland's Director of Policy.

'Our primary goal within the longer-term economic recovery is to secure a profitable and sustainable agricultural industry that acts as a cornerstone to economic, environmental and social benefits: producing high quality food and products that our customers want; seeking growth in new export markets;

taking the lead in the delivery of climate ambitions and a flourishing environment; driving sustainable rural development, helping rural communities thrive and prosper; and contributing to key objectives on animal health and welfare as well as promoting human health and well-being.

'Moving out of the shadow of the pandemic, it is vital that industry and governments work together to ensure a clear and consistent message continues to be received by the general public of the important role played by farmers, crofters and growers – not just in terms of ensuring security of food supply but also with regard to the high provenance of domestic food and drink, produced to exacting standards.'

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CASE STUDY QUEEN'S HOTEL

ROOMS and pamper packages for NHS workers away from their families, prepping more than 600 meals a week for vulnerable people in the community and projecting light shows every week for Clap for Carers are just some of the things one hotel team has done during the coronavirus outbreak.

The team at the Queens Hotel in Southsea have been working hard since lockdown began in March to support everyone in the community across Portsmouth.

Duty manager Megan Lockyer has been working with the small team who have welcomed more than 30 NHS workers to the hotel, which during the Second World War served as a hospital for recovering servicemen, for a place to rest away from their jobs.

Megan put a post on the Portsmouth Coronavirus Support Group on Facebook asking members to support her idea and it has since taken off with donations pouring in from individuals and businesses.

She said: "I watched the NHS workers come back to the hotel

after a challenging day and I really wanted to let them know how much we appreciate what they are doing.

"I came up with the idea of making hampers for the NHS workers who are currently with us at the hotel.

"I shared my idea with the Facebook group and it was amazing how the community responded.

"The NHS staff had told us how sore their hands were due to constant washing and we were able to include aloe vera hand cream along with items such as face masks, relaxing bath gels, slippers and Easter eggs."

Staff also worked with Medusa Hairdressing in Southsea to create more hampers which were distributed to key workers in local nursing homes.

The hotel's managing director Farid Yeganeh said: "I am delighted with the small team we have working at the hotel who have ensured it is clean and safe for our NHS guests."

More than 7,200 meals have been sent out in lockdown to vulnerable people around the city thanks to a collaboration between the hotel, a collective of voluntary organisations called



THERE FOR YOU: Queen's Hotel lit up for the NHS and (inset) preparing food in the kitchen. PICTURE: QUEENS HOTEL SOUTHSEA

Portsmouth Hive, Portsmouth City Council, NHS Portsmouth CCG, the charity arm of Portsmouth Football Club called Pompey in the Community, as well as Anghel Niko Nedelcu, head chef from Portsmouth's Brasserie Blanc and Royal Beach Hotel head chef Paul Playford. The initiative received two £3,000 anonymous donations, as well



as food donations from local businesses including butchers Buckwells. Farid said: "We got an email from the council at the start of lockdown about whether any businesses had any stock that was going out of date. It just snowballed from there really and we teamed up with the Hive to get meals distributed and it means so much that we could help our community."

Each week for Clap For Carers, projections showing support for the NHS were displayed on the Edwardian era hotel as part of the team's commitment to supporting local health workers. Farid added: "I have always been aware that we have a really special team working at the hotel and this just underlines it. I look forward to being able to welcome back the whole Queens Hotel team once the lockdown is over."

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CASE STUDY

HIGHLAND AUTO CAMPERS

WHEN coronavirus started appearing in Inverness, care home manager Victoria Connolly was determined no one who worked or lived there would fall ill.

So she asked the staff of the Isobel Fraser home in Inverness if they'd be prepared to live onsite and was thrilled when 14 said they would.

But then came the problem of where to put them.

The 38-year-old said: "There are a couple of rooms upstairs I could fit six people into. But then I thought, 'Where am I going to put everyone else?'"

"I have a friend with a campervan so I phoned her and asked if we could use it. She agreed but I needed more so she suggested I hire one."

Victoria got in touch with Highland Auto Campers whose owner Mark Jarratt, 44, immediately agreed to hire her three vehicles for cost.

While they'd normally charge £130 a night for their practically-new fleet, the care home got them for just £250 each a week.

Mark says: "We've only been going two years but earlier this year, things were going well - March was picking up and April and May were fully booked.

"But we only get an eight-month window to make our money because of the tourist season so lockdown came at the worst time for us, the start of our season and was a complete disaster.

"Then around April 14, we got a call from the Isobel Fraser home.

Stories were, by then, beginning to emerge that some care homes had been really badly hit by coronavirus.

"They said that while the home was free of coronavirus, they knew they needed to take steps to keep both staff and residents virus free and by providing accommodation for their staff on site. They wanted to rent three of our vans to do this.

"We were surprised to get the phone call - there are a lot of similar companies in the area - but quite pleased and we immediately agreed to assist in any way that we could. We just wanted to help.

"It was also a win-win situation for us. The campervans hadn't been used for a few weeks, they were just sitting quarantined and this was income - not a great deal of income but better than nothing.

"Even though they hadn't been used for weeks, and one was so new it had never been used, we gave them a thorough clean before driving them over and setting them up.

"The staff and some of the residents were quite excited when we arrived and were looking out of the windows."

Six care home staff slept in the vans for between three and five weeks.

Manager Victoria said: "They really enjoyed it - they were warm and comfortable. Most have said they'd take them out on holiday!"

The care home, which has 27 residents, hasn't had a single case of coronavirus. Mark said: "We were really proud to have been able to help. It's good to do something for the community.

TEAMING UP: Highland Auto Campers owner Mark Jarratt with girlfriend Alicia.



DREAM TEAM: The Shnuggle staff.

CASE STUDY

SHNUGGLE

NEWTOWNARDS-BASED company Shnuggle diversified into making PPE when the coronavirus pandemic hit the firm's core business.

Sinead and Adam Murphy were building the company into a leading name among parents with products such as an air bedside crib, air flow mattress, rocking stand, toddler baths, bath stands and many other creations.

But the growth was interrupted when Covid-19 arrived in the UK, and the country went into lockdown.

Although UK sales remained strong, imports were hit and Shnuggle's owners turned their attention to designing and creating a face covering that would help save lives.

Adam and Sinead quickly realised that they could help make a difference in the national effort to provide Personal Protective Equipment items. After taking measures needed to sustain the business, including taking advantage of UK Government furlough and business loan schemes, they set

about creating and growing not-for-profit business Hero Shield.

Adam said: "We had seen a few initiatives that had popped up all around the world.

"A lot were printing 3D face shields so we kind of sat down with our head of design who was on furlough and said, 'can we come up with a design here that we could start producing at rock bottom price and we'd prefer it to be a reusable one rather than a disposable one?'

"We came up with designs over the course of a weekend, by Monday we had done 20 different designs and 3D printed them on our prototyping printer and we'd put out a call on LinkedIn to local companies who wanted to get involved and within a very short space of time we had about 20 different businesses all saying, 'Yep, we can do that bit and we'll do it free of charge or we'll do it at cost'.

"We said that we weren't doing it to make money. We were trying to help the NHS and other care workers so we founded another company which was Hero Shield Ltd and we set it up as not for profit so nobody could take any money

out of it. Alongside that we did a crowdfunder to cover the costs so we raised £35,000 in the end.

"We managed to produce and ship out about 100,000 face shields in about six weeks."

Adam and Sinead are working to secure charitable status for Hero Shield Ltd, which is still running on a non-profit basis, and is now focussing more on charities and care services that don't have the funds for whatever PPE they might need to get back up and running.

Sinead said: "The businesses that were actually producing the face shields, we passed the orders to them and they have turned it into more of a commercial venture because we got a massive order from the NHS.

"It was worth shy of £1m and we needed to focus back on Shnuggles, so we passed it over to them and they pay a royalty into the Hero Shield charity for every one that they make."

So having helped the NHS in Northern Ireland, Adam and Sinead are now focused again on their core business - creating and marketing clever products for babies and children.

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Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust
Applications are invited for funding for the disbursement of community benefit from the above Trust.
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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
20/01014/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, detached garage and formation of new vehicular access	Land East Of Auchinbreck (Plot 2) Campbeltown Argyll And Bute
20/00972/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and connection to existing vehicular access	Land North East Of Creagan Mor Ormsary Road Invermill Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute
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20/01038/PP	Change of use from public garden to public garden and Early Child Care and Early Learning Centre. Repair of existing paths, stores and installation of 4 toilet units and outdoor building with new pathways	Kilmory Castle Kilmory Industrial Estate Lochgilphead Argyll And Bute PA31 8RT
20/00990/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, formation of access and installation of sewage treatment plant	Land South Of Elyston Campbeltown Argyll And Bute
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with Marilyn Shedden

I wonder how you have coped during this 'lockdown' time.

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We are social creatures and we miss the social interaction which makes up the rhythm of our days.

For many it has been a desolate time, a time when walls become like a prison and life seems empty and fear hovers like a dark veil.

For many grief has had to be borne alone without the comfort of family and friends.

But for many there has been blessing because of technology. Communication has been made possible with loved ones and business colleagues alike via Skype, Zoom, WhatsApp, FaceTime and other social media.

Many miss their weekly visit to the church as the church doors have been closed throughout the land for the past three months.

However, technology has brought its blessings here too as many have been enjoying 'online' worship provided by creative and innovative ministers and worship leaders.

In fact congregation numbers have swelled during this time and many more folk are tuning in online than attend church on a Sunday.

I am going to make a request here as I would dearly love to hear from any of you who do not usually go to church, but have been enjoying being part of the online congregation, as to what it is that attracts you.

As we consider going back to our churches, what can we learn from this and from you?

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Miriam is nominated



Miriam Walker.

A probationer teacher who completed her probationary period at Rhu Primary School was nominated for the General Teaching Council for Scotland's National Probationer celebration.

The event celebrates probationer teachers who will become eligible to teach in Scotland's schools, with full GTCS registration, from August 2020.

Miriam Walker was nominated by Argyll and Bute Council in recognition of her success.

She said: 'Everything I do as a teacher must have an impact and I hope that, as a reflective teacher, I will continue to ask myself this.'

ARGYLL AND BUTE

Cinema Equipment Fund

Three projects in Argyll and Bute are among the 24 projects, from Orkney to Galashiels, to have received support from the National Lottery through Screen Scotland's Cinema Equipment Fund towards the purchase of new equipment to host accessible community cinema across Scotland.

In line with the Scottish Government's latest Covid-19 guidance, all 24 projects can now begin plans to get up and running and welcoming audiences, as soon as they're able, from Wednesday July 15.

Screen Argyll can now invest in new mobile film screening equipment and kick start a full cinema programme across 11 Hebridean islands.

Screen Argyll's Jen Skinner said: 'We're thrilled to receive this award. It will enable us to supply cinema kit to Barra, Vatersay and the Small Isles and support our work in developing film activity across Argyll and the Isles.'

In Cowal, Kyles Screen Community Cinema is to install a cinema screen, projector and sound system together with internet connectivity at the Colintrave Village Hall to enable a range of films including documentaries, foreign language films and independent cinema to be screened. The intention is to provide the opportunity to bring the community together via film through a programme of screenings, talks, clubs and workshops.

A Kyles Screen spokesperson said: 'The community cinema is an incredibly exciting development and a longer-term game changer for the rural communities in the wider Kyles area. It increases our resilience, brings people together and strengthens links across generations. We are very grateful to our partners for their invaluable help and advice in reaching this milestone, including the Cowal Cinema Club, Dunoon Film Festival, The Dunoon Burgh Hall and Screen Argyll together with all our volunteers and members of the community.'

Oban Phoenix Cinema is upgrading its equipment to allow the cinema to continue to deliver a high-quality and diverse programme to local communities.

'Oban Phoenix Cinema is delighted to be awarded funds by Screen Scotland,' said a spokesperson. 'The funding will enable us to provide top quality films and live theatre via our new equipment to all our rural communities for which the cinema remains an important part of the social structure.'



Bringing Argyll people together through film.

TARBERT

Community trust funding

Applications from constituted groups in the Tarbert and Skipness areas are invited as the latest round of funding is announced by Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust.

Any group bidding for funding must be based in the area covered by Tarbert and Skipness Community Council.

Application forms and guidance can be found on the www.tsct.org.uk website, and completed applications should be submitted to info@tsct.org.uk or to the company office: Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust, William Duncan & Co, School Road, Tarbert, PA29 6UL.

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MATHISEN - Peacefully at Campbeltown Hospital on June 30, 2020, Elsie Mathisen, in her 92nd year, Sanaigmore, Low Askomil, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Ian Mathisen, much loved mum of Mary, Fred and Ian, loving mother-in-law of George, Carol and Janice, and a loving granny of Laura, Stephanie and Fraser. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

MCMILLAN - Suddenly but peacefully at Campbeltown Hospital, on June 29, 2020, with her loving husband by her side, Margaret Jane Colville, in her 72nd year, Belmara, Limecraigs Road, Campbeltown, beloved wife of Iain McMillan, much loved mum of Iain and Gary, loving mother-in-law of Rhona and Morven, proud granny of Gary, Christy, Adam and Greg, a very special sister, aunty and friend. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

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Ishbel, Leslie and the late Nan and a loving uncle, great uncle and step dad. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

BROWN - The family of the late Neil Brown would like to thank all relations, friends and neighbours for their many kind expressions of sympathy and support following their sad loss. To all who came out and paid their respects on his final journey to Kilkerran Cemetery, the family really appreciated the kindness shown. Special thanks to Dr Lazarus, Dr Toledo, the paramedics and the staff at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital for the care and compassion shown to Neil. Our sincere thanks also to Campbeltown Community Nurses for their support and kindness given to Neil over the past five years. Our thanks to Rev. William Crossan for his comforting and meaningful service, to T A Blair Funeral Directors for their professional assistance and to Argyll and Bute Council cemetery staff.

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HARRISON - In loving memory of my dear wife, Sandra, passed away on July 1, 2018. There will never be a day when I don't think of you and wish you were here by my side. - Andy.

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- Forever in our hearts, Margaret and Craig. Our wee Granny, Your wings were ready, But our hearts were not. Always loved and forever missed. - Christopher, Hannah, Erin and Josh. Sleep tight GG, Love and miss you always. - Your wee boy, Logan.

HARRISON - Cherished memories of a wonderful mum, Sandra, who passed away July 1, 2018. You may be out of sight and we may be worlds apart But you are always on our minds and forever in our hearts. Love and miss you always. - William and Chris.

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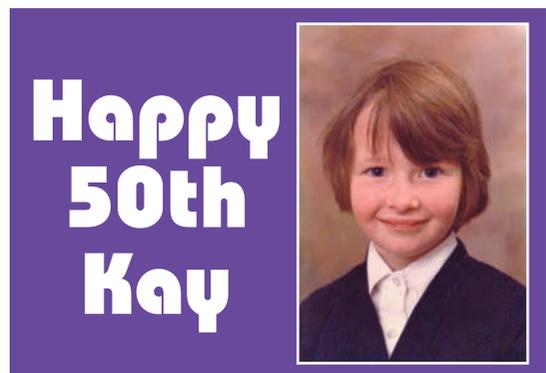
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William and Ellen would like to thank everyone who sent lovely cards, beautiful flowers and gifts to celebrate their diamond wedding. Your kindness is very much appreciated.



Happy 50th Kay



Thank You!

Thank you so much Hector and Christine would like to thank family, friends and neighbours and for radio requests received on the occasion of their golden wedding.



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The Glenralloch weather didn't put Lewis Preston off, as he returned 82-25 for 57 nett and a handicap reduction of three. This is the third week in a row that the winning score was in the fifties.

Next was Bruce MacNab, whose 69 saw him qualify in first place in the Presidents Cup on a total of 139. Peter McLean snr was next with a 75, qualifying in second place on 150, with John MacNab in third qualifying spot on 151.

As there is no competition this Saturday, the next is planned for July 11 when the first round of the Archie MacNab Memorial Cup takes place.

Bob seals place at the US Open

Oban golfer Bob MacIntyre was handed a 'Major' boost when the Glencruitten left-hander gained a place in the US Open.

Organisers announced the 144-man field would be made up of exempt players after Covid-19 forced the qualifying to be scrapped.

The US PGA confirmed the top 70 in the world when golf shut down in March will be at Winged Foot in New York on September 17 instead of the usual 60.

Bob is world No 67 and can now look forward to his first US Open and his second Major, having tied in sixth place in The Open at Royal Portrush last summer.



Climbers and mountaineers can get back out, abiding by the current guidance.

Walkers and climbers welcome lifting of the travel limits



Hillwalkers and climbers across Scotland have been delighted at news that the 'stay local' travel restriction for leisure and recreation is to be lifted from today, Friday July 3.

Mountaineering Scotland has welcomed the lifting of the restriction, announced by the First Minister last week.

Stuart Younie, chief executive officer of the organisation which represents almost 15,000 walkers and climbers, and acts as a voice for the sector in Scotland, said: 'Today's announcement, and the plans to bring forward a relaxation in travel

for leisure, is a positive step and one that will be welcomed by our members and outdoor enthusiasts across Scotland.

Enjoy

'We hope that more people will now be able to enjoy a return to the hills and mountains but continue to play their part and stay safe as they have done over the last few months.'

The organisation has reminded people that this is not yet a return to normal, and that distancing and hygiene guidelines must still be observed.

'We all need to remain Covid aware.

Think where you are going and consider avoiding places you know are likely to be busy and be sensitive to the concerns of rural communities.

'The sacrifices we have all been making have helped us get this far in a return to the hills, but the virus is still out there so we would encourage anyone heading to the hills to do so with this in mind and to act responsibly.'

Mountaineering Scotland's guidance for hill-walkers and climbers can be found at www.mountaineering.scot/coronavirus/

Sinclair wins rain-hit Lochgilphead championship

Saturday June 27 saw a large field take part in the gents' championship at Lochgilphead Golf Club.

The scores were close, with Ross Sinclair and Ryan McGlynn in the lead with 69 strokes each and Robbie Wilson two behind on 71.

With 72 strokes, Tom Campbell was still in contention but had secured the senior championship prize the Downhill Trophy. Captain James Scott had a superb round and was leading in the handicap competition with a net 57, beating match secretary Colin Penman by a single stroke.

When Sunday dawned the weather had not been kind, and when the course was inspected it was deemed unplayable, unless you had a boat.

Due to the unprecedented times we find ourselves in it was decided that the previous day's scores would stand, so this year's champion is Ross Sinclair, who beat Ryan McGlynn on a count-back. Senior champion is Tom Campbell and handicap winner James Scott.

The ladies played for the Rosalind Flanagan Memorial trophy on Saturday, returning excellent scores. Jane Hepburn was victorious with 39 points, beating Ele Hunter by one point.



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