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Rock armour shipped in to save Pirnmill seawall

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Urgent works have started to save a severely storm damaged seawall which has led to part of the main road round Arran crumbling into the sea.

The rock revetment works to the south of Pirnmill require 2,000 tonnes of rock armour shipped in from the mainland to shore up the seawall. Preparatory works started on Monday and the work is likely to last for four weeks. The project will cost £268,800.

As a result of a heavy storm, large sections of the gabion basket seawall were swept into the sea or badly damaged leaving the main C147 road, on the west of the island, vulnerable to erosion by the sea in the future if left unattended. The Pirnmill Village Association has been pushing for this work to be carried out for some time.

A North Ayrshire Council spokeswoman said: 'The coastal protection for the C147 road in this area currently consists of a length of masonry seawall,



rock revetment and gabion basket seawall. The coastal protection works generally consist of the removal of the damaged gabion baskets and installing a further section of rock armour as an extension of the existing revetment. The

project is being part-funded from the Crown Estate Net Revenue Allocation Scheme.'

The contractor for the project is W I & A Gilbert Ltd of Dalry, with John Thomson Construction of Lamlash sub-contracted to bring

the materials to the island. The rock is being delivered from Hillhouse quarry in Dundonald to Troon where it is being loaded on to a landing craft, the Red Princess, and brought to Arran. Two shipments have already been made

A truck loaded with rock armour drives off the Red Princess.

with a third due early next week.

'This was considered the most favourable and long-lasting solution, with the least disruption and impact on the community,' the council spokeswoman added.

The alternative would have been to use the main CalMac ferries for delivery of the rock supplies, which would have seriously affected island travel capacity, especially during Covid-19 restrictions. The rock would then have had to be trucked over The String to Pirnmill.

The landing site at Rubha Airigh was first used during the construction of the long sea outfall from the Isle of Arran Distillery at Lochranza four years ago and there have been claims that in the future

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Pupils back to school next week

All schools and early years centres on Arran will reopen to pupils on Wednesday, following the announcement from the Scottish Government confirming it was safe for schools to return.

Head teachers have been contacting parents and carers this week with specific details about the return to individual schools with Arran High School and Lamlash primary and early years all returning to full-time classes on Wednesday. Brodick Nursery also resumes that day.

However, as the schools return, education chiefs say everyone must remember that the virus has not gone away. There will be increased hygiene measures across all schools and early years centres including hand sanitiser throughout the schools and increased handwashing.

Children will not need to physically distance, but teachers will try to limit interactions between groups where possible.

A North Ayrshire Council spokeswoman said: 'All pupils will be returning to all Arran

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Rock armour shipped in to save Pirnmill seawall



Top left, a truck is loaded with stone from the Red Princess at the temporary landing site. 01_B32rock01; above right, a digger prepares to start work on the rock armour. 01_B32rock05; below, the storm erosion damage to the road is clear. 01_B32rock04; the badly eroded road south of Pirnmill with the new rock delivered seen on the shore. 01_B32rock03.



Continued from page one. it could be used for timber extractions, as Red Princess is normally seen in Brodick transporting timber to the mainland, but these have been denied. The site of the rock armour works is situated off road, so site traffic management will be to a minimum. However, there will be an increase in construction traffic for the duration of the works at certain times for the supply of materials. All foreshores will be returned to their natural conditions after the works, the council says.



Pupils will return to Arran High School next week.

Schools reopen next week

Continued from page one. schools on Wednesday 12 August. Parents will be receiving more detailed information directly from head teachers about arrangements specific to their schools. Councillor John Bell, cabinet member for education, North Ayrshire Council, said: 'Life is not going back to normal yet but we are really looking forward to welcoming all our young people back to school next week. 'Our aim is to help the children re-adjust to school life, support their wellbeing and have a clear focus on learning. 'We fully understand we must not be complacent – the safety and wellbeing of our young people, teachers and staff is our main priority. Together we must continue to focus on keeping virus transmissions levels low. We ask parents and carers not to send their child to school if they have Covid-19 symptoms.'

Arran firms could salvage a third of island tourist trade

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Arran could yet salvage a third of its 2020 tourist season trade, according to the Arran Recovery Group.

Tourism contributed £69 million to the Arran economy last year and supported more than 1,500 jobs. Income this year, at the end of July, is estimated at just £7 million, but if the island can maintain the dramatic change in ferry capacity utilisation, that could increase to £23 million and potentially more if Arran can develop further autumn demand.

Early indications are that deferred holidays from the spring are being replanned for the autumn, with October and November accommodation bookings already running ahead of last year. Forward booking is excellent and there



is a very strong demand for self-catering accommodation.

There is no doubt that the island is extremely busy with visitors and hotels, restaurants, bars and cafes all reporting brisk trade. More have also

signed up to the government's Eat Out and Help Out discount dining scheme which started this week.

The figures come as the umbrella recovery group public their latest draft plan to help

compile the shape of the recovery of the island's economy.

Recovery group chairman Tom Tracey said: 'When we started this process in early May the outlook was very bleak. We are far from out of

Brodick beach was busy with visitors during last weekend's heatwave in the shadow of Goatfell.

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it but we now have a safe and responsible basis for recovery. That is, assuming we can continue along this path. Recovery will not be a "return to", but a different place that we cannot quite see yet, but it is taking shape.'

'Whatever happens, we need government, at all levels, to urgently establish an Island Survival Plan that recognises tourism in general and islands in particular as a special case requiring additional support,' Mr Tracey added.

With the increased capacity the group says there have been no significant problems with locals or visitors accessing the ferry. At the start of August approximately 50 per cent

of the month's sailings still available with the 80/20 rule still in place to allow for 'turn up and go' passengers, but this may be reviewed to 90/10 as has happened on other islands.

However, there are still problems with passengers not understanding the new procedures onboard the ferry. Social distancing, wearing a mask throughout the journey etc. It is felt more publicity and communication are required to reinforce the message and CalMac is considering a voice message on board.

The recovery group also says a second business survey has provided more excellent qualitative and quantitative information. Initial findings show 93 per cent of businesses have experienced a loss of revenue, 48 per cent a loss of customers, and 53 per cent cited their business is or may be at risk.



The Hyperion berthed in Brodick Bay on Wednesday. 01_B32yacht01

Super-yacht visits Brodick

Arran had an elegant visitor this week in the shape of luxury super-yacht Hyperion which can be yours for a cool 12.95 million euros (£11.71 million), writes Hugh Boag.

The yacht spent several days in and out of Brodick Bay and the vessel, which had the tallest ever single rig when she was built by renowned Dutch shipbuilder Royal Huisman in 1998, was vividly lit up at night.

The yacht can carry six guests in three sumptuous

cabins, which provide ultimate comfort and privacy, and has a crew of eight to meet all guests' needs on board and who must have been busy when the yacht was storm bound during a wet and windy Tuesday.

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Preparation work at Troon is no surprise

The fact that Troon continues to make preparations as likely alternative port during the long-awaited works at Ardrossan should not have come as a major surprise to anyone this week.

Transport Scotland said many months ago that the Arran ferry may have to go to Troon 'for a short time' during works to upgrade Ardrossan harbour, which were already well behind schedule before the coronavirus pandemic.

There had been claims in The Ayrshire Post and The Daily Record that the transfer would go ahead after the port secured listed building consent from South Ayrshire Council to allow for pier changes which could see two new 50 ton capacity berthing bollards housed on a new section of concrete built out from the pier.

However, a spokesman for Associated British Ports was quoted as saying they could not confirm when work would start or the cost of that development.

The current work therefore appears to be connected with getting Troon harbour ready to take over when work starts on Ardrossan.

The spokesman added: 'We are working closely with Transport Scotland and CalMac to develop ways in which we can help offer additional resilience to ferry services on the network and potentially assist during the period of construction at Ardrossan terminal.'

Arran has been Covid free for over 100 days

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There have been no cases of Covid-19 on Arran for 105 days, the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership has confirmed.

But the 'good news' is only possible to report as people have been following the government guidelines to combat the coronavirus pandemic and the firm message is: Do not stop now – a message hammered home by the new lockdown restrictions imposed on Aberdeen this week.

As expected, the increase in ferries and visitors to the island in the last two weeks have resulted in increased presentations to A&E and the GP practice. The GP practice is providing a higher number of appointments than usual, though the vast majority of these remain by telephone. They are urging patients to continue to get in touch if they need any health advice.

Arran clinical lead Dr Greg Hamill said: 'Services remain highly vigilant for symptoms of possible Covid infection. It is not possible to predict with certainty when we will see more coronavirus cases on Arran, but it remains important that our health and care services are operating with increased infection control

measures in place and that we maintain the capacity to rapidly assess, treat and isolate cases as they arise. This means that many of the different ways of working will remain for some time. The

coming weeks of increased activity on the island will be an important period as will the transition to winter and the usual increase in seasonal infections and illness.'

It is hoped the confirmation

The safety messages on the #WeAreArran poster widely displayed on the island.

that the island is at present Covid-free may help curb the wild speculation about new cases which has been circulating. Test and Protect on the island is said to be working well with 213 tests having been carried out on 151 people at Arran's own testing centre at Brodick Health Centre, which was launched in June.

Accommodation pathway procedures are now in place for any Covid positive visitors if required and a leaflet has been produced by VisitArran, with help from NHS Ayrshire & Arran, for accommodation providers regarding the procedure and has been very well received.

Dr Hamill went on: 'We can all continue to do our part by keeping to the Scottish Government's advice on staying safe and protecting others. FACTS is the acronym to remind us of advice: Wear Face coverings in enclosed spaces and Avoid crowds. Clean your hands and surfaces frequently. Keep Two metre social distancing. Self isolate and book a test if you have symptoms.'

'There will be an expanded

flu vaccination programme this year with more people eligible for vaccination. The logistics of delivering this while maintaining social distancing are being worked out. It may prove to be the groundwork vital to delivering a coronavirus vaccine programme.

'Thank you for your continued support and understanding of the measures needed for safe care. Thank you to everyone working in caring and supporting roles – those for whom that is their job and the very many volunteering or caring for loved ones.'

How to arrange a test

Anyone displaying any of the following symptoms of Covid-19 is eligible for a test on the island: a new continuous cough; a fever/temperature of 37.8°C or above; or a new loss of sense of smell or taste.

Call 01770 601033 to arrange a test – please do not attend without an appointment or present to A&E with these symptoms. You can find up to date information on Covid-19 at NHSinform

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- Washing your hands or using a hand sanitiser often
- Keeping hard surfaces clean and avoiding touching the same surfaces as others
- Bringing your own food, plates and cutlery if eating together
- Not eating from the same bowl as others



Can go into shops, indoor markets and pharmacies
Take a face covering unless you are exempt

Stay safe by...

- Avoiding queues by choosing quieter times
- Reducing the number of trips with one big shop
- Putting on your face covering before wiping down the handles of your trolley or basket
- Using self-scan or self-checkout, so it's just you touching the items
- Considering using contactless payment
- Washing your hands or using a hand sanitiser as soon as you can afterwards



Can go to restaurants, cafes, bars and pubs
May need to leave contact details for Test and Protect

Stay safe by...

- Choosing quieter times or sitting in quiet areas
- Staying outside if you can and sitting in an outdoor area
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- Considering using contactless payment



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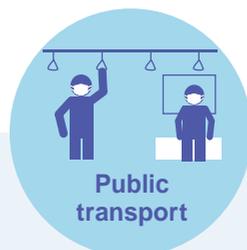
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- Choosing times that are more likely to be quiet
- Avoiding going into 1 metre zones
- Avoiding touching hard surfaces and using a hand sanitiser if you do
- Choosing businesses with enhanced hygiene measures



Can use public transport including taxis
Take a face covering unless you are exempt

Stay safe by...

- Booking tickets in advance if you can
- Choosing times that are more likely to be quiet
- Putting on your face covering before you get on
- Avoiding touching hard surfaces and using a hand sanitiser if you touch rails or handles
- Sitting near an open window if you can
- Washing your hands or using a hand sanitiser as soon as you get off



Do not go outside if you have any of the coronavirus symptoms
Call 111 and book a test

Stay safe by...

- Trying to avoid touching your face
- Washing or disposing of your face covering after using
- Taking a bag with you to put used tissues into
- Taking a hand sanitiser and using it regularly
- Avoiding anyone with symptoms



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Recovery position

There can be little doubt Arran has shown again how resilient the island can be when the odds are stacked against it.

When the island reopened its doors with trepidation after lockdown there was fear. Would the visitors come back?

There was no need to worry on that front, but for Arran Recovery Group to predict this week that a third of the 2020 tourist trade income could be achieved – amounting to £23 million – is a remarkable story indeed.

However, it is a long way from full recovery and government help is still going to be required.

Chairman Tom Tracey admitted, when the recovery process started in May the outlook was 'very bleak' and many businesses thought they would have to write off 2020 with many predicting, as a result, they would not survive.

Wind on to the start of August. The island is extremely busy, no doubt helped by Scots staycationing at home, and there are healthy accommodation bookings well into the autumn.

There could be a bit of a slump when the schools go back next week, but south of the border the schools are out for at least another month and there are plenty of visitors looking for trips outside the school holidays.

And it is wonderful there have been no new Covid-19 cases on the island for more than 100 days. We want to ensure it stays like that. The partial recovery of the tourist industry may be good news, but no-one should be under any illusion we are out of the woods yet.

Thought for the week

'You also must be ready; for the Son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting him.' Luke 12:40



The rubbish dumped on the Lochranza foreshore.

Rubbish on foreshore

Sir,

On a recent visit, it was disappointing to see the Lochranza foreshore being used as a rubbish dump. What on earth are people thinking about?

There was more at Catacol, mainly garden waste, but whatever it is, for all sorts of reasons, it's not a good idea.

We also met a resident who had been collecting litter left behind at the sailor's grave by 'wild campers'. She had a full black bin bag and said she regularly keeps that area clear.

There are also abandoned boats at the castle – I could go on.

The problem isn't confined to Arran, nor is it solely a result of the Covid lockdown, during which official waste management centres have been temporarily closed.

It occurs around Helensburgh where for years some people have clearly thought nothing of dumping stuff in woodland neighbouring their property. Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park has also been having horrendous problems.

This is bad for the island's image and is especially important post-Covid as the island economy struggles to get back on its feet.

Yours, John Urquhart, Helensburgh.

Including everyone is vital

Sir,

As lockdown eases, the Scottish government wants us to walk and cycle more to reduce passenger numbers on public transport and encourage everyone to keep fit and healthy.

RNIB Scotland believes this 'Spaces for People' initiative could transform active travel

for everyone. However, we remain concerned if these moves are introduced too hastily, with not enough thought given to people who are blind or partially sighted or who have other mobility issues, it could end up putting barriers in place.

We want space for new cycle lanes to be taken from roads not pavements, for new designs to avoid the shared spaces concept, for clutter to be removed from our streets and for controlled crossings to the road or bus stops to be installed. This will make things safer for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.

The current situation has made everyone more aware of what it is like to feel vulnerable, to depend more on others. Let's build on the sense of greater cohesiveness this crisis has created and make sure the Scotland we return to is inclusive for everyone.

Yours, James Adams, Royal National Institute of Blind People Scotland.



As the key worker childcare hub gets ready to close this week, the children have helped design and paint a wall mural to reflect on their time and experiences at the Arran Outdoor Centre during the Covid-19 pandemic, as highlighted in the Banner last week. Organisers thank Vikki Macdonald at Orca Krafts for her help with the design of the mural and help with sourcing the materials.

National Lottery Awards

Sir,

This year the annual search for the UK's favourite National Lottery funded projects will, for the first time, honour individuals who have made an extraordinary impact in their community – especially those who have adapted during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

We are seeking to recognise outstanding individuals in the following sectors – arts, education, health, environment, sport, heritage and community/charity.

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This will provide high-quality instruments that will help them progress quickly and we look forward to seeing and hearing them at various events around the island.

Meanwhile, the Big Co in Brodick held a superhero fundraiser last month when staff became superheroes for the weekend, raising a total of £550 for MIND/SAMH, the Co-op's nominated charity.



Left, The Bay Strummers perform on their ukuleles outside the store; above Superman and Wonder Woman are dressed for fundraising at the Big Co.

Back to back callouts for RNLI crew

Arran RNLI had a busy day last Friday, July 31, with back to back call outs to assist two yachts.

The first call came through at 2.40pm, and the volunteer crew assembled and launched to a yacht needing assistance off the Cock of Arran. The lifeboat reached the location at 3.35pm and took the yacht with four people aboard in tow to Lochranza moorings and secured safely.

Mid-rescue, another yacht put out an assistance call close by in Lochranza. Needless to say, they were pretty surprised to see the lifeboat turning up with another in tow!

The crew radioed the second yacht, which had had run over a mooring and was stuck fast, to say they would return as soon as possible. The vessel was eventually towed off and returned with the two people on board to Lochranza.

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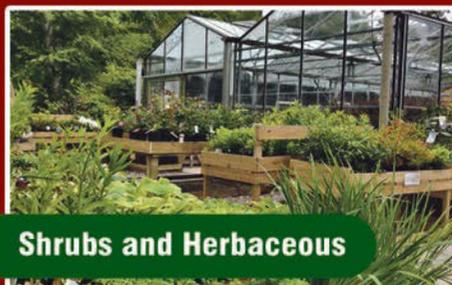
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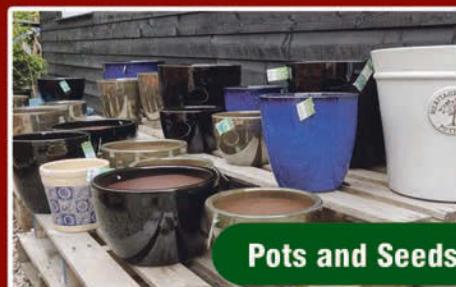
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E-bikes and active travel the way ahead on Arran



Simon Thorborn zips off on his e-bike.

by Hugh Boag
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Arran's community electric bikes have come into their own during the Covid crisis, pushing total miles cycled to more than 10,000 in the last year.

And the realisation Arran's roads do not have to be dominated by cars is awakening residents to the possibility of more active forms of transport with walking, cycling and e-biking all proving popular.

Islanders were well-placed to make the most of quieter roads. Over the course of one year, 18 organisations and residents have been using e-bikes to commute around the island through Arran Eco Savvy's (AES) e-bike scheme.

Large organisations, including the NHS and Arran Distillers, and small grassroots

businesses such as Robin's Herbs and Arran Green Map have become involved.

In the process, they have reduced carbon car miles by around 10,000. The bikes have proven especially valuable to health workers and volunteers who have been able to avoid public transport.

AES has a strong track record of delivering carbon-cutting community benefit projects on the island in key sectors including food, energy, travel, climate literacy and education. AES also tackles waste reduction through a second-hand and eco products shop.

Last year, Transport Scotland's Energy Saving Trust e-bike Fund and the Climate Challenge Fund enabled AES to buy 11 e-bikes which flatten the daunting Arran terrain, improve mental and physical

health and reduce high carbon travel.

And the change is not temporary, with more than 25 per cent of riders going on to buy e-bikes with a view to using them as their primary mode of travel.

Janette Head, who works at the Lamlash Medical Centre and has been using an Eco Savvy e-bike, said in May she had 'not used her car once during the last six weeks and was buying an e-bike as soon as the crisis is over'.

Teacher Lucy Urquart-Dixon added: 'The freedom this e-bike has given me over the last weeks has been marvellous. It has kept my head clear and allowed me to focus on positive things like how lucky we are to live where we do.'

Andrew Binnie, cycling and e-bike co-ordinator with Eco

Savvy said: 'The uptake and interest in e-bikes has been astonishing, with demand far outstripping demand. Arran now has a real opportunity to rethink how its transport system works, from how we get on and off the island to how we travel around it.'

'While we are currently developing plans for a shared cycle path from Brodick to Lamlash, it's important to recognise our roads are already shared spaces.'

'Most of us cycle, walk and drive on our roads so we are all stakeholders. We need to make them much safer for non car drivers and rethink the logic of RET which subsidises cheap ferry crossings and leads to the influx of thousands of cars onto Arran every summer. Covid has created a window for us to imagine

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Staff at the start of their e-bike trials.



NHS staff on a team bike ride with Holy Isle views.



Sustainable travel co-ordinators Emma Tracey and Andrew Binnie.



Dairies staff at the start of their month long e-bike stint.

our roads being used by more cyclists, e-bikers and electric cars. It's possible to envisage a time when e-bikes are faster and cars are slower, making them more compatible. The speed of cars is a major factor deterring cyclists.'

A recent active travel survey completed by 900 Arran residents is summarised in

the graph below. With vehicle movements on Arran set to increase by 50,000 by 2030 (Arran Economic Group, 2019), a recent active travel survey completed by 900 Arran residents shows the top three drivers needed to push sustainable travel as the new norm are: 1. Better public transport; 2. Active travel

infrastructure improvement; 3. Climate anxiety.

Jude King, Arran Eco Savvy project manager, said: 'We have the opportunity to encourage climate-friendly behaviours by making the lower carbon norms more cost effective and appealing through a realignment of priorities and investment.'

'It would be fantastic to see a new level of government focus, investment and impetus at this crucial time in alleviating the climate emergency.'

'With the right policies and imagination, Arran can become a rural leader in active and innovative travel with real benefits for residents and tourists.'

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Summer is here and it is a great time to make some healthy changes. The past few months have reminded us of what really matters; our health. We all have things we'd like to improve, whether that's losing weight or getting more physically active. Here is some advice on how to take advantage of the great outdoors and get the whole family fit this summer.

THE SUMMER months offer us all the perfect opportunity to make changes to improve our mental and physical health.

Getting active is good for your body and mind, and there are lots of easy ways to get active.

Taking a brisk walk every day will help shed the pounds, but there is nothing better than heading out into the great outdoors to take in some of the wonderful countryside and coastal sites close to home.

There are fabulous woodlands, beaches and picnic spots everywhere.

And you don't have to just go walking.

Cycling has become ever more popular during lockdown and swimming in rivers and lakes is another wonderful way to get the blood pumping and improve your health.

A survey taken at the start of lockdown revealed that one in four of us admitted that we were more active than before lockdown.

This increased to one in three as lockdown continued, with combatting lockdown weight gain and helping mental health given as the top reasons many people are turning to some form of physical exercise.

There is so much to choose from to keep you active from dusk to dawn.

From aerial assault courses to horse riding treks, there are a massive range of outdoor family activities and endless possibilities for days out packed

Plan your day with safety in mind

- Have the right kit – the right shoes, a waterproof, a map, water
- Tell people where you are going if visiting the hills, a remote area or out to sea
- Choose an activity or location within your existing skills and experience level
- Check the weather forecast and tide times
- Only swim where it is safe and permitted
- Avoid popular honey pot sites – this

- will help maintain social distancing
- Weekends and afternoons can be very busy – choose another time if you can
- Discover new places and hidden gems
- Leave your car at your accommodation if possible
- Check if services you need such as toilets, baby changing and other facilities are available
- Take hand sanitiser and use face coverings in line with local rules

CHECK OUT WHAT YOU NEED TO STAY SAFE

Whether you are heading for the hills, planning a coastal stroll or fancy splashing about in the sea or a lake, make sure you take time to check out what you need to do to stay safe. Go to [visitbritain.com/know-before-you-go](https://www.visitbritain.com/know-before-you-go) to learn more about heading outdoors safely.

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Getting physical every day

ADULTS SHOULD aim to be physically active every day.

They should attempt to do strengthening activities that work all the major muscles in the legs, hips, back, abdomen, chest, shoulders and arms on at least two days a week.

It is also recommended that people do at least 150 minutes of moderately intense activity every week, or 75 minutes of vigorously intense activity a week.

However, people need to make sure the type and intensity of activity is appropriate for their level of fitness, and take medical advice if necessary.

Moderate activity such as brisk walking, riding a bike and hiking will raise your heart rate, and make you breathe faster and feel warmer.

One way to tell if you're working at a moderate intensity level is if you can still talk, but not sing. Vigorous intensity activity makes you breathe hard and fast. If you're working at this level, you will not be able to say more than a few words without pausing for breath.

In general, 75 minutes of vigorous intensity activity can give similar health benefits to 150 minutes of moderate intensity activity.

Examples of vigorous activities include jogging or running, swimming fast, or riding a bike fast or on hills.



KEEPING FIT: Jogging, cycling and swimming are good for your health and are enjoyable too. Photo: Shutterstock.



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Thirty years of the Talking Banner

Arran is to get its first internet community radio station, as revealed in last week's Banner. But a talking newspaper service first started more than 30 years ago. Here Arran Sound chairwoman Mhairi-Aileen Smeir tells its history.

Arran Sound, originally the Talking Banner, began when Mrs Celia Sillars took on the task of reading and recording the The Arran Banner for sight impaired friend Jack Cooper in 1989.

The newspaper ran an article with photographs and subscribers quickly increased meaning more volunteer readers were required.

Celia set up a rota, usually two readers and one 'techie' operating the recording equipment, a somewhat ponderous operation, at that time very much considered to be a 'man's' job. And, wow, did the gentlemen guard their recording rights. It was some time before any of the ladies were allowed to rise to the

illustrious heights of recorder. Volunteers came together in the tiny back room of ACVS every Friday when The Banner was printed in Brodick, collected copies hot off the press and rushed to Lamlash.

Reading was carried out amid much banter and often hilarious laughter, as those early Banners were frequently very funny, making reading out loud fraught with pitfalls necessitating many stops, rewinds and much grumbling from gentlemen recorders. The readers would often know a postscript to an article and this would be included in the recording, along with the laughter and relevant discussion.

The letters page always prompted comment, with the



How it all began. Celia Sillars of Brodick reads the Banner for Jack Cooper in February 1989. 01_B32talking01

sports page terrifying every volunteer as they tried to keep a straight face while reporting the complexities of football,

rugby or ladies hockey 'high' balls. The listeners loved it!

Once completed, the recording was copied onto tapes, laboriously, by a large clunky machine, popped into yellow postage free envelopes and sent off in the evening post for delivery on Saturday morning to anyone who had difficulty reading the paper as a result of sight impairment or other issues.

The service was free to anyone on the island who needed it and over the years copies were often also sent to the mainland.

At this time, the paper edition was distributed late Friday afternoon, although the official publication day was Saturday. This resulted in core listeners having access to the local news almost simultaneously with the wider community, which meant that no matter how isolated our listeners were, they were included in the immediate island Saturday debate which The Banner always stimulated.

Volunteers came and went – 30 years is a long time – and listeners ebbed and flowed. The Banner changed ownership and the name of the group changed also, eventually becoming Arran Sound, as it is now.

Modernisation followed and we now record on a laptop and send out memory sticks for use on box readers provided to listeners. The service remains the same.

There are currently 14 volunteer readers and recorders who still provide the talking newspaper to anyone who finds it



Liz Kennedy reads the Banner for Arran Sounds, as it is now known, in 2001 while Jon Hollingworth directs operations in the corner. 01_B32talking04



The Talking Banner became a registered charity in 1990 after being set up under the CODA umbrella. Here Grace Kay, CODA's treasurer hands over money already raised to Dick Cameron of the new charity. 01_B32talking03



Six months after the launch of the Talking Banner Celia Sillars receives a cheque from the Arran Runners at Montrose House for £500 to buy a high speed copying machine. 01_B32talking02

difficult to read the Banner. We now also record our online monthly newspaper The Voice for Arran.

Now, after 30 years providing a recorded service, it is time to evaluate our systems and consider their relevance and suitability in 2020 and beyond. It is imperative Arran Sound finds a way to become more immediate and responsive to listeners' needs, helping overcome the isolation which disadvantages our core audience.

It is clear that in today's world, access to immediate local news is accepted as a right, yet our core listeners are denied that access. However enjoyable they find their weekly and monthly recordings,

they are always 'catching up' on local news. It is time to provide an over island service to encompass and promote inclusivity for our Arran Sound listeners and engage future volunteers or this service will be lost to the island and its people.

Pondering the question of how to move forward, we became more focused as we moved into lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

What we needed then, and still need now, is a simple way to reach everyone on the island, not just Arran Sound listeners. The obvious solution would be by internet radio, so this is what we have decided to move toward.

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The botanical way forward as Arran Gin is relaunched

Isle of Arran Gin company is coming out of lockdown with big changes. Its beloved beach-shack in Cladach has been refitted and the team is preparing for a safe reopening this weekend, writes Hugh Boag.

Now called Arran Botanical Drinks, owner Stuart Fraser explained: 'The rebrand and building work was actually under way pre-Covid. We realised the rustic charm of the space would only take us so far and we needed better facilities – hot water, for a start! With Cassis added to our range and work beginning on new drinks from foraged island plants, we thought it was time to change the name to reflect the new recipes being developed. We are still really proud of the big flavours of our flagship product – we just want to bring in more variety from our island's botanical larder.

'With a new production



Stuart Fraser and George Grassie at work in the drinks lab.

room/'drinks lab', the team can bring a range of interesting drinks to life in small batches. The goal for 2020 is to rebuild our partnership with local shops and bars.'

So what can visitors expect from Cladach Beach House?

Stuart said: 'Our focus now is drink-making/tasting/hospitality experiences that are fun, educational and cater

equally to islanders and visitors. We will soon have a new website for bookings, but for now we will take phonecalls and emails from customers pre-booking in groups. We will keep numbers low to start and adapt as we go.

'Anyone attending our pop-up events last year hopefully come away with a sense of the rustic, authentic paired-back



The refurbished shack at Cladach and the beer garden.

vision. That make-do-and-mend approach seems even more valid now and we think people just want fun experiences.

'This is a time for creating and celebrating community. We have to work together for our island economy and our individual businesses, seeking collaborations and sharing customers; talking each others'

businesses up. Last year, we had a great deal of success with the food-truck model.'

With a large outdoor seating area – and their own beach – perfect for sitting and taking in the views in this stunning corner of Arran, there is an opportunity to open slowly and safely.

More details of Arran Botanicals Drinks' 'safe-sip-

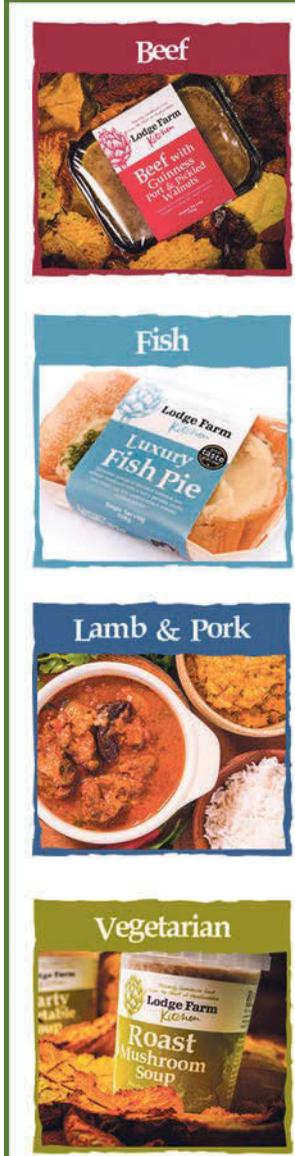
ping' indoor and outdoor zones, including opening hours will be announced on social media channels in the next few days.

For enquiries and bookings call 01770 302513; email info@isleofarrangin.com or check out Arran Gin on Facebook page and Instagram.

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An atmospheric shot inside the shack at Cladach.



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Just because it rains a lot in Scotland it doesn't mean that we shouldn't do our bit to help save water. There are plenty of reasons why everyone who stays on Arran

should save water: to protect our gorgeous natural environment, reduce the island's carbon emissions and to save money on energy bills are just a few.

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As pictured, Sarah Blair from Corrie says the garden hose attachment "helps to control the water you are using in the garden, so I can have it on the shower spray which is going to use a lot less water."

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Please spare a thought that by supporting local shops, be they locally owned or national retailers, you are sustaining the local economy. They all employ local people and sustain families. Yes, it's easy to click, click, click online, but if we don't support our own local shops, restaurants, and pubs, they may not be sustainable.

Supporting the economy! – Research shows that for every £1 spent with a small or medium-sized business, 63p stayed in the local company.

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A Viking Raid on the fancy dress competition at the Highland games. 01_B32twe03



More than 70 children took part in this year's Feis Arrain in Lamlash. Here we see some participants showing off an example of Celtic art work. 01_B32tweY07

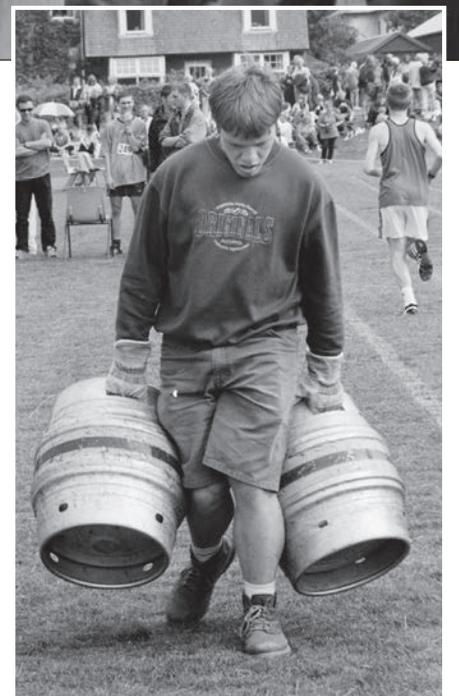


Above: Mrs Laura Murchie presents the trophies at the end of the Farmers Show. 01_B32tweY05



Left: Allan Pettigrew from Ardrossan was again at the centre of the heavy events at 113th Brodick Highland games on Saturday where he was competing for the 20th time.

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Right: In an entertaining addition to the Brodick Highland Games this year, Arran Brewery gave two full kegs of beer which competitors had to carry as far as possible. Peter McKinnon is seen taking the strain. 01_B32tweY01



Winners of the community handicraft trophy at the SWRI show held in Lamlash Primary School were the Whiting Bay Institute. 01_B32tweY06



This year's overhead champion at the Arran Farmers Show on Wednesday was an 18-month-old Limousin heifer named Sheilin Penny brought on by Anne Soutter of South Feorline.

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Although the Church is still closed an internet service at 11 a.m. Sunday morning and over the rest of the week can be received at
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Please note that Brodick Church is still accessible for the Food bank.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

There will be a Saturday Vigil Mass on 8th August and Sunday morning Mass 9th August.

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Mass from Bishop's House, Oban can still be accessed at 10am daily at www.rcdai.org.uk

*Bless O Lord this Isle of Arran
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St Columba, Pray for us*

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WHAT'S ON

EVERY DAY

Eco Savvy and Co-op food share at Big Co, Brodick and Lamlash 8.15pm

Arran Heritage Museum
Rosaburn, Brodick, 10.30am to 4.30pm.

BANNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATHS

BROOME – Alice. On Friday 24th July, darling wife of Iain for 46 years and step mother to John and Rosemary. Grateful thanks to all the Arran Medical Team and special thanks to the fantastic nursing team on Ward 3F at Crosshouse Hospital. Private funeral arrangements.

HOLLINGWORTH – Ann of Gate Cottage, Machrie, aged 81, died peacefully at home on 31 July 2020 after a very short illness. Loving wife of John (deceased), mother to Sarah and Jonathan (deceased), grandmother to Emily, great-grandmother to Maisie, Ella and Harper, aunt, great-aunt and great-great aunt. Friend to all. Private funeral due to circumstances. No flowers please, donations to ArCaS

MORTON – Margaret née Shaw, after a short illness. Funeral at Kelso New Cemetery on 13th August at 10 a.m.

PRICE – David. Passed away on the 28th July at the AWM Hospital and laid to rest at the Clachan Shiskine on the 6th August. David was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Valerie would like to thank the Drs and nurses at the hospital for their fantastic care to David in his last days and the Shiskine Medical team for their care before this. Also many thanks to the wonderful community for the support given to both of us. Anyone wishing to give a donation in David's memory would they please consider ArCaS and The Woodland Trust.

Visitors welcomed back to Isle Be Wild

by Hugh Boag
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The popular Isle Be Wild playpark at Brodick Country Park has reopened to the public and welcomed a weekend of visitors for the first time since it closed in March due to the coronavirus emergency.

Owners the National Trust for Scotland has now reopened the majority of its playparks, cafés and visitor centres at several properties across the country.

The adventure play park on Arran is an epic woodland playground featuring zip wires, high towers and jungle-style walkways. Isle be Wild is an ideal day out for families, with sections for toddlers and younger children and areas for older children to play.

Phil Long OBE, the new chief executive of the NTS said: 'Many of our gardens and estates have been open since the start of July and it's fantastic that we're now able to reopen playparks, including Isle be Wild at Brodick Country Park. 'At this time of year, our visitor centres are usually packed



The Isle Be Wild playpark at Brodick Castle has reopened.

with tourists learning about Scotland's fascinating history and while we won't be expecting many international visitors, we do hope to see people from across the country discovering our places and learning about the work we do to care for them.

'With the threat of Covid-19 still very much at the forefront of our opening strategy, our teams have worked extremely hard to make the necessary adjustments at properties to keep

visitors and staff safe. We ask anyone visiting to please stick to the latest guidance on hand hygiene and social distancing.

'It's a late start to the summer holidays for many, but we're really looking forward to welcoming back visitors of all ages. We hope to be making further announcements on our built places reopening as soon as we are able to open them safely and would like to thank all our members and donors who have continued to support us during

this crisis,' Mr Long added.

The National Trust for Scotland has been badly hit by the coronavirus pandemic, creating a £28 million loss in essential income, and several jobs at the castle and the Ranger Service remain under threat.

The charity is running the Save Our Scotland appeal to raise £2.5 million to help the trust continue its vital work to protect Scotland's built and natural heritage.

ARRAN: AROUND THE GOLF COURSES



Whiting Bay Golf Club

Wednesday July 29, The Betty Black Cup, 26 played in this medal format trophy in memory of the legendary Betty Black, one-time club (and later social) secretary. Once again scoring was impressive with the top six returning under par scores and doing their Summer Trophy aggregates no harm in the process. Especially impressive however was Kenneth Sillars's winning score of 56 which gave him a four-shot margin over his nearest rival.

Result: 1 Kenneth Sillars (24) 56, 2 Scott Murray (10) 60, 3 David Brookens (12) 61, 4 Gus Macleod (14) 62. Jamie Macpherson returned the lowest gross score with 69 blows.

CSS stayed at 63 and there were four magic twos, Kevin Jackson @4th and David Brookens, Ronnie Mann, and John Pennycott 17th.

Sunday August 2 - The Lifeboat Stableford: 25 played in The Lifeboat, the last of our summer charity support events. Unfortunately, this was not an open competition this year for obvious reasons, but nevertheless some cash was raised for the RNLI.

Result: 1 Douglas Auld (20) 41pts, 2nd Kevin McAleeny (9) 38, 3 Scott Adair (5) 37 acb, 4 Graeme Crichton (12) 37. CSS stayed at 63/36pts and Scott Adair bagged the only magic two of the day @17th.

Fixtures: Sunday August 9, The Roy Ure Tankard. Wednesday August 12, Summer Trophy. Until further notice there will be no draws for partners and members should arrange their own groupings.

Brodick Golf Club

Wednesday July 29, Summer Cup, 36 played, CSS 64. 1 Derek Roxburgh 70-9=61, 2

Terry Raeside 74-12=62 acb, 3 Ewan McKinnon 62-0=62 acb. Scratch Ewan McKinnon 62.

Sunday August 2, Brandon qualifier, 24 played, CSS 64. 1 Iain MacDonald 68-7=61, 2 Fred Galbraith 78-16=62, 3 Ian Shand 82-18=64 acb. Scratch Ewan McKinnon 64.

Fixtures: Sunday August 9, Navy Shield. Wednesday August 12, Round 2 McCarfrae Trophy (Club Championship qualifying) and Summer Cup.

Lamlash Golf Club

Saturday August 1, Dan Crawford Salver and Lifeboat Competition (non-counting for handicap). 1 Cameron Stewart net 62, 2 Ker Manson net 62, 3 Ian Bremner net 65.

Best scratch Ker Manson 68. A total of £300 was raised by the competition and sponsors Lamlash Bay Hotel put up £20 for each birdie scored - 20 birdies recorded making a total of £700 for the lifeboat fund. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Sunday August 2, Sunday sweep, CSS 63. 1 Peter Gossman 64-3=61 BIH, 2

Alan Smith 73-13= 61. Best scratch Peter Gossman 64. Magic twos Ian Bremner and Alan Smith both @ 5th. hole 13 drawn - rollover continues.

Fixtures: Thomson Cup knockout competition drawn, 1st round to be played by Saturday August 15. Sunday August 9, Sweep 9.30am and noon starts.

Thursday August 13, Summer Cup, make up own groups and see starter for times.

Shiskine Golf Club

Saturday 4 July, Gents Vice Captains Prize, winner Sandy Kerr 42-8=34. Sunday 5 July, Kay Maxwell and Victory Shield, July winner Hamish Bannatyne 46-4=42.

Monday 13 July, Centenary Putter, winners Alan Leek 31pts and Lynda Howie 26pts. Thursday 16 July, Ladies Vice Captains Prize, winner Shona Weir.

Saturday 18 July, Charlie Sym Rosebowl, winner Sandy Kerr 32pts. Sunday 2 August, McCutcheon Trophy, winner Ross Traill 46-9=37.



Teenager Andrew runs around Arran in a day

Island fundraiser boosts Macmillan funds by £1,500

by Hugh Boag
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An Arran teenager has run round the island in a day to raise money for a cancer charity.

It took 15-year-old Andrew Bunting just 11 hours, 18 minutes and 37 seconds to complete the route running a total of 18.14km (55.39 miles) starting in Brodick at 7am on Monday and going clockwise round the island.

Andrew, a fourth-year pupil at Arran High School, brought his run forward a day because of the exam results and it proved a shrewd move given the lashing rain and strong winds on Tuesday.

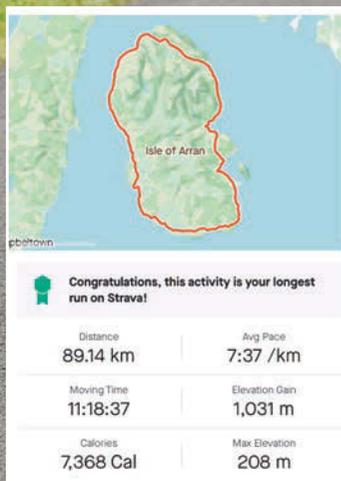
Challenge

Andrew undertook the challenge to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support as it has been unable to get fundraising as they normally would due to lockdown.

He has already raised more than £1,500 for the charity and the total is still rising.

He said: 'Support locally has been amazing as well as from my rugby club Ardrossan Accies. I have a few ideas going through my head for the next challenge.'

There is still time to support Andrew and his JustGiving page is on his Facebook page or visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/1andrew-bunting1



Andrew and his support bike rider, Lee Girbow, reach Machrie on his charity run round Arran. 01_B32run01 Inset: Andrew's completed route and his run statistics.

Chance to become a football referee

Does anyone on Arran fancy becoming a football referee?

The Ayrshire Referees' Association is this month starting classes for new entrants and as the classes will be online they offer anyone on Arran a chance to be involved. Normally the classes are held at St Joseph's Academy in Kilmarnock.

Referees are urgently needed on the island to officiate matches in the Arran Football Association league and cup competitions as well as Isle of Arran AFC matches.

The new online referee classes will be starting on Wednesday August 19 for eight to nine weeks, 7pm to 9 pm each night.

Entrants must be aged 16 or over at the time of course completion and pass PVG/Disclosure checks. The course costs £35 for those who are employed, £15 for full-time students/unemployed and is free for female entrants.

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