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Argyll urged to speak up as A83 options are revealed

by Colin Cameron
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The Scottish Government has revealed the eagerly-anticipated 11 options to improve Argyll's road connection and avoid the treacherous A83 at the Rest and be Thankful.

As a five-week consultation period was announced on Wednesday September 23, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity Michael Matheson said: 'Following the recent landslips at the A83 Rest and be Thankful, I understand the frustration and disruption that these bring for local communities and road users.'

'Transport Scotland is now taking forward the project development and assessment work required to deliver an alternative infrastructure solution to the existing A83, in parallel with the second Strategic Transport Projects Review.'

Mr Matheson said Transport Scotland was committed to

'meaningful dialogue with directly affected communities and other stakeholders'.

A new website - Access to Argyll and Bute (A83) - outlines the 11 corridor options under consideration, and public comments should be submitted by October 30.

A dedicated project team will decide on a preferred route corridor by spring 2021.

Jo Blewett, Transport Scotland's project director for Access to Argyll and Bute (A83), said: 'This is the first of several engagement exercises that will take place between now and spring 2021, and at this stage we are particularly interested in any local constraints or issues that will help inform our design and assessment work.'

'As part of our design work, we are also seeking contact from local community groups to help plan our future programme of engagement.'

Longstanding campaigner for a permanent solution to the Rest problem, Councillor

Dougie Philand encouraged people in Argyll to make their views known. 'We are being offered a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get a permanent solution for the current difficulties and it is vital we all respond,' he said.

But the member for Mid Argyll went on: 'I have a concern that options here are not realistic or affordable. They should not be used as a smoke-screen when consulting with the public. I simply hope that a realistic outcome for this vital project will be the end result.'

'The fact that it has been brought forward faster than anticipated is a good sign and shows the very serious intent by the Scottish Government to get a new road operating as soon as possible,' said Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute. He added: 'I would encourage everyone with an interest in this - and that means everyone in Cowal, Kintyre, Mid Argyll, Bute, Islay and Colonsay - to take a look and say what they think.'



Michael Matheson, cabinet secretary for transport, infrastructure and connectivity. Inset: 'Mitigation measures' such as roadside catch pits are not the answer, and a permanent alternative is now being sought.

Argyll and Bute MP Brendan O'Hara welcomed the initiative, but expressed disappointment that tunnels were not being considered. Mr O'Hara said: 'I believe that [tunnels]

would be the best long-term answer to this problem, but whatever solution is chosen from the options being looked at, it cannot come quickly enough.'

The feedback form can also be found on the Argyllshire Advertiser Facebook page.

More on the options can be found on page five.

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Argyll and Bute Council leader stands down



Argyll and Bute Council was set to choose a new leader at its full Skype meeting yesterday (Thursday, September 24) after Councillor Aileen Morton stepped down from the role.

Councillor Morton, of the Helensburgh Central ward, was leader of the authority since May 2017, having been elected five years earlier.

Announcing her decision, which she said was taken 'after much thought', Councillor Morton described Argyll and Bute as 'a fantastic area' and added that it 'deserves a successful future'.

Effective

She said: 'I took on the role of leader to put in place opportunities for success to happen. With millions of pounds of national investment secured, stronger relationships developed with key decision-makers, and the council's progress as an effective organisation recognised, it's the ideal time

now for someone else to take the council forward.

'Like all local authorities, we face substantial challenges due to reduced funding but overall Argyll and Bute Council is in a really good place. In the past three and a half years we've made very considerable progress.

'We've seen the council through a positive Best Value audit which highlighted significantly improved, constructive relationships across the chamber and with our officers, and also recognised the council's sound approach to financial planning and budgeting.

'We have strengthened relationships with both the Scottish and UK governments through proactive and positive engagement from the start of my term as leader, with our cross-party Argyll and Bute Parliamentary Forum bringing together all the region's elected representatives.

'We have developed and agreed priorities which have our communities at their heart and which are designed to help Argyll and Bute thrive.

'Our drive and determination to secure economic success for Argyll and Bute through growing the population has been relentless. We've taken this issue to national government - identifying trends and leading on work relating to west coast and rural depopulation while continuing to press Argyll and Bute's case with ministers.

Major steps

'Having already seen funding of at least £50 million secured through our Rural Growth Deal I expect to see this take major steps forward later this year following continued engagement with ministers in both governments.

'As we developed our Growth Deal we asked our communities what could make the biggest transformational

change to the area and their top priority was digital and transport connectivity. While there are still challenges to be addressed our broadband and mobile provision is now much improved and following sustained lobbying last month saw acceptance by the Scottish Government that a permanent solution for the A83 Rest and Be Thankful needs to be delivered.

'We have achieved much over the past few years and there is so much potential for further success. The next leader of this council can build on that and will be starting from a very strong position, supported by a fantastic workforce who know, as I do, that Argyll and Bute is a great place to live and work.

'It's been my privilege to lead this council for the past few years and to serve the people of Argyll and Bute. I will continue to do so, working with my successor. My sincere thanks go to all who have supported me over the years.'

The council's depute provost, Councillor Roddy McCuish, paid tribute to Councillor Morton's achievements as leader.

He said: 'Aileen took on the role of leader to get a job done for Argyll and Bute, and she's



Councillor Aileen Morton has stepped down as Argyll and Bute Council's leader.

done that.

'In brief, she's taken Argyll and Bute's cause to key decision-makers to secure transformational investment for the area; and she's progressed collaboration within the

council to use shared priorities to deliver success. On behalf of everyone who will benefit from the progress made, I would like to thank Aileen for her drive, focus and effective leadership of Argyll and Bute Council.'

Public asked for input to 11 options for new access to Argyll and Bute



Following recent landslips in the area, Transport Scotland is now taking forward the project development and assessment work required to deliver an alternative infrastructure option to the existing A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful.

This work underlines the Scottish Government's commitment to continued work with key stakeholders to ensure that Argyll and Bute remains open for business.

From today, please visit transport.gov.scot/A83options to see the eleven corridor options for the **Access to Argyll and Bute (A83) project** that are being considered as we work towards identifying a preferred route corridor in Spring 2021.

We are particularly interested in any local constraints or issues that will help inform our design and assessment work along with comments on the options under consideration.

The deadline for any comments is Friday 30 October 2020. Please take the chance to tell us what you think.

If you want a hard copy of the online material or have any questions, please email transportscotland@bigpartnership.co.uk or telephone **0333 880 6685**

POLICE FILES

Cairndow collision

Police are investigating after a red Vauxhall Corsa was damaged by having the front near-side wing struck by another vehicle between 1pm and 2pm on Sunday September 13 at the Loch Fyne Oyster Bar, near Cairndow. The other vehicle failed to stop and report the collision.

Tachograph offence

At around 8.15am on Thursday September 16 on the A83 near Inveraray, road policing officers stopped a lorry for a routine tachograph check. The 52-year-old man driving the lorry was subsequently charged with allegedly driving the lorry on a number of dates without taking sufficient rest periods. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Driving while using mobile phone

A 27-year-old woman has been charged after allegedly driving while using a mobile phone. Police stopped her car on the A816, Kilmartin at about 3.45pm on Friday September 18.

A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Disorderly behaviour

On Thursday September 17 at about 10.30pm at Marine Bistro, Harbour Street in Tarbert, two

men allegedly acted in a disorderly manner.

Assault on A83

A 42-year-old man was cautioned and charged by police and a report is to be sent to the procurator fiscal after he allegedly assaulted another man at about 11am on Sunday September 20 on the A83 at Lochgair.

Bank telephone scam warning

Police Scotland has been made aware that some members of the public have recently received telephone calls from people claiming to represent their bank and attempting to obtain banking details over the phone.

Police would like to remind the public never to give out such information over the phone and always check any such call is genuine by calling their bank themselves.

Always make sure you hear a clear dialling tone before calling your bank in case a fraudulent caller has kept the line open.

Police also suggest calling a friend first to confirm the call is not answered by the fraudulent caller.

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

Councillor calls for detail on coronavirus cases in Argyll

The chairman of Argyll and Bute's healthcare watchdog has called for more specific information to be made public about COVID-19 figures in the area.

Councillor Kieron Green was speaking after a number of positive cluster cases were announced in Argyll and Bute, most recently linked to a private event at Cove and Kilcreggan Bowling Club.

The Oban North and Lorn councillor is chairman of the Integration Joint Board (IJB) of Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) and was speaking at its meeting on September 16.

Coronavirus case data is currently made available in Scotland at health board and council level.

Councillor Green said: 'I don't know if anybody else has been contacted by residents or community

organisations, but I would be very interested to know a bit more detail about the numbers of people with Covid-19 across Argyll and Bute.

'I know when we went back to the start of the outbreak, in March and April, numbers were quite low and there was strong guidance from the government. Figures could only be broken down by NHS boards and then councils.

'We have also had situations where we have gone public about this, or information has come out through other means.

'There was a case in Oban, cases at Hermitage Academy and Lochgilphead Joint Campus, and then most recently in Kilcreggan.

'I am now getting requests from the public on how many people in

Oban, or Lochgilphead, or Campbeltown, are testing positive for Covid-19.

'When that happens it is becoming quite difficult to defend the line that we are not allowed to release that information on the grounds of patient confidentiality.'

Dr Nicola Schinaia, associate director of public health at the HSCP, said: 'It is possible to be more open but having said that, I was looking into the possibility of having our reports with information on more specific towns in Argyll and Bute.'

NHS Highland chair Professor Boyd Robertson added: 'We are abiding by Scottish Government policy. We had a system where, internally, we could identify where there were hot spots around the board area, but that was not for public consumption.'



Councillor Kieron Green, chairman of the IJB.

Tarbert water fault forces school closure

Tarbert Academy was forced to close its doors on Wednesday September 23 due to the water being cut off.

Scottish Water put the problem down to a fault at the Tarbert water treatment works. The fault caused a loss of normal supply, low water pressure and discoloured water to properties in the area.

A Scottish Water spokesperson said: 'We attended as quickly as possible to resolve the issue and have been tankering water in to the local network to restore normal supplies to affected properties. We apologise for any inconvenience to affected customers and thank them for their patience and understanding.'

'When water is restored will depend on where the affected properties are on our network so some might have water restored before others. When the water is restored, customers might experience some discoloured water. If so, they should run the cold water tap in their kitchen gently until the water runs clear.'

Community launches bid to buy Inveraray pier

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Control of Inveraray's iconic pier could soon be in the community's hands after the launch of a fundraising bid.

Current owner Geaspar Byrne, whose family business owns the Inveraray Inn, purchased the neglected Inveraray Pier in 2019.

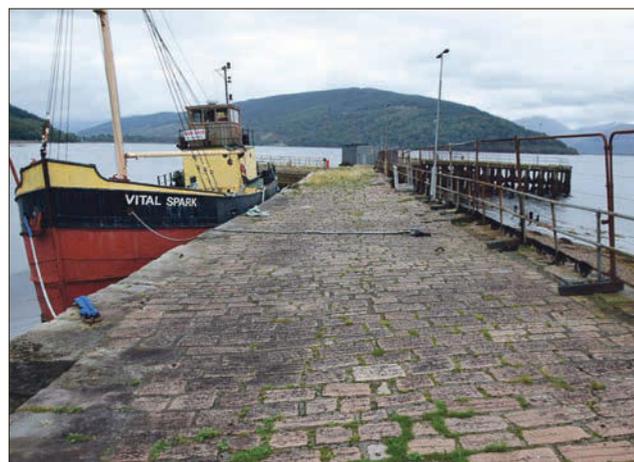
It was in the spring of 2020 that the depths of coronavirus lockdown were brightened by an offer by Mr Byrne for the community to take control of the pier, either by lease or purchase.

Fundraising drive

Last week a £100,000 fundraising drive was launched by the community to purchase and restore the stone part of the pier, led by Inveraray Community Council convener Linda Divers.

Linda said: 'It's a joint effort between the community council and [community development company] Inspire Inveraray.'

'Geaspar has been good



Inveraray's landmark stone pier. 51_a39InverarayPier01

enough to offer us the pier for the same price he paid for it, and our £100,000 target covers the purchase price and gives us a fighting fund to repair the stone pier.

Support

'We need the town's support and donations to be able to do this. We will apply for grants, but to get the ball rolling any donation would be greatly appreciated. You can donate by talking to any community

council or Inspire Inveraray member.

She added: 'If anyone has any experience of crowdfunding, please get in touch as all help will be appreciated.'

The hope is that re-opening of the stone pier and harbour would enable folk to walk on the structure again, tie up their boats, launch dinghies, paddle boards or kayaks and land crew and passengers from larger boats.

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Peat and Diesel documentary wins Big Apple film award

A BBC Alba documentary about Hebridean folk-rock band Peat and Diesel has won a major award at a New York film festival.

Peat and Diesel: That's The Way We Do It! received the prize for International Documentary Feature at the long-running Williamsburg International Film and Music Festival in Brooklyn, New York.

Produced by MacTV, the programme follows the Stornoway band as they gain momentum and fame ahead of the launch of their second album and a landmark gig at the legendary Glasgow venue, the Barrowland Ballroom.

Peat and Diesel, comprising of fisherman Calum 'Boydie' Macleod, electrician Innes Scott and delivery van driver Uilleam 'Uilly' Macleod, have taken the Scottish music scene by storm, capturing the country's imagination through their infectious music and



unique tales of island life.

The documentary was a huge success on BBC ALBA when it aired in early April, as part of an evening of Peat and Diesel music and antics which drew one of the biggest audiences of the year.

BBC ALBA head of service Margaret Mary Murray, who was also executive producer of the programme, said: 'We had a feeling that this programme would be a hit with

audiences and it certainly was.

We received a huge amount of appreciative feedback from the audience when we screened the double bill of this fabulously entertaining roller coaster road movie charting the rise of Peat and Diesel plus coverage of their sell-out gig in Glasgow. It was a memorable night on BBC ALBA.

'We are delighted that the talent of the island-based musicians and filmmakers has

Stornoway-based Peat and Diesel.

Alan Cruickshank Photographic

been recognised on the international stage demonstrating that the local does have global appeal.'

The programme's producer/director, the RTS Scotland award-winner Daibhidh Martin, added: 'Peat and Diesel are totally unique and it was great craic being on the road with them. They are captivating and it's been brilliant to be there with them as they become more and more successful, watching the audiences react so positively to them. They celebrate Gaelic and island culture, mixing sincere and relatable subjects with comedic imagery and stylings.

'It was never difficult to film the band and capture something that audiences would respond to.'

Mental health support for school staff

School staff will be offered new support as part of a £1.5 million funding package to help manage additional pressures from the pandemic, the Scottish Government has announced.

Barnardo's Scotland and mental health charity Place2Be will offer the mental health support services which are expected to be available after the October break.

John Swinney MSP, the education secretary, said supporting the health and wellbeing of teachers and other staff was of paramount importance.

He said: 'This was true before Covid-19, but it is of crucial importance as school staff support our children and young people to recover from the pandemic.'

'This additional package of measures will complement the excellent practice which is already taking place to support the wellbeing of staff in schools across Scotland.'

Ken Muir, chief executive, of the General Teaching Council for Scotland, said: 'GTC Scotland is pleased to deliver this important support to hard-working teachers in collaboration with our partners in education.'

'GTC Scotland has invested heavily in supporting the mental health and wellbeing of education professionals and we look forward to continuing to do so.'

Gillian Hamilton, strategic director at Education Scotland, said: 'Ensuring school staff feel well supported, particularly at this time, is essential.'

'This new support package, designed collaboratively with partners in the Education Recovery Group, provides direct access to a range of focused supports including coaching, reflective supervision and opportunities for school staff to learn together through the challenges presented by Covid-19.'



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Alternative routes into Argyll unveiled

The 11 road alternatives (see page one) currently being considered by Transport Scotland's Access to Argyll and Bute (A83) project team are summarised below.

Transport Scotland notes that fixed link crossings over the Firth of Clyde will 'present considerable challenges' as the area is used by large ships as well MOD submarines.

Options four and five involve construction in the vicinity of the Ministry of Defence (MOD) bases of Faslane and Coulport with a section of the proposed corridor utilising MOD-owned roads.

Option 1 - Glen Croe

In broad terms this option generally follows the forestry track on the opposite side of Glen Croe. Engineering measures would potentially be required to fit the new road into the topography of this side of the glen.

A83 at Port Ann.

Length where no road currently exists: approximately 3.5 miles (5.5km).

Approximate overall length: 47 miles (76km).

Option 6 - Inverclyde - Cowal - Cairndow

A 2.4-mile (3.9km) bridge from the A78 at Inverclyde across the Firth of Clyde near Gourock to Dunoon to link with the A815 then onward to the A83 at Cairndow.

Approximate overall length: 31.5 miles (50.7km).

Option 7 - Inverclyde - Cowal - Lochgilphead

A 2.4-mile (3.9km) bridge from the A78 across the Firth of Clyde to link to the A815 near Dunoon, then from Dalinlongart generally following existing roads to Otter Ferry. Cross Loch Fyne via a 1.6-mile (2.7km) bridge to tie into the A83 at Port Ann.

Approximate overall length: 27 miles (43.6km).

Option 8a - North Ayrshire - Cairndow via Colintraive

From the A78 near West Kilbride in North Ayrshire on 1.6-mile (2.65km) and 1.5-mile (2.53km) fixed link crossings between the mainland and the Isle of Bute via Little Cumbrae and a 0.3-mile (0.5km) fixed link crossing between the Isle of Bute and Cowal near Colintraive.

Then generally follows the A886 to Strachur and the A815 to tie back into the A83 at Cairndow.

Length where no road currently exists: approximately 4 miles (6.7km).

Approximate overall length: 55 miles (89.8km).

Option 8b - North Ayrshire - Cairndow via Dunoon

From the A78 near West Kilbride on 1.6-mile (2.65km) and 1.5-mile (2.53km) fixed link crossings between the mainland and the Isle of Bute via Little Cumbrae and a 1.3-mile (2.23km) fixed link crossing between the Isle of Bute and Toward.

Then generally follows the existing B881, A844 and A815 past Dunoon, the A815 to Strachur, joining the A83 at Cairndow.

Length where no road currently exists: approximately 4.1 miles (6.7km).

Approximate overall length: 47 miles (76km).

Option 9 - North Ayrshire - Cowal - Lochgilphead

From the A78 near West Kilbride on 1.6-mile (2.65km) and 1.5-mile (2.53km) fixed link crossings between the mainland and the Isle of Bute via Little Cumbrae and a 0.3-mile (0.5km) fixed link crossing between the Isle of Bute and Cowal near Colintraive.

Thereafter generally following the the C11 and B8000 to Otter Ferry.

Cross Loch Fyne via a 1.6-mile (2.7km) bridge to tie into the A83 at Port Ann.

Length where no road currently exists: approximately 4 miles (6.7km).

Approximate overall length: 40 miles (62.7km).

Option 10 - Helensburgh - Cowal - Cairndow

Linking the A814 at Helensburgh to Cowal, with the provision of fixed link crossings at Gare Loch and Loch Long.

A connection from the A814 to Cowal via approximately 0.4-mile (0.68km) and 1.8-mile (2.98km) fixed link crossings to the Rosneath Peninsula. Having crossed Loch Long to Strone, generally follows the existing A880, C09 over Glen Finart to Loch Eck and A815 to tie back into the A83 at Cairndow.

Approximate overall length: 31 miles (50.3km).

Option 11 - Helensburgh - Cowal - Lochgilphead

Helensburgh to Mid Argyll via Cowal, with fixed link crossings at Gare Loch, Loch Long and Loch Fyne.

Involves a connection from the A814 to Strone via approximately 0.4-mile (0.68km) and 1.8-mile (2.98km) fixed link crossings to the Rosneath Peninsula.

From Strone and Kilmun to Dalinlongart, before heading to Otter Ferry. Cross Loch Fyne via a 1.6-mile (2.7km) bridge to tie into the A83 at Port Ann.

Approximate overall length: 30 miles (48.6km).



The Rest and Be Thankful – the area being avoided.

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In last week's edition we called for ambition, energy and imagination in addressing the future needs of Argyll transport.

The 11 options, we are afraid to say, are lacking in these respects.

A number seem to have inbuilt obstacles, rendering them virtual non-starters. Transport Scotland already seems to be excluding a few – there's too many big ships, the water's too deep or submarines use this area.

Anything coming out near Inverarnan to the A82 is ridiculous.

Have Transport Scotland engineers actually visited these areas? Do they know Glen Finart?

Why involve Ayrshire, when it's the Glasgow area and motorway network we need to reach?

And we share Brendan O'Hara's disappointment at the absence of tunnels. Argyll's challenging geography could be tackled by going through or under hills and lochs.

Option 11 has potential, but cost will probably preclude it.

At this rate, would anyone be surprised if we end up with a mirror image road up the other side of Glen Croe?

There is, of course, no magic money tree, but if they are serious about helping Argyll, Transport Scotland and the Scottish Government must try harder – and apply imagination and energy to the situation.

Lochgilphead and Inveraray post offices – an open letter to Brendan O'Hara, MP for Argyll and Bute

Dear Brendan,
For several months now Lochgilphead has had no post office.

We have heard nothing from the Post Office about this service being reinstated Monday to Saturday (9am to 5pm).

At present we have a few hours during the week where we can stand in a queue in the rain for the temporary post office arrangements.

I am not alone in calling for this situation to be remedied forthwith by the Post Office.

I would hope the people of Inveraray would join this campaign as they also need a Post Office in Inveraray.

Can you use all your influence as an MP to bring this about.

I also call on Mid Argyll councillors to join with our MP to get the Post Office to deal urgently with this.

We look forward to hearing from you.

John Reid, Lochgilphead.

Caring during coronavirus

Sir,
It is estimated that there could now be as many as 1.1 million people in Scotland caring, unpaid, for a loved one who is older, disabled, or

seriously ill during the coronavirus pandemic. We know that it has been a particularly difficult time for family carers, with the majority having to provide more care during the pandemic – on average 10 additional hours a week.

With many face-to-face day services still closed or limited because of Covid-19, some families are caring round-the-clock without a break.

It's thanks to carers telling Carers Scotland about their personal experiences that we are able to explain to politicians and policy makers the challenges they are facing six months on from the coronavirus outbreak, as we head into winter.

By filling in our survey Caring Behind Closed Doors: six months on (see the Carers UK website) unpaid carers in Scotland can help inform the UK's most comprehensive study into experiences of looking after a loved one during the coronavirus crisis.

With a Scottish Government plan for social care reform currently in the making, it has never been more important for unpaid carers to share their experiences.

Fill in the survey at the www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CJ89NCH web page.

Simon Hodgson, director, Carers Scotland

Pandemic support needed

Sir,
The report 'The Impact of COVID-19 on the Highlands and Islands' warns that the economy of the region could decrease by as much as £2.6bn this year due to the impact of Covid-19 on businesses and jobs.

And the figures presented by Highlands and Islands Enterprise in the document also suggest that unemployment increased faster in the region than the rest of Scotland.

This report makes grim reading and should make both the Scottish and UK governments sit up and pay attention to the serious impact that Covid-19 has and is having on the highlands and islands, one of the worst hit areas in the country economically.

It's clear that the economy of the Highlands and Islands will need a shot in the arm if we are to turn around the worrying trend of job losses and economic downturn.

If we want to see the region survive and thrive after Covid-19, we need to ensure the right support is in place to allow us to build back better and support an economy that works for everyone.

**Rhoda Grant,
Highlands and Islands Scottish Labour MSP**

The Rest and be Thankful

Last week's front page story featured politicians united in a call for the right long-term solution to be found at the Rest and be Thankful. MP Brendan O'Hara described it as 'an economic and public safety emergency', adding: 'I suspect successive governments have just been hoping the situation wouldn't come to a head on their watch.'

There was plenty of reader reaction on the Argyllshire Advertiser Facebook page.

John Hall commented: 'It's only an emergency

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because there's an election due next year. It'll be soon forgotten afterwards.'

Nic Outterside posted: 'Successive governments is correct. When I lived in Mid Argyll 30 years ago the problems on the Rest existed. That was pre-devolution and from what I learned the problem had existed for at least 30 years prior to that.'

It is surely only a matter of time when a major disaster occurs with a landslip taking out a bus full of people or an HGV.

'My wife is visiting relatives in Campbeltown next week from our home here in Englandshire and already she has planned her journey via Gourock and Tarbert rather than even risk the Rest or military road or Crianlarich routes.'

Steve Bleasby wrote: 'For the second time this week the Tarbert to Portavadie ferry is suspended due to "technical reasons". The ferry MV Isle of Cumbrae was supposed to have been retired years ago, but limps on in an ageing and tired fleet.'

We are heading towards a transport infrastructure breakdown in Argyll unless the government takes rapid action. Time to focus on us, not the central belt.'

Niall M Cameron posted: 'As CalMac ferries age and break down, now is the time for better connections to Highlands and islands. We've seen the cost of tunnels, but building ships is just as expensive. A total overview of all transport is well overdue in this country.'

Duncan Black said: 'You [the SNP] have had 13 years to do something and all you've done is waste millions on idiotic ideas and temporary measures!'

YOUR PICTURES



This cheering scene was photographed in Inverneil by Pamela Hamilton using her iPhone. Pamela said: 'Two happy wee faces, grown from birdseed, getting the sun.' She added - for readers of a certain vintage:

'Little Weeed and her cousin. Bill and Ben were in quarantine.'

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Argyll group presses for political climate change

by Colin Cameron
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Politicians are unlikely to neglect issues of an environmental nature – as long as Time for Change Argyll and Bute is there to offer the occasional prod, that is.

The group kept up momentum last month as members followed up a meeting with the region's MP with a similar virtual discussion involving Argyll and Bute MSP Michael Russell.

A report earlier this year to the UK government by independent Climate Change Committee urged ministers to seize the opportunity to turn the Covid-19 crisis into a defining moment in the fight against climate change. The UK-wide Climate Coalition campaign group, however, wants to push that bit harder and urged supporters to lobby

MPs as part of The Time is Now campaign to put people, climate and nature at the heart of the UK's recovery from coronavirus.

In Argyll, the 'virtual' meeting with Brendan O'Hara MP in early July was followed by a similar discussion between Time for Change Argyll and Bute and Mr Russell on August 19, with some 47 constituents joining in from places including Lochgilphead, Ardfern, Dunoon, Tighnabruaich, Iona, Tayvallich, Furnace and Oban.

One of the founders of Time for Change, alongside her brother Rowan, is 22-year-old Freya Aitchison from Tayvallich, who said: 'We were really pleased that Michael Russell seemed to be as concerned as we are about the climate crisis and the issues it brings, and we will be continuing the conversation with him into the future, as we have been



Time for Change Argyll and Bute co-founder Freya Aitchison.

doing with Brendan O'Hara.

'We started off by telling Mr Russell how worried we are about the big picture of the climate crisis, and set out our core demands as a group, which are:

- Apply a Net-Zero Test to all decisions.

- Support the most vulnerable and bring about a just transition.



A screenshot from the group's Zoom call with Mr Russell.

- Unleash 'moonshot' scale investment with urgency and ambition to match.

- Recover and protect biodiversity.

- Seek and support participation and human-centred democracy.

'Our specific questions cov-

ered topics such as the short-term nature of politics; the Wellbeing Economy; how the [Scottish Government's] Just Transition Commission will lead to a final full stop on oil and gas extraction in Scotland; the importance of biodiversity in forestry and how we can

protect our ancient woodlands while also planting new trees; the agri-environment scheme; and community renewable energy opportunities.'

Freya continued: 'What we got out of it was that we should go to him with specific questions that he can take action on and he will help us. He definitely shared our concerns but felt constrained by the government at Westminster.'

'Brendan O'Hara has recently signed in support of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill, which we are very excited about. We also plan to work more closely with the council as it reconvenes its Climate Change Environmental Action Group.'

Time for Change Argyll and Bute seems to be gaining popularity and will to be in regular contact with the area's MP, MSPs and government at all levels.

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Kickstarting employment for young people in Argyll and Bute

A scheme has opened to help small businesses in Argyll and Bute employ young people.

The Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) this week announced a new partnership with Adecco Working Ventures to deliver the UK Government's new Kickstart Scheme, which covers Scotland, Wales and England.

Alongside local authorities, business organisations and the voluntary sector, FSB is also calling for a diversity of intermediary providers at local level.

Small firms are invited to step up and contribute jobs for our young people, whose livelihoods are now threatened by Covid-19.

The UK unemployment rate has risen to its highest level for two years, with official figures showing those aged 16 to 24 years suffering the biggest drop in employment.

Wendy Hamilton, FSB's area leader for the West of Scotland and business owner in Helensburgh, said: 'Small businesses are the biggest private employer in Britain and are an integral part of local communities here in Argyll



Helensburgh business owner Wendy Hamilton, FSB area leader for the West of Scotland.

and Bute. At this critical time we have successfully worked with government to develop the new Kickstart Scheme, and help small employers to be part of the solution. Small businesses have been keen to take part, and today's announcement means that they can now do so with confidence that the support needed for both the

employer, and the young person, will be in place.'

The Kickstart scheme is part of the UK government's 'Plan for Jobs', with the aim of helping 250,000 16-24-year olds on Universal Credit into work placement. Small employers who are keen to offer a Kickstart role to a young person can register at fsb.org.uk/kickstart

Museum opens with story of the humble puffer

Historic photographs of puffer MV Spartan berthed at Ardrishaig and the Isle of Muck (1965) as well as at Iona (1968) feature in a new exhibition at the Scottish Maritime Museum.

The museum has welcomed visitors back for the first time in almost five months with the 100-ton, 66-foot long major new exhibit and visitor experience.

For the first time, visitors can now step inside the hold of MV Spartan, the last surviving Scottish-built puffer in Scotland, and immerse themselves in the story of the hundreds of puffers which performed a lifeline service delivering everything from cows, cars and cabbages to Scotland's islands and remote coastal communities for more than a hundred years.

The permanent Spartan: Inside Out exhibition charts the evolution of the puffer, which came to dominate cargo trade around Scotland from the mid-1800s.

Named after the 'puff, puff' of spent steam spewing out

of the boat's funnel, puffers were designed to travel where larger vessels couldn't. With their unique flat-bottomed hulls they traversed the canal highways of mainland Scotland and, where there was no suitable pier or jetty, they 'beached' at low tide, dropped their cargo and sailed away at high tide.

The exhibition features unseen photographs from the museum's collection. These include images of early 1800s' steam-powered boats through to the seagoing steam, and later diesel, puffers working from the 1870s up until 1994 when the last 'puffer' company, Glenlight Shipping Ltd, ceased trading.

David Mann, director of the Scottish Maritime Museum, explained: 'We're delighted to welcome visitors back and open our doors with such a fantastic new experience based around Spartan, which was the first historic vessel in the museum's collection when it opened back in 1983.

Spartan, alongside SY Carola,



The Spartan on the Crinan Canal at Ardrishaig.

which is believed to be the world's oldest seagoing steam yacht, is one of almost 50 of Scotland's most important historic vessels, maritime artefacts and shipbuilding tools in the Scottish Maritime Museum's new online collection of 3D models and 360° virtual tours designed to help preserve and increase public access to Scotland's national maritime heritage collection. The museum is one of the first of such size in Scotland to embark on a major 3D scanning project to digitalise a whole collection.

Scammers target Scotland's new contact tracing app

Warnings have been issued as criminals exploit the new NHS Protect Scotland mobile phone app.

Scotland's Neighbourhood Watch network has highlighted the problem after reports of attempted scams around the country.

The app will alert users if they have been in close contact with another user who tests positive for coronavirus, and can help in determining contacts that people may have. If anyone is contacted by NHS (test and protect) it will be by phone on a single national telephone number 0800 030 8012.

Willie Clark Neighbourhood Watch national co-ordinator, said: 'Scammers are now exploiting this to commit fraud by contacting the general public advising them that they have been in near contact with someone who has tested positive with coronavirus and as such you must get a test and self-isolate.

'They then ask for payments for booking tests or sending out testing kits.'

What NHS Scotland contact tracers will do is, in some cases, send a text to let users know that they will be receiving a call from NHS Scotland using



the single, national telephone number.

They will always introduce themselves, say why they are contacting a user, and address the user by name as well as giving them the option to call back on the above number to provide reassurance that the service is legitimate.

Mr Clark added: 'Be aware

that phone numbers can be spoofed. Consider phoning back using a different phone from the one you received the call on. The call will be received on mobile, if concerned phone back on landline.'

Contact tracers will never ask for information other than the user's movements and the people they have been physically close to; they will NOT ask users to phone a premium rate number; make a purchase, payment or donation; for medical history unrelated to coronavirus for bank details; for social media identities or login details, or those of contacts; for passwords or PIN numbers, or to set up any form control of a computer, smartphone or tablet, or to download anything or to visit a website that does not belong to NHS Scotland or the Scottish Government.

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Heather Thomas-Smith.

Heather's Treks: Bruce's castle and Fyne views

Heather Thomas-Smith runs Heathy Heights, a walking company based in Lochgilphead, offering a bespoke guided walking service from holiday explorations and wild forays to long distance challenges or fun navigation days. She has travelled and trekked throughout the world but now lives in Argyll amongst the scenery she loves. www.heathyheights.co.uk

The walk starts opposite Tarbert Parish Church, which stands proudly over the village's western aspect. Many a coin has been thrown down its banks to children by newlyweds and the building is a fine example of Georgian architecture. And you wouldn't wish to visit Tarbert without exploring

the remains of Tarbert Castle. Here Robert the Bruce undertook major works in 1325 to fortify and enlarge it in order to protect his territory from the Lord of the Isles. However, it was not until the late 15th Century that James IV added the Tower House, the remains of which give the castle its main outline today. Above Tarbert paths and tracks open up grand views and are worth the effort of the steep climbs.

1. Turn left out of the car park in front of the church. Follow the road for 200m and cross carefully over to the seafront. Continue towards the pier, which once was crowded by jostling herring boats and piled high with wooden fish boxes as the catch of the day was sold on. Just past the Loch Fyne Gallery you will see steps up to your right signposted to the castle and Kintyre Way, take these.

2. The castle is soon reached and is worthy of exploration. The Tower House is well preserved and I remember many a ghost story was told here when we were children. To continue leave the castle grounds

through the south gate to join the Kintyre Way, which passes the community orchard on your right. Soon after you go over a small rise, ignore a path to your left leading to houses at the top of the Big Brae. Just beyond is a Y junction; take the right hand fork leaving the Kintyre Way.

3. You will now be following a well-kept route, which was once merely a faint heathy sheep track with little sign of bracken, rarely trodden. Keep an eye out for adders, they do live here and enjoy sunbathing on sunnier days but are very shy. After 150m turn right. The path will now climb steeply on the right-hand side of a burn. After 250m there is the first view point to your left. The second is just 100m further on your right and has a wider view over the village. Both are worth taking time for.

4. Directly after the second viewpoint and before a bridge there is a path right. This is the 4km extension I would usually recommend for those desiring a longer walk. However, there are currently forestry operations and the last 1km of path

Walk information

Route: Tarbert Castle and Mealdarroch circular
Distance: 5 miles (8km) - 2.5 miles (4km) extension
Ascent: 335m
Time: 2.5-3hrs walking
Terrain: paths, forestry tracks and road; steep and uneven sections
Map/s: OS Landranger 62 (1:50 000)
OS Explorer 357 (1:25 000)
Start/Finish/Parking: Village car park
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tle and Mealdarroch circular

prior to the main track is now a nightmarish quagmire. For the main walk continue over the bridge and up the hill. The path meanders and goes up steeply before reaching a final rise and dropping down to the main forestry track from Corranbuie.

5. Turn left. Continue for 1km, ignoring the first path on your left (the Kintyre Way leading back to Tarbert). The track crosses a large burn, passes a turning area on your left and drops gently down. Just before going round a right-hand bend look out for a small cairn on your left. Turn left onto the path by the cairn. If you start to go back uphill you have gone too far!

6. The path meanders down to the burn crossed earlier but is easy enough to manage unless in spate when it can usually be negotiated slightly upstream. The grassy path is pleasant walking and often dragonflies can be seen here throughout summer. On reaching a well-preserved sheep fank – a reminder of pre-forestry days – the path leads uphill. Look out for the giant's seat on your right!

7. Over the brow of the hill you will see where the path joins a stony track ahead that takes you on but look out for well beaten bracken on your right indicating a series of small paths kept open by Tarbert residents and seeded with wildflowers. These lead out to gain an excellent view over Loch Fyne, worth a small detour. Return to the path or track and head downhill. At a T-junction you should turn left and the steep tarmac road leads you down to the sea.

8. Turn right and head to the



Map of the route.

end of the road. A small path on your right leads you to the shell beaches, a reminder that thousands and thousands of scallop and queenie shells were once deposited here. Returning to the road it is now a nice easy 2km amble back into Tarbert via the old pier, ferry terminal and yacht club.

Safety in the outdoors

The described route and accompanying information are there to be used as a guide and do not replace the use of map and compass and the skills required to use them.

Whilst every effort is made to ensure the route is accurate at the time of going to print please be aware that track and path closures can happen at any time.

All walks are undertaken at your own risk. 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.

Inform 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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Plea made to respect Kilnaughton cemetery

'Places of rest should be respected, as should the feelings of family members who wish to visit the graves of their loved ones.'

Islanders are being asked to 'grass' on a mystery mesh-snipper letting nuisance rabbits back into a cemetery on Islay.

Argyll and Bute Council is urging anyone who knows who is responsible to tell the police.

Highlands and Islands MSP Donald Cameron has also expressed concern at the distress being caused to the relatives of people buried at Kilnaughton Cemetery because of the rabbits that are digging under graves.

Mr Cameron said: 'I have been contacted by a number

of people who are, frankly, dismayed by the impact rabbits are having on the burial ground.

'Despite the best efforts of council staff, who have sought to fence the cemetery off with rabbit-proof mesh, they are finding that the mesh is being cut, which is allowing the rabbits back in.'

He added: 'The result is that pathways are being damaged and floral tributes destroyed. I find it extraordinary that anyone would deliberately interfere with attempts to keep rabbits out of the cemetery and urge whoever is

responsible to desist. Places of rest should be respected, as should the feelings of family members who wish to visit the graves of their loved ones.'

Kintyre and Islands councillor Alastair Redman has also been contacted by upset families. 'This is an issue the community really cares about. I do hope the council staff will be allowed to do their job, keep the cemetery safe and just as visitors would hope to find it,' he said.

A spokesperson for Argyll and Bute Council said: 'Our team on Islay has worked

hard to protect Kilnaughton Cemetery from rabbits burrowing in from the neighbouring area. It is shameful if someone is adding to the distress of families by deliberately cutting the mesh put there to shield graves.

'We have reinstated the mesh and we are using humane traps to catch the rabbits. If anyone has any information about who has vandalised the mesh, please get in touch with us or the police. We would also ask people to help by making sure the gate is shut when visiting the cemetery.'



Rabbits are getting back in through cut meshing to make a mess in the cemetery, digging holes.

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Allan MacIntyre from Ardrishaig joined the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service retained unit in Lochgilphead around four years ago. The 34-year-old says being a firefighter is something he had always wanted to do, but due to work commitments he never applied.

'I think I was a little apprehensive about applying as I had heard it was hard to get in to,' Allan explained.

'It was when I started working in Lochgilphead with the council in 2016 that I enquired about being a retained firefighter, as I felt I had the flexibility and wanted to give something back to the community I lived in. The council was supportive, and I went along to the station's drill night and asked a few questions about the role. The guys at the station were really helpful and explained how the on-call system worked. I then applied and was successful after some practical selection tests and an interview.

'I remember my first shout well. When the pager went

off I was at home eating my lunch and I got such a fright I ran straight out the front door leaving my lunch behind. It was a smell of burning from an electrical unit at the hospital which didn't turn out to be much but it was still exciting responding and dealing with the situation with the rest of the crew. When I got home that day my lunch was gone and there was a very guilty looking

Being a retained firefighter gave me the opportunity to learn loads of new skills

Labrador in the house, a mistake which I have since learned from.

'Being a retained firefighter gave me the opportunity to learn loads of new skills. There are the obvious ones like first aid training, but my people skills are much better and I'm a much more confident person now. Being able to use my skills and help people within my community is very rewarding and definitely laid the foundations for wanting to become a whole-time firefighter.

'When recruitment opened for whole-time firefighters, I applied thinking I may not even get in as it is such a

popular career. Being retained helped with my application and I progressed, after successful selection tests and interviews, to be offered a full-time position as a firefighter.

I then went to the national training centre for a 14-week foundation course. I was posted to Blue Watch Oban which I was delighted with as this is the closest whole-time



Allan MacIntyre: 'You'll get such a lot out of being a firefighter.'

station to me. Since then I have learned loads of new skills, I am a qualified swift water rescue technician, I have gained my LGV and trailer licence and I am also a qualified blue light driver.

'I am now on a dual contract, which means I am still a part of the retained unit in Lochgilphead as well as whole time in Oban. I cover a 90-hour contract in Lochgilphead which I cover on my days and nights off. My experience as retained firefighter has helped me where I am today and I was glad I was given the opportunity to serve the community.'

Allan continued: 'My family and friends are all really supportive and are proud of my progression. My three-year-old boy loves it and every time the pager goes, he's shouting: 'Daddy, you need to go - quick daddy'. It can be hard sometimes not to wake the house when the pager goes in the middle of the night. You need to be well prepared with your clothes laid out every night ready

to spring out of bed and out quickly. I first imagined it as being the end of my social life with having to cover so many hours but it isn't like that at all. There is an online booking system which we organise on a Monday night together to make sure the week ahead is covered and time off is fair for everyone.

'For anyone thinking about joining the retained I would urge them to contact the station or contact one of the crew members. They would be more than happy to show or discuss with you what's all involved. You will have to give up some time, but in

You'll get such a lot out of it, and it's great to be doing something so meaningful in your local community

return you'll get such a lot out of it and it's great to be doing something so meaningful in your community and, who knows, you may even find yourself in a whole new career like I have.'

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Farmers encouraged to focus on nature

A ground-breaking new project, encouraging farmers to manage flower-rich meadows, help vulnerable populations of wading birds thrive and restore peatlands has the potential to replace EU schemes.

The pilot, which launches this month, is led by NatureScot on behalf of the Scottish Government.

A successful first phase, completed in spring this year, consulted with more than 60 farmers and crofters across Scotland, in Argyll, East Lothian, Shetland, Skye, Strathspey and the Outer Hebrides.

Participating farmer Jim Simmons of Ruthven farm near Tomintoul said: 'Having the opportunity to be involved in this new points-based, agri-environment scheme



Farmers in Argyll try a scorecard which rewards species composition and structure of grassland. Photograph: NatureScot

from the start has been a step forward. This project brought together a group of like-minded practical farming folk who have had the chance

to give input from the start to help create a scheme which is practical and likely to achieve its aims, while continuing to allow productive farming. In

the past, schemes have sometimes been too prescriptive, not allowing flexibility, for example, for differences in geographical areas and the timing of seasons.'

Now ready to run up to 2023, and with an initial development phase spend of £150,000, the project will see participants paid for the results they achieve through managing nature rich areas on dairy farms in south west Scotland; developing flower rich habitats in Argyll and Skye and managing habitat for wading birds in Strathspey.

The aim is to develop a tried-and-tested approach that can become an important part of future rural support beyond 2024.

Claudia Rowse, NatureScot's head of natural resources, ex-

plained: 'With more flexibility than traditional environmental support schemes, this exciting project has the potential to transform rural payments.'

'Farmers decide how to achieve a positive environmental result on their land and their fields' environmental quality is scored. The more the land supports nature, the higher the score and consequently the higher the payment.'

'Farmers know best how to improve nature on their farms and we want to help build on their knowledge and expertise. Investing in nature is one of the most cost effective ways of making our communities sustainable and more resilient.'

'As lockdown lifts, farmers across Scotland have a vital role to play in a green recovery that puts nature and nature-based

solutions at the heart of rebuilding our economy.'

Martin Kennedy, vice president of the National Farmers Union of Scotland (NFUS), added: 'At NFUS we believe in farming that supports a healthy environment for the next generation and in a way that integrates food production alongside biodiversity and climate change. Higher payments for delivering greater environmental outcomes is a sensible approach as long as the farmer has control over the result.'

The launch comes in the month Scottish Natural Heritage became 'NatureScot' as part of its drive to adapt the organisation to meet current environment challenges and deliver the change needed to secure a nature rich future.

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Around the markets

United Auctions, Dalmally, Saturday September 19: sold 3,591 sheep of all classes; 2,575 lambs averaged £51.12 (+£14.16). The 1,666 BF lambs averaged £47.83. An increased entry on the year sold well despite the entry of lambs being of smaller sorts. Averages on the year rose in line with other principal centres and all consignors were satisfied with their returns on the day.

Leading prices per head:

Lambs - BF - £63.00, Stronmagachan; £62.00, Littleport; £60.50, Inchgarth; £60.00, Auchreoch; £58.50, Blarghour; £58.50, Achnaba; £58.00, Bragleenbeg; £57.50, Benmore; £55.50, Glenfalloch; £53.50, Barachander; £53.00, Eden Taggart; £52.00, Blarghour; £51.50, Dunans; £51.00, Auchreoch; £51.00, Doune of Glendouglas; £50.50, Couston; £50.00, Meallagie; £50.00, Eurach; £50.00, Bragleenbeg. SuffX - £72.50, Auchnashul; £68.50, Fasgadh; £61.00, Blarmafoldach. LleyX - £62.50, Blarghour. BeltX - £67.50, £64.50, Blarghour. TexX - £86.00, Tullochcan; £83.00, Craigmores; £76.50, Stronmagachan; £76.00, Keilbeg; £73.00, Slatich; £69.00, Tullochcan; £68.00, Craigmores. Chev - £78.00, £66.50, Inchgarth; £64.00, Slatich; £63.50, Glenshero; £62.00, Inverlair. Cross - £66.50, Blarghour; £66.00, Auchreoch; £62.00,

Brenchoille; £62.00, Ardsheal; £61.00, Brackley; £61.00, Eurach; £60.00, Brackley. Swa - £60.00, £54.00, Achalic.

Feeding Ewes - TexX - £57.50, Keilbeg. Chev - £58.00, Ardsheal; £51.00, Lochdochart. Cross - £58.00, Greenfield; £50.00, Tombuie; £46.00, Craigmores; £45.00, Glenshero. BF - £52.50, Clachan Farms; £49.50, Barachander; £49.00, Scallasaig; £40.00, Garrogie; £40.00, Eurach.

Leading prices per kilo:

Lambs - BF - 208p, 196p, Littleport; 189p, Eden Taggart; 188p, Inchgarth; 187p, Blarghour; 186p, Brackley; 186p, Scallasaig; 186p, Blarghour; 186p, Inchgarth. SuffX - 239p, Ardsheal; 204p, Achnacone. LleyX - 208p, Blarghour. BeltX - 227p, 216p, Blarghour. TexX - 205p, 204p, Craigmores; 203p, Bragleenmore; 203p, Slatich; 202p, Blarmaoldach; 200p, Garrogie Estate.

Chev - 223p, Slatich; 218p, Inverlair; 211p, Dunans; 211p, Auchnashul; 211p, Ardsheal; 205p, Fasgadh; 205p, Inchgarth; 203p, Lochdochart; 202p, Glenshero; 201p, Inverlair; 200p, Lochdochart. Cross - 227p, Brackley; 225p, Fasgadh; 217p, 216p, Balnahard; 215p, 214p, Brackley; 212p, Ardsheal; 208p, Garrogie; 207p, Brackley; 206p, Scallasaig; 200p, Brackley; 200p, Bragleenmore.

Dingwall and Highland Marts Limited, Fort William, Saturday September 19: sold 365 weaned

calves and store cattle, 16 OTM cattle and five adult head of breeding cattle. Bullocks (205) averaged 268.4p (+48.1p on the year) and sold to 352.9p per kg for a 170kg Limousin cross from 5 Burnside, Argyll, and £945 gross for a pen of 410kg Limousin crosses from Lurignish Farm, Appin.

Heifers (160) averaged 257.9p (+67.0p on the year) and sold to 300.0p per kg for a pair of 205kg Simmental crosses from Burnside, Isle of Mull, and £950 gross for a 425kg Limousin cross from Lurignish Farm.

Breeding cattle (five) sold to £1,200 gross for a Hereford bull from Ardtornish Farms, Morven.

OTM cattle (16) sold to 127.8p per kg and £1,010 gross for an Aberdeen Angus cross from National Trust, Isle of Canna.

All classes realised a substantial rise on the year.

Other leading prices per head and per kg:

Bullocks 200-250kg - Myrtle Moss Croft, Strontian, £710, Dalilea, Acharacle, 333.3p; 251-300kg - Ardtornish Farms, £830, Fersit, Roy Bridge, 294.1p; 301-350kg - Moy Farm, Banavie, £845, Fersit, 262.3p; 351-400kg - Balmaglaister, Spean Bridge, £930, 232.5p; 401kg and over - Isle of Canna, £920, Lurignish, 230.5p.

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United Auctions, Lochboisdale, Wednesday September 16: sold 2,257 sheep of all classes. Lambs (1796) averaged £52.56 (+£12.05).

This second sale also had an increased entry on the year. The majority of lambs on offer were second and third draws which sold well and in keeping with current mainland levels.

Leading Prices:

Lambs - SuffX - £77.00, Truimsгарry; £75.00, 6 Rhuban; £72.00, Drimore; £70.50, 12 Locheport; £70.00, Truimsгарry; £70.00, 249 Daliburgh. TexX - £84.00, 1 Balivanich; £84.00, 90/110 Borve; £79.00, Drimore; £76.00, 340 North Boisdale; £74.00, 28 Griminish; £72.00, £71.00, 90/110 Borve; £71.00, 20 West Gerinish; £70.00, 49 Balgarva; £70.00, 8 West Kilbride; £70.00, 11A East Gerinish; £70.00, 20 West Gerinish; £70.00, 44 Linique.

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Cross - £75.00, 1 Balivanich; £73.00, Drimore; £71.00, 6 Rhuban; £68.50, 7 Frobost; £68.00, 1 Balivanich; £63.00, 49 Balgarva; £61.50, 7 Frobost; £61.00, Ardkenneth; £61.00, 6 Newton Ferry. Mule - £77.00, £61.50, 90/110 Borve. HampX - £72.50, Doon. BF -

£78.00, 388 Garrynamonie; £63.00, 4 Kilerivagh.

Rams - Suff - £280, £160, 6 Dunganichy. Tex - £150, 2 Grimsgay Island. Chev - £160, 3 Nunton; £145, Corunna. Ewes - SuffX - £74.00, 414 Smerclate. TexX - £76.00, 383 Garrynamonie; £70.00, 379A Garrynamonie; £68.00, 340 North Boisdale. Chev - £72.00, 7 Ormiclate. Cross - £68.00, 414 Smerclate; £64.00, Truimsгарry. BF - £72.00, £62.00, 2/3 Rarnish.

C and D Auction Marts for the Kintyre Agricultural Society

There was a centre record price and the best ever total at the annual Campbeltown sheep sale last Saturday, with the sunny day benefitting the outdoor venue.

The sale of 120 rams and 510 breeding was organised by C and D Auction Marts of Longtown for the Kintyre Agricultural Society.

At £900, the top price ram was a Suffolk shearling from Messrs MacIntyre, Glenahervie, Southend, which was purchased by N and F McNaughton, Dalmore, Tayinloan.

Messrs MacIntyre also sold a Suffolk shearling at £750 to R Millar, High Cattadale. R Millar bought another, at £600, from Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh, who also sold at £480 and £420. Suffolk shearlings and ram lambs averaged £458.

Thomas Cameron, Gartvaigh, also featured in the Bluefaced Leicester section which he topped with a shearling at £600 to R Millar who purchased another at £480 from Messrs Semple, Dalbhraddan.

Other Leicesters went to £450, twice, from Kilkeddan.

Jand M Turner, Kildalloig, paid £520 for a Texel shearling from A and J Pirie, Machrihanish Farm.

I McKendrick, High Dalrioch, sold four Texel shearlings at £420 each with others from Messrs Cairns, Lochside, and High Dalrioch at £400. Texel lambs made to £400 from C McMillan, Low Tirfergus.

Jeffrey Parkhouse, Inverae, sold Charollais rams at £420 and £400, twice, and Beltex cross shearlings from R and J Lines, Killoccrow, again sold to £420 and £400.

Overall, shearlings of all breeds averaged £331 with ram lambs levelling at £222.

Breeding females saw the usual strong demand which is a feature of this year's trade.

A nice entry of Blackface gimmers sold to £185 paid by A J Ronald, Coulinlongart, to M Huysamer, Laggan View, who also sold at £140 with other Blackface gimmers to £150 Brennanlea and £135 High Dalrioch.

Mule gimmers from Skernish and Darlochan Yard made £180 with the latter selling Texel gimmers at £155.

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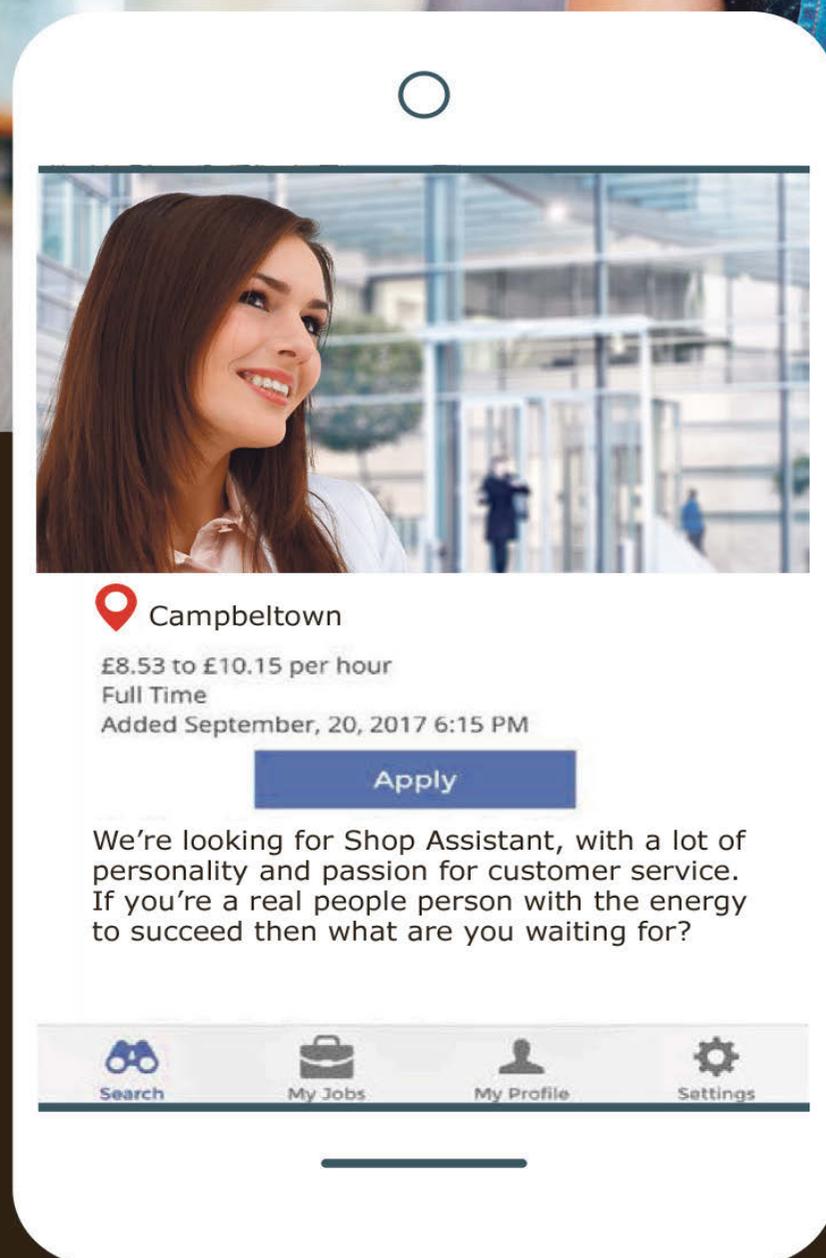


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The future is not looking bright. Is there any hope?

Racism is on the increase, natural disasters destroy people's homes and lives, the incidence of suicide has risen, animal cruelty continues to horrify us, the UK government continues to sell arms to oppressive regimes with horrific consequences and as Brexit talks stall and stutter, it has lost credibility in the international arena.

The natural world is threatened with the extinction of so many wonderful creatures because of human greed and indifference.

Is there any hope?

'Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.' Desmond Tutu said this and he is certainly someone who knows about clinging to hope.

The Bible says that 'faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen'.

Maybe in this time of what might seem like hopelessness, we need to refocus our lives and set our thoughts on that which is good, that which is honourable and that which is worth preserving.

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Machrihanish airbase has joined the four other candidates for Scotland's first spaceport in an alliance to represent the common interests of the UK spaceport community.

The Spaceports Alliance aims to facilitate rapid progress in national infrastructure for and international promotion of the country's space launch capabilities. Along with Prestwick Spaceport, Machrihanish offers plane-based, horizontal launches, while Shetland Space Centre Space Hub Sutherland, and Spaceport 1, Western Isles plan vertical rocket launches

John Innes of the Scottish Space Leadership Council said: 'The international race to build launch capability ahead of other global competitors is very much underway. The Spaceports Alliance will facilitate an inclusive, collaborative approach in order to navigate the sector through the challenges and opportunities posed by the prospect of UK launch in the very near future.'

The forging of the alliance comes a few weeks after a Raptor Aerospace Kestrel-100LD rocket was successfully launched from Machrihanish airbase, the first ever rocket launch from the site and a milestone in the development of space-flight activity at Machrihanish.

COWAL

Cowal Open Studios is all set for September 25-28.

The annual open studios event will take place in five separate hubs based around this beautiful Cowal peninsula. Nearly 50 artists will be displaying a selection of their work in these five locations instead of their own studios to ensure social distancing both for the artists and visitors.

There are painters, printers, potters, jewellers, woodworkers, textile artist and basket makers producing a varied collection of individual work.

Visit the Cowal Open Studios website for more information.

ARGYLL AND BUTE



Torque indoor cycling class at Mid Argyll Sports Centre.

Leisure centres, gyms and swimming pools have been among the most recent facilities to be allowed to reopen as lockdown restrictions eased in Scotland. They were given the green light to resume from August 31, two weeks earlier than had been expected.

Many facilities across Scotland remained closed until September 14, however, LiveArgyll led the way in Scotland and managed to open as soon as it was given the green light from the Scottish Government.

Charitable trust LiveArgyll runs 28 venues and services across Argyll and Bute, including leisure, libraries, archives and museum, halls, Active Schools and sport development, community centres and community lets.

A LiveArgyll spokesperson said: 'We're working hard to provide as many services as possible in the soft opening phase, and we're hoping that our members and pay-as-you-go users continue to support us as we continue to expand opening

hours and programmes in the coming weeks and months ahead.'

A small number of services are now up and running including leisure, a new click and collect library service in the six large town libraries, outdoor pitches and Active Schools.

Re-opening the venues was far from straightforward, involving bringing staff back from furlough, many of whom needed extensive training before starting work to ensure a safe environment for all staff and customers alike.

Leisure facilities user Caroline Sutherland said: 'I'm really impressed with what's been done. I got a 'welcome back' from staff as I entered the building and it was great to be back. There's obviously been a lot of thought and work gone into the layout, one way systems and cleaning/sanitising which has resulted in a very safe atmosphere. I'd like to thank all the staff for their hard work and looking forward to next week's classes.'

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DEATHS

CAMPBELL - Peacefully at home, 1 Park Terrace, Campbeltown, on September 20, 2020, Alexander McFadyen Campbell (Nicky) in his 86th year, formerly of 27b Davaar Avenue, Campbeltown, dearly beloved son of the late Alexander and Catherine Campbell, much loved brother of Alice and Jan and a loving uncle, great-uncle and great-great-uncle. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Nicky's funeral will take place on Friday, September 25. The cortege will leave the home address, 1 Park Terrace, at 1.00 p.m., after a short prayer. We will pass through Longrow, Longrow South, Main Street and round the Cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Nicky may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

COOPER - Passed away at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness on September 17, 2020, Victor Cooper, aged 90 years, Fairfield Road, Inverness, beloved husband of the late Iseobel Scott, also a dear dad and pappy. Funeral Service private in Cumlodden Church of Scotland, Furnace; thereafter to Kilevin Cemetery. Arrangements by D. Chisholm & Sons.

DOW - Suddenly but peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on September 19, 2020, George Raymond Dow,

in his 75th year, 15A John Street, Campbeltown. Dearly beloved husband of Margaret Dow, much loved dad of Jacqueline and Raymond, father-in-law of Jimmy and Orla, loving grandpa of Rachel Julia, Sophia, Robert and Emma. Funeral private.

MACKINNON - Peacefully at her home, 3 Glenfyne Terrace, Ardrishaig on September 22, 2020, after an illness fought with great dignity and courage, Connie MacKinnon, née MacIndeor, aged 60 years. Beloved wife of James MacKinnon, adored Mum of David, Ailsa, James and Nicola. A very proud Granny of Chloe, Liam, Keiron, Laila, Scott, Joshua and Alexander. Much respected mother-in-law of Margaret, Donnie, Emma and Michael. A dear sister, sister-in-law, aunt and cousin to all the extended family. A good neighbour and very dear friend to many. A private funeral service will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2020. Donations can be made in Memory of Connie to Secondary 1st (Breast Cancer) via Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors. The funeral cortege will leave from Connie's home in Ardrishaig at 11.30 a.m., passing via West Bank Road, Ardrishaig Parish Church, and then Chalmers Street, Ardrishaig, before proceeding to Lochgilphead travelling up Argyll Street, Lochgilphead at approximately 11.45 a.m., on route to Achnabreac Cemetery.

RUSSELL - Suddenly but peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on September 16, 2020, Douglas Muir Russell, in his 86th year, Tir-na-n-og, Southend, dearly beloved husband of Margaret Watson, much loved dad of Craig, Angela and Darlene, loving grandpa of Douglas, Ciaran, Rashan, Michelle and Mikaela and a loving papa to Caitlin. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Douglas's funeral will take place on Saturday, September 26. The cortege will leave the family home at 1.00 p.m., after a short prayer. We will pass Macharoch onto Blasthill Brae and through Southend village on our way to Keil Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Douglas may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MACVEAN - After the sad loss of Alasdair, his family thank all the staff at the Mid Argyll Community Hospital, the Beatson and The Queen Elizabeth University Hospital. Thanks also to the Mid-Argyll Transport Volunteers for the invaluable service provided. Thanks to all family and friends for their cards, phone calls and last respects on the day of the service. Special thanks to Rev. Hilda Smith, all at Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors, to Morna for the floral tributes and Kilmartin Hotel for the

purvey. Donations in memory of Alasdair for Alzheimer Scotland and Cancer Research U.K. raised £440.00.

MITCHELL - The family of the late Mary Wilkinson would like to thank everyone for their kind letters, cards, messages of sympathy and donations to the Mairi Semple Fund.

IN MEMORIAM

BROWN - In loving memory of Eddie, passed away September 25, 2000. Gone but never forgotten. - Isobel xx

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ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Sunday 27th September 2020

"Let us therefore strive to enter that rest" (Hebrews 4:11)
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Bob MacIntyre.

Bob makes a major impact in New York

Three majors played, three cuts made – Bob MacIntyre continues to impress on the biggest of stages.

The Oban left-hander showed once again why he is one of the rising stars of the game with a gutsy performance at the US Open in New York.

With a host of big names, including Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson failing to make the half-way cut, Bob found himself teeing up over the weekend at the brutal West Course at Winged Foot with his plus-six score squeezing him in right on the cut line. Although he didn't quite have the weekend he hoped for, with rounds of 76 and 79 effectively stalling any prospects of a high finish, he will take away a lot of confidence after another week mixing with the best golfers on the planet.

The fact eventual winner Bryson DeChambeau was the only player to finish under par shows just how tough a test this was.

While Bob can take a great deal of satisfaction from his own performance, the big-hearted star will also be delighted his 10 birdies raised \$35,000 for the Hurricane Laura relief fund in Louisiana where Bob went to university. All in all, an excellent week's work.

Alastair shines in the Ardrishaig sunshine

Ardrishaig bowlers have been making the best of the fine September sunshine to take to the green and compete in club competitions.

Saturday September 5 saw Alastair Craig triumphant in a revamped round-robin singles competition for the Sandy Cameron Trophy.

Club members competed in the Crawford MacDonald pairs competition on Saturday September 19. A reinvigorated Donald MacLachlan led with his new-found lighter wood bowls, putting in a fine performance along with his skipper

Alastair Craig to claim top spot and win the silver plate.

With the forecast looking good for tomorrow, Saturday September 26, another fine afternoon of bowls is in store.

For anyone who would like to come along, it will be a 1pm start at Ardrishaig Bowling Club.



Alastair Craig with the Sandy Cameron Trophy.



Crawford MacDonald pairs' winners Alastair Craig and Donald MacLachlan.

Competing with the ladies no handicap for Eilidh



Last week saw the final rounds of two competitions for the ladies at Lochgilphead Golf Club.

On Tuesday September 15 the last round of the nine-hole

Far left: Jane Hepburn was triumphant in the Ladies Charity Cup, the proceeds going to Blood Cancer UK.



Left: Overall winner of the eclectic competition, Eilidh Flanagan.

eclectic competition was won by Kathleen Young with 19 points, but the overall winner of the six rounds was junior girl Eilidh Flanagan with a fantastic 28 points.

This is Eilidh's first year playing with the ladies and she chose to play off a 36 handicap to allow her to compete in the competitions. She not only won this competition but has also reduced her handicap. Club members have no doubt that hers is a name they will be seeing on more winning lists in the future.

The other final was the Ladies Charity Cup. This is played over four rounds and the winner chooses the charity to which the entry fees are donated. The winner on the day with

19 points was Jane Hepburn, who was also overall winner with 25 points. Jane started the season well and fell away a wee bit but came back for a fantastic finale.

Jane has chosen Blood Cancer UK to receive the funds so a cheque for £155 is on its way to it.

The gents, meanwhile, played the September Medal which was won by Andy Law with 62 strokes, beating Alex MacAulay by one.



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