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# Anger as TSB plans to withdraw from town

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
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Local elected representatives have reacted with anger and disappointment to the news the Campbeltown branch of the TSB bank looks set to close on February 18, 2021.

The bank has announced plans to close 73 Scottish branches, resulting in about 300 job losses, due to a 'significant change in customer behaviour', with more customers using online banking services.

The closures will also affect branches in Lochgilphead, Dunoon and Rothesay.

## Round trip

Branches earmarked for closure were said to have been selected to ensure 94 per cent of TSB customers in Scotland remain within 20 minutes travel time of a branch, but it will mean a round trip of about four-and-a-half hours to visit the closest branch to Campbeltown, which will be

nearly 90 miles away in Oban. Robin Bulloch, customer banking director at TSB, said: 'These decisions are the most difficult we take, but we must always be guided by our customers and we are clearly witnessing a substantial shift towards digital banking.'

## Angry

However Michael Russell MSP for Argyll and Bute said: 'I am angry that once again a large, profitable organisation is withdrawing from this rural constituency purely because of cost cutting.'

'I made it clear to the bank's director that if they were not prepared to support Argyll and Bute then they could not expect Argyll and Bute to support them and I am sure many local TSB customers will now transfer to banks which still have a presence in their town although those are becoming ever rarer.'

In addition to the TSB, Campbeltown currently has a

Bank of Scotland branch and a Clydesdale Bank branch. The town's Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) branch closed in 2018.

South Kintyre's councillors also expressed their concerns about the closure plans.

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'The TSB bank has served the community for many years and the branch will be missed by many people. I feel rural communities are being disadvantaged by this policy of closure.'

## Disappointed

Councillor John Armour said: 'I am very disappointed, especially in the current climate, that TSB has decided to close the Campbeltown branch. I said when RBS deserted Campbeltown that, with the drop in footfall through banks, perhaps it was time for banks to look at shared premises rather than completely withdrawing from smaller towns.'

'While there are many of us



Campbeltown Young Farmers' 2020 bale art, which depicts Disney's Mickey Mouse and his side-kick Minnie, has added a splash of colour to the West Road.

The creation, situated near Westport car park, also has an important message, asking passers by: 'Are ewe okay?' and urging them to '#keep talking'.

who use online banking, there are still many who don't or don't want to, so I urge TSB management to look again at alternatives to deserting Campbeltown in the way RBS

did.' Councillor Rory Colville said: 'It's vital no one is left behind by this move.'

'While many people will already be using online banking, it's important that

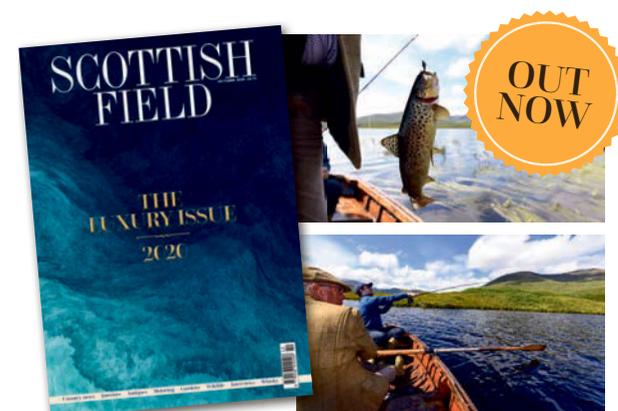
all local customers are given the support they need to move online and that there is clear information on what banking transactions can be done at the Post Office.'

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**Cannabis possession**

A 31-year-old man who was stopped and searched by police at 8.30pm on Wednesday September 30, in Longrow, Campbeltown, was found in possession of cannabis. He was charged and issued with a recordable police warning.

**Abusive behaviour**

A 35-year-old man was arrested and charged after allegedly behaving in an abusive manner at 3.50am on Thursday October 1, in Harvey's Lane, Campbeltown.

**Man assaulted**

A 28-year-old woman was arrested and charged after allegedly assaulting a man at 6.20am on Thursday October 1, in Longrow, Campbeltown.

**Breach of conditions**

A 28-year-old man was arrested at 1.15pm on Thursday October 1, in Kirk Street, Campbeltown, for allegedly behaving in an abusive manner.

He was charged with the offence and released on an undertaking with conditions not to contact the other people involved. Subsequently, at about 3.15pm on Friday October 2, the man was arrested and charged for allegedly contacting one of the people involved in the original incident.

**Vandalism**

Police are investigating and appealing for witnesses after a bench, roofing and a gate at Port Ellen Primary School on Islay were damaged sometime between 4pm on Friday September 25 and 8am on Monday September 28.

**Abusive behaviour**

Police are investigating and appealing for witnesses after a man allegedly behaved in an abusive manner towards another man in the Co-op supermarket in Main Street, Bowmore, Islay, at 6.45pm on Saturday September 26.

# Union slams windfarm pledge as Kintyre factory sits idle

Boris Johnson's pledge that every UK home will be powered by electricity from offshore windfarms by 2030 and that £160 million will be spent on building more wind turbines has been labelled 'hollow words' by a Scottish union boss.

Pat Rafferty, Unite Scotland secretary, also criticised the Prime Minister's pledge to commit 60 per cent of the turbines to be manufactured in the UK as 'rehashed rhetoric' following the recommendation by the UK Offshore Wind Industry Council in March 2018 to the UK Government that supply chain plans should achieve 60 per cent of life cycle costs to be UK sourced by 2030.

In recent weeks, SSE has announced that Scottish-based firm BiFab had not secured any contract work from the Seagreen project with all of the platforms for its 114 turbines to be manufactured in China and the United Arab Emirates.



CS Wind's Machrihanish factory is the only UK facility manufacturing both onshore and offshore towers. Photograph: Raymond Hosie.

This follows the minimal work awarded to BiFab by EDF through the Neart na Gaoithe (NnG) offshore wind farm project, which will consist of 54 turbines.

Unite has also repeatedly highlighted the 'depressing situation' at CS Wind's Machrihanish wind tower factory - the only UK facility manufacturing onshore and offshore towers - which

has been sitting idle since November 2019.

Mr Rafferty said: 'The UK Government has repeatedly failed to act on recommendations for years and belatedly adopting this target only serves to highlight their years of inaction and abandonment of the domestic supply chain.'

'The onshore and offshore wind sector in Scotland is on life support. We have the

BiFab yards and CS Wind in Campbeltown sitting idle. The Prime Minister's pledge is hollow words for these communities.

'Talk is cheap. We need action and we need that right now. We urgently need the Contracts for Difference Scheme totally reformed to legally ensure that domestic-based firms are guaranteed work from the billions of pounds being poured into the on and offshore wind sector. The reality is that the people of Fife, Lewis and Argyll and Bute haven't seen a penny of it.'

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# Campbeltown shortlisted for most improved place award

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Following an extensive regeneration programme, Campbeltown is in with a chance of being named Scotland's most improved place after being shortlisted for a prestigious national award.

The town is up against Fernbrae Meadows in Rutherglen, South Lanarkshire, and New Cumnock, East Ayrshire, in its category at the 2020 SURF Awards, which are delivered each year by SURF, Scotland's Independent Regeneration Network, and the Scottish Government in recognition of best practice in community regeneration.

The appearance and vibrancy of Campbeltown's town centre has been significantly improved with investment of £13 million to repair more than 40 buildings, improve shop fronts and deliver parallel projects.

The programme has been delivered by Argyll and Bute Council, which has taken a partnership approach, engaging with the community at all stages, and a number of key partners including Campbeltown Community Council; Campbeltown

Community Business; South Kintyre Development Trust; Kintyre Amenity Trust; Inspiralba; Keeping It Local; local businesses and tenement owners' associations.

The restoration works include improved community facilities including the renovated cinema and town hall; restoration of Campbeltown Cross in partnership with Campbeltown Community Council; a shop-front improvement scheme leading to a number of new businesses opening; Quarry Green sculpture project due to start this month; more than 2,000 square metres of vacant or derelict floorspace brought back into use; the full repair of 11 tenement buildings containing 58 flats and 26 commercial units, helping bring many vacant units back into use; and the transformation of a derelict building into a community backpackers' hostel.

Partnership working with Housing Services has also seen £3 million of grants awarded to more than 70 private owners for repairs to multi-ownership tenements.

Councillor Alastair Redman, policy lead for economic growth, said: 'This is fantastic news for Campbeltown.

'The council and partners



Some of the most recent restoration works have seen the transformation of McLean Place on Main Street.

have worked together to secure funding which has enabled key buildings to be repaired and vacant properties to be brought back into use.

'This successful programme of works is already delivering huge benefits safeguarding homes, jobs and businesses and attracting new people and business to the area, so vital to the economic recovery of Argyll and Bute.

'It has been a fantastic example of partnership working to deliver huge community benefit.'

South Kintyre's councillors have also welcomed the news.

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'This award is the culmination of more than 14 years' hard work and dedication by many people, businesses and organisations who have been ably led in many cases by James Lafferty.

'It is a tremendous achievement, one of which the entire community should be immensely proud.

'However, we cannot afford to rest on our laurels. There is much work still to be done

and, as local councillors, we must continue to make the case for funding to ensure that we build on the good work already done.'

Councillor John Armour said: 'I am absolutely delighted and not in any way surprised that Campbeltown has been shortlisted for this award, which rightly recognises the hard work of James Lafferty and his team, Campbeltown Community Council and the many individuals and organisations involved.

'Their determination and dedication to improve the look of our town is well known and appreciated locally but to be recognised nationally is a tremendous achievement and everyone concerned deserves to be congratulated for all their hard work.'

Councillor Rory Colville said: 'I believe it would be wrong to single out any one individual or organisation as to why we are one of three towns to have been shortlisted. Our success at reaching this stage is down to the shopkeepers and local people and organisations that have worked tirelessly to create the sense of place that the town has achieved.'

Judging will take place on October 27.

## Kintyre Music Festival 2021 cancelled

The 2021 Kintyre Music Festival - set to take place in June 2021 - will not go ahead.

Following a meeting of the festival committee and discussion with Public Health Scotland, the 'very difficult' decision to cancel next year's festival was made.

A festival spokesperson said: 'Venues and adjudicators have to be booked now for next year and in view of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic we unfortunately could not see a way for this to take place.

'The capacity and set-up of the venues used would mean very few attendees at each session and the sanitation required between each performance and each class makes it impossible to go ahead.'

To mark what should be the festival week, the committee will be inviting children to submit a performance, if they wish to. Full details will be given nearer the time.

'We hope you understand this is not a decision we have taken lightly and we are really looking forward to seeing everyone back in 2022,' the spokesperson added.

Those with trophies from last year are being asked to return them to their schools as soon as possible. If, for any reason, that's not possible, people can contact the Kintyre Music Festival Facebook page to arrange for them to be collected.



## The Dochas Carer Centre

**We are still here for you even though the Centre has to remain closed.**

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

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

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

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Our volunteer befriending service called Circle of Friends is continuing to run. Volunteers are maintaining contact with the individuals they are befriending by telephone. Our Co-ordinator, Ryan Taylor, continues to support this service. We are looking for more Telephone Befriending Volunteers. We would love to hear from you if you wish to help, please contact us on 0793 203 9801.

### Dochas Counselling Team

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

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



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

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

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# Tributes paid after Argyll and Bute councillor dies

Tributes have been paid to Argyll and Bute councillor Ellen Morton, who died last weekend.

Councillor Morton, who represented the Helensburgh and Lomond South ward, died on Saturday October 3, aged 76.

Announcing her death, Councillor Morton's family said on Monday that she had passed away after 'an illness borne privately at home'.

During her 21 years as a councillor, Councillor Morton served as deputy leader of the council, as spokesperson for education and sat on a number of council committees, including social work and criminal justice and licensing.

A particular interest for her was economic development and infrastructure and her most recent senior political role with the council was policy lead and later deputy policy lead for roads, infrastructure services and special projects.

She shared her expertise in this field outwith Argyll and Bute, serving as the first chairperson of the Northern Roads Collaboration, which was established in 2018 to bring a number of Scottish councils together to explore innovation and potential for shared services and expertise.

Councillor Morton also represented Argyll and Bute on a number of external organisations ranging from the Board of Scottish Legal Aid to the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority Board.

Councillor Morton – who was first elected to Argyll and Bute Council in 1999 – was joined on the council in 2012 by her daughter Aileen, one of four children who survive her.

Ellen is also survived by her husband Gordon and four grandchildren.

Aileen became leader of the council five years later, a post

from which she stood down last month.

Councillor Robin Currie, leader of Argyll and Bute Council, said: 'It is with huge



Councillor Ellen Morton.

sadness that we learned of the death of Councillor Morton.

'Ellen worked tirelessly to benefit Argyll and Bute. She brought energy and passion to the debating chamber, was

never afraid to speak her mind and focused unwaveringly on doing the best possible for our local communities. We will miss her.

'We send our heartfelt wishes to Ellen's family and, most especially, to our colleague Councillor Aileen Morton at this very sad time.'

Chief executive Pippa Milne added: 'Ellen was a councillor longer than many of us have worked for the council so it's difficult to imagine the council without her.'

'Ellen never lost sight of the fact that things don't just happen, that progress depends on the hard work and commitment of our employees. She worked closely with employees in services across the council.'

'We will remember with gratitude Ellen's drive for success.'

'Our thoughts and warmest wishes are with Councillor Aileen Morton and wider family.'

## Sudden death of SNP constituency convenor

The convenor of the Argyll and Bute SNP Constituency Association died suddenly last weekend, while chairing the group's monthly online meeting.

John MacMillan died last Sunday afternoon during the meeting which was held via web conferencing platform Zoom.

Argyll and Bute SNP MSP Michael Russell said: 'All of us who were present at the meeting, and I am sure the wider community, are feeling an overwhelming sense of shock and disbelief. Obviously all our thoughts are with his widow Anne at this time and our hearts go out to her given the tremendous loss she has suffered.'

'John had spoken on the phone with many of us over the last few days and had just made opening remarks to the meeting but despite the immediate action Anne took and the rapid medical attention from paramedics in Ballachulish, he was not able to be revived. John was a lifelong supporter of independence and after a highly successful business career retired to spend more time on the things that really mattered to him - his life with Anne, his beloved Highlands and the SNP.'

'He had been active in a number of branches, including Oban, and became vice convenor of the constituency some years ago. He was elected to the chair only last autumn but quickly made a mark on all our activities.'

'He had ambitious plans for the local SNP and just after Christmas he and I discussed a range of fundraising and other events that would have taken us through to the 2021 election.'

'He made sure the local party organisation was well managed and focused on achieving independence and I only wish he was going to be with us to see that job completed.'

'John will be greatly missed by me and by many as a valued colleague and a friend.'

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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](https://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](mailto:transportscotland@bigpartnership.co.uk) or telephone **0333 880 6685**

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# New Scottish Legislation for Fire and Smoke Alarms

Scottish legislation has changed. Introduced in February 2019, the change applies to all households in Scotland and must be met by February 2021. The new Scottish legislation states that an interlinked Fire and Smoke alarm system must be fitted in your property and that there should be adequate Carbon Monoxide protection.

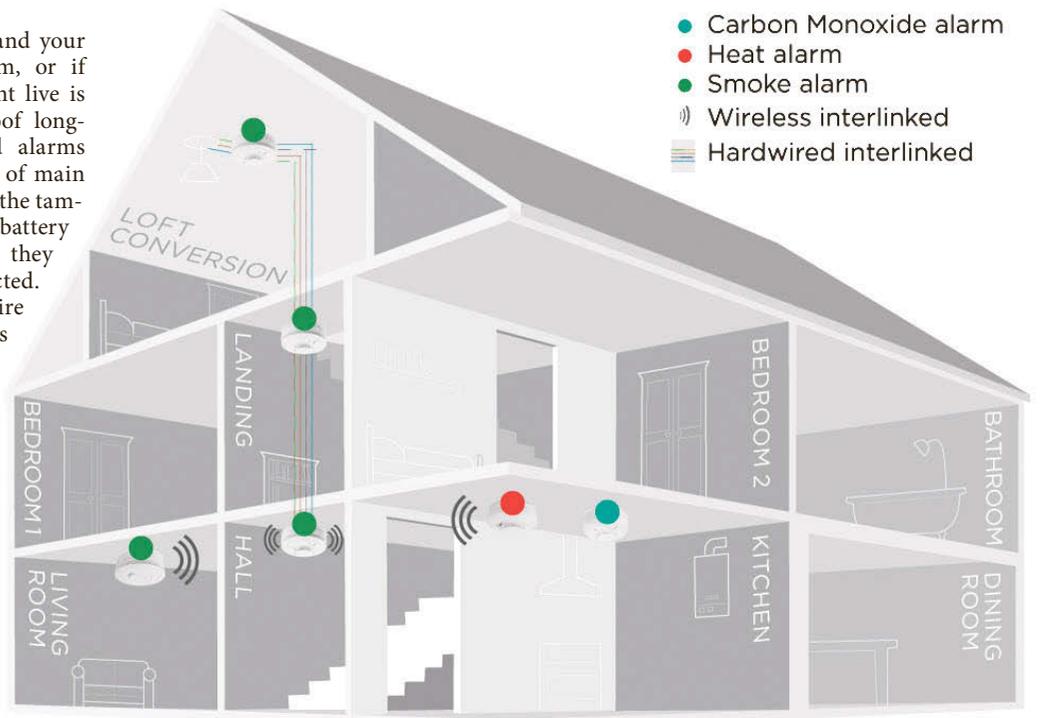
This legislative change to the Tolerable Standard covers all homes, both in the private and social housing sectors. The standard now requires a fully interlinked LD2 Fire and Smoke alarm system:

- One smoke alarm installed in the room most frequently used for general daytime living purposes
- One smoke alarm in every circulation space on each storey, such as hallways and landings
- One heat alarm installed in every kitchen

Fire and Smoke alarms must be interconnected and this can be achieved via traditional cabling methods or wirelessly. This new legislation also requires a Carbon Monoxide detector to be installed where there is a fuel-burning appliance (such as boilers, fires, heaters and stoves) or where there is a flue. Homeowners and landlords must comply to the new Scottish legislation by February 2021.

If you already have Fire and Smoke alarms installed in your property, check that they are interlinked. If you have an alarm system but it does not currently meet the new requirements, you can expand your system with wireless interconnection. By having an interlinked system, the whole alarm system will be triggered if one alarm is activated meaning you are alerted immediately in the event of a fire.

If you need to expand your current alarm system, or if access to a permanent live is difficult, tamper proof long-life battery powered alarms can be used in place of main powered alarms with the tamper proof long-life battery back-up, providing they can be interconnected. The Aico 600 Series Fire and Smoke alarms are battery powered units that meet this requirement, whereas the Aico 3000 Series is the mains powered equivalent.



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## Bank closure will hit elderly hardest

Unfortunately it will be the elderly and most vulnerable residents in our community who will be the hardest hit by the TSB's plan to close 73 Scottish branches including Campbeltown's.

While it is possible to fulfil most banking needs online or via telephone, which is how many people choose to bank these days, there are some people who do not or cannot use such services.

Brian Sloan, chief executive of Age Scotland, said the charity was 'appalled' by the latest round of closures, adding: 'Those who rely on branches most tend to be older, disadvantaged, or on low incomes, and may not find it easy to travel to the next town to do their banking.'

'Almost half a million people over 60 don't use the internet, with the highest numbers in the most deprived areas. By turning its back on them, TSB clearly seems to be putting its profits before its customers.'

TSB customers from Campbeltown will now have to travel to Oban or further afield if they wish to visit a branch, something which is particularly concerning during the current pandemic when people are being advised to limit travelling.

## One of Scotland's most improved towns

Well done to all involved in the regeneration works which continue to transform Campbeltown's town centre. The recent SURF Award shortlisting is very well deserved recognition of the unimaginable amount of hard work which has gone into the project.

## Support our cinema to secure its future

With press and social media currently highlighting the parlous state of the cinema industry at this stage of the Covid-19 pandemic, Kintyre readers will be wondering how secure the future of Campbeltown Picture House might be.

Readers can be assured the board of directors of Campbeltown Community Business Ltd, which owns and runs the cinema, has been busy throughout these difficult times, together with the management team, in taking every feasible measure to ensure this much-loved community asset will stand the best chance of surviving the challenges of the time and emerge from the 'tunnel' as a running concern when the situation eventually returns to normal.

The fact the Picture House is operating at the moment, albeit with minimum staffing, a restricted programme of films and over the weekends only, bears testament to the extremely generous financial support packages provided by the likes of UK and Scottish governments, the National Heritage Lottery Fund, the British Film Institute, the Corra Foundation and Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

Additional important funding has been provided by Machrihanish Airbase Community Company, community councils, wind farm trusts, the Balure Trust and, of course, individual members of the public.

This ongoing survival challenge takes place against the backdrop of a lack of anticipated big title films, the releases of which have been progressively postponed by the main distributors on the basis that cinemas in their major markets of USA and China are still shut.

It is hardly surprising that such delays, coupled with the threat posed by the pandemic itself, has resulted in current audience levels in many UK and European cinemas being at unsustainably low levels.

It is anticipated sufficient funding will be made available to carry the current limited cinema operation through to 2021 when the much-needed releases of new titles will occur, the pandemic is hopefully under better control and audience levels can return to normal.

In the meantime we ask as many of our supporters as possible to bear with us and attend whenever possible, whilst observing the appropriate Covid-related protocols as set out by the UK Cinema Association and sanctioned by the local authority.

Refreshments and snacks remain available, not only for consumption in the auditoria but also for takeaway and off-site consumption.

The 'Wee Pictures' can survive this challenge, but only with sufficient active input from the community. Please give us all the support you can.

**David Mayo, chairman of the board of directors, Campbeltown Community Business, and Ellen Mainwood, general manager, Campbeltown Picture House.**

## Could you foster a child in need?

The coronavirus pandemic and lockdown could see the need for foster carers in Scotland increasing.

Due to Covid-19, pressure on families has increased with many suffering job losses, bereavement and mental health issues which may have a drastic impact on the number of children needing foster care.

We expect referral numbers to climb now schools are open and teachers and other professionals identify vulnerable children and young people as needing support.

Please contact us online at [www.barnardos.org.uk/foster](http://www.barnardos.org.uk/foster) to find out more about fostering, becoming a foster carer and the support Barnardo's can offer or call 0800 0277280.

**Sue Brunton, head of fostering and adoption in Scotland, Barnardo's.**

## Help people to live while they are dying

This week marks Hospice Care Week (October 5 to 11) and in these unprecedented times, now, more than ever, people at end of life and their families need our care and support.

As the country's leading end-of-life charity

- we cared for more than 8,500 people across Scotland last year - we understand how vital it is for terminally ill people to receive the very best care in their final years, months, weeks and days.

That's why we have continued to be at frontline during the pandemic, caring for people in the community in their homes and at our hospice in Edinburgh. At any one time, we support more than 300 people who live at home in the capital and West Lothian area. One way we do this is through day therapy sessions which support people at end of life - both physically and emotionally.

We provide virtual consultations, coffee mornings, gentle exercise and relaxation online, giving our patients the opportunity to engage with others and tackle the loneliness and isolation brought on by local restrictions.

The people we care for don't have the luxury of time and it's important we continue to help people live while they are dying.

**Libby Milton, Clinical Services Lead, Marie Curie.**

## Financial services and Brexit

The Brexit talks are back in the headlines as the crunch point is being reached on a potential trade deal between the UK and the EU.

Meanwhile, rumbling on in the background, and maybe not getting the attention deserved due to Covid-19, is the major impact Brexit is having on the economy.

According to professional services company EY, financial services firms operating in the UK have shifted about 7,500 employees and more than £1.2 trillion of assets to the EU ahead of the ending of the transition period this year - with more likely to follow in coming weeks.

About 400 relocations were announced in the past month alone. Since Britain voted to leave the bloc in 2016, the finance industry has added 2,850 positions in the EU, with Dublin, Luxembourg and Frankfurt seeing the biggest gains.

From next year, firms in Europe's financial capital will lose their passporting rights, which enables them to offer services across the EU. They will have to rely on the bloc granting the

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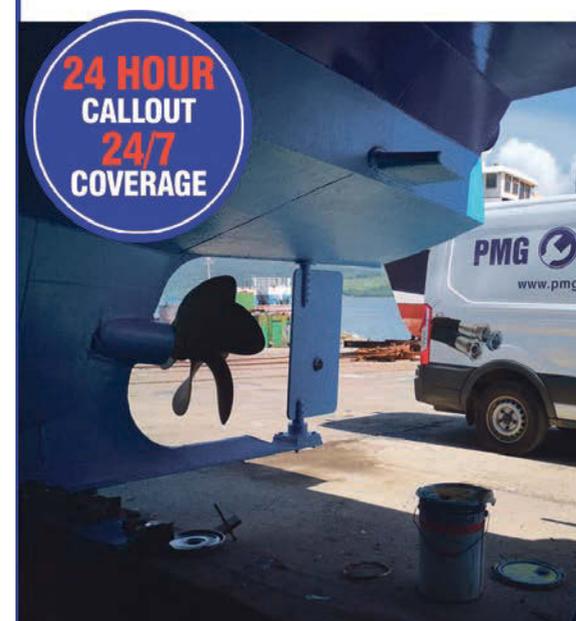
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UK so-called equivalence for them to do business with customers in the region.

It is inevitable that further moves will follow as soon as we stumble towards the Brexit precipice at the end of this year.

Alex Orr, Edinburgh.

### A tunnel is the answer

With regard to your interesting article on routes into Argyll proposed by Transport Scotland, I see no mention of a tunnel.

Surely the simplest solution would be a tunnel from Arrochar to Butterbridge, or from Ardgarten to Butterbridge.

From Arrochar may be better as the route is more of a straight line.

As a former resident of Tarbert, now living in Taynuilt, I live less than 10 miles from a tunnel into and below a hillside at Loch Awe, Ben Cruachan.

I refer, of course, to the tunnel constructed in 1965 with less sophisticated tools than available now.

I have also seen an article on the building of tunnels for carrying water from Loch Katrine to Glasgow, much earlier than 1965, again using more primitive equipment. In addition to those tunnels, look at the construction of the railway during the railway's early years. There are examples of tunnelling all over the world where knowledge could be given to the Scottish Government.

Cost should not be an issue, as it seems none is being spared at present - to no avail.

Dugald McDougall, Taynuilt.

## PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week's photograph was sent in by Sharon Scott and shows a beautiful butterfly which landed on a sunflower grown by her Roading neighbour Edith McSparran.

Sharon, who took the photograph using the camera on her phone, said of the towering sunflowers: 'They are over seven feet tall. Edith has done a good job growing them from seed.'

'They were so stunning I just had to take the photos and was so lucky to get a butterfly too. Nature can be so beautiful.'

If you have a photograph you would like to share, please email it to [editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk](mailto:editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk) or send it to us via the Courier's Facebook page.

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# Let's get ready for new

The way the UK does business with Europe changes from January 1, heralding a new start for the small and medium-sized companies. Let's get businesses ready to take advantage of new opportunities ...

A NEW year, a new start. The UK has left the EU and will leave the single market and customs union at the end of transition period on December 31 2020.

This means changes in the way the UK does business with Europe and companies need to be ready to make the most of new opportunities.

While the final form of that relationship is still being established in negotiations between the UK and the EU, there are important preparations that all businesses should be making now in order to head off potential problems.

The UK Government has put a range of support measures in place.

If you run a business, it is important that you check what you need to do now. To make the process easy the UK Government has set up the [gov.uk/transition](https://www.gov.uk/transition) website. Here you will find all the information, tools, advice and checklists you need.

It includes how to continue trading to and from the EU. These rules also apply to importing goods from the rest of the world.

You can find out how commodities – wine, hops, eggs, poultry meat, beef and veal, fruit and vegetables – meet the requirements for export to the EU from January 1 2021.

There is also information and what to do if your employees need a visa or work permit and whether they meet the professional requirements for the country they're travelling to.



**SUPPORT MEASURES:** The UK Government announced a £705 million funding package for border infrastructure, staffing and IT.

The site includes information for all business types including advanced manufacturing and services like aerospace and electronics, agriculture, animals, fisheries and forestry; business and personal services, charities and voluntary organisations, construction and environmental services, defence, entertainment, education, transport and tourism.

The UK Government has also implemented other measures including introducing new border controls in stages up until July 1 2021 and providing more than



*The UK Government has put a range of support measures in place, including introducing new border controls, and providing more than £80 million to boost the capacity of the customs intermediary sector.*

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It has announced a £705 million funding package for border infrastructure, staffing and IT to ensure border systems are fully operational when the UK takes back control of its border after the end of transition.

As well as the [gov.uk/transition](https://www.gov.uk/transition) website, trade associations, chambers of commerce and business support groups also offer valuable support.

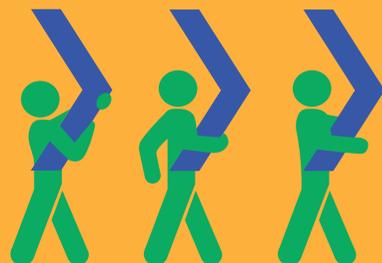
Now is the time to put the right preparations in place.

## Ensure you are prepared

Make sure your business is ready for the end of transition period by visiting [gov.uk/transition](https://www.gov.uk/transition)

Check tariffs that will apply to goods you import at [gov.uk/guidance/uk-tariffs-from-1-january-2021](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-tariffs-from-1-january-2021)

For more information on staff travel, work and providing services to any country in the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland from 2021 visit [gov.uk/transition](https://www.gov.uk/transition)



# Check, Change, Go

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**NEW BEGINNING:**  
Simon Boyd with  
Boris Johnson.



**LOOKING AHEAD:** REIDsteel Managing Director Simon Boyd is 'incredibly positive' about the new start.

## 'We aim to make the most of new opportunities'

One firm looking forward to new opportunities the new year will bring is John Reid & Sons Ltd (REIDsteel).

Managing Director Simon Boyd said: "We are incredibly positive about the new start, not only for our business but also for the UK economy. International trade is in the DNA of our company from its birth over a century ago to the modern day."

His £30 million turnover structural steel company has exported to more than 140 countries to date, directly employing 130 staff and at peak times providing work for 400 subcontractors.

"I believe it is a tremendous opportunity to restore British Standards to their rightful position as a hallmark of excellence worldwide while giving a shot in the arm to British manufacturing," continued the MD.

"We will be seeking to invest as a company and take full advantage of the benefits the new start will bring, allowing us to improve productivity, create jobs, grow our business, ultimately boosting the economy and Great Britain's place in the world."

REIDsteel is well versed in the

intricacies of trading in the European Union and worldwide, having drawn on its own expertise while also utilising UK Government resources such as the [gov.uk/transition](http://gov.uk/transition) website for detailed planning to ensure business continuity in the days, weeks and months leading up to December 31 as well as for longer term strategic considerations.

REIDsteel has long-standing plans in place to capitalise on the benefits the new start will bring, including a multi-million-pound new manufacturing facility.

Mr Boyd said: "We immediately hit the go button on our long-held plans for a new manufacturing facility once the country voted to leave the EU. It will considerably boost the company's productivity, allow us to create more jobs, take our apprenticeship programme to the next level, provide more work for firms in our supply chain and grow our business."

"But, more than that, we see it is a vote of confidence in Great Britain. We are an ambitious company, both for ourselves and the country. This gives us the potential to achieve those ambitions."

REIDsteel has used home products for

most of its history but consolidated that in December when it made British Steel its primary supplier.

Mr Boyd continued: "We do trade in Europe, but not as much as we would like, as the bureaucracy and protectionism that has built up over many years can make it extremely difficult."

"The [gov.uk/transition](http://gov.uk/transition) site does the hard work by identifying key issues of concern for individual businesses."

"Many businesses could be forgiven for wanting to switch off but it is critical that they engage," added Mr Boyd.

"It is not too late to get to grips with the issues involved, and the [gov.uk/transition](http://gov.uk/transition) site is the best place to start."

"With its interactive format it will only

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present the relevant issues affecting a business, which means a hard-pressed director or time-poor SME boss doesn't have to plough through reams of information.

"It serves as a checklist of issues to consider or address, but also has links to other government resources for relevant information."

"But, more than that, it can also serve as inspiration for potential business opportunities after transition or for ways to improve business efficiency or productivity."

"I would encourage all firms to view this move positively and take advantage of the support on offer from the UK Government."

To find out more about the UK's new start  
go to [gov.uk/transition](http://gov.uk/transition)

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**Friday October 8, 2010**  
**South Kintyre Sports Awards**

People involved in sport in south Kintyre were recognised at an awards ceremony on Saturday night.

David Laing, vice chairman of the Scottish Association of Local Sports Councils, travelled to Campbeltown with his wife for the occasion to present the awards.

An independent panel of judges collated and assessed the nominations and the winners were revealed at the dinner dance on Saturday evening.

Run by South Kintyre Sports Council, the awards are designed to give recognition to people involved in sport in the community, some of whom give up a vast amount of their time to volunteer.

**TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO**  
**Friday October 13, 1995**  
**Mysterious fire destroys factory**

Police are treating a blaze which badly damaged the KV Wooster factory in Campbeltown as 'suspicious'.

The fire was spotted just before 11.30pm on Saturday.

Two appliances from Campbeltown Fire Station were quickly on the scene.

The first that many people living nearby knew of the fire was when they heard a series of bangs coming from the model airplane factory.

Thick clouds of black smoke drifted from the factory as flames, fanned by high winds, shot high into the sky.

There were fears the flames would reach bottled gas and agricultural fuel stored in a nearby compound operated by County Fuels.

Mike Carmichael, owner of County Fuels, was among those who went to the scene.

He told The Courier: "There are about 900 bottles of gas stored there but we are inspected regularly by the Health and Safety Executive and we adhere strictly to their stringent regulations, which leave a large margin of safety."

One eye-witness told The Courier he saw a bright red spot developing on the steel cladding of the building.

'It just kept getting bigger and bigger,' he said.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**Thursday October 8, 1970**  
**Competitors at the Mod**

A flying start was made by Campbeltown competitors in this year's National Mod - the 67th - at Oban. In the first three days of competitions, three firsts went to Campbeltown.

Fourteen-year-old Norman MacKinnon took the junior silver medal in his first attempt at that level of competition.

Another Campbeltown Grammar pupil, Maurice Duncan, came first in the junior violin competition.

To complete the trio of successes, the top piping prize - the John Player Gold Banner - was won by Hugh A MacCallum.

On Tuesday, 23-year-old Seamus Gallacher, a teller at Campbeltown's Clydesdale Bank branch, was first in the sea song solo contest.

**In brief**

About 50 members attended the annual dinner of Campbeltown Sailing Club at the White Hart Hotel on Friday.



In 2010: Award winners at the South Kintyre Sports Awards ceremony with David Laing of the Scottish Association of Local Sports Councils.

The following prizes for the season were presented: O'Hara Cup and Davaar Cup - Jim Cuthbert. Keith Cup, Curlew Cup, Points Shield RNLI Pennant and Vice-Commodore's Prize - John W G Logan. McCallum Cup - Campbell Weir. Nicolson Cup - Robert H Craig. Commodore's Prize - John F Kerr. Crew Cup - Alistair H Livingstone.

**ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO**  
**Saturday October 9, 1920**  
**Interesting gift to Campbeltown Museum**

Mrs Duncan Mackinnon of Balinakill has presented to Campbeltown Museum a gilt model of the temple of King Solomon in memory of her husband.

The model is of exceptional interest as it

shows with remarkable clearness, even to the uninitiated, the wonderful architecture and craftsmanship of that remote period.

Unfortunately, owing to the accommodation in the museum being limited, it has not been found possible to erect more of the model than the temple proper and the altar court, the outer and inner courts of the temple having meantime to be dispensed with.

While this circumstance detracts in a way from the true magnificence of the historic structure being fully displayed, the main portion which it has been found possible to construct conveys a wonderful idea of the remarkable achievements of the architects and builders of King Solomon's time and Mrs Mackinnon's gift will undoubtedly lend an interest and distinction to the local museum which must be exceptional.

The Library and Museum Committee, in accepting the gift, have conveyed their most cordial thanks to the donor.

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## DOWN MEMORY LANE



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### Duncan Brown's boyhood memories of the Wee Toon

The family of the late Duncan Brown has given the Courier permission to serialise his booklet, *Boyhood Memories of the Wee Toon*, in our Down Memory Lane pages.

The booklet - in which the former toy-shop proprietor reminisces about shops, industries and shares numerous anecdotes from his childhood - was printed and published just a couple of weeks before he died on August 11, aged 95.

Last week, we concluded the booklet's first chapter, entitled Longrow and Town Centre. This week comes the next chapter, entitled Growing up in the Thirties.

#### Growing up in the Thirties

In the 1930s, nobody counted calories or worried about excessive sugar in fizzy drinks. They were there to be enjoyed if you had the pennies to buy them.

What we called the 'Lemonade Factory' was at Castleacres and traded as 'Bengullion Aerated Waters'. It sold a wide range of soft drinks.

The lady who delivered their products was a well-known character by the name of Minnie MacFarlane, who was always referred to as 'Meenie Farlane'. She dressed as a man, complete with a gent's soft hat which had seen better days. Meenie could take heavy crates on and off her lorry with seemingly no effort.

Next to the Lemonade Factory was Campbeltown Laundry run by the Johnstone family. Not only did we have a laundry, we also

had a mangle shop in Burnside Street where, for a small sum of money, one could wring out the worst of the water from heavy items such as bedding.

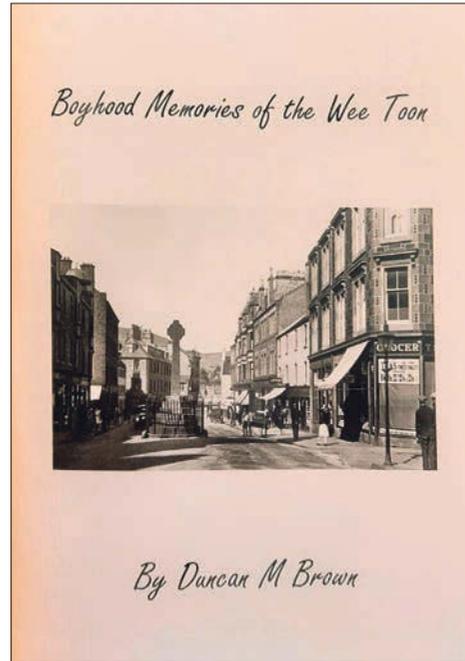
Very few houses had washing machines in those days so the 'mangle solution' must have been a blessing.

We had no medical surgery in the 1930s and, as far as I can remember, we only had three doctors. They were Doctors Brown, Peters and McCallum. The former two shared a consulting room at Joe Donald's chemist shop and the latter had a consulting room at Revie's chemist shop at 64 Longrow.

Dr Brown was awarded the Military Cross for bravery in rescuing wounded men from No Man's Land in the First World War.

We only had three doctors, but we had six chemist shops in the town, four of them were in Longrow. They were: Gavin Thomson's, The Medical Hall, Archie Revie's and Mr Morrison's. The others were ex-provost Archie MacEachran's in Kirk Street and Joe Donald's in Longrow South. The Medical Hall sounds very grand, but it was actually a small shop owned by Mr Elliot.

We had three coal stores in Kinloch Road and one in Glebe Street. Coal was sold in one-hundredweight bags for around a couple of shillings per bag. Each four-wheeled car carried about 30 bags and was drawn by a single Clydesdale horse. Although coal may have been cheap, lots



Boyhood Memories of the Wee Toon by Duncan M Brown.

was over. Looking back, I'm sure the two men on the engine were sympathetic and regarded it as a bit of fun.

There were quite a few characters in the town, but the best known was Charlie Greenwood. He was a tramp in a long, ragged black coat tied at the waist with a thin piece of rope. He also had a long black beard and obviously hadn't seen soap or water for many years.

He sometimes carried a large stick but, despite this, he was harmless.

During the war, he was challenged one night by a guard saying: 'Who goes there?' to which Charlie replied: 'Mahone' - the name of an infamous murderer from the past!

The following day, Charlie was supposedly taken to the mental asylum in Lochgilphead for his own safety but I can't confirm the accuracy of this story since I was overseas at the time.

Another character was Brass Broom - no relation! Brass, a well-known poacher, wore a large, long coat which was said to have a number of deep pockets to hold his haul of dead rabbits.

Sam Boo - I don't know his proper name - was another gent of no fixed abode, but he was certainly cleaner and a bit tidier than Charlie Greenwood.

I remember seeing Sam buying a large currant scone from Ronnie MacSporran, the baker.

As soon as he left the shop, he began to pick out the currants and proceed to eat them.

As soon as they were finished, he threw away the rest of the scone and went on his weary way.

of people had a struggle in the 30s to make ends meet.

I remember seeing a ploy to get coal for nothing. The railway engines, employed on the Machrihanish Line, used to stop just outside Kintyre Park to fill up with water. We saw young men, with shopping bags, armed with small stones which they started to throw at the railway engine.

The railway crew retaliated with small pieces of coal which they hurled at their 'attackers' who then promptly filled their bags with the missiles and took to their heels.

No-one appeared to be hurt and we youngsters stayed safe in our hiding place until the action

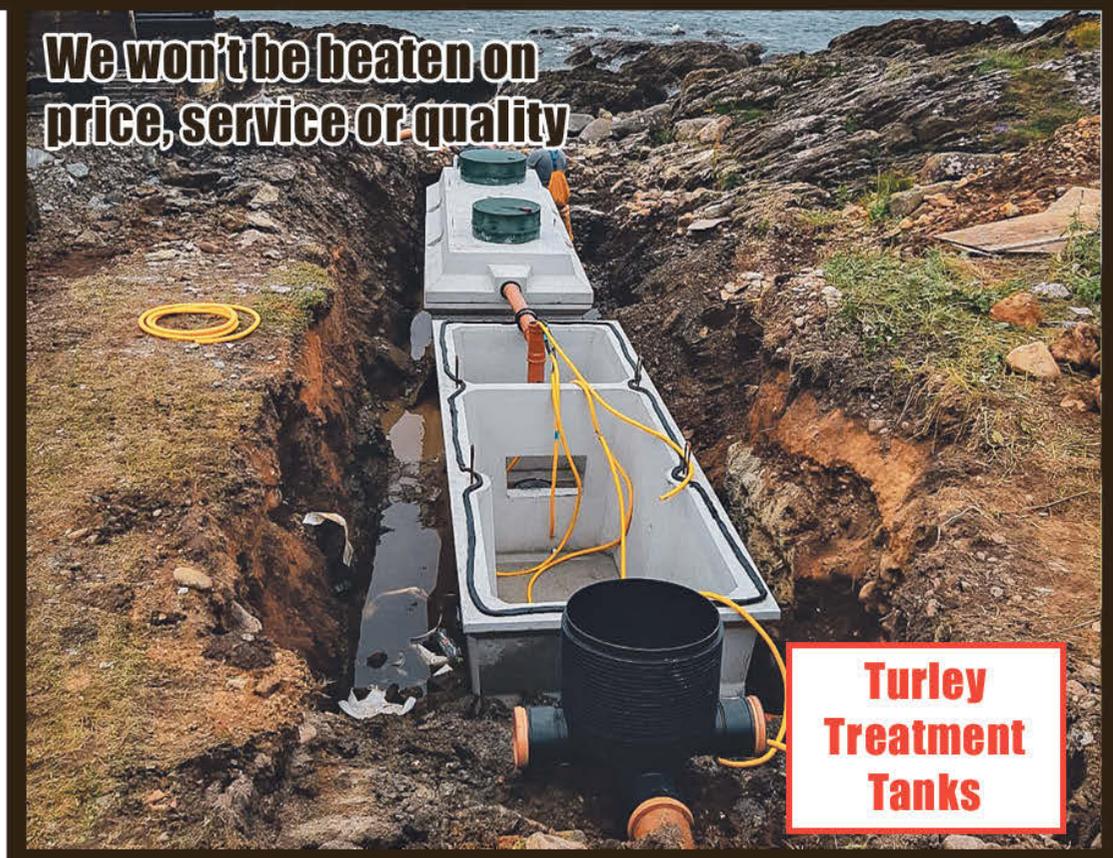
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# Chances for young jobless

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the UK Government has continued to act with speed to protect Scottish companies and safeguard jobs. The Kickstart scheme, currently underway, is one such way of getting the country's young people into a job. This is how the initiative works and who it is aimed at.

A NEW scheme to help young people in Scotland into work and boost the country's economic revival has been launched by the UK Government.

Businesses are now able to sign up to be part of the landmark £2 billion Kickstart scheme, giving unemployed young people a future of opportunity and hope by creating high-quality, government-subsidised jobs.

Under the scheme, announced by Chancellor Rishi Sunak as part of his Plan for Jobs, Scottish employers can offer youngsters aged 16 to 24, who are claiming Universal Credit, a six-month work placement.

The Government will fully fund each Kickstart job by paying 100 per cent of the age-relevant National Minimum Wage, National Insurance and pension contributions for 25 hours a week.

Employers will be able to top up this wage, while the UK Government will also pay employers £1,500 to set up support and training for people on Kickstart placements, as well as helping pay for uniforms and other set up costs. The jobs will give young people – who are more likely to have been

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*The scheme will open the door to a brighter future for a new generation, helping Scotland bounce back stronger as a country.*

## Useful links

### Kickstart scheme

[gov.uk/government/collections/kickstart-scheme](https://gov.uk/government/collections/kickstart-scheme)

### Job Retention

[gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-job-retention-scheme](https://gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-job-retention-scheme)

### Working safely

[gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19](https://gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19)

furloughed, many working in sectors disproportionately hit by the pandemic – the opportunity to build their skills in the workplace and gain experience to improve their chances of finding long-term work.

The Chancellor said: “This isn't just about kickstarting our economy – it is an opportunity to kickstart the careers of thousands of young people who could otherwise be left behind as a result of the pandemic.”

The scheme will open the door to a brighter future for a new generation, helping Scotland bounce back stronger as a country.

Secretary of State for Scotland Alister Jack said: “The UK Government's Kickstart scheme will give young people in Scotland the support they need at this difficult time. The £2 billion Kickstart scheme will create thousands of high quality jobs for young people with the UK Government directly subsidising wages for six months. Young people will also get additional support through the Jobcentre network. I urge employers in Scotland to sign up to this.”

Businesses of all sizes looking to create quality jobs for young

**KICKSTART:**  
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people can apply and there is no cap on the number of places. Household names including Tesco and The Prince's Trust are among those who have already pledged to offer Kickstart jobs.

The scheme, being delivered by the Department for Work and Pensions, will initially be open until December 2021 with the option of being extended.

As part of the plan to support jobs, a Job Retention Bonus will be introduced to help firms keep furloughed workers. All Scottish employers will receive a one-off bonus of £1,000 for each furloughed employee who remains continuously employed through to the end of January 2021.

Employees must earn above the Lower Earnings Limit (£520 per month) on average between the end of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and the end of January 2021 with payments made from February 2021.



# Supporting business

## Supporting business

# are given a £2bn Kickstart



## Winter Economy Plan

IN HIS Winter Economy Plan the Chancellor announced more measures to try to prevent mass job losses across the UK when the Jobs Retention Scheme ends at the end of October.

The three main pillars of the plan of the UK Government's new Job Support Scheme, expected to cost an estimated £500 million, are ...

■ Supporting viable jobs, making sure that employees must work

a third of their normal hours, paid as normal by the employer, with a top-up provided by the UK Government.

■ Six months of targeted support at firms that need it the most – mostly smaller and medium sized businesses – with larger firms allowed to apply if turnover has fallen.

■ Extending the existing self-employment grant as it currently stands.



**OPPORTUNITY:**  
James Vargo, Chief Executive of DirectID

## 'A great chance to build momentum'

A Scottish company CEO praised the UK Government's Kickstart scheme as a "great opportunity".

James Vargo, Chief Executive of Edinburgh-based DirectID, hopes to take on 30 recruits thanks to the initiative.

His fintech firm, supplying bank data products to customers across more than 30 countries, has been operating for a decade.

Companies use DirectID to verify the identity of their customers or applicants, carry out regulatory and compliance checks such as Anti-Money Laundering and Know Your Customer, also assessing affordability and spending patterns.

DirectID connects to more than 13,000 banks globally, having customers across the UK, Europe and continental America.

It gives the user the ability to do more online, by taking trusted data in your bank account and using it to access additional services.

"The Kickstart scheme is a great opportunity," said Mr Vargo, originally from Vancouver, based in the UK for 24 years.

"We have actually just stretched ourselves and put in an application for 30 people".

He hoped they could entice other fintech companies to join the bid but, when that did not happen, "we decided to go for it any way and play our part."

DirectID already employs 25 people with company revenues having doubled this year, allowing the operation to more than double its workforce by taking on 30 job-seekers.

"There is a buzz around this kind of business right now and it is a good time to expand," he explained.

DirectID is using the Kickstart scheme to recruit across the board, including sales and marketing roles, data insights and data analysis positions.

Mr Vargo encouraged other Scottish firms to embrace the scheme, seeing it as an opportunity to build more momentum in fintech – one area that has increased amid the current pandemic.

The UK Government hopes that, after the six months, those on the scheme will become permanent staff.

"If we can use this to find some people, and it's all productive and effective, then absolutely we will look to keep them on," he added.

# Afternoon teas bring seniors 'together' during lockdown

The clients of a Kintyre charity which helps people aged 60 and over are being treated to a monthly afternoon tea while their usual social activities are on hold due to the coronavirus pandemic.

For five months, Shopper-Aide clients the length and breadth of Kintyre have enjoyed a goodie bag containing a variety of items including cakes bought locally and quiz sheets.

Shopper-Aide is grateful to have received funding from sources including the Jolly Monday Show, NFU, The Rotary Club of Campbeltown and Age Scotland to allow this popular event to take place.

A spokesperson said: 'Although we don't have a sponsor for October, we do for November and December and are planning some festive treats for clients.'

As restrictions changed over the summer, some clients were able to meet with a neighbour, family or Shopper-Aide staff member in their garden at a socially acceptable distance to enjoy the afternoon tea together.

Where this was not possible,

Shopper-Aide 'phone buddies' joined together to take part in the quiz.

As lockdown measures continued to change, the charity adapted to suit the rules and, when necessary, some clients have been supported by a Shopper-Aide worker in their own home to enable those most at risk of becoming socially isolated to enjoy being part of the event.

The afternoon tea has been well received by clients and their families and has been something everyone has looked forward to.

## Joy

Age Scotland's Community Development Officer Jo Cowan is delighted its Community Grant Programme has allowed Shopper-aide to spread a bit of joy to older people.

She said: 'Shopper-Aide's vital services help older people enjoy later life in so many ways: keeping socially connected, staying active, maintaining health and well-being and having fun.'

'The virtual afternoon teas are a great success and a lovely way of people being able to feel they are together even when they have to be apart.'



Bill Stewart receives his afternoon tea goodie bag.

## Help design a 'shop local' poster for Campbeltown

The people and businesses of Campbeltown are being asked for their input in the design of a poster to encourage people to shop locally.

Argyll and Bute Council is benefiting from Scottish Government funding, delivered through Scotland's Towns Partnership, to support eight towns, including Campbeltown, in their promotion of a 'shop local' message.

Community Links SL has been commissioned by Argyll and Bute Council to talk to communities and businesses to generate artwork and messaging ideas that represent the distinct characteristics and offerings of each town.

In addition to Campbeltown, the towns are Tarbert, Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead, Bowmore, Helensburgh, Rothesay and Tobermory.

The decline of the high street in Scotland's towns has been a matter of public concern for many years, with a fall off in local shopping said to have negative economic, social, community and environmental consequences.

The impact of Covid-19 could mean new shopping habits developed during lockdown further reduce footfall and income for local shops. There is therefore an urgent need to encourage people to shop locally.

Based on the ideas gathered, Community Links will produce a brief for a designer, who will then produce a poster for each town, and the banner for Argyll and Bute.

Colin Duff, a consultant with Community Links SL, said: 'We'd love to do this face-to-face, but because of Covid, it's going to have to be online and on the phone.'

'A website - [www.shoplocal-argyll-bute.co.uk](http://www.shoplocal-argyll-bute.co.uk) - will allow local people to keep up-to-date with opportunities to contribute.

'If anyone reading this wants to contact me, my email is [colin@communitylinkssl.co.uk](mailto:colin@communitylinkssl.co.uk) and my mobile number is 07784 357303.'

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- 1 large onion, roughly chopped
- 1 celery stick, roughly chopped
- 3 large garlic cloves, chopped
- 3cm piece fresh root ginger, peeled and chopped
- 120g prepared butternut squash, roughly chopped
- 50g dried red lentils
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tbsp cumin seeds
- ½ tbsp mild chilli powder
- 2 tbsp tomato purée
- 400g can chopped tomatoes
- 2 vegetable stock cubes, crumbled
- ½ x 400g can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 small red pepper, deseeded and sliced
- 1 small yellow pepper, deseeded and sliced
- 200g cauliflower, cut into small florets
- Lemon juice, to taste
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

### Method:

- Put all the ingredients apart from the chickpeas, peppers, cauliflower and lemon juice in a large saucepan. Add 850ml boiling water and bring to the boil over a high heat. Reduce the heat to low, cover and simmer for 25 minutes or until the vegetables are soft.
1. Blitz until smooth using a stick blender (or use a food processor or liquidiser and return to the pan).
  2. Add the chickpeas, peppers and cauliflower, cover again and simmer for 15-20 minutes or until the vegetables are cooked, stirring occasionally.
  3. Season to taste with lemon juice, salt and pepper and serve hot. Enjoy!

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# Golden couple bonded as teens at youth club

by Hannah O'Hanlon  
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

A Bellochantuy couple whose love blossomed at a 1960s church youth club are celebrating 50 years of marriage today (Friday October 9).

After a series of romances of which his parents were not overly approving, Calum Morrison found his perfect match in Margaret MacVicar, a chorister at St Columba's Church in Greenock where his father, Reverend Donald Morrison, was the minister.

The pair first got to know one another at a youth club Calum's father asked him to set up.

'My clever father was probably surreptitiously guiding his flighty son towards the very eligible girls in the congregation,' Calum said. 'I didn't realise it at the time how life changing and momentous the youth club was to be in shaping our future lives.'

It was not all plain sailing, however, as Calum learned that Margaret was already going out with another

of the boys from the youth club. 'Undaunted, I discreetly chatted to her and told her I knew who she was dating,' said Calum. 'From her reaction I surmised she was not that keen on him. Boldly, I suggested that perhaps she would rather go out with me.'

'When she said that perhaps she would, I was elated and arranged to meet her the following week after her night school class, on April 1 1968. Imagine - April Fools' Day!'

The young couple realised they both had a connection to Kintyre - Calum's mother, Ina McSparran, grew up at Low Dunashery Farm, and met his dad shortly after he was ordained and inducted as the minister of the church at Bellochantuy, while Margaret is related to the MacVicars of Southend.

They became engaged in August 1969 and made plans for their wedding on October 9 1970. They were married in St Columba's Church by Calum's father, Reverend Morrison, assisted by Reverend Archy MacVicar, Margaret's uncle.

'There was another minister



there, Reverend Richard Snoddon, who was a close family friend,' Calum added, 'so we were well married, having three ministers there!'

Calum and Margaret went on to have two daughters, Wendy and Kirsty, and welcomed a grandson, Ben, two years ago.

The couple had hoped to host

a golden wedding anniversary celebration with family and friends at Bellochantuy Hotel, next door to their home, but it is not possible this year because of the coronavirus pandemic. They plan instead to enjoy a quiet meal at the hotel and hope to be able to host a larger celebration in the future.

They bought the cottage in which they now live 25 years ago, coming to visit several times a year, eventually moving permanently when they both retired.

Asked about the secret to a successful marriage, Calum said: 'It's caring for one another and about give and take,

Calum and Margaret Morrison, who married in 1970, are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary.

looking after each other, giving love and understanding and doing your best for one another. I consider myself a very well looked-after person and I try to reciprocate that.

'Of course, within 50 years of marriage, life would not be normal without the high points and low points we all experience at some time in our lives. Both of us agree that we have been blessed with more joyful and wonderful occasions than moments in time of despair and sorrow.

'We both still love each other and continue to enjoy each other's company. We don't disagree often. We both accept each other's idiosyncrasies, eccentricities and peculiarities. Margaret should get a medal!'

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## Around the markets

### United Auctions, Oban, Tuesday September 29:

sold 2,121 sheep of all classes. 1018 Lambs averaged £51.36 (+£19.18). Lambs consisted of third & fourth draws and sold exceptionally well. Ewes also sold well recording an increase of £6 on the corresponding sale last year.

Lambs – SuffX - £73.00, Daltote; £70.00, £68.00, Dalvuie; £68.00, Balnagown; £67.00, Scoor; £61.00, Daltote; £61.00, Scoor; £60.00, Baravullin Beag; £60.00, Dalvuie. TexX - £66.00, Daltote; £66.00, Balnagown; £65.00, Ardachy; £64.00, Aird; £60.00, Daltote; £60.00, Ardchatten. Chev - £86.00, £81.00, 119 Craigston, Barra; £70.00, Strongorm; £70.00, 119 Craigston; £68.00, Rhu-Ard; £68.00, Quinish Estate; £66.50, Poltalloch; £64.00, £63.00, Quinish Estate; £63.00, Newcrofts; £62.00, 11 Uidh, Vatersay; £62.00, Achadhbeag; £61.00, Kintraw. Cross - £76.00, Aird; £69.00, Clachan Farms; £68.00, Strongorm; £66.00, Creag A Mhadaidh; £63.00, Poltalloch; £62.00, Clachan Farms; £61.50, Mid Farm; £60.50, Balnagown; £60.00, Strongorm; £60.00, Baravullin Beag; £60.00, Kilbride, Balvicar. Mule - £67.00, Balure of Shian;

£64.50, 10 Eastfield; £63.00, Balure of Shian; £62.00, 10 Eastfield. BF - £58.00, Creagantervebeg; £58.00, Tyree; £58.00, Aird; £57.00, Glebe; £54.50, Poltalloch; £54.00, Glebe; £53.00, Callachally; £53.00, Tyree; £52.00, Stroneskar; £52.00, Soroba; £50.50, £50.00, Creag A Mhadaidh.

Ewes – SuffX - £73, Dalvuie; £70, Mid Farm; £68, Dalvuie; £60, Mid Farm. Lley - £67, Dalvuie. Chev - £76, £70, Aird; £65, Mid Farm; £65, Kengharair; £60, Aird Farm. Cross - £56, Crofts 9/31 Ullapool. Mule - £58, Balnagown. BF - £56, Ardchatten; £56, Ensay; £49, Achalic; £44, Torloisk.

### United Auctions, Dalmally,

**Saturday October 3:** sold 1748 sheep of all classes. 1096 lambs averaged £50.01 (+£14.87). A smaller show of lambs sold well. A good turnout of buyers ensured all stock was cleared at firm rates.

#### Leading Prices per head:

Lambs – TexX - £69.00, Glenshero; £68.00, Blairmore; £66.00, Glenfeochan Estate; £60.50, Duncroisk; £60.00, High Balantyre; £60.00, Balnahard. BeltX - £62.00, Dall Farm. Chev - £65.50, Achnacreemore; £59.00, Glenshero; £54.50, Achnacreemore; £51.00, Glenshero. Cross - £72.50, Achnacreemore; £61.00, Ardchnonnel Farms;

£60.50, Balliemore Farm; £57.00, Glenshero; £54.00, Balnahard. Mule - £70.00, Glenfeochan Estate; £58.00, Balnahard; £57.50, Garraron; £52.00, £51.00, Ederline Estate. BF - £69.50, Largie; £63.00, Castles Estate; £61.00, Birchfield; £60.50, Crubenbeg; £59.50, Glenfeochan; £59.00, Benmore; £54.50, Achnaba; £54.00, Sonachan; £50.50, Garraron.

**Ewe Lambs:** BF - £65.00, Achnaba; £50.00, Sonachan; £50.00, Castles Estate.

Gimmers – BF - £64.00, Musdale. Cross - £70.00, Ardchnonnel.

**Warranted Ewes:** BF - £55.00, Tullochcan; £55.00, Craig. Cross - £55.00, Craig.

Cast Ewes – TexX - £54.00, Craig. Cross - £60.00, Balnahard; £52.00, Achnacarron. BF - £58.00, Achnacone; £55.00, Ederline Estate; £50.00, Ardchnonnel; £50.00, Castles Estate; £48.00, Barrachander.

#### Leading prices per kilo:

Lambs – TexX - 213p, Duncroisk; 203p, Balnahard; 202p, Ederline Estate. BeltX - 225p, Dall Farm. Chev - 207p, Lochdochart; 202p, Garraron; 199p, Lochdochart; 190p, Achnacreemore; 190p, Glenshero. Cross - 200p, Glenshero; 195p, Ardchnonnel; 190p, Balnahard. Mule - 187p, Ederline Estate; 181p, Garraron. BF - 183p, Blairmore; 177p, Castles

Estate; 176p, Benmore; 176p, Largie; 176p, Glenfeochan Estate; 175p, Crubenbeg; 175p, Achnaba.

**Islay, United Auctions, Friday October 2:** sold 4958 Breeding and Feeding sheep. 3205 store lambs averaged £67.03 (+£12.47). Blackface Gimmers sold to £155 from K Wiggins, Lorgbaw Croft and Mule Ewe lambs sold to £200 from S Young, Bola Na Traigh. The Ram section was topped by a Suffolk Ram Lamb from Jack McDonald realising £820. A strong force of buyers was in attendance and all classes of stock was easily sold to seller's advantage.

#### Leading Prices per head:

Store Lambs – SuffX - £97.00, Auchnaclach; £91.00, Islay Estates; £90.00, Auchnaclach; £90.00, £88.50, Islay Estates; £86.00, Dunlossit Keills; £85.50, Craigfad; £84.50, Islay Estates; £84.50, Craigfad; £84.00, Ardbeg; £84.00, Uiskentuie; £82.50, Lossit; £82.00, Octofad; £80.50, Ballimartin. TexX - £91.00, Blackrock; £87.00, Lower Cragabus; £84.50, Tallant; £84.00, Auchnaclach; £84.00, Islay Estates; £83.00, Dunlossit Keills; £81.50, Grulinbeg; £80.50, Lossit. BFL - £70.00, 17 Mansefield. BeltX - £74.50, Carrabus. Chev - £81.00, Aoradh; £76.00, Croft 2 Port Mor; £74.00, Aoradh; £72.00,

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#### Breeding Sheep

Rams – Suff - £820, Bayview; £720, Coille. BFL - £620, Coille; £550, Ballachlaven. BeltX - £650, Westend. Tex - £700, £450, Westend. Warranted Ewes – Mule - £82, Mansefield JG Ltd. BF - £82, Kelsay; £80, Lorgbaw Croft; £80, £76, Viewfield; £75, Starchmill. Gimmers – Mule - £150, £120, Lorgba. BF - £155, Lorgbaw. Ewe Lambs – Mule - £200, £130,

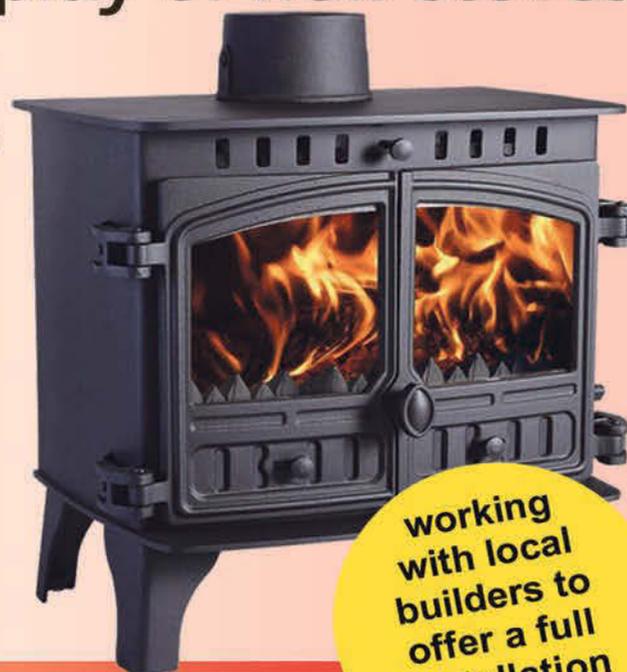
Bola Na Traigh; £118, Smaladh; £105, Ballytarsin; £102, Smaladh. Tex - £107, Kilmeny. BF - £72, Smaladh; £62, Dunlossit Ceannacroic.

#### Prices per kilo

Store Lambs – SuffX - 237p, Islay Estates; 222p, Sannaigmore; 219p, Octofad; 214p, Islay Estates; 214p, Viewfield; 213p, Smaladh; 208p, Octofad; 205p, Auchnaclach; 203p, Islay Estates; 202p, Carrabus; 201p, Islay Estates; 200p, Smaladh. TexX - 217p, Grulinbeg; 212p, Blackrock; 210p, Islay Estates; 209p, Lower Cragabus; 205p, 11 Charlotte Street; 203p, Mansefield J G Ltd; 202p, Laggan Properties. BeltX - 220p, Carrabus. Chev - 191p, Croft 2 Port Mor; 190p, Ardfarnal; 189p, Aoradh; 186p, Coille; 184p, Ardfarnal; 181p, Croft 2 Port Mor; 180p, Aoradh. Cross - 205p, 11 Charlotte Street; 204p, Craigfad; 194p, Carrabus; 191p, Craigfad. Mule - 204p, Smaladh; 192p, Kinnadrochaid; 190p, Smaladh; 190p, Upper Cragabus Croft; 190p, Sannaigmore; 190p, Viewfield. BF - 176p, Islay Estates; 173p, Kilchiaran; 172p, Dunlossit Ceannacroic; 172p, Kinnabus Farm; 172p, Lossit; 171p, Kelsay; 170p, Dunlossit Keills.



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# How 'natural enemies' can be farmers' friends

With evidence mounting that insect populations are declining, farmers are being encouraged to act now to save these vitally important species.

While some can be classified as pests, many – including earthworms, bumblebees and spiders – play a crucial role in breaking down organic matter, pollinating crops or providing a crucial first line of defence against more harmful species.

A new Farm Advisory

Service fact sheet highlights the importance of invertebrate species – particularly with the reduction in the availability and effectiveness of pesticides.

Written by Lorna Cole, agricultural ecologist at Scotland's Rural College (SRUC), and Paul Chapman, senior consultant at SAC Consulting, part of SRUC, it says: 'Managing farmland to support these beneficial invertebrates is an important component of Integrated Pest

Management. Determining where in a crop these natural enemies are active gives us an insight into the pests they will effectively control. There is even evidence that predators in different areas of the crop can work in synergy increasing the efficiency of biocontrol.'

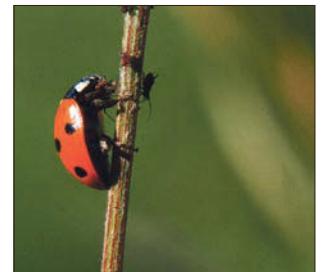
While ladybirds, money spiders, hoverfly larvae and parasitic wasps are frequently active in the crop canopy controlling aphids, cereal leaf

beetles and pollen beetles, ground predators such as rove beetles and wolf spiders will prey on leatherjackets and slugs at ground level.

These insects can also work in synergy, with ground active predators consuming aphids which fall to the ground to escape ladybirds.

However, although it is important to support a diversity of 'natural enemies' to control the wide range of pests that

damage crops, it can be difficult to achieve the perfect environment as different species require a variety of resources and these vary throughout their lifecycle. To overcome this, the authors recommend providing a diversity of farmland habitats, including floral-rich field margins, tussocky grassy field margins and hedgerows and beetle banks to provide forage for the insects that protect crops.



Insects have a vital role to play in controlling pests that damage crops.

## SAC Consulting to support Covid-hit charity in virtual Tour D'Office challenge

Staff from SAC Consulting, part of Scotland's Rural College (SRUC), will walk, cycle and run nearly 2,000 miles throughout October as part of a virtual Tour D'Office challenge to raise money for the Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institution

(RSABI). David Ross, Regional Development Manager with SAC Consulting said: 'For the past couple of years, we've entered teams into RSABI's Great Glen Challenge and it's always been a highlight for staff. This year, due to the current circum-

stances and cancellation of the Great Glen event, we decided to try and do something different. The concept of virtually racing around all 24 SAC Consulting offices has come up before and we decided this year is the perfect opportunity to make it happen. Head

of SAC Consulting, Andrew Lacey, said: 'RSABI provides a vital service to rural people throughout Scotland and we felt it was important to continue our fundraising efforts for them.'

Chief Executive of RSABI, Nina Clancy, said: 'So many charities have

been adversely impacted by lockdown and the subsequent restrictions. I am grateful the team has decided to donate the funds to RSABI as it will really make a difference to people in the agricultural sector who are struggling.'

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PEUGEOT has opened reservations for the new, full electric, e-Traveller, and has confirmed new specifications and features for the rest of the Traveller range. The new e-Traveller will arrive in UK showrooms in 2021, with the Traveller on sale now.

The new e-Traveller features a 50kWh battery and a 100kW (136hp) electric motor with 260Nm of torque. Under WLTP testing the new e-Traveller has a range of up to 143-miles (WLTP) from a single charge, with the battery guaranteed by an eight-year, 100,000 mile warranty. Three driving modes – ECO, NORMAL and POWER – allow drivers to optimise the range or performance from the battery to suit their journey.

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With no compromise in capability, the new e-Traveller offers businesses and private users a full electric, zero-emissions solution. Customers can reserve a vehicle with a single, fully-refundable deposit of £250.

The Traveller and new e-Traveller are available in Active and Allure trim levels, with both trim ranges updated for 2021. Active models feature 17-inch wheels, Rear Parking Sensors, Cruise Control and Twin Sliding Rear Doors as standard. Inside, a seven-inch capacitive colour touchscreen integrates the Mirror Screen® function enabling compatible Apple CarPlay™ and Android Auto smartphone applications. All versions offer excellent modularity and flexibility with the second and third row seats fully adjustable and removable. Allure trim adds Front and Rear Parking Sensors with



a 180-degree rear camera, PEUGEOT Open and Go keyless entry and start, Xenon headlights, electric Sliding doors, PEUGEOT Connected 3D Navigation and a Head Up

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Prices for the Traveller start at £37,430 for Standard length Active models.

David Peel, Managing Director of PEUGEOT UK, comment-

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**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION  
A83 GLEN KINGLAS LANDSLIDE PREVENTION WORKS  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT  
DETERMINATION UNDER SECTION 55A OF THE ROADS (SCOTLAND)  
ACT 1984**

The Scottish Ministers give notice that they have determined that project to form bunds to address landslide risk at the A83 Glen Kinglas is a relevant project within the meaning of section 55A of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 ("the 1984 Act") and falls within Annex II of Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of certain public and private projects on the environment, but that having regard to-

(a) the selection criteria contained in Annex III of that Directive, namely- the size and design of the whole project; the use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity; the production of waste; pollution and nuisances; the risks to human health (for example due to water contamination or air pollution);

areas classified or protected under national legislation; Natura 2000 areas designated by Member States pursuant to Directive 92/43/EEC and Directive 2009/147/EC,

(b) the results of the Environmental Screening Assessment under section 55A(2) of the 1984 Act and site ecological surveys undertaken in August 2020 which determined that with mitigation measures in place, there will be no significant effects on the environment, and in particular, the Glen Etive and Glen Fyne Special Protection Area,

(c) the information set out in the Record of Determination dated 10 August 2020, available at <https://www.transport.gov.scot/media/48268/record-of-determination-a83-glen-kinglas-bund-formation.pdf>. the project does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment. The main reasons for the conclusion are:

(a) There will be a minor loss of some habitats which are ubiquitous in the wider area. Additionally, the areas that will be lost have been disturbed by grazing and are species-poor compared to typical examples of these habitats;

(b) The scheme does not lie within a densely populated area, sites of historical, archaeological or cultural significance or sites designated for their geology or soils;

(c) Consultation with Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park and Argyll Fisheries Trust has been undertaken. Mitigation measures were proposed and agreed and it is considered that following the implementation of the mitigation measures that significant environmental effects are not anticipated;

(d) Culvert works will be undertaken as prescribed in the licence obtained under The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011.

The features of the project which are envisaged to avoid or prevent significant adverse effects on the environment are:

(a) Potential construction effects on local air quality, ecology, water quality, land use and landscape, and noise and vibration will be minimised through best practice working procedures and implementation of appropriate mitigation;

(b) Excavation material will be re-used on site where possible and materials for the bund formation will be sourced from nearby works on the A83;

(c) Delays to vehicle and non-vehicle road users will be mitigated through appropriate traffic management;

(d) Works will be commencing prior to the bird breeding season (March to August inclusive).

**S R LEES**

A member of the staff of the Scottish Ministers  
Transport Scotland, Roads, Buchanan House,  
58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF



**PRE-PLANNING APPLICATION COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENT  
Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended); Regulation 7 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013;  
Town and Country Planning (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications)  
(Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020.**

Extraction, processing and despatch of sand and gravel at Aros Farm, Machrihanish Notice is hereby given that a pre-planning application community engagement event is to be held on behalf of McFadyens Contractors (Campbeltown) Ltd in respect of a proposal for the extraction, processing and despatch of sand and gravel at Aros Farm, Machrihanish.

In accordance with Scottish Government's current restrictions on public gatherings on account of Covid19, the event is scheduled to take place online on Monday 19th October between the hours of 4pm to 7pm. To access the consultation event please contact Tom Lewis in writing at Johnson Poole & Bloomer, 50 Speirs Wharf, Glasgow, G4 9TH or consultations@jpbScotland.co.uk or by telephone 0141 3311456.

The online consultation event will be attended by the project's lead planning consultant and a representative of the applicant who will be available to answer questions and provide any additional information or clarification as required.

Any persons wishing to make comments to the prospective applicant prior to the formal submission of the planning application to Argyll and Bute Council may do so by either:

(1) visiting the website at

[www.arosfarmquarry.co.uk](http://www.arosfarmquarry.co.uk);

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## PLANNING

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND)  
REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING  
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Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
20/01493/PP	Alterations and extensions to dwellinghouse, conversion of byre to form ancillary accommodation, formation of terraced areas, upgrade of access track, formation of new parking area and associated works	Dounie, Tayvallich, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8PH
20/01564/PP	Change of use of shop to residential flat	Penlea, Barmore Road, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6TW
20/01653/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse with integral garage, installation of septic tank and formation of access	Land North East Of Kildonald Cottage, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute
20/01683/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle reference 17/00918/PPP (Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse)	Plot 1, Choille, Whitehouse, Argyll And Bute
20/01655/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse and detached garage, installation of sewage treatment system and formation of vehicular access	Land North East Of Wild Cat Lodge, Kilmichael Glen, Argyll And Bute
20/01447/PP	Engineering operations to form new access track and formation of access onto A83 trunk road (part retrospective)	Land North East Of Brenfield Lodge, Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute
20/01399/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and formation of vehicular access	Land West Of Glenramskill House, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute
20/01652/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse with detached garage and installation of air source heat pump	Land Adjacent To Tigh Na Croit (Plot 12), Whitehouse, Argyll And Bute

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**Thought for the Week**  
with Marilyn Shedden

Jeanne Emrich wrote: 'Dry seeds scatter from my hand into the wind. One clings as if to say: 'There is in me, something yet to be''

We are like that seed, for within each of us is something that is yet to be.

There is always joy in new birth and how lovely it is to have two new baby boys in our community.

What is the something 'that is yet to be' in them?

Their world will be a very different place indeed.

What will our planet look like in 25 years or 50 years?

What animals and plants will have survived to enchant those who are babies now but will be young men and women in the future?

Gripped by a pandemic and the threat to our planet from global warming, we worry about the future of this new generation.

A generation that will be full of hope and promise and optimism, yet will have witnessed the demise of even more of creation in these next decades.

But maybe these babies will bring hope into the world.

Maybe their generation will be the ones to save this beautiful planet from a head-on collision into destruction.

By 2050 there will be more plastic in the oceans than fish, more ice caps will have melted with an animal population decimated and more species teetering on the brink of extinction.

Can these babies do something about it? 'There is in me, something yet to be.'

Our hope, the future's hope, the planet's hope is on these little shoulders.

But we need to tell them, to encourage them, to educate them as they grow up about this beautiful creation.

I pray that the God spark in them will change the world.

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**KINTYRE**



The Kintyre Way's beauty can be enjoyed in all seasons.

**Kintyre Way launches new campaign**

The Kintyre Way team has launched a new campaign designed to encourage more locals and visitors to walk sections or all of the 100-mile route from Tarbert to Machrihanish.

It is also hoped the initiative will boost tourism businesses in the region.

The Kintyre Way was launched in 2006 and meanders down the length of the Kintyre peninsula. The trail, which is way-marked and also has distance markers at one-mile intervals, stretches for 100 miles and usually takes around four to seven days to walk.

A spokesperson said: 'Up until now The Kintyre Way has been one of Scotland's best kept secrets. It's a truly beautiful trail with vistas that can be breathtaking in all four seasons.'

'With our new programme now established for 2020/2021, we're confident The Kintyre Way will become known as a top destination for visitors from all over the world.'

'The events we've planned for the coming months are designed to appeal to all ages and we'll be gradually unveiling the full calendar over the coming weeks.'

'Many elements are virtual so we can still enjoy

the Way even during potential Covid restrictions or the extremes of the Scottish weather.'

The first online publication on the updated website - [www.thekintyreway.com](http://www.thekintyreway.com) - will be Your Guide To Walking The Way In Autumn, with advice to get the most from the route at this time of year, including top tips on what flora and fauna you should look out for.

The spokesperson added: 'With this new campaign, we hope The Kintyre Way will become a focus for lots of outdoor fun and fitness, as well being of direct financial benefit to local businesses.'

**EAST KINTYRE**

**Renewable energy group leading the way**

East Kintyre Renewable Energy Group (EKREG) is leading the way in Scotland to enable community councils to work in partnership and deliver joint shared ownership in consented renewable energy projects.

Kintyre has multiple consented wind farms with many more in the scoping and planning pipeline. The majority of the developments impact on more than one community council area - not just in Kintyre but throughout Scotland - and therefore there is a strong need for the communities to work together with a single voice to maximise the community benefit from approved projects.

An EKREG spokesperson said: 'In the absence of subsidies, wind farm developments are becoming taller and larger in order to be economically viable.'

'The knock-on effect is that a wider geographic area is often impacted by individual developments, meaning that if the developer offers community shared ownership (CSO) in a consented wind farm it is often to several impacted community councils.'

With this in mind, EKREG set about establishing new model rules for an Equal Shares Community Benefit Society that would enshrine

equal shares to the communities involved, effectively guaranteeing the required split in surplus funds between the community councils' charities.

'This is important in securing buy-in from the different community councils for involvement in the CSO,' the spokesperson said. 'Developers tend to have no mechanism for dealing with 'conflicted communities' - disagreements between the different community councils as to who gets what - and will let the CSO offer lapse, to the detriment of all the communities, rather than involve themselves in such conflict.'

EKREG researched the best way for communities to partner together and produced a new set of multi-community shared ownership in a renewable energy project model rules for a community benefit society.

The spokesperson said: 'The Scottish Government continues to view successful renewable energy projects as those that treat communities as active and positive partners. Shared ownership of consented renewable energy projects can help promote stronger relationships between communities and the renewables sector and deliver lasting economic and social benefits to communities.'

EKREG has recently been successful in having their new set of model rules - designed to support local communities in achieving shared ownership of renewable energy projects and thereby furthering community development, education and regeneration within the participating community council areas - approved and registered by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).

The group hopes its new set of rules will be adopted by other community groups which seek to work together to invest in shared ownership of consented renewable energy developments to generate the benefits outlined.

EKREG thanks Local Energy Scotland and The Energy Savings Trust for a grant that enabled the group to finance the registration of its new rules.

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## BIRTH

**GILMOUR** - Calum and Sarah are delighted to announce the birth of their son Tommy Robert on October 1, 2020 at the RAH, Paisley. A little brother for Evie, grandson for Robert and Josie, Ardfern and Angus and Christine, Lochgilhead.

## ENGAGEMENT

**MACPHERSON - QUINN** - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement, by a 'Hebridean Handfast' ceremony at the Famous Blacksmiths Shop, Gretna Green, of Tommy, Miller's Park, Saddell, eldest son of Tommy and Margaret Macpherson, Redland 5B, Dalintober to Lisa Jane, Glenbryn Parade, Belfast, third daughter of Mrs Valerie A. Quinn North Belfast.

## GOLDEN WEDDING

**MORRISON - MACVICAR** - At St Columba Gaelic Church, Greenock on Friday October 9, 1970 Calum and Margaret were married by the Reverend Donald Morrison M.A. (the groom's father) assisted by the Reverend Archy MacVicar (the bride's uncle) and the Reverend Richard Snoddon (family friend).

## DEATH

**LECKIE** - On October 2, 2020, peacefully at home with her family, Flora (Florrie) Campbell Leckie, née Sinclair, in her 92nd year, beloved wife of the late John and much loved mother of Janne and Irene, a dearly loved Gran and Great-Gran, sadly missed by all. Owing to current restrictions a private funeral service was held at Carrick Cemetery on October 8.

**MCMILLAN** - Peacefully at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on October 5, 2020, Archibald Graham McMillan (Archie) in his 86th year, 13 Meadowpark, Campbeltown, dearly beloved husband of the late Nan McMillan, much loved dad of Archie and Billy, father-in-law of Mhairi and Karen, loving granda of Graham, Stuart, Jennifer, Joanne and Robbie and great-granda to Lauren, Grace, Christina, Aimee and Liam. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Archie's funeral will take place on Thursday, October 8. The cortege will leave the Lorne and Lowland Parish Church at 11.30 a.m. We

will turn left from the Church onto Longrow, heading to Aqualibrium Avenue, past the Cross and along the Dual Carriageway on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Archie may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**BELL** - Fraser and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy including cards, letters and flowers following the death of Sandra. Also for the amazing turn out of villagers on the A83. Thanks also to Rev. Robert MacLeod for his words of comfort at the graveside. The collection for Parkinson's UK raised the sum of £300.

**CAMPBELL** - Alice, Jan and all the family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours in Park Terrace and Davaar Ave for their cards, flowers, hampers and phone calls received on the recent loss of Nicky. Thanks also to the district nurses who helped Nicky in his final days. To Kenny and staff at T. A Blair Ltd for their professionalism and help. To Rev W Crossan for a comforting service and lastly to all who came out to pay their respects to Nicky on route to Kilkerran Cemetery.

**MACKINNON** - The family of the late Connie MacKinnon would like to thank all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, visits, messages and phone calls received following their recent sad loss. We are so grateful for the care and support given to Connie from all the members of staff involved at the Mid Argyll Community Hospital, and in particular Dr. Claire Harris, and the district nursing team of Barry, Joan and Kenza for their care and compassion not just to Connie, but to the whole family. Our heartfelt thanks are given to everyone who paid their respects on Tuesday, while the cortege made its way to Achnabreac Cemetery. Connie would have been so humbled by the turnout. We would also like to thank Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their professionalism and considerate arrangements with a special thank you to Cameron for a most personal and fitting tribute

to Connie; to Craig Lang for piping; and to Morna for the beautiful floral tributes. Donations received this far have raised over £300 for Secondary 1st (Breast Cancer).

**MCCHEYNE** - The family of the late William (Billy) Anderson McCheyne would like to thank all friends, neighbours and family who turned out to say farewell on Billy's last journey round Furnace. Our hearts go out to all the family who couldn't be there. Thanks to Mid Argyll hospital and community nurses for their care. A special thanks to Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for professional arrangements and personal touches especially John Hunt who piped Billy to rest. Our sincere thanks to Rev Robert MacLeod for his prayers and comforting words at the graveside. To the community of Furnace, your kindness and compassion helped us through this difficult time and will always be remembered.

**RALSTON** - The family of the late Margaret (Maggie) Gemmell Barbour, would like to thank neighbours, relatives and friends for the lovely flowers, cards, baking and messages of sympathy received following mum's passing. We greatly appreciated the kind gesture of those who lined the route to the graveside. Special thanks to all the carers from Carers Direct, Carr Gomm, all the medical staff from Campbeltown Hospital, and especially Mandy and Fiona for taking such good care of mum over recent years. Thank you also to Rev. William Crossan for a comforting and fitting service. Finally, our grateful thanks to Kenneth Blair and staff for their professionalism and compassion shown to us.

**SEMPLER** - Callum's family would like to thank everyone for their beautiful flowers, cards, letters and phone calls received since Callum's passing and have found great comfort in the

lovely thoughts and memories that you have of him. Sincere thanks to the Beatson Hospital for their long term care of Callum also to Southend Surgery and Campbeltown Hospital. Special thanks to Marilyn Sheddin whose uplifting service and comforting words, love and support will stay in our hearts always and to Molly for playing the bagpipes at the graveside. Thank you to Frances and Ian for the wonderful catering at Callum's house. We would also like to show appreciation to the Blair family for accommodating Callum's wishes on the day and for their friendship with Callum over the years, you are Simply The Best. Huge thanks to every one of you who stood to pay your respects to Callum on the day of his funeral and special mention to Andrew's football team friends. As a family we found it very supportive and comforting to see so many of you there.

## IN MEMORIAM

**DAWSON** - Jack, Mamie and Gladys, dearly loved, greatly missed.  
- Bill Dawson and family.

**HUNTER** - Treasured memories of our dear mum and granny, Agnes, who passed away October 10, 1995.  
Loved, missed and remembered every day Norma, Michelle, Alistair and all the family.

**LIPPE** - Precious memories of Feuna Margaret Kerr, who died October 9th 1992, age 26 years. Deep in our hearts is a picture Worth more than silver or gold. It is a picture of you dear Feuna, Whose memory will never grow old.  
Love you always,  
- Mum, Iona, John, Paul and Feuna.  
Love you always Mum,  
- Peter John xxx

**MEIKLE** - In loving memory of Drew who died October 9, 2016. Tread softly cause you tread on my dreams. Miss you lots Lambsy.  
- Catherine Ann.

## CHURCH NOTICES

### SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise  
Psalm 96:4  
**Our building is open for Sunday services and you would be welcome on Sunday, 11th October at 11am**  
to join with us in our praise and worship service. MASKS are now required in churches, in line with current Scottish Government Covid 19 guidelines.  
[www.springbankchurch.org.uk](http://www.springbankchurch.org.uk)  
<https://www.facebook.com/springbankchurch>  
Contact phone number 01586 551237 - Church Secretary

### ST KIERAN RC CHURCH

St. John Street, Campbeltown  
01586 552160  
Rev Tony Wood  
**Sunday 11th and Sunday 18th October**  
**No public Mass, only streamed via Facebook and Zoom at 10.00 am.**  
See [www.stkieransrc.org](http://www.stkieransrc.org)  
(SC002876)

### CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



**South Kintyre Team Ministry**  
**Sunday morning Worship**  
10.00 am Highland Church Campbeltown SC002493  
10.00am Saddell and Carradale Church SC002609  
11.30 am Southend Church SC005484  
COVID 19 Precautions apply  
Ministers  
Revd Steve Fulcher  
Revd Chris Fulcher  
01586830504  
[www.kintyreparishes.org.uk](http://www.kintyreparishes.org.uk)

### SALVATION ARMY



**Sunday 11th October**  
**Worship service 3pm**  
**Covid 19 measures in place**  
If we can be of any assistance to anyone during this time please call us on 01586 552046  
Major Ruth Russell  
Scottish Charity Number SC009359

### CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH

George Street, Campbeltown



**Sunday 11th October**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Rev Rodger Crooks  
11.15am Sunday School  
**Wednesday 14th October**  
12 noon Prayer & Bible Study  
Covid-19 Government guidelines apply  
All welcome  
[www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk](http://www.campbeltownfreechurch.co.uk)  
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

### CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH



**Sunday Service, 11 am at SKDT Hall, Kirk Street**  
**Covid-19 Government guidelines apply**  
Pastor Mark Jasper  
01586 554 092  
[pastor@campbeltown-communitychurch.co.uk](mailto:pastor@campbeltown-communitychurch.co.uk)  
[www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk](http://www.campbeltowncommunitychurch.co.uk)  
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### ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

Services in Ardrishaig at 11:00am and Achahoish at 12:30pm  
Reflections will continue to be available at the gates of the churches.

**Wednesdays**  
from 12:45pm to 1:15pm in Ardrishaig Church  
"A Time for Reflecting"

### SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**in Mid-Argyll & Arran**  
Christ Church, Lochgilhead  
Sunday 11am  
Holy Eucharist  
SCO 13787  
Fr Simon Mackenzie  
01546 602315

### SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

**Sunday 11th October**  
Skipness Service 10.00am  
- Dr J L Morrison  
Tarbert service - 11.30am  
- J Malcolm  
Tarbert Charity No: SC006262  
Skipness - Charity No: SC004280

### ST MARGARET'S RC CHURCH

**Resumption of Public Mass at St Margaret's:**  
**Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10.30am**  
**Saturday: 6.30pm**  
**Sunday: 10am - St Margaret's; 12.30pm - All Saints, Inveraray.**  
Booking essential due to restricted capacity  
To book, please contact Fr. Ronald by telephone or email. Name, address and contact details required for track and trace purposes. Masses from St Margaret's will continue to be Live Streamed via our YouTube channel. Full details on our website: [www.lochgilheadcatholic.com](http://www.lochgilheadcatholic.com) and our Facebook Page.

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Fr Ronald Campbell  
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(SC0002876)

### NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH

charity number SC001002  
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Please look it up & keep in touch  
[www.northknapdale.org](http://www.northknapdale.org)

### GLASSARY, KILMARTIN AND FORD PARISH CHURCH

Barr Mhor, Kilmartin  
**Sunday 11th October**  
Service at 10am  
Rev Robert MacLeod  
*A very warm welcome awaits*  
Please wear face covering

### LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686  
**Sunday 11th October**  
Morning Service 11.15am  
Harvest Thanksgiving  
A donation for Kintyre Foodbank will be appreciated  
See church Facebook page  
Video message on Facebook each Wednesday  
Rev. W Crossan  
All COVID 19 precautions apply

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# Sun shines for club's second rainbow ride



## Pupils back in competitive action

Campbeltown Pupils are back in action on Saturday when they take on Argyll rivals Lochgilphead Red Star in the Argyll Group stage of the Centenary Cup. Referee is Peter Laing.

Tarbert, the other team in the group, have a free Saturday before taking on the Pupils at Cil Andries on October 17. They then travel to Ropework Park for a game against Red Star on October 24.

Unlike many other senior amateur leagues, the Scottish Amateur FL has not decided a date for the start of league fixtures.

## Golf club's breast cancer charity boost

Organisers of a recent breast cancer awareness charity day at Tarbert Golf Club were tickled pink to raise £300.

The winning team, with a score of 53.9, comprised Georgie Dickson, Eilidh from Kyles, Mike Harty and Duncan Johnstone.

Tomorrow (Saturday) sees the start of the club's winter league with a midday tee off.



Golden smiles galore as riders enjoy the Mid Argyll sunshine and scenery.

Argyll South Pony Club held its second rainbow ride in aid of local cancer charities in the hills and fields around Mid Argyll's Upper Largie and Carnasserie.

Thanks to Sheila MacCallum, the two routes were well planned with a two and a half mile grass track loop for the little ponies and a five mile route, including forestry tracks, for the more experienced.

Twenty riders arrived in small groups for their allotted time slot to enjoy Mid Argyll's fields and forestry at their glowing autumnal best.

The club's first rainbow ride was held a couple of weeks earlier, along three miles of sand and surf at Machrihanish beach. It raised more than £100 for Marie Curie, the UK's leading end-of-life charity, and the Mairi Semple Cancer

Fund, which supports people with cancer in Kintyre.

Thanks to a generous donation from Argyll Riding Club, the total raised from the two events now stands at more than £400. As equestrian competitions are proving difficult to organise under Covid restrictions, Argyll South and Argyll Riding Club are working together to ensure they can provide safe riding in these difficult times. Both clubs have concentrated on promoting coaching sessions in small groups as well as leisure rides for all ages and abilities to enjoy scenic routes in safety.

At the recent rainbow ride, no less than six of the groups were mother and child-based, making it a real family day out and proving that at the end of the rainbow rides there is always a pot of golden smiles.

# Bob battles back with strong finish at Scottish Open

It was a case of what might have been for Oban's Bob MacIntyre after a fine performance at the Aberdeen Standard Investments Scottish Open in North Berwick over the weekend saw him finish tied for 14th place.

While last year's Rookie of the Year will be pleased with his finishing position, he will rue a costly triple bogey six at his penultimate hole on the opening day that left him carding a 74 - well off the pace on the easiest scoring day of the tournament.

All credit to the Oban star who followed up with rounds of 67, 68 and a closing 69 to rocket up the leaderboard. He will be particularly pleased with his score on Saturday when wet and windy conditions saw many top players fall by the wayside.

His finishing score moves him up to 89th in the world rankings and 66th in the Race to Dubai as well as earning him 80,000 Euros.

This was Bob's first tournament since taking the difficult

decision to part company with his long-time caddie Greg Milne and replace him with Fife's Mike Thomson.

Thomson has an impressive pedigree having previously caddied for major winner and former world number one Brooks Koepka.

The second BMW PGA Championship teed off at Wentworth in Surrey yesterday (Thursday October 8) and Bob will have gone into it with renewed confidence that his form is returning.



Bob chips out of the bunker beside the 18th green to give him a putt for a four to end Saturday three under.  
Photograph: Kevin McGlynn.



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