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# Brighter Lochgilphead greets shoppers' return

## 'Ignored' communities call for pause to wind farms

by Colin Cameron  
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Lochgilphead is looking to a brighter future beyond the pandemic.

A project to improve Colchester Square and Argyll Street, started in January, was completed just in time for the partial easing of lockdown restrictions on April 26 – and the difference is striking.

The aim of the £500,000 scheme – managed by Argyll and Bute Council and funded by the Scottish Government's Cycling, Walking and Safer Routes Fund, HITRANS, and Transport Scotland's Spaces for People fund, managed by Sustrans – was to support businesses by drawing people to the town centre.

Footways have been widened and resurfaced using locally-sourced Achnaba greenstone, supplied by MacLeod Construction and expertly laid by another Lochgilphead firm, DA MacDonald Contractors. There are improved road



**Celebrating a successful project, complete with new shop signs. From left: Square Peg owner Jilly Wilson, Councillor Alastair Redman, Greig MacLeod, Denise Brolly of the Sweetie Jar, contractor Donald MacDonald, Sarah Brolly of West Coast Homes, and Love Dove Studio proprietor Gill Stewart.**

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crossings; new cycle parking; more space for pedestrians and better surfaces for anyone with mobility challenges, wheelchair users and prams.

In their new, brighter surroundings, and as shoppers started to return in line with new level three restrictions, retailers were in buoyant mood.

Owner of the Square Peg shops Jilly Wilson said: 'It's a buzz to see the work finished and to have the shops open again.'

'The DA MacDonald workers have been great. They did everything they could to be helpful during the work. I'm optimistic. In

Lochgilphead people really do support local shops, and I'm hopeful this will continue.'

Contractor Donald MacDonald got stuck into laying the slabs himself.

He said: 'I think it's great, and it should pay dividends for the local shops. The fact that the stone was sourced locally

is just the icing on the cake.'

'It's absolutely fantastic,' commented Councillor Alastair Redman, council policy lead for business, regeneration and commercial development.

'The project has been very well received and I think it will be of huge economic benefit,' he added, 'and I would like to see more schemes like this across Argyll.'

MacLeod Construction made a donation of shop signs using Achnaba stone, and Greig MacLeod explained: 'That was just a wee token for the shops to wish them good luck.'

Jilly added: 'What a nice touch from MacLeods. The stone signs are just beautiful.'

With more improvement schemes to come, Lochgilphead's prospects are better than they have been for many years.

Visit the Argyllshire Advertiser website for more on this story.

The continuing spread of wind farms across South Knapdale and Kintyre should be paused to allow their broad impact to be assessed, according to area community councils, writes Colin Cameron.

In a joint letter to Scottish Government ministers with responsibility for transport, electricity transmission, rural economy and tourism, South Knapdale and Tarbert and Skipness community councils joined forces with their five Kintyre equivalents to express concern at the pace and size of wind farm developments on valuable landscapes.

They also claim some wind-farm developers have recently ignored Scottish Government advice on providing community benefits – cash for local organisations – and shared community ownership.

The seven-strong group of community councils have asked Scottish ministers to delay further wind farm development while a study of their impact on the Kintyre

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## Searched by police

A 20-year-old man was stopped and searched by police about 10.30pm on Friday April 23 in Paterson Street, Lochgilphead. After allegedly being found in possession of cannabis, he was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

## Charged

Around 11.55pm on Friday April 23, a car was stopped on the A83 at Lochgilphead and searched by police. A man aged 20 was allegedly found to be in possession of cannabis. He was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

## Failure to report

On Islay, a driver failed to stop and report the collision when a wall was damaged by a vehicle around midnight on Saturday April 17 at the Glebe, Bowmore. Police are investigating and are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

## Reckless conduct

At about 2.40pm on Saturday April 24 at Flora Street, Bowmore, a man aged 54 allegedly behaved in an abusive manner and threw a boulder at a man in a digger, smashing a window. Police are investigating the incident and when the man is traced, he will be charged and a report submitted to the procurator fiscal.

# 'Ignored' communities call for windfarm pause

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peninsula and South Knapdale is carried out. Community benefit and shared ownership must, they say, be made a requirement of all future windfarm projects.

They also believe local residents are at a disadvantage when dealing with complex, jargon-filled planning proposals and called for the Scottish Government to enforce better community engagement and provide funding towards professional advice for community councils affected by larger developments falling under section 36 and 37 of the Electricity Act 1989.

The government must explore alternative arrangements, added the group, for the re-opening of the Machrihanish wind turbine factory.

The height and number of turbines is of increasing concern, with recent applications proposing towers up to 230 metres high - some 50 per cent taller than many existing structures. The group believes the cumulative effect will negatively impact the area's scenic beauty and therefore tourism.

Bob Chicken, planning convenor for Tarbert and Skipness Community Council, said: 'Our communities' needs are being ignored. We believe our



Windfarms have grown in number and height since their introduction in the 1990s.

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proposals will strike a fairer balance between the need for greener power and the needs of the remote and rural populations who live and work in the lands used to generate it.'

The Argyllshire Advertiser put the group's specific concerns to renewable energy industry body Scottish Renewables.

Claire Mack, chief executive of Scottish Renewables, replied by saying that rural Scotland has a 'central role' to play in delivering clean power for climate change targets.

She continued: 'The latest UK Government figures show that only 10

per cent of Scots are opposed to the development of onshore wind. That data is supported by further research, carried out specifically in rural Scotland, which additionally showed higher support for onshore wind power among young people.

'Renewables now provide the equivalent of 90 per cent of Scotland's electricity consumption, with onshore wind delivering the bulk of that power, employing 5,400 people across the country and supporting a thriving supply chain of businesses from the central belt to the Borders, Highlands and Islands.'

## Hospitals carefully welcome back patient visitors

Hospital patients are allowed one visitor as Scotland moved back to level three Covid restrictions from April 26.

NHS Highland nurse consultant Ruth Mantle has been leading on 'person-centred visiting' in hospitals, and explained: 'Over the past few months, we have only been able to accept essential visiting for the majority of our patients so we are looking forward to welcoming visitors back to our hospitals.'

'The support and comfort visitors bring to our patients cannot be overestimated. It is a key part of their recovery and has a positive effect on their overall quality of care. Covid, however, has not gone away and visiting will have to be managed carefully to ensure the safety of our patients, our staff and members of the public.'

All patients in hospital will be able to have support from at least one person during their stay and that person can be changed if required.

Visits will need to be arranged through appointments with the ward and visitors will be required to wear a face mask, adhere to hand hygiene and maintain distance.

# Kilmartin quarry plans to go before virtual hearing

Plans for an extension to a quarry near Kilmartin will go to a public hearing, councillors have decided, writes Colin Cameron.

Members of Argyll and Bute Council's planning, protective services and licensing committee had been asked by council officers to approve the plans for Kilmartin Quarry, subject to a public hearing.

At a virtual meeting of the committee on April 21, Councillor Sandy Taylor asked his colleagues to endorse the officials' recommendation for a hearing.

That hearing is also set to take place on a virtual basis due to restrictions on gatherings as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Councillors also determined

during the meeting, however, that they will not hold a site visit in advance.

Councillor Taylor said: 'This is the second time I have been involved in an application of planning consent for the quarry. The community was concerned about noise levels the first time. Since then the plant has been upgraded and substantial noise issues have

arisen. At the moment, because of Covid, the council has been unable to confirm that the planning condition relating to noise has been satisfied.

'This is quite a unique set of circumstances.

'I am particularly keen that residents have the chance to express their concerns and hear from our officers so that they can better understand

the constraints and form the basis of any discussions going forward. I would certainly support the decision to have a hearing.'

Oban councillor Roddy McCuish asked: 'What is the difference between this and previous approvals? Is it just the fact it is getting bigger or that there are more objections?' Planning officer David

Love replied: 'Essentially the difference in this proposal is simply materials coming from a different area. One area of the site was an extraction area and the application is for a new one. All elements remain the same as members previously approved.'

The committee unanimously agreed to hold the hearing, without a site visit.

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# Clachan community hub receives the green light

Councillors have approved plans for a community hub in Clachan, writes Colin Cameron.

The proposal, by Clachan Village Hall Committee for Achnaha in Clachan, Tarbert, went before Argyll and Bute Council's planning, protective services and licensing (PPSL) committee on April 21.

Twelve objections had been received and eight letters of support, which would see a house turned into a community hub. The building was initially constructed in 1878 as a free church and is a category B-listed building.

A council planning officer recommended approval of the plans at the PPSL committee meeting without the need for a public hearing.

The planning officer said: 'Notwithstanding concerns of some people who have made



The proposed Clachan community hub will be housed in a former free church building.

representations of objection on grounds of traffic congestion and road safety hazards directly resulting from the proposed change of use, officers consider

that the day-to-day community type uses typical of a village community hall will be of such modest scale as to have minimal impact on the public/private road infrastructure.

'In addition, the central village location will offer an opportunity for users to travel to the hall by foot or bike as opposed to a very short car journey. It is noted off-street car parking provision meets the adopted council car parking standards. The occasions where the hall will be used to its absolute capacity are very likely to be occasional and at such times it has been proposed that overspill parking be provided nearby.

'It is officers' interpretation that the issue which has raised most concern relates to the potential impact of some of the uses typical of a community hub/hall in close proximity to

houses. It is assessed that this is a prominent building with a status that is appropriate to a community type of use.

'Officers consider that the significant majority of village community activities including meetings, activity and social clubs, coffee mornings are capable of taking place within a residential area without detriment to residential amenities by reason of undue noise or disturbance. Officers have also taken into account the representations of support which refer to a sense of community activity and vitality within the village as a positive effect.'

The committee agreed to grant planning permission subject to conditions including the agreement of road junction improvements and parking arrangements for eight cars as well as a landscaping plan, before building work begins.

## Flower-powered auction for Marie Curie charity

Look out for some stunning artwork from local artists going up for auction throughout May.

Organised by Mid Argyll Fundraising Group For Marie Curie, each gorgeous piece being auctioned will have a daffodil theme and is available to view on the group's Facebook page.

Bids for the auction will support the local work of the Marie Curie charity, which

provides frontline nursing and hospice care as well as support on all aspects of dying, death and bereavement.

Julie Brown, chairperson of Mid Argyll Fundraising Group For Marie Curie, said: 'We would like to thank all the local artists who have contributed to our auction and brightened our day with their beautiful daffodil-inspired pieces.'

'Bids must be submitted by May 31.'



Just one of the examples of the stunning local artwork up for auction.

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# Business blast over Rest approach

As reported in last week's edition of the Argyllshire Advertiser, the Rest and Be Thankful Campaign - a group comprising a number of Argyll business leaders - recently sent an open letter to Transport Scotland chief executive Roy Brannen voicing members' concerns over a lack of immediate action to address the A83 at the Rest and be Thankful. The letter is published below, followed by Transport Scotland's response.

Mr Brannen, You may be aware that after writing to Michael Matheson twice over the past two months we were advised by him to hold a meeting with Jo Blewett, who leads your A83 project team, which we have now done.

The main objective of this meeting was for our group to understand the progress being made by Transport Scotland to deliver a 'rapid' solution at the Rest and Be Thankful (RABT) as urged by Michael Matheson in March.

We learned that Transport Scotland is planning three initiatives.

A 10-point plan to build in more resilience and mitigation measures for the old military road (OMR). We feel this is over-complicated.

If it is only going to be used for a short while, apart from straightening the bends in the road, we would do the mini-

mum to keep it open and save money on further mitigation measures.

To build a medium-term solution with three options along a similar route to the forestry road. We think this should be a temporary solution to remove the safety risk and continued cost of mitigation from landslides on the existing A83.

Either upgrade the existing road to two lanes or use it as one lane up and the OMR down. We do not need another adoptable standard road. This is wasting time and money on solutions that should just be temporary.

To build one of five long-term options through Glen Croe. The choice of route should be driven by the data, the safest route given the stability of the ground conditions. We understand Transport Scotland has not yet evaluated the geology

of the glen necessary for any of the routes being considered, which will take three months to tender for a contractor to assess the terrain, despite it being evident this was required months ago.

We also learned with utter disbelief that it is going to take 18 months to evaluate the ground conditions before any options are selected then an unbelievable five to 10 years to build. If people using the M74 or M8 were forced to operate a convoy system, which was closed when it rained or sent on an hour's detour, we would not be waiting three months to appoint people to assess what can be done.

The crisis at the Rest is an economic, social and safety disaster for the area which is not being taken seriously enough by Transport Scotland or the government. We have three questions for you and

your management team:

■ During the last landslide, a bus load of passengers was two cars away from being swept off the road. If the next landslide, or subsequent diversion along the equally inadequate A82, results in a fatality, who will be held accountable?

■ If the A83 was a business site with the threat of a landslide outside its doors, would it be allowed to operate or shut down?

■ Who is responsible for the social and economic impact on the people and businesses of Argyll while we wait another 10 years for something permanent to be done?

All we are asking is to cut through the 'business as usual' approach and appoint someone who can build 2km of safe road within the next three years, which stays open when it rains.

We would be happy to discuss what can be done to resolve the crisis at the RABT and look forward to hearing from you soon.

**John Gurr  
Chairman, The Rest and Be  
Thankful Campaign**

**A Transport Scotland spokesman responded:**

The resilience of the A83 at the Rest and be Thankful has deteriorated over the course of the last year.

Between 2007 and mid-2020 we undertook proportionate methods to maintain connectivity.

However, the recent situation based on a series of landslides starting in August 2020 has called for further and more

extensive action. We can assure local residents and road users that the situation is being treated with seriousness and urgency with measures to maintain connectivity through the glen being expedited on a short, medium and long-term basis to provide increasing levels of service.

Along with continuous monitoring of the hillside, the short term mitigation works have ensured that the A83 was open during daylight hours for the majority of the period between January 8 and April 5. Since then, the A83 has been run on a 24-hour-a-day basis on all but one day, when heavy rainfall resulted in traffic being diverted to the OMR as a precaution for the evening and overnight.

The term 'emergency' has been used by the group to explore if further powers would be available to bypass some of the standard processes.

Whilst we do not think there are any particular powers available in that context, we made a commitment, as part of the preferred route corridor announcement last month, to continue to explore ways of reducing the timescales to bring forward both the medium term and long-term routes, while continuing to maximise the availability of the A83 and the OMR.

We note and understand the group's view of timescales for delivering routes which is why we are proposing a medium-term route and examining options in and around the forestry track on land owned by Scottish ministers along

with potential upgrades of the OMR. Depending on the consents required, those proposals could be finalised in 18 months.

The development work is data-driven, without which we are unable to satisfy ourselves that the proposals will be safe.

As was made clear at the recent meeting with Mr Gurr, we have concerns over the safety of the temporary option suggested by the group and further data collection in the coming months will allow us to make an assessment of the work that would be required to bring that up to a safe standard.

We can then benchmark that option against others we are developing.

**In response to the campaign group's three questions, the Transport Scotland spokesman replied:**

■ Transport Scotland is responsible for the operation and management of the trunk road network on behalf of Scottish ministers.

As part of the £87m invested in maintaining the A83 since 2007, we have spent more than £15m in landslide measures at the Rest and Be Thankful.

To mitigate the socio-economic impact caused by the frequent landslide events at the Rest, a number of preventative measures were implemented between 2010 and 2014 including upgrading culverts and the installation of 20 debris flow barriers, four rockfall barriers and one catchpit.

A review on the impact of the road closures due to landslides at the Rest and be Thankful

This protective bund beside the Old Military Road is one of the recently introduced mitigation measures.



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also resulted in the creation of a local diversion route along the OMR to provide a short-term alternative route in the event of road closures due to landslides.

This route has been used when required and safe to do so since 2014. The design and construction of supplementary mitigation measures to bolster resilience is ongoing. Since August 2020, engineers have installed a number of further mitigation measures adjacent to the A83, including debris fences, roadside pits and debris barriers.

Drainage improvements on the hillside have helped stabilise the slopes within the most affected area.

These measures helped to keep the A83 open during daylight hours for the majority of the period between January 8 and April 5, with the provision of a 175m long HESCO bund adjacent to the OMR to allow traffic flow to be maintained during the hours of darkness. Since April 5 the A83 has been run on a 24-hour-a-day basis on all but one day, when heavy

rainfall resulted in traffic being diverted to the OMR as a precaution for the evening and overnight.

Between January and mid-April the protection afforded by these measures, with extensive monitoring and assessment of the hillside, meant that the A83 and OMR remained in operation for all but eight occasions – five partial or whole nights and three partial or whole days – meaning that traffic did not have to use the diversion route between Inveraray and Crianlarich. Any liability relating to the trunk road network is established on a case by case basis, and is very much dependent on the circumstances associated with any incident that occurs.

■ We have set out above how we are managing the A83 to allow some corridor connectivity. The alternative would be to rely on other trunk road routes.

■ We have explained the actions we are taking to safely maintain traffic within the A83 corridor to mitigate such losses.



There have been a number of landslides since this one in August 2020, but slips have been commonplace over the past two decades. 51\_a34Rest01

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# Argyll and the Isles – the perfect lockdown antidote

David Adams McGilp, VisitScotland regional director for Argyll, West Dunbartonshire and East Dunbartonshire, discusses the prospects for the visitor economy as tourism and hospitality reopen:



We hope the end of April signals the start of a brighter period for the visitor economy in Argyll and The Isles, Helensburgh, Loch Lomond and Dunbartonshire and across the country.

Colleagues and I have been looking forward to tourism and hospitality reopening since we found out the islands and mainland would emerge from 'stay local' at the same time, which allows visitors to return to businesses and attractions in every corner of our geography and economy.

I know businesses and operators on the islands welcomed this decision because it gave them the clarity their potential customers were seeking so they could book with confidence. The visitor economy is worth £440 million on average every year to the region[i] so the more businesses, operators, jobs and communities that can benefit from tourism and hospitality reopening the better.

We are changing the way we view tourism and events, considering the welfare of communities as much as we value the needs of the visitor.

We have an opportunity to reset our plans for growth based on a more responsible future where a growing number of visitors want to give

back to those communities. It can be a challenge to get the balance exactly right but if businesses, communities and visitors all play their part, we believe everyone will benefit.

We won't just push a button and tourism will recover – we've had a year of very little investment, job losses and business closures – it will take time and significant investment to get us back to a thriving industry.

With the right support tourism and events can lead the economic recovery and boost inward investment where it is needed most.

We are confident Argyll and The Isles, Helensburgh, Loch Lomond and Dunbartonshire can look forward to a strong performance this summer. In some places in the UK coastal and rural locations, occupancy rates in 2020 exceeded 2019.

We know Scotland is a popular destination for UK residents and, as we saw last year, there was a real desire from Scots to explore their own country. Our marketing will focus on inspiring people across the UK to make Scotland their destination of choice this year and support the recovery of Scottish

tourism. The rise in new domestic visitors did present challenges and pressure on local amenities last year and so our marketing campaign for Scots is #RespectProtectEnjoy to help maintain our stunning landscapes by leaving no physical trace of a visit.

The Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund, administered by VisitScotland, has given out £9m to 43 projects across the country since 2017



including 8 across Argyll and the Isles and Loch Lomond area to improve toilets, car parking and access roads.

We've been promoting and stocking over 300 local suppliers and craftmakers via our Shop Local iCentre network including at Bowmore, Craignure, Oban, Rothesay, Aberfoyle and Balloch.

There are lots of great examples of sustainable, inclusive businesses and operators to be



Clockwise from left: How's this for a lockdown refresher? This scene was captured from Bellanoch looking towards Jura by Aileen Gillies; There can be fewer more attractive towns that Inveraray, in the heart of Argyll. S1\_a04inveraraypier02; Beautiful Tarbert with its marina is one of the most popular visitor attractions in Argyll. S1\_a04TarbertHarbour02



found and we'd urge visitors and locals alike to support them.

Look out for holders of The Green Tourism Scheme like Argyll Estates and Inveraray Castle, East Cambusmoon Farm self-catering holiday cottages and Hebrides Cruises. Along with many partners and tourism businesses, this commitment to responsible tourism can show that tourism is a force for good – creating

economic and social value in every corner of Scotland and enhancing the well-being of everyone who experiences it. Tourism makes Scotland richer, economically and socially, and without it Scotland would be a much poorer place.

There's lots to look forward to and I can't wait to travel the Kintyre 66 (K66) route; a new 66-mile loop around Kintyre and over to Gigha. And for foodies, the five new Taste of

Place Trails have something for everyone.

Tourism and events will help to rebuild the Scottish population's well-being – everyone deserves a holiday, and Argyll, the Isles, Helensburgh, Loch Lomond and Dunbartonshire, and all it offers, will be the perfect antidote after lockdown.

[i] *Insight Department, Argyll & The Isles factsheet, 2019 Argyll and the Isles Factsheet 2019 (visitscotland.org).*

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# MOJO festival boldly goes 'fourth'

MOJO festival plans are boldly going 'fourth' for this October.

Dan Griffiths, founder and organiser of what will be the fourth MOJO festival showcasing the original work of Argyll musicians, has set a date in the 2021 diary.

'We need music more than ever before,' says Dan, who had to cancel MOJO 2020 because of Covid but is now busy gearing up for the one-night-only event at Ardfern's Craignish Hall on Saturday October 16.

'We are being bold about having our fourth show later this year. Because of Covid we also had to cancel a re-scheduled date for this May but we are being confident we will have our fourth MOJO in October.

'Our message to musicians out there is please keep the music going,' said Dan, who is lining up acts and hopes to include new bands on this year's bill.

Closing dates for hopefuls will be mid-July; there are four or five acts already tuning up and keen to get on stage.

'It could be best diversity or the most professional sounding acts. We need people who can play the notes and give a great performance.

'October gives bands the chance to get together after lockdown and practise. Even if we get bands who have appeared before applying, it has to be new material. The idea is that the audience will never have heard that music before,' he added.

Some of the bands who have played to date include Oban jazz duo The Blue Moon Travellers, the Hollow Mountain String Band, Lochgilphead rapper Ross.T (Lost In Berlin), The Bram Belles from Colntrive, Inveraray's The Camans, psychedelic beatpop band The Twisted Melons from Kintyre and Ardfern's homegrown Ardfunk band who blew the 2019 audience away.

What started out in 2017 funded out of Dan's own pocket and making a loss of £50 grew to about 130 people buying tickets for the 2018 show



and making a profit - 2019 was even better with a 200-strong audience, bands getting paid and a merchandise stall.

'We're definitely getting our MOJO back,' said Dan.

Interested in finding out more? Go to MOJO Argyll Musicians Facebook.

**Clockwise from above: Cowal-based duo The Brambelles perform in 2018; The Hollow Mountain String Band brought Americana to Argyll in 2018; FourBelow rocked MOJO in 2018 and 2019.**



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or The Editor, 44 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead PA31 8NB**Smart and optimistic**

How smart does Colchester Square and Argyll Street (the bottom half at least) look with the new makeover?

There was real hope among Colchester Square retailers as we moved down a Covid level on Monday, and it was lovely to see after a tough year.

Now we have vaccines, we can surely be justified in feeling a little more optimistic about a sustained recovery. The virus hasn't magically disappeared, so common sense precautions must remain. But is it not fantastic to be able to go into a real shop, and get a real pint in a real beer garden, even if it's freezing outside?

**Turbine troubles**

Some people are bothered by wind turbines; others couldn't care less. Whether we like or dislike them, though, who is keeping a strategic eye on their proliferation in south Argyll?

The odd windfarm is fine, but as the community councils point out, we seem to be sleepwalking into a semi-industrial porcupine landscape of structures taller than the Blackpool tower, mostly for distant investors who genuinely don't care.

Few would argue against green energy, but are we going about it the right way?

**Shop better to help our planet**

Sir,  
Glasgow hosts the UN COP26 event this November and this is a great chance to showcase some of the world leading efforts Scotland is making to combat climate change.

In the lead up to this many groups and organisations are already working hard to make sure their voices are heard.

As a member of the COP26 leadership team, I have already met with many of these groups to hear their views and listen to the requests they have of world leaders.

One thing we all have in common is that we must take action and every country around the globe must work together to do this.

Grassroots support is so important and it's very often the smaller changes we make to our lives that will make all the difference.

I have always been a fan of second-hand clothes and thanks to charity shops across Argyll and Bute most of the clothes I wear are second hand.

It was great to be involved in Oxfam's Second Hand September launch event and to see pre-owned clothing losing the stigma it once had, to become a statement of sustainability instead.

That's why I'm pleased to be asked to back the #BuyBetter campaign which launched recently.

This has evolved from Second Hand September and aims to raise awareness of the impact of throwaway or 'fast' fashion.

People are also growing increasingly aware of the negative effects of unsustainable consumption more generally, including food and plastic waste. The pandemic has made things more difficult, but as restrictions ease it's more important than ever that we support our local shops, especially independent retailers, and shop on our own high streets, buying from charity shops where we can.

Just as governments need to commit to leading the way in tackling climate change, it's important we all do what we can as well.

As part of that I'm pleased to see Scotland-based organisation Big Dreams, Little Footprints launch the #PollutionIsPants social media campaign celebrating second-hand/vintage/swapped/rented clothes and the need to keep clothes out of landfill.

This is a great fun initiative that raises awareness of the range and quality of second-hand clothes and other items available.

**Brendan O'Hara, MP for Argyll and Bute.**

**Spring into action for Age Scotland**

Sir,  
The national charity for older people is encouraging people to get moving every day next month as part of a new fundraising activity challenge.

Throughout May, Age Scotland is asking people across the country to Spring into Action to help support older people in Scotland.

Fundraisers can take part however they choose, but the most important thing is to make sure they are active every day.

All funds raised by Spring into Action participants will go towards Age Scotland's vital

services, including the national friendship line, which offers a place older people can turn to if they are in need of support, comfort and reassurance or even just missing a friendly voice.

Running and walking events have always been a great way to help raise vital funds and, even with many regular events unfortunately cancelled over the past year, we've been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity shown by fundraisers still going above and beyond.

We hope to see as many people as possible taking up our challenge to Spring into Action this May.

With nights getting lighter and better weather on the horizon, this is a great excuse to get out and about and support a worthy cause at the same time.

Whether you run one mile, walk five, or design your own challenge, your fundraising efforts will be making a real difference for older people in Scotland.

The money you raise will fund vital services like our friendship line.

Every week we receive hundreds of calls from older people looking for support.

Many are lonely and isolated and just want to hear a friendly voice.

We listen, provide comfort and friendship and let them know someone cares.

No one should feel like they have no one to turn to. To help us be there for every older person who needs us, sign up to the challenge today. Sign up to Age Scotland's Spring into Action challenge or find further information at [www.age.scot/SpringIntoAction](http://www.age.scot/SpringIntoAction)

**Michelle Supple, director of charity services, Age Scotland.**

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## Design a stamp for heroes

Sir,  
I hope parents will encourage their children to take part in Royal Mail's stamp design competition, to honour the heroes of the pandemic.

The competition is open to children aged between four and 14. Eight designs will be chosen to become stamps which will be on sale across the UK.

Children may choose to illustrate front line workers in health or social care.

They may want to celebrate other key workers who have kept the country going, such as refuse collectors, cleaners, teachers, supermarket workers, public transport staff, delivery drivers or, indeed, postmen and postwomen.

Or they might highlight the volunteers who have helped in their local communities or raised money for charity, such as the late Captain Sir Tom Moore.

The competition is open until Friday May 28. A special panel of judges will select the winners.

As with all special stamps, the final eight designs will be sent to the Queen before they can be printed and issued as stamps. The winners will be announced in the autumn.

We cannot wait to see who children choose to honour on their stamp.

The past year has been very difficult for everyone, so let's show the heroes of the pandemic just how much we appreciate what they have done for us.

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Reader Cheryl Brown from Achnaba sent these photographs of her parents' wee dog, the gorgeous Pennie.

Cheryl said: 'My auntie, Colina Brown, dog sits for Pennie, and it would be great to see Pennie's picture in the paper as a surprise for my auntie, who just adores her.'

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# MS Centre supporters have a Kiltwalk fling



Above: The Cameron girls kiltwalked in style – MS Centre outreach worker Claire Cameron, her sister-in-law Laurene Cameron and Laurene’s daughter Eilidh; MS Centre manager Karen McCurry bagged her first Munro as she ascended Ben Lomond for the cause.

Kiltwalkers rallied round the cause to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis Centre Argyll.

As part of the Virtual Kiltwalk, MS Centre staff and supporters donned their walking boots and piled on the miles on April 24.

Karen McCurry, manager at the Lochgilphead-based therapy centre, said: ‘A big shout out to Team MS for their incredible Kiltwalk fundraising efforts.

‘Over 56 mainland and island miles were walked, some at sea level, some up and down local hills surrounding Lochgilphead area and some reached 974m at the top of Ben Lomond. The total will be announced soon when all funds are in but we think we are over £3,000. Thanks to everyone who donated and shared our links, and thanks as well for their huge efforts to all who took on a challenge.’



Water walkers raise climate awareness and money.

## Water walkers’ cash splash

Walkers, cyclists and drivers offered plenty of support to water-carrying Virtual Kiltwalk fundraisers from Kilmartin, Ford and Glassary church.

By way of carrying water on a relay system from the loch at Barnluasgan to the church in Kilmartin, the aim was to raise money for Christian Aid towards small scale, low cost solutions to communities effected by climate change.

The hardy team of water walkers set off on their

10km (six-mile) trek at lunchtime on Sunday April 25, raising awareness of the climate change crisis as well as cash along the way.

Church treasurer Caroline Waterhouse said: ‘We raised a grand total of £1,107.37, inclusive of gift aid and the Hunter Foundation’s generous 50 per cent top-up to any sponsorship raised.’

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# Meet Argyll's constituency candidates

There are four candidates standing for election on May 6 to the Argyll and Bute Scottish Parliamentary constituency.

On the day, voters will also be asked to vote for their choice of candidates from the Highlands and Islands regional list, which can be found at [www.oban-times.co.uk](http://www.oban-times.co.uk).

Here the four constituency candidates explain in their own words, why you should vote for them.



## Donald Cameron, Scottish Conservative and Unionist

As your MSP, my priority will be securing jobs and livelihoods for local people as Scotland recovers from the pandemic. We must not allow the SNP to distract us with arguments over the constitution. We should focus on tackling depopulation and creating opportunities for our young people.

I will campaign for improvements to our infrastructure. We need better ferries with greater capacity given the disastrous failure of the SNP to deliver the ferries they promised.

Too many of our roads are substandard, given the weight of traffic they now carry – the Scottish Conservatives will establish a £200m national roads fund to help fix potholes and upgrade our local roads.

And we badly need a permanent solution for the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful which is such an important route for residents and businesses here. After 14 years of promises from the SNP, it is inexcusable that we still haven't a firm date for this. I will insist on a detailed plan with a budget, timescale and completion date of 2024, rather than the never-ending cycle of consultations which have got us nowhere.

We require adequate superfast broadband to encourage businesses to invest and create jobs for local people. The Scottish Conservatives guarantee the rollout of full-fibre broadband to all by the end of this new parliamentary term.

I will speak up for our crofters and farmers who make such a vital contribution to the local economy. And I will campaign against the SNP's relentless centralisation of services which imposes Central Belt control

over matters which should be decided locally.

Finally, I want to see us take advantage of the strength of the United Kingdom. The vaccination programme delivered by the UK Government, and the furlough scheme which is protecting thousands of jobs across Argyll and Bute, shows what the UK can do when we act together.

There really is a brighter future ahead if we forget the old constitutional battles and concentrate on what unites us. Let's focus on what really matters. That's what I am resolved to do, if elected your MSP.



## Jenni Minto, SNP

This election is the most crucial Scottish Parliament election – this is your chance to put Scotland's future in Scotland's hands. This election is about the right to decide who leads Scotland's recovery from Covid and makes the decisions on economic, social and environmental recovery.

The SNP puts people at the heart of its policies.

For families struggling to make ends meet the SNP will double the game-changing Child Poverty Payment to £20, helping around 3,500 families in Argyll and Bute.

All eligible children will get 1,140 hours of free childcare from August and laptops for learning will be delivered to every single schoolchild.

The Young Person's Guarantee will ensure those between 16 and 24 have the opportunity of university, college, an apprenticeship, training or work experience programme, secure a job or take part in a formal volunteering programme.

Scotland has one of the world's best food larders and the SNP will enshrine the right to food into law. A local food strategy will be produced which supports locally-based production, cutting food miles and enabling more people to enjoy locally grown food.

Argyll and Bute's infrastructure will be further supported: new affordable homes will be built, a permanent solution for the A83, fit for purpose ferries and the R100 voucher scheme for broadband rollout.

The SNP will invest in new, good green jobs, support people to grow businesses and reskill for the jobs of the future – stem-

ming population decline.

A new Land Reform Act will be introduced with a pre-emption to support community buyouts, and the Scottish Land Fund will be doubled to £20m.

To encourage population growth on our islands an Island's Bond of up to £50k will be offered to young people and families to make the move to or stay on our islands.

Investment in our NHS and establishing the National Care Service will ensure the best possible solution for those being cared for, their families and those looking after them.

The SNP puts people first. Only independence will put Scotland's future into Scotland's hands. [www.jenniminto.scot](http://www.jenniminto.scot); or visit [www.snp.org/manifesto](http://www.snp.org/manifesto)



## Alan Reid, Liberal Democrat

I am the Liberal Democrat candidate for Argyll and Bute and at the top of the Liberal Democrat Highlands and Islands list. I ask for your vote on both ballot papers. I finished second to the SNP in the last Holyrood election and ask for your support to finish first this time.

The Rest and Be Thankful is a vital access to Argyll. We must have a two-lane temporary diversion road by the end of the year, followed by a permanent solution, protected from landslides as quickly as possible, in a lot less time than the 10 years the SNP says it will take.

Liberal Democrats will guarantee a job for all 16-24-year-olds. We will support people to access retraining and further education with a new Training Bond. We will guarantee a job for every qualified teacher to cut class sizes.

NHS staff have put in extra shifts and sacrificed their own wellbeing to keep us safe. We will recognise and support their efforts. We will undertake an urgent plan to catch up on the backlog of treatments.

There was a crisis in mental health even before the pandemic, with long waiting lists. We will train more mental health specialists for community centres, hospitals, workplaces and schools.

The recovery must be a green one. That means switching to electric vehicles with a network of charging points throughout the country. It means training

people in green jobs of the future. It means insulating homes.

Superfast broadband must be rolled out everywhere.

Years ago, I warned the SNP Government that if they didn't build more ferries, the ageing fleet would be in drydock regularly. Mull and Islay must get new ferries. I cannot understand why the Scottish Government won't buy the catamaran identified by the Mull and Iona Ferry Group.

I am opposed to another independence referendum. It would be an enormous distraction from the vital work of recovering from the Covid pandemic. I ask for your support on both ballot papers to put the recovery first.

## Lewis Whyte, Scottish Labour

I'm currently a student at the University of the Highlands and Islands but I've previously worked in IT, hospitality, and the third sector before and during my degree. I've also been a martial arts instructor for seven years. I was raised in rural parts of the Highlands

by a single mother who often worked two jobs just to make ends meet. I know the struggles of working-class people in rural areas because I've lived them.

On housing, Scottish Labour is proposing to build 120,000 new carbon neutral social homes across Scotland, and Argyll and Bute should be a priority due to its severe shortage of social housing stock. We're also proposing to put in effective rent controls and set limits on the number of second homes that can be within a community.

On job opportunities, we plan to revitalise the economy in every part of the country through our National Covid Recovery Plan. This would include a focus on sustainable community investment, a Business Restart Fund, and a job guarantee for all young people.

I know that two of the biggest issues in Argyll and Bute are the ferries and the Rest and Be Thankful. Scottish Labour is proposing proper investment in a fleet fit for the future. In the short-term we need to lease and purchase ferries to mitigate the failing old fleet, and in the

long-term build vessels here in Scotland suited to the routes they use and increase the total number of vessels so we can set new routes and have more regular services alongside reserves for emergency use.

Now that Transport Scotland has selected option one, Glen Croe, we need to make sure that the consultation on the exact replacement route is completed quickly and properly to ensure work starts soon. In the meantime, we need to put preparations in place to use the Old Military Road and the Forestry road in opposite directions for when the Rest is shut.

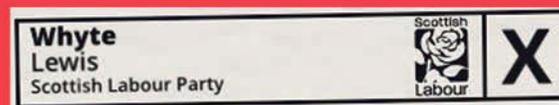
I urge you to take a fresh look at Scottish Labour, we're campaigning for some fantastic policies to tackle a variety of rural issues. Please consider using both of your votes for Scottish Labour.



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# The Softer Crofter

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The thermometer read minus two this morning.

But the sun is strong now and unfettered by any clouds. Our pretty Highlander girls have lost all interest in us now that the grass and rashes are a vivid, succulent green. They graze far and wide, ignoring their hay ring breakfast bar where they jostled and queued all winter.

The sheep roam around the cattle's hairy feet, no longer mooching for scraps from their breakfast table. So, it's an easier morning round for us crofters with only the daft pigs to feed, who long ago foraged every root, acorn and pine-cone from their sizeable woodland.

Their little forest is perfectly, porcinely ploughed, but they must still be finding some nourishment there as they seem less frantic at feeding-time, pausing their grubbling and guzzling for the occasional scratch and cuddle.

The let-up in winter feeding has allowed much-needed at-



Left: Rowan Aitchison and Erik Riddell, two of the people behind Sustainable Tayvallich.

The sheep enjoy fresh spring grass.



tention to be given to the now stuffed-full Polycrub where every speck of soil, every hanging beam has been usefully employed in the mission to feed the family entirely from its harvest.

Raspberry canes, lemon, orange and cherry trees should keep rickets at bay, while the plethora of weird and wonderful varieties of carrots, potatoes, asparagus, and squashes will nourish us throughout

the season and beyond. Our newbie attempts to live off the land mirror the much more experienced efforts of families throughout the length and breadth of this peninsula and in the village beyond.

Thanks to those techie neighbours who set up email networks and social media groups there is a fantastic bank of information and expertise shared locally. Whether you want to learn how to plant oak

trees, acquire foraging skills or find out how to run your home on renewable energy, somebody local has been there, done it and is happy to point you in the right direction.

Over the last few months this valuable mine of knowledge and enthusiasm for environmental projects has been formalised into the Tayvallich Sustainability Plan, a platform for sharing information and taking action to create a more sustainable community.

The plan has grown organically from a pilot scheme run through the winter months

with Keep Scotland Beautiful to a website, action plan and monthly activities.

Open to everyone with an interest in achieving a healthy, sustainable future for the village and its surroundings, the plan will work on the whole gambit: from food growing to flood mitigation; foraging to forestry and heat pumps to bike pumps – a new cycle repair work-stand has been installed outside the village shop. Joining the online meetings throughout the winter, I was amazed to see not just the number of locals involved, but

also the extraordinary talents and interests they share.

We only entrenched ourselves full time on this wild wee bit of Argyll a month or two before lockdown so we're not well-kent faces and, likewise, the faces of many villagers I've only ever seen strangely pixellated thanks to my dodgy connection to the Zoom meetings.

Hopefully the same is true for wifi throughout the area and that my, now ubiquitous, Zoom-accompanying glass of wine has stayed safely out of shot.

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# Dar to Dunoon: Argyll-sourced African art exhibition to open

An overlooked collection of modern African art in Argyll and Bute schools has been rediscovered by academics at the University of St Andrews, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

The collection, which belongs to Argyll and Bute Council, is to now go on public display.

The paintings, prints and drawings, purchased from Uganda, Kenya, Zambia, Tanzania and South Africa, were acquired for the Argyll Collection, a public art initiative founded by writer Naomi Mitchison, who lived in Carradale before her death in 1999 aged 101, and art advisor Jim Tyre, in the early 1960s for the people of Argyll and Bute.

In the years since they were purchased, the historical significance of these works had been overlooked, with many misattributed and their stories untold.

New research reveals that they are by some of the continent's most notable modernist artists; together they provide a range of insights into the interests and concerns that pervaded the era of independence.

Dar to Dunoon: Modern African Art from the Argyll Collection will exhibit 12 works of modern art from east and southern Africa at Dunoon Burgh Hall from May 21.

The collection has been the subject of a partnership with the School of Art History at the University of St Andrews, led by Dr Kate Cowcher, in conjunction with Madeleine Conn, cultural co-ordinator for Argyll and Bute Council.

As a result of the research project, 10 out of 12 works can now be confidently attributed to major modernist artists, including Tanzania's Samuel Ntiro, Uganda's Jak Katarikawe, Zambia's Henry Tayali and South Africa's Lucky Sibya.



Dr Kate Cowcher, centre, with St Andrews alumni and project research assistants, Meredith Loper, left, and Elikem Logan, right, with modern African artworks at Lochgilphead High School in 2019.

Dar to Dunoon will exhibit the works of these artists, along with their biographies and related contextual material.

Dr Cowcher said: 'The Argyll Collection is a rich public collection of mostly Scottish art, but it has these important African additions about which little was known.'

'It has been remarkable to uncover their histories. To have the opportunity to bring these artworks together and share their stories with those living in the area, as well as further afield, is a privilege.'

Mitchison acquired these works primarily for use in schools, where she hoped that children in Scotland's rural communities could study them and enjoy them.

Yvonne McNeilly, Argyll and Bute Council's policy lead for education, said: 'We are very lucky to have such a wide and varied art collection in our schools, and our partnership with St Andrews has enabled us to rediscover the rich histories of the modern African art collection.'

'This has been central to new creative education projects that pupils have been working on with artists to explore the collection.'

The art that Mitchison purchased, from both professionally trained and self-taught artists, was diverse and complex.

Several pieces came from the Margaret Trowell School of Industrial and Fine Arts at what is now Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda.

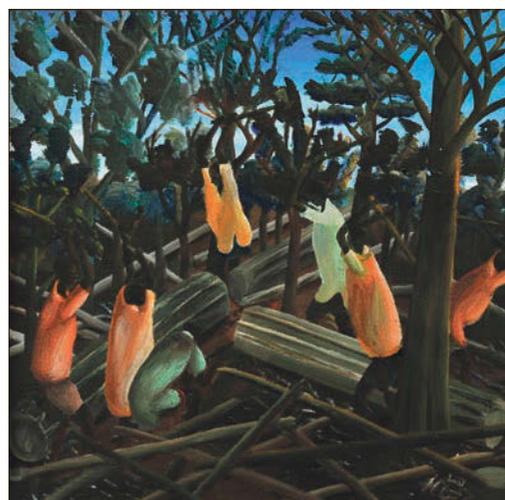
The title of the exhibition derives from an archival find: a letter sent from Dar es Salaam to Dunoon in 1967 by the artist and diplomat, Samuel Ntiro, who soon became Tanzania's Commissioner of Culture.

Mitchison bought Ntiro's Chopping Wood in Dar in 1967, and the artist personally packaged and sent it to Scotland, along with a letter and a photograph of himself.

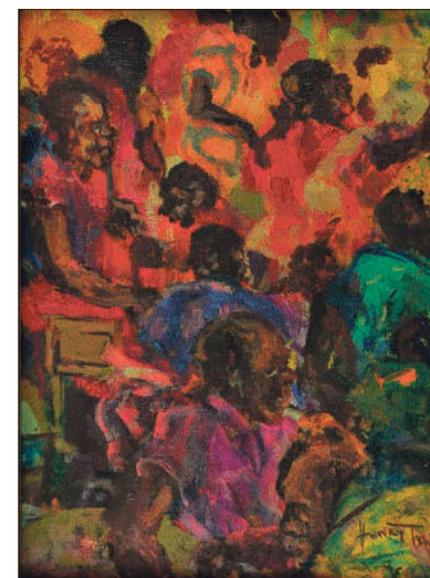
Dr Cowcher, who has Argyll heritage, revealed that she uncovered some personal links to the project.

She said: 'My late grandmother, Sheila Cowcher, born Jeannie Robertson Ross, was born in Campbeltown.'

'I first started looking into this project when I was living in the US and teaching at the University of Maryland — but I was so excited at the prospect of learning more about



Samuel Ntiro's Chopping Wood, circa 1967 and, right, Artwork by Henry Tayali, title unknown, circa 1971.



Argyll because it was a place my mother's brother-in-law Bill

Grandma used to talk about. 'One surprising find in the whole process of this project has been discovering that my late great-uncle — my grand-

mother's brother-in-law Bill McCartney — was head of art at Dunoon Grammar School in the 1960s when Mitchison was building up this collection. He knew Jim Tyre well

and, I suspect, must have met Mitchison. This project has been full of fascinating discoveries, but my personal family connections were entirely unanticipated.'

## Heritage opportunities on the horizon

Funding worth £65,000 is on the horizon for a new project in Argyll delivering training, qualifications and job opportunities for young people in museums and other heritage venues.

CHARTS (The Culture Heritage and Culture Assembly for Argyll and the Isles) in partnership with Argyll and Bute Museums and Heritage Forum has been chosen as one of 16 charities for a grant from the Scottish Power Foundation.

The funding means the delivery a project called Heritage Horizons aimed at getting more young people involved in the heritage sector.

Seymour Adams, a CHARTS trustee, said:

'Our rich heritage has a potentially vital part to play in the post-Covid economy of the West Highlands. However, the pandemic has taken a heavy toll on community heritage organisations in Argyll and the Isles, which are typically volunteer-led and highly dependent upon income from visitors.'

'The sector — and this is by no means unique to Argyll — has also struggled in recent times to attract young entrants in sufficient numbers, either to volunteer or professional roles,' he added. Opportunities will lead to recognised accreditation and qualifications.

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## SAMS professor listed among world's top climate scientists

A marine ecologist from SAMS has been included on a list of the world's most influential climate scientists.

Professor Michael Burrows ranks 180th on the 'hot list' of 1,000 scientists compiled by the Reuters news agency.

The list considers the number of publications the scientist has produced, how many times these are cited and the impact they have in media and social media.

With 154 publications and 8,355 citations to his name, Prof Burrows was also included last year on the Web of Science's Highly Cited Researchers list.

His current research looks at how populations of marine animals and plants are responding to changes in the marine environment over recent decades, and using this information to predict how those species might suffer or succeed in the face of ongoing climate change.



Prof Michael Burrows of SAMS is 180th among the world's 1,000 most influential climate scientists.

Part of an international team of ocean scientists that coined the term 'marine heatwave', Prof Burrows also charts the warming ocean using data collected on the rocky shores around SAMS.

Prof Burrows said: 'Climate change is a global issue, so it is necessary to work with many researchers from all parts of the globe.

'I've been fortunate to collaborate with some outstanding scientists who are working hard to help us understand how our world is changing – and how quickly these changes are happening.'

'This spring has already been a landmark moment in Prof Burrows' career, as it marked 30 years of working at SAMS.

## Japanese knotweed gets ready for take off

Late season frosts and dry weather are set to put Japanese knotweed in pole position to take off early this year, according to a property maintenance body.

For several years the first flush of the plant's distinctive asparagus-like red stems have emerged in March, a month ahead of its usual growing season – and according to the Property Care Association (PCA), the pattern is on track again for 2021.

April's frost and dry weather may have pushed this early growth pattern off course but, despite this, Dr Peter Fitzsimons, the PCA's Invasive Weed Control Group technical manager, says the climate conditions could make the invasive plant come back stronger than ever.

Dr Fitzsimons said: 'Many plants in the UK have been knocked back by late season frosts and dry weather in April, but the sheer resilience

### 'Despite the issues Japanese knotweed can cause, it can be controlled'

of Japanese knotweed means it will be in a position to come back even stronger.

'While almost every plant has struggled with the weather conditions, it's likely that this will help Japanese knotweed to dominate even more than it normally does because it is such a resilient plant.

'When some warmer weather and spring rains come along, we are set to see it take off, using its food reserves stored below ground over winter.

'If it does dominate, simply put, that means more damage potential and capacity for the plant to spread.'

The presence of Japanese knotweed can devalue land and property and could lead

to the refusal of mortgages on properties affected by it.

It is considered a nuisance plant because it grows so rapidly and can cause disruption to and around buildings.

Dr Fitzsimons said: 'Despite the issues Japanese knotweed can cause, it can be controlled and managed, in that it can be identified and treated with minimal impact, but its effective management is a job for the experts and the earlier that work takes place, the better.

'It's a good idea for anyone who thinks they might have an issue to obtain a professional opinion. Currently, the law focuses on landowners to control and remediate Japanese knotweed infestations, particularly near houses, as soon as they come to light.

'In the case of property development, removal by excavation is often the only viable solution and this needs to be handled by qualified knotweed surveyors.

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# David on track to conquer Ben Nevis in wheelchair

A Kintyre man's bid to be the first person to reach the summit of the UK's highest mountain in a specialised wheelchair is back on track.

Last year, David MacPherson, aged 45, from The Moy, announced plans to reach the summit of Ben Nevis in a wheelchair designed by social inclusion charity JAPES: Joelette And People Experiences.

David, who survived a life-changing car accident more than 20 years ago which affected his mobility, was set to take on the challenge on June 5 this year, joined by his dad, David senior, volunteers from JAPES, members of Lochaber Mountain Rescue team and Kintyre friends, who would help to power the wheelchair.

While lockdown measures preventing travel between local authority areas remained in place, David feared it might

not be possible to travel to Fort William for the challenge.

However, with the announcement that restrictions were to be further eased on Monday, April 26, allowing travel throughout Scotland for any purpose, it is now full steam ahead for David and the team.

David senior is planning to travel to Lochaber in May to

**'David will be the first to go up Ben Nevis in a wheelchair.'**

tackle some of the mountain's steepest sections in preparation for the challenge.

He hopes they will be joined on June 5 by some of his friends from traditional Scottish bands Trail West, Skipinnish, Tide Lines and Skerryvore who could provide some musical motivation on the day.

David senior, who got to know the musicians while travelling to their gigs over the years, said: 'Hopefully some of them will be able to take their accordions and pipes with them. We're hoping, if everything goes well, Seonaidh MacIntyre from Trail West will be able to play MacPherson's Rant on his pipes at the summit.'

On Saturday May 1, David junior will test-run the Joelette wheelchair in which he plans to reach the summit of Ben Nevis.

He will leave the head of the Old Quay at midday before touring the town centre to get accustomed to the chair.

Although the climb can go ahead, restrictions prevented David senior from organising a range of fundraising activities ahead of the event.

He had hoped to give the money raised to local key workers, including hospital



David MacPherson junior, right, with his father David senior, who will join him on the Ben Nevis challenge.

Mountain Rescue. He said: 'I'm sorry I can't raise the funds for the community. Under the circumstances, with Covid restrictions in place, I wasn't able to organise any events.'

'I'm really looking forward to the challenge though. David will be the first to go up Ben Nevis in a wheelchair.'

'There was supposed to be another boy going up at the same time as David, but he can't make it any more unfortunately.'

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## Thought for the Week

At Christmas we received a copy of a lovely book called *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* by Charlie Mackesy.

The boy meets the mole, they both meet the fox and then they are joined by the horse.

It's a book about love, friendship and kindness to both others and self. It is dotted with little sayings that are so relevant in these times, regardless of who you are, where you are, or how young or old you are.

A little over halfway through the book, the mole asks the boy a question: 'Is your glass half empty or half full?'

I wonder, how would YOU answer that question? We continue to live in such odd times and I think it is fair to say that it is taking its toll on a lot of folk now.

But so many of the people I talk to are appreciating the small things in life: spring is definitely here – well, most of the time – the birds are returning and the first of the bluebells have appeared in our garden.

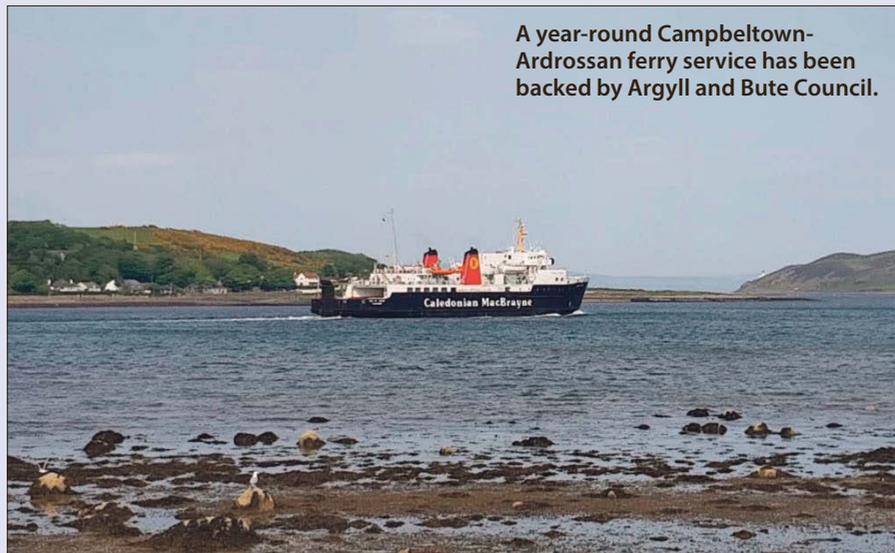
'Is your glass half empty or half full?' asked the mole. 'I think I am grateful to have a glass,' said the boy.

That answer made me smile. Some of us are naturally optimistic, others incline to pessimism and, realistically, a lot of us probably switch between the two at the moment.

In the New Testament we read this: 'Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.' (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Each day brings fresh challenges but there is hope and light in the world around us. I hope that helps to keep your glass half full today.

**Reverend Chris Fulcher, Church of Scotland, South Kintyre Team Ministry.**



A year-round Campbeltown-Ardrossan ferry service has been backed by Argyll and Bute Council.

## KINTYRE

Calls for a full-time ferry link between Campbeltown and the Ayrshire coast have been unanimously backed by Argyll and Bute Council.

Councillors agreed to support a petition submitted to the Scottish Parliament by South Kintyre councillor Donald Kelly and fellow Argyll First councillor Dougie Philand representing Mid Argyll, calling for a year-round freight and passenger ferry service from Campbeltown to Ardrossan.

The petition is in response to regular A83 road closures caused by landslips at the Rest and be Thankful and the suggested 10-year timescale for a permanent solution, although councillors Kelly and Philand say it should not be considered as an alternative or

compromise to a permanent solution to the issues at the Rest.

Councillor Kelly said: 'The next stage of the process will be when we are called to give evidence to the committee.'

'The capacity of CalMac to provide suitable vessels within its existing fleet seems to be a problem. With this in mind, we have spoken to reliable and credible ferry consultants who have informed us that there are currently vessels outwith CalMac which could be procured and meet the requirements of the service.'

'Whilst appreciating that a full evaluation of any service would require to be carried out, we would hope that this will be looked at favourably.'

## ARGYLL AND BUTE

Fitness fanatics in the area will be able to swim or use their gym on a pre-booked basis at any of Live Argyll's facilities after leisure services across Argyll and Bute reopened from Monday April 26.

Fitness classes will, however, remain outdoors

for the time being, with the intention to move indoors from May 17, while swimming lessons will resume from May 3.

Libraries in the area also reopened on Monday, with a click and collect procedure in operation in most cases.

The leisure trust continues to await guidance from the Scottish Government on when event and community venues can reopen, along

with indoor school lets and soft play facilities. Outdoor sports pitches are already open for full contact sports for younger people, and adults will be able to use them from Monday, May 17.

Libraries in Rothesay, Dunoon, Helensburgh, Lochgilphead, Campbeltown and Oban will operate a click and collect service from Monday, April 26.

However, archive and local study sections will remain on hold due to current national restrictions.

## ISLE OF MULL

A community forest on Mull could soon be a link in a chain of rewilding 'stepping stones' to tackle Scotland's nature and climate crises.

Charity SCOTLAND: The Big Picture is talking to Ardara Community Forest about becoming part of a new rewilding network.

The Northwoods Rewilding Network will allow more of Scotland's many smaller landholdings of 50 to 1,000 acres to play a bigger role in restoring and connecting habitats.

The plan is that the project will complement Scotland's major landscape-scale rewilding sites by filling in the gaps in smaller areas.

Northwoods hopes to expand to at least 10,000 acres within two years and so far has engaged 12 initial land partners include farms, crofts, small estates and a community woodland covering 3,500 acres between them.

'Despite their beauty and drama, many of Scotland's landscapes have been in ecological decline for a very long time, with many species extinct and others once prolific now teetering on the edge. Northwoods will help to turn this around,' said Northwoods' project manager James Nairne.

As well as making way for ecological change, Northwoods will develop sustainable nature-based business models, focusing on opportunities for communities.

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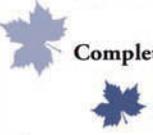
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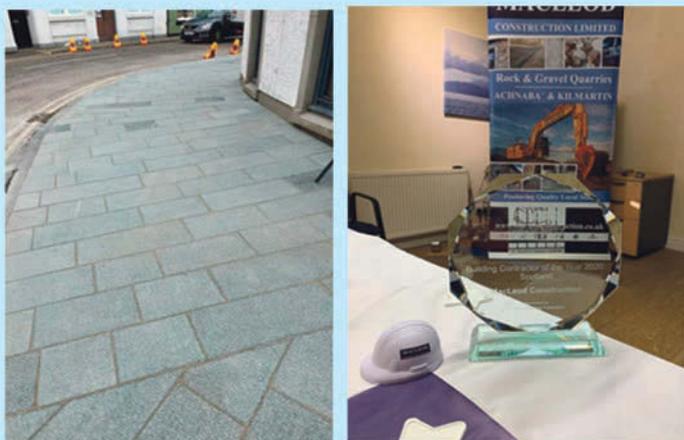
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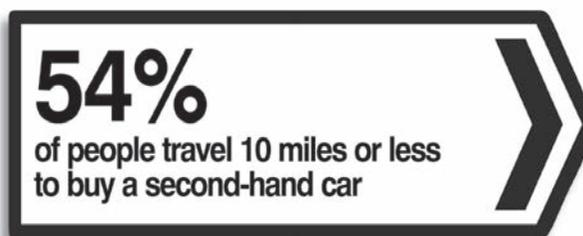
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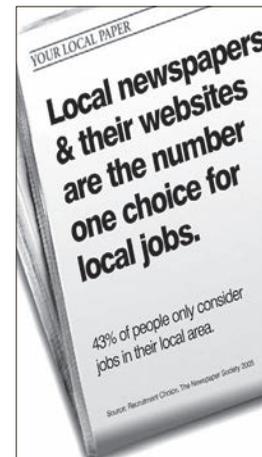
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21/00381/ MIN	Extraction, processing and despatch of sand and gravel	Land West Of Aros Farm, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6NT
21/00685/PPP	Renewal of Planning Permission in Principle reference 17/00919/PPP (Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse)	Plot 2, Fraoch, Choille, Whitehouse, Argyll And Bute
21/00700/PP	Erection of 2 industrial units	Mull Of Kintyre Industrial Estate, Albyn Road, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute
21/00684/PPP	Renewal of planning permission in principle reference 17/00917/PPP (Site for the erection of a dwellinghouse)	Plot 3 Fraoch, Choille, Whitehouse, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute

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NOTICE OF DRAFT PATH DIVERSION ORDER  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997  
THE ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (PART OF CORE PATH C444)  
OAKFIELD TO EASTFIELD, TARBERT STOPPING UP AND DIVERSION ORDER 2021**

Argyll and Bute Council hereby gives notice that it has made an Order under Section 208 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to be known as "The Argyll and Bute Council" (Part of Core Path C444 Oakfield to Eastfield) Stopping Up and Diversion Order 2021 (hereinafter referred to as "the Order") authorising the stopping up of part of the Core Path C444 Oakfield to Eastfield, Tarbert, and its diversion along the closely adjacent alternative routes all as shown by the plans forming Schedule Part 1 annexed and subscribed as relative to the Order. The Order is about to be submitted to the Scottish Ministers for confirmation or to be confirmed as an unopposed Order. The footpath will be stopped up and diverted along the said alternative routes all as more particularly referred to in the Schedule Part 1 annexed and subscribed as relative to the Order. The stopping up and diversion of the footpath is necessary to enable the development comprising generally the erection of 4 Dwelling Houses permitted under Planning Permission reference 20/01532/PP granted under Part III of the said Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to be carried out in accordance with the said planning permission.

A copy of the Order and relevant Plans contained in the Schedule Part 1 showing the footpath to be stopped up and the alternative routes along which it will be diverted and other information contained in the Schedule Part 2 may be viewed by logging on to Argyll and Bute Council's web-site at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/core-paths](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/core-paths) during a period of Twenty-eight days following the appearance of the advertisement.

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If you wish to discuss this please contact Jolyon Gritten, Access Manager on 01546 604 314.

Any such representation or objection should state the name and address of the person making the representation or objection, the matter to which it relates and the grounds upon which it is made. Letters of objection will be replied to after the closing date of the period of objections.

**Signed: Executive Director Kirsty Flanagan, Development and Infrastructure Services, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT**

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# Urgent need to change forestry policy

If Scottish agriculture is to be part of the solution to climate change, there must be a redefined approach to woodland expansion and forestry on agricultural land, writes NFU Scotland Vice President Andrew Connon in the union's website blog.

Mr Connon describes the current fixation with planting trees as naïve at best, certainly short sighted, and having the potential to be damaging in other economic, environmental and social aspects.

He is calling for a balanced approach before it is too late and states that the next Scottish Government must be challenged and be prepared to have a rethink at the earliest opportunity before



Andrew Connon calls for a 'balanced approach to tree planting.'

catastrophic damage is done to Scotland's agricultural industry. He writes: 'I am receiving fresh calls every week

from despairing farmers and crofters across Scotland telling me of another farm or estate destined for tree planting.

'The more of Scotland's limited productive land that shifts from farming to forestry, the more we are likely to simply offshore our emissions or even increase our carbon footprint.

'In addition, land acquisitions for forestry, combined with the potential for carbon trading are already creating inflated land prices that are outwith the reach of commercial farming activities whilst restricting opportunities for new entrants to the industry.'

NFU Scotland has long recognised that tree planting, in the right place, has a key role

to play in tackling the climate and biodiversity crises. It is in favour of farm woodlands that integrate with existing farm enterprises offering many benefits from mixed broadleaf/hardwood and conifer plantings without compromising food production and farm business viability regardless of land ownership or tenure.

'However, NFU Scotland remains opposed to whole farm afforestation on a commercial scale that reduces agricultural activity and food production whilst potentially accelerating land abandonment,' concludes Mr Connon.

Read the full blog at [www.nfus.org.uk/news/blog/scotland-needs-a-defined-approach-to-forestry](http://www.nfus.org.uk/news/blog/scotland-needs-a-defined-approach-to-forestry)

## The true cost of public access

With Scotland's countryside beginning to open up, NFU Scotland's head of policy team Gemma Cooper has used the union's website blog to pose the question, What is the true cost of public access?

While easing Covid restrictions is likely to come as a relief to many, it is already a source of great concern for farmers and crofters as last year saw huge issues with public access.

Organisations such as NFUS were inundated with calls from concerned members – logging problems with out-of-control dogs, livestock worrying, fly-tipping, wild camping, access to farm buildings.

Gemma writes: 'Access to our fantastic countryside must be better resourced and a long-term strategic approach is a critical part of this conversation.'

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DEATHS

**FOSTER** - Peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, on April 27, 2021, Michael Foster, in his 81st year, of 27 Upper Glenfyne Park, Ardrishaig. Submariner and Master Joiner. Beloved husband of Marie, and much loved father of Michael, Paul and Julie. Dear father-in-law of Lou and Donald. Adored grandfather of Holly, John, Shannon and Kelly. A good neighbour and dear friend to many. A private funeral service will be held at Ardrishaig Parish Church today, Friday, April 30, 2021. For those wishing to pay their respects the funeral cortege will leave from Ardrishaig Parish Church at approx. 11.30am, travelling along Chalmers Street, on route to Achnabreac Cemetery.

**JOHNSON** - Peacefully at the Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead on April 19, 2021, Edna Johnson, of TAILLEIR Bay, Inverneill, by Ardrishaig. Beloved wife of the late Eric Johnson. Dearly loved mother of Ian and Wendy. Much loved grandmother of Sarah. A dear neighbour and good friend. A private funeral service will be held on Friday, May 7, 2021, at Cardross Crematorium.

**MCKINVEN** - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on April 21, 2021, Jean Brown McKinven, in her 84th year, 104 Longrow, Campbeltown, dearly beloved daughter of the late Malcolm and

Isabella McKinven and a much loved sister of Robert.

**MCMILLAN** - Peacefully at the Campbeltown Hospital, on April 26, 2021, Robert McMillan, in his 70th year, 4 Ciaran Court, Campbeltown, much loved partner of Wilma Ellis, loving father of Jason, Robert and Andrew and a loving grandfather, brother and uncle.

**RENNIE** - Peacefully at home, 4 Saddell Street, Campbeltown, with her family by her side, on April 23, 2021, Margaret Rennie née Taylor, in her 72nd year, best friend and proud mum of Iain, Andrew and Rosemary, cherished mother-in-law of Emma, Anita and Robert, amazing and loving wee nana of Abigail, Gavin, Robert, Jack, Jordan, Stephanie and Imogen and a much loved sister, auntie and friend.

**WEIR** - Jessie Dowling (aged 82) peacefully passed away early on April 25, 2021. She had been battling with lung cancer. Jessie was much loved by her husband Norman, her community family at Ugadale Farm, as well as her son and daughter. Grannie was adored by her three grandchildren. Donations in lieu of flowers to Macmillan Nursing would be appreciated.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**BALLANTINE** - The family of the late Jim Ballantine would like to

thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, phone calls and messages of support received following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Rev. David Carruthers for his personal and uplifting service; to Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors for their attentive and caring arrangements, and to Morna for beautiful floral tributes. We would like to extend our thanks to all in the local community who turned out to pay their respects to Dad on his final journey from Ardrishaig Parish Church to Achnabreac Cemetery. He will be sorely missed by many. Finally, grateful thanks also to the local doctors, nursing staff and care teams who attended to Jim during his illness.

**REID** - The friends of the late Hamish Reid would like to thank all neighbours and everyone who turned out to show their respects and express sympathy following Hamish's sudden passing. Thanks to Campbeltown Police for their support, Rev William Crossan for a comforting service and to Kenny Blair and staff funeral directors for their care.

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## A Fyne golfing battle at Glenralloch

The second round of the Fyne Tankard took place Tarbert Golf Club last Saturday in beautiful sunny conditions and just the right amount of breeze to make it interesting.

The course at Glenralloch was in great condition thanks to the fantastic work that has gone on this year.

Peter McLean junior and his uncle Bruce were enjoying an on-course battle, both of them shooting net 63, with Peter having the better inward half on the day. Mike Harty took third on net 65. When the counting was done, Bruce McLean emerged victorious with a two-round total of 128, taking the first silverware of the season. In second place were Graham Prentice and Chris Smyth on 132. Best scratch on the day was Bruce MacNab on 71, followed by Kenny MacFarlane on 78 and Mickey MacNeill on 78.

Last Sunday, Tarbert youngster Connor McCrae headed to Swanson Templar Golf in Edinburgh to take part in the Stuart Hutchinson Trophy. This event is run by the Stephen Gallacher Foundation and saw 81 boys and girls of different age groups take part.

Connor played in the under-10 boys' flag section where he came fourth out of 14, on 37, with Alex Martin winning with a score of 34. It was a great start for Connor in his first event; he moves on to Gogarburn Golf Club this Sunday for his next event. He travels with the best wishes of all members at Tarbert Golf Club.

Saturday sees the Dodie's Cup take place at Glenralloch.

## Donna and Ele crowned Coronation Foursomes champs



The Lochgilphead ladies were delighted to be able to take part in the Coronation Foursomes after missing out in 2020.

After missing out last year, Lochgilphead Golf Club ladies were delighted to tee off for the Coronation Foursomes.

It was a beautiful day for golf on Sunday April 25, and though the scores could have been better they weren't too shabby.

There was some fishing in the burn and searching among the rough, but this failed to deter Donna McKellar and Ele Hunter from returning an excellent score of 34 points to win the game. Mum and daughter team Kirsty and

Eilidh Flanagan were second with 31 points. Donna and Ele now go forward to the area finals with the ultimate goal to compete at the Eden Course at St Andrews in September.

The gents, meanwhile, played their matchplay on Saturday which was won by Ross Sinclair with 67 strokes, beating Kenny Crawford by two strokes.

The Dunlop Tankard was up for grabs for the gents on Sunday and the winner was Kenny Crawford with a superb 38 points, two points ahead of Alister MacArthur.

# Soccer centre scores training equipment

The Scottish Salmon Company has provided Tarbert Soccer Centre with funding for new kit and equipment through its latest round of community fund awards.

Tarbert Soccer Centre offers weekly training sessions for boys and girls in primary and secondary school from Tarbert and the surrounding area.

The children take part in tournaments with neighbouring communities, enhancing their confidence and boosting community spirit while encouraging a healthy lifestyle.

Thanks to the donation the soccer centre has been able to purchase clothing which will help to enable outdoor training to continue all year round.

It has also helped towards purchasing additional training equipment, including new footballs.



As a central part of The Scottish Salmon Company's community charter, the community fund offers employees the chance to nominate local businesses, groups and charities that encourage and support health and wellbeing

in the local community for a grant of up to £250.

The funding was awarded following a nomination by Donnie Sinclair, committee member and coach at the soccer centre as well as area manager for SSC at Loch Fyne.

**Fostering community links – young Tarbert players having great fun at a 2019 football festival in Campbeltown.**

Susan McCrae, secretary at Tarbert Soccer Centre, said: 'On behalf of the team, we would like to thank The Scottish Salmon Company for its generous donation.'

'The children who attend Tarbert Soccer Centre will benefit greatly from this community fund award.'

'Tarbert Soccer Centre provides an inclusive environment which contributes to children's physical, mental and social wellbeing. As a community group led solely by volunteers,

this funding is a big help to us.'

Iain MacIntyre, head of production (south) at The Scottish Salmon Company, added: 'The Scottish Salmon Company is committed to supporting the rural communities in which many of our staff live and work.'

'Tarbert Soccer Centre gives children the chance to take part in regular exercise and promotes a real sense of community spirit. We hope our donation will support its further growth and success in the future.'



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