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# It's time for a tunnel at the Rest, says leading engineer

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Transport Scotland is failing to understand the Rest and be Thankful, according to one of Scotland's leading industrialists, an experienced civil engineer.

As the government agency searches for a permanent solution to an increasing landslide threat to the lifeline A83 trunk road, Sir William Lithgow of Ormsary claims the answer is staring them in the face.

Sir William is a keen proponent of a tunnel, viaduct and raised carriageway through Glen Croe.

According to Sir William, the cost estimates used by Transport Scotland are based on boring through soft rock, where reinforcement is needed.

At the Rest, the underlying rock is believed to be hard enough to be self-supporting, significantly reducing the cost and complexity of tunnels.

He has invited a high level



delegation from the Scottish Government and Transport Scotland to inspect tunnel projects among similar terrain in Norway. After Sir William contacted Transport Scotland chief executive Roy Brannen to set out his proposals, he received a reply in late May from Transport Scotland project

administrator Cara Reid on Mr Brannen's behalf.

Ms Reid states in the letter: 'Looking at the tunnel's costs specifically, these have been developed from a database of past projects across the UK and wider Europe, which is British Tunnelling Society/Infrastructure UK treasury

accepted. As an example of a recently completed tunnel project in the UK, Hindhead Tunnel in Surrey, a 1.8km twin-bore tunnel, reported a cost of £371m at 2006 prices. The tunnel costed for the [Rest and be Thankful option involving a tunnel] pink option is approximately 3km long.

**Sir William Lithgow of Ormsary claims the answer to the problems at the Rest and Be Thankful is staring Transport Scotland in the face.**

'To compare the Hindhead tunnel in soft terrain with Glen Croe with hard rock tunnelling country, is a threefold increase in cost ascertained from finished Norwegian projects,' responded Sir William.

'Given the will, a secure route could be completed by Autumn 2023.'

He continued: 'Hard rock tunnels, being supported by the rock through which they are cut, cost a fraction of lowland tunnels which have to derive their strength from thick lining rings.'

Sir William also claims that Transport Scotland has misunderstood the fractured nature of the hilltops in the area, where artesian aquifers

are a common phenomenon. Artesian aquifers from the fractured high tops liquidise under pressure,' he explained, 'covering soil and boulders on the lower slopes. This can only be exacerbated by climate change.'

Advising against constructing even mitigation measures in this type of landscape, he added that 'one must work with terrain's grain, as did the giants on whose shoulders we stand, who gave Scotland her outstanding ability to solve problems.'

Ms Reid continued in her letter: 'We recognise that the timescales for developing an alternative to the current route and finding a long-term solution to the challenges created by the Rest and be Thankful are frustrating for the local community.'

'...it is important that the correct statutory process is followed to ensure a fair and transparent assessment of options and impacts on local communities and road users.'

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# Skipness and Minard schools stay in limbo

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Decisions have been deferred on the future of Minard and Skipness primary schools.

No pupils have attended Minard since October 2018, instead going to schools in Inveraray, Furnace and Lochgilphead.

Councillors are now being asked to approve the mothballing being continued for another year until June 2022, but a report says a decision on the school's future will be made then.

This will be based on the community pre-consultation and options appraisal paper in accordance with the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010.

The matter was discussed at Argyll and Bute Council's community services committee at its virtual meeting on Thursday June 10.



**Skipness Primary School - mothballed for almost five years.**

Council executive director Douglas Hendry said in a report to the committee: 'All members of staff from Minard Primary School have either been redeployed into other posts within the authority or accepted redundancy.'

'The mothballing of a school is a temporary closure. It does not require a statutory con-

sultation to be carried out as it is an informal non-statutory measure.

'It is appropriate where the authority considers that a school is not presently viable, but does not wish to close it immediately in order to assess the prospects of the number of pupils in the area increasing to the extent that the school

should be re-opened in the future.

'Mothballing is only appropriate for a temporary period, should be subject to at least an annual review and, in most cases, should last no more than three years.

'Minard Primary School has been de facto mothballed since October 2018. We are seeking further continuation of this mothballing.

'In the intervening period, education officers will start the pre-consultation process when it is permissible under the regulations relating to public gatherings and produce an options appraisal paper for the committee's June 2022 meeting for a decision in relation to the future of Minard Primary School.'

Skipness Primary School in north Kintyre is meanwhile set for a further reprieve until at least the end of 2021, with public meetings still unable to

be held. The school has been mothballed since October 2016 with no pupils enrolled.

The council's community services committee decided in September 2019 to start a consultation process on the school's future, but a planned public meeting for May 2020 was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and remains on hold.

At its virtual meeting on June 10, committee councillors were recommended to approve the extension of the consultation period until December 23 and the setting of a new date for the public meeting once guidance allows it to happen.

Mr Hendry said in the report: 'A notification of the change to the consultation timeframe will be posted on the council's website and notice of the rearranged public meeting will be issued to all the relevant consultees once it is confirmed.'

## Don't be fooled by bank text messages

A woman from Ardrishaig says she feels relieved after narrowly escaping a mobile phone text scam.

She contacted the Argyllshire Advertiser to warn others after she received a text message from fraudsters posing as her bank, asking her to contact it urgently following suspicious activity on her account.

The phone number seemed genuine, so didn't raise alarm bells.

The fraudsters aimed to create fear and uncertainty by claiming that a sum of £600 was involved and all she had to do to sort it out was to contact them using the details in the message.

'I was put through to a foreign-sounding person, but it didn't feel right,' she said.

'I phoned the bank and they assured me they would never send a message like that. I was so pleased I checked with them.'

'I don't know how much I'll be charged for the call, though.'

She added: 'It's how clever these scammers are. It's horrible to think that people unfamiliar with texting could be scared into falling for it.'

Police advice is that if you receive a text message that is unusual or suspicious, contact your bank by using their normal business number which can be found on official websites.

They strongly advise not to contact a phone number or click on links within the text message.

Contact Police Scotland on 101 to report any incidence of fraud or attempted fraud.

More information on frauds and scams is available on the [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) website or call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

## POLICE FILES

### Careless driving

About 6.30pm on Monday May 31 on the A83 near Clachan, a collision occurred between a Seat Leon and another car. A 25-year-old man was later charged with careless driving and a report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### No insurance – vehicle seizure

On Thursday June 3 at around 3.50pm a car was stopped by police for a routine check on Poltalloch Street, Lochgilphead. Checks revealed there was allegedly no insurance in force for the vehicle and

the driver, a 49-year-old man, was charged with the offence and the vehicle seized. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Damage to car

Between midday on Sunday May 30 and 10am on Monday May 31, at Argyll Street, Lochgilphead, the front and rear nearside doors of a black Volkswagen Polo were scratched. Police are investigating and are appealing for any witness or anyone with any information to contact them on 101 or anonymously through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

### Speeding on A83

A motorist was stopped for allegedly exceeding the speed limit at 6.10pm on Sunday June 6, on

the A83 at Lochgilphead. The driver, a man aged 79, was charged and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Abusive behaviour

On Sunday June 6 at 7.50pm, a 33-year-old woman was arrested in Ross Crescent, Lochgilphead, and charged with behaving in an abusive manner.

She was held for court and a report was submitted to the procurator fiscal.

### Careless driving

About 8.30pm on Friday May 7, near Ballygrant, Islay, a vehicle was reported driving in an anti-social manner.

The 27-year-old male driver was traced and given an anti-social behaviour warning.



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## Quiet reflection planned for Armed Forces Day



No large-scale event can be held this year, such as this parade in 2019, but a more intimate ceremony is planned to mark Armed Forces Day.

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Exactly a century since Lochgilphead's war memorial was dedicated, people will gather there to pay tribute to our armed forces.

For a number of years, Lochgilphead has been the location for Argyll and Bute's largest and most colourful Armed Forces Day event.

The Covid pandemic made such events impossible in 2020 and again this year, but a smaller-scale commemoration will take

place on the intended date for the event, Saturday June 12.

Meeting in Colchester Square for 10.45am, participants including representatives of the armed forces, members of the clergy, a piper and bugler will gather at the war memorial at 11am on Saturday for a ceremony and the laying of wreaths.

All Covid guidelines will be strictly adhered to.

## Warning as Argyll moves to level one

Along with much of Scotland, mainland Argyll and Bute moved to Covid level one from Saturday June 5.

Welcome as the latest relaxation in restrictions is, it comes with a warning from a leading medic about staying safe and limiting the spread of the virus.

Cases have risen rapidly across Scotland and the virus remains a threat.

Dr Tim Allison, director of public health with NHS Highland, said: 'This has been such a challenging time for everyone but, thanks to how well people have followed the guidance, we are starting to see more freedom as we move to level one, or level zero for most of our island communities.'

'Covid, however, has not gone away.'

'We have seen the impact in Glasgow, Moray and Fort William, where we are

dealing with a significant outbreak which has impacted on many people, schools and businesses.'

Dr Allison is encouraging everyone to follow the guidelines for their area.

He said: 'Relaxation of some of the restrictions we have

**'I would appeal for caution from anyone who is travelling.'**

been under is to be welcomed. Many of us will have enjoyed meeting up again with family and friends and with the good weather we have been enjoying recently it's much easier for us to meet them outside.

'Travel across the UK is also something we can now enjoy again but I would appeal for caution from anyone who is travelling, particularly if they

are going to an area that has a higher number of cases as this risks bringing infection back to our communities. Is the travel necessary?

'If you do visit areas that have a high rate of infection try to limit your contact with others on your return to limit any potential spread.'

'Please continue to follow all the guidelines. Know what symptoms to look out for and, if you do experience symptoms, isolate immediately and seek a PCR test.'

He added: 'We continue to deliver the vaccine programme and I would encourage everyone to come forward for their vaccine when invited.'

'It takes all of us across Argyll and Bute doing what we can to protect ourselves and others.'

'By continuing with this we will be able to continue to enjoy the freedoms that we now have.'

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# Search begins for builder of £50 million Islay ferry

Bids could soon be invited to build a new Islay ferry.

The announcement by Transport Scotland that the ferry procurement process has started comes amid growing criticism of CalMac's ageing fleet.

The chairperson of one community group recently described the consequences of present unreliable ferry services as 'disastrous' for islanders.

The first stage of the Islay ferry tender process will assess whether interested shipyards meet the technical and financial criteria to take on the project.

The invitation to tender is expected to be issued later

this summer with a view to awarding the contract, with an estimated value of around £50m, in March 2022.

The start of the procurement follows talks with 'key stakeholders' and members of the Islay community on the design of the new ferry.

Minister for Transport Graeme Dey said: 'The route is one of the busiest services for freight on the Clyde and Hebrides network and this new vessel will help to grow the island's economy, as well as bring added resilience to the fleet. This underlines the Scottish Government's commitment to bringing in new ferries to support our island

communities. We look forward to continuing to work with key stakeholders to develop programmes for major vessels and small vessels - investing at least £580 million over the next five years.'

Jim Anderson, director of vessels at Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL), said: 'Reaching the procurement stage is the culmination of robust project planning over the past 18 months including vessel requirements, detailed concept design options and feasibility studies and analysis, as well as regular engagement with community representatives and islanders.'

'This marks an important



The ferry MV Finlaggan at Port Askaig on Islay.

step forward in bringing a new vessel to Islay and Jura.

'It is one of several new vessel and harbour upgrade projects we are currently progressing to improve the resilience of ferry services for island communities.'

CalMac's Managing Director Robbie Drummond said: 'This will provide much-needed additional capacity on the

route to support the economic growth of the island. We will continue to work closely with Transport Scotland and CMAL to ensure we have the vessels to deliver the service needs of the community.'

Following a recent meeting with the Minister for Transport and officials, chairman of the Clyde and Hebrides Ferries Community Board

Angus Campbell said: 'The board emphasised to all parties the disastrous consequences of the present situation on communities, individuals and businesses and offered to work constructively to accelerate improvements.'

Argyll and Bute MSP and Islay resident Jenni Minto said the need for new ferries 'could not be more clear'.

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# MATV charity – a friendly lifeline in time of need

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A Mid Argyll woman who attends regular hospital appointments in Glasgow has heaped praise on the transport charity getting her there - hailing it a 'lifeline' service, in the truest sense.

Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers (MATV) operates through a network of volunteer drivers using their own vehicles, and it has never been busier.

The charity's roots go back to August 1994 when retired social worker Joan Robertson and her friend and former home help co-ordinator Janet Tyson noticed that people with health or mobility issues could become socially isolated, not necessarily due to fitness but because they had no transport.

Now, with a recent changing of the guard in the MATV committee, chairman Malcolm MacDonald paid tribute to all previous committee members for their years of service to the people of Mid Argyll and to the charity.

He said: 'It's now our job to keep everything going.'

## Lockdown

Like many other groups over the past 15 months, MATV found itself having to adapt to the strange new world of Covid lockdown.

Malcolm explained: 'During the pandemic we never stopped.'

'We took on new jobs such as prescription delivery, shopping delivery and vet drop-offs.'

They went from 26 drivers to six, with many self-isolating.

Now, with restrictions easing and demand for NHS appointments on the rise, all but a handful of drivers have returned to help others.

'It's just got so busy recently, it's ridiculous,' explained MATV co-ordinator Catherine Kennedy.

Catherine continued: 'Things got quieter at the start of lockdown last year, but it's really busy now.'

'We currently have 23 drivers but could do with more.'

'You can't rely on the same drivers and ask them to do six runs to Glasgow a week.'

'And there are Saturday and Sunday runs to do as well now.'

'If you asked them to do it,

## Even a pandemic couldn't stop the volunteer drivers from taking people to appointments

they would, but it wouldn't be fair.'

With Covid restrictions, just one passenger is allowed in each car which adds to the pressure, even for volunteer drivers on busy Mid Argyll runs.

So popular is the service that requests are now coming in from people living in Kintyre.

One person who appreciates the hard work of MATV is Naomi Robertson, a service user and now a committee member.

## Lost

'If it wasn't for the drivers during lockdown we'd have been completely lost,' said Naomi.

'Without the service we wouldn't get to hospital appointments, so they are, literally, a lifeline.'

She added: 'The drivers have become my friends; you get friendly chat, support, love and banter.'

## 'My treatment carried on through lockdown and every time they took me they were risking their own safety'

'And,' she joked, 'some even take the mickey for the entire journey.'

'Seriously though, you make friends for life. Without them we would be lost and that's why I joined the committee.'

Catherine stressed that everything possible was done to keep drivers and passengers safe.

All drivers are double-vaccinated for Covid and the cars scrupulously cleaned after each journey.

But when lockdown began and PPE was a rarity, drivers were genuinely taking their lives in their hands on journeys.

**Driver Lyn McVicar, co-ordinator Catherine Kennedy, driver Sheila Groat, service user and committee member Naomi Robertson, driver John Byrne and - appropriately behind the wheel - MATV chairman Malcolm MacDonald.**

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The road is collapsing towards Claonaig Water. 51\_a11SkipnessRoad11



Councillor Anne Horn said the delay in repairs was 'really concerning'. 06\_a17electionHorn01

# Two months on and still no Skipness road repair

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The delivery of essential steelwork will further delay repairs to a collapsed section of road serving Skipness and the Arran ferry.

Around 18 months since the ground supporting a section of the B8001 slid towards the Claonaig Water river – leaving a dangerous crack in the road surface – only a temporary diversion and repair work has been carried out by Argyll and

Bute Council. The Covid pandemic initially forced delays in a project to reinstate the road.

By January this year the local authority said it was 'working hard to find a design solution' as the Skipness community grew increasingly anxious about the road's safety.

One Skipness man described the situation by this spring as an 'impending disaster'.

Repair work for the B8001 is now included in the council's 2021/22 capital roads reconstruction programme.

Speaking at a remote meeting of Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area committee on June 3, the authority's head of roads and infrastructure services Jim Smith told councillors: 'Work is under way to finalise a design solution and it's our intention to be on-site late summer into the autumn to carry out work, which is looking like some kind of piling arrangement, to keep the banking stable before reinstating the road.'

A paper before local mem-

bers revealed the reinstatement would probably include steel pile plates to tie the road

**'We have people checking the road on a regular basis to make sure it is safe.'**

bers revealed the reinstatement would probably include steel pile plates to tie the road together as well drainage work, before resurfacing of the carriageway. The report said:

'Due to the lead-in time for the specialist steelwork, the permanent solution is likely to be progressed late summer/autumn.'

Mr Smith continued: 'We have people checking the road on a regular basis to make sure it is safe and to maintain access.'

'It's the only access for the ferry to Arran and for the community.'

Speaking at the meeting, Councillor Anne Horn said to Mr Smith: 'You've assured us

that the road is on track for being repaired, but it's absolutely precarious.'

'I don't know how many people have been down that road in the last few months, but it's not a nice place to drive through.'

'The road is crumbling away and it is really, really dangerous.'

She added: 'The fact the lack of repair has gone on for so long is really concerning when it is the only road in and out of the village.'

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# Delight as young riders get back in the saddle

## Pony club holds first competitive event since lockdown

Bright sunshine was almost eclipsed by beaming smiles on young faces as Argyll South Pony Club held its first competitive event since lockdown.

Riders, parents and friends were delighted to be out and about on Sunday June 6, enjoying their ponies at last.

The Bay Field at Claonaig is a perfect setting and the club was grateful to Stewart Marshall and Claonaig Estates for allowing its use.

There was something for everyone, with pony club pony, show jumping and games all carefully set up in line with current Covid rules.

For the first time in two years, Anne McArthur had to concentrate on whistle and stopwatch to judge the show jumping but she had lost none of her skills and everything ran smoothly.

She and course builder Liz MacNab had to ensure Covid competition rules were maintained and a huge 'thank you' is due to Freya and Kirsty Aitchison and Freya Urquhart

for their brilliant assistance in keeping everyone safe.

The pony club set the riders several challenges, including an off-piste section in the quarry corner, judged by Fiona Oakes and Mary-Lou Aitchison.

Games, organised by Sheila MacCallum, were, as always, the last but most exciting part of the day.

With pony sizes ranging from 18.2hh Clydesdale Alex to 13hh Fell pony DJ, they charged for the winning post with their feathers flying.

The club was delighted to have lots of new young members who are keen and progressing swiftly and for many this was their first competition.

In Perthshire, senior rider Katie MacKay from Inveraray did well representing the club at Foresterseat by going clear over a testing cross-country course.

Thanks were extended to everyone who attended and helped the club have such a good time.



Ffion, Amelie, Amy and Jessica show off their rosettes



Little and large: DJ the Fell and Alex the Clydesdale at Argyll South Pony Club's open day on Sunday.

### Stars of the Future

#### Lead Rein

1 Amy Anderson, Ophelia; 2 Amelie Ralston, Porridge; 3 Jessica Hamilton, Dandy; 4 Ffion Lavery Jones, Beauty.

#### Stars of the Future: under 10

1 Louise Ralston, Nero; 2 Amy Anderson, Ophelia; 3 Katie-Ellen Mellish, Nemo; 4 Cara Henderson, Teddy; 5 Rory Shaw, DJ.

#### Stars of the Future: 11-13

1 Lisa Henderson, Mack; 2 Zoe Prentice, Fergus; 3 Saraya Souden, Bailey; 4 Eva Souden, Buttons.

#### Newcomer section A

1 Katie-Ellen Mellish, Nemo; 2 Cara Henderson, Teddy; 3 Louise Ralston, Nero.

#### Newcomers section B

1 Evie Baird, Dancer; 2 Isla MacDonald, Rattie; 3 Lisa Henderson, Mack; 4 Zoe Prentice, Fergus; 5 Amy Anderson, Stella.

### Discovery

1 Isla MacDonald, Rattie; 2 Evie Baird, Dancer; 3 Amy Anderson, Stella; 4 Jojo Boase, Chilli; 5 Maxine Boase, Morse.

#### Pony Club Pony: lead rein

1 Jessica Hamilton, Dandy; 2 Amy Anderson, Ophelia; 3 Amelie Ralston, Porridge; 4 Ffion Lavery Jones, Beauty.

#### Pony Club Pony: under 10

1 Rory Shaw, DJ; 2 Alyssa McEachran, Tulip; 3 Cara Henderson, Teddy; 3 Louise Ralston, Nero; 4 Katie-Ellen Mellish, Nemo.

#### Pony Club Pony: 11-13

1 Eva Souden, Bailey; 2 Erin Ralston, Alex; 3 Lisa Henderson, Teddy; 4 Saraya Souden, Buttons.

#### Pony Club Pony: 13-16

1 Amy Anderson, Stella; 2 Isla MacDonald, Rattie; 3 Evie Baird, Dancer; 4 Zoe Prentice, Fergus.

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# Jenni Minto's A83 road pledge

New Argyll and Bute MSP Jenni Minto used her maiden speech to Holyrood to back quick improvements to the A83 and underline the importance of reliable ferry services.

During the election campaign, the Islay-based candidate stressed the importance of a permanent solution to the A83 Rest and Be Thankful.

The high-level route through the mountains has been beset with landslips and closures for years with the Old Military Road used as an alternative route during bad weather.

As she made her opening vow to the Scottish Parliament last Wednesday, June 2, Ms Minto told ministers, including First Minister Nicola Sturgeon: 'A permanent solution must be found and quickly for the Rest and Be Thankful and we need a reliable, versatile ferry fleet.

'Farmers, fishers, whisky distillers, hauliers, small businesses, tourists and residents all depend on being able to travel safely and easily

## New MSP also calls for reliable and versatile ferry fleet

throughout Argyll and Bute. I know the minister for transport has brought a new energy to solving these challenges and I look forward to working closely with him to find the solutions.'

Graeme Dey MSP was handed the transport brief following the cabinet reshuffle and Ms Minto said she immediately made contact to discuss the area's transport problems.

Mr Dey has now visited the Rest to get an update on the progress and to thank staff for their hard work.

He said: 'Addressing the resilience of the A83 Rest and Be Thankful is one of our top priorities so I was pleased to be able to visit the site and see the project for myself.

'I can assure residents and road users that the situation is being treated with the seriousness and urgency it deserves,



Jenni Minto MSP during her maiden speech at Holyrood last Wednesday.

with measures to maintain connectivity on a short, medium and long-term basis

being implemented as quickly as possible.

'Hearing first-hand accounts

of the geo-technical challenges posed by this section of the road underlines the

importance of the project. I appreciate that the timescale to develop an alternative route as a long-term solution is frustrating for communities, but we will look to bring forward the programme where we can.

'This is a huge project, so it's vital we follow due process and undertake a thorough assessment of all the options and their potential impacts on the communities.

'I'd like to thank staff at BEAR Scotland for bringing me up-to-date with progress, as well as for their continued hard work on site.'

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## DigitalBoost helps to take away Covid stress

The Wee Kelpie, an award-winning fish and chip takeaway shop in Argyll and Bute, has been adapting to Covid-19 restrictions.

Following support from DigitalBoost, the business has created a new website and introduced online ordering.

The fish and chip shop closed at the start of lockdown to ensure the health and safety of the team.

Husband-and-wife team Nicola and Kerr Raeburn approached Business Gateway to identify how they could adapt their business model to re-open in the safest way possible and limit their exposure to the public to reduce the spread of the virus.

Through DigitalBoost, The Wee Kelpie in Helensburgh accessed one-to-one support, including expert advice as they started building their first website.



Nicola and Kerr Raeburn, owners of The Wee Kelpie.

Nicola was supported as she went through appointing a web developer, with Business Gateway input to the plan and brief, helping to ensure the website met their business needs.

Nicola said: 'Through DigitalBoost, we were able to access expert, impartial

help which was invaluable as we started the process of building a website.

### Knowledgeable

'Our DigitalBoost consultant was friendly, knowledgeable and explained things clearly to us, outlining what we needed to do to adapt and launch a new platform.'

## Support from Business Gateway reaches 34,000+

Business Gateway, Scotland's national business support service, has helped 34,698 established and start-up businesses over the last 12 months.

This occurred as businesses were forced to adapt and respond to the challenges of the pandemic. And research from Business Gateway has revealed that 40 per cent of Scottish businesses feel optimistic about their future in 2021.

Now, as businesses across Scotland look to the future following months of closure and tight restrictions, the service is building on its programme of free support and resources to provide business owners with relevant advice and guidance when they need it most.

All this is available through the Argyll and Bute office.

This includes national webinars covering key topics

including HR, business strategy, marketing on a budget and writing a business plan.

Business owners are also encouraged to reach out to their local Business Gateway office online where specialist one-to-one support from an adviser remains available via phone or video.

Through Business Gateway's digital upskilling programme DigitalBoost, businesses also have access to a variety of free support and resources to help them gain valuable digital skills with more than 660 one-to-one sessions carried out over the past year.

These include webinars, a digital health check, one-to-one support from a digital expert, online tutorials and practical guides on topics including social media, cyber resilience, data analytics,

digital marketing strategy and e-commerce.

Hugh Lightbody, chief officer Business Gateway national unit, said: 'Since this crisis began, Business Gateway has worked tirelessly to provide vital support to businesses across Argyll and Bute, supporting them as they diversify and adapt to the challenges of the pandemic. This has been an immensely difficult period for all business owners.'

'With the focus now firmly on re-opening, Business Gateway will continue to provide critical support to businesses at every stage of their journey, guiding them towards a brighter future.'

For more information about how Business Gateway can help visit [www.bgateway.com/](http://www.bgateway.com/) local-offices/argyll-and-bute/local-support

## Search is on for talented businesswomen

The search is on for the country's most talented and dedicated female entrepreneurs.

As part of the 2021 National Business Women's Awards, the Lockdown Leader and Business Chameleon categories will feature for a second time following their success in 2020.

These two categories recognise and celebrate those who have thrived and blossomed during the coronavirus crisis.

From providing job security and strong, decisive leadership to a team to completely adapting a business service or product to meet a new need, high-achieving women in business and industry have until Thursday August 5 to enter the awards.

They recognise successful women who not only run outstanding businesses but in many cases also juggle the needs of their families as they work.

Each candidate can enter up to three categories, at a cost of £65 plus VAT per entry. The Lifetime Achievement and Business Hero categories are free to enter.

Damian Cummins of organiser Events & PR said: 'We are proud and delighted to be back to celebrate yet another plethora of amazing achievers who work tirelessly to ensure their businesses thrive - often while raising a family.'

'Over the last 12 months, many female business owners and managers have had

to work even harder to keep their businesses going through a pandemic whilst facing personal challenges such as home schooling, family isolation or caring for their parents.

'The business world is full of these talented individuals and we look forward to seeing entries showcasing their impressive successes, despite the challenges of the pandemic.'

The National Business Women's Awards ceremony will take place at Copthorne Tara Hotel in Kensington on Friday October 29 2021.

Visit [www.nbwawards.co.uk](http://www.nbwawards.co.uk) for more information on the awards.



Pictured with event host Jonny Nelson at the 2019 awards are Claire Webber of Liebherr GB; overall winner Bonnie May of Global Infusion Group and Sara Searle of Liebherr GB.

### Recipe

## Chicken tikka kebabs with pittas and chunky salad

A simple tikka marinade packs tons of flavour into these fab kebabs

### Ingredients

- 8 skinless and boneless chicken thighs
- 3 level tbsp tikka curry powder
- 250g fat-free natural Greek-style yogurt
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 4 x 60g wholemeal pitta breads

### For the salad:

- 1 cucumber
- 200g radishes
- 3 celery sticks
- 2 little gem lettuces
- 100g fat-free natural Greek-style yogurt

### Method

1. Put the chicken in a freezer bag (or a glass or stainless-steel bowl) with the curry powder, yogurt and garlic. Season lightly with salt and stir to combine. Seal the bag or cover the bowl with cling film



and marinate in the fridge for at least 1 hour or overnight if possible.

2. For the salad, put the cucumber, radishes, celery and lettuce in a bowl. Mix together the yogurt and chopped coriander, season to taste, then stir through the salad.

3. Preheat your grill to high. Lift the chicken out of the marinade, letting any excess drain off, then thread onto 4 metal skewers. Place the kebabs on a baking tray lined with foil and grill for 10-12 minutes, turning halfway, or until the chicken is lightly charred and cooked through.

4. Toast the pitta breads. Scatter the coriander sprigs over the chicken skewers and serve with the salad, 1 pitta per person and the lemon wedges for squeezing over.

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# No FyneFest 2021 – but 358 days and counting to 2022

It would all have kicked off on June 4 were it not for the pandemic.

That annual fiesta of music, beer and food at the head of the loch, FyneFest would have drawn the usual hordes from near and far - come rain, hail, sunshine or midges - to let their hair down for some good-natured fun.

But, for the second year running, Covid put paid to that.

To mark the occasion, or

absence of it, Jamie Delap of event organiser Fyne Ales said:

'Hopefully it goes without saying that we would have loved to host 3,000 eager beer lovers, adventure-seekers and party people in Glen Fyne.

Two years without FyneFest is two years too many.

'We miss you, we really do, and want to say a huge thank



you to everyone for all their support over the last 14 months.

'We've had more support than we could ever have imagined and we are so grateful.

'Of course, next year

- June 3-5, 2022 - FyneFest

will return and it'll be better than ever. We promise that it will be the best festival Glen Fyne has ever seen. Trust me,

we're pulling out all the stops for 2022.

'Keep sharing your photographs and memories of FyneFest from previous years and tag us on social media.

But if you can, get out and support your local pub and enjoy some food and drinks.

'Be kind to the staff and tip well.

'It won't be too long until we're back together, drinking Jarl in the Glen Fyne sunshine.'



Winner Robert MacBrayne.

## Rays of sunshine for Loch Fyne sea anglers

It was a cracking start to the season for the shore section of Loch Fyne Sea Angling Club as members ventured north to Ardgour last weekend.

This was the club's first event since lockdown last year and anticipation was high as they embarked on the long-awaited trip to fish the shoreline of Loch Linnhe.

Any thoughts of being a bit rusty after such a long lay-off were quickly dispelled with the first cast securing a pretty decent thornback ray.

This heralded the start of a productive day's

fishing which saw a total of 15 thornbacks to 4lb 5oz and 13 dogfish brought ashore, weighed and safely returned. The sunny weather was an added bonus with only the odd light shower during the five-hour match - hopefully the sign of a good season ahead.

Top three scores: Robert MacBrayne, 100 per cent; Gordon Law, 47 per cent; Steven MacBrayne, 24 per cent.

Heaviest fish: Robert MacBrayne with a 4lb 5oz thornback ray.

## Argyll Presbytery's new moderator 'honoured'

The Presbytery of Argyll's new moderator says she is 'deeply honoured' to have been given the role.

Dunoon-born Reverend Janet MacKellar was installed at Kirn and Sandbank Parish Church in Cowal last Tuesday, June 1.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, only three members of the Presbytery were present, with all others tuning in online.

Janet's family connections with Argyll go back generations, covering the many parishes of the Argyll Presbytery, including Cowal, Bute, Islay, Jura, Cairnbaan, Craignish, the Ross of Mull and the island of Iona.

The Presbytery of Argyll also includes South Uist where Janet's grandmother was born, so she says Argyll is well and truly in her DNA and she welcomes this opportunity to serve the church.



Reverend Janet MacKellar, the Presbytery of Argyll's new moderator.

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# A first for Kintyre – pilates studio opens at MACC

A dream that started nine years ago has finally come true for Leone Shaw Tulloch of LST Pilates.

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She was constantly falling over, tore her meniscus and was in pain. Instead of having surgery, a friend suggested working with a pilates studio. Leone began taking weekly mat classes and quickly saw benefits which meant she was soon able to enjoy running, cycling and walking without pain and falling over!

Mat classes are great for general balance and

core strength, whilst working in a studio environment allows Leone and clients to focus on specific areas including:

- athletic performance
- rehabilitation and injury recovery
- core strength
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Studio sessions last 90 minutes. While you attend as an individual, there are one or two others present.

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Geoffrey gets a sailing lesson from Murray MacDonald, founder of the charity.

# Life-changing experience with charity on the water

by Colin Cameron  
editor@argyllshireadvertiser.co.uk

Autism on the Water returned for another memorable weekend on the Crinan Canal.

The trip, in late May, was organised by Oban man Murray MacDonald who founded the charity Autism on the Water (AOTW) to give young people with autism the chance to enjoy the freedom of sailing.

Many of the 17 young people who took part in the trip had never seen the canal or never opened a lock gate. Some had never been on a boat. It was a life-changing experience for them.

AOTW worked alongside Scottish Canals to arrange the voyage in line with Covid guidelines.

Sadly the charity's new boat, appropriately named Confidence, broke down before



Confidence in the Crinan basin.

the event. But thanks to the generosity of Alan and Maggie Moore, who kindly supplied their yacht Delinquent, the young people were able to experience the canal.

An enthusiastic team of volunteers helped AOTW make this event happen.

Murray said: 'On behalf of the entire charity, we cannot thank them enough for their contribution to this event. Their help changed the lives of a lot of special young people, whose memories they helped

to create will be remembered forever. We'd also like to thank everyone who contributed generously towards the event.'

Among others, The Square Peg supplied rolls and soft drinks for lunch and The Stag Hotel, Grey Gull and Argyll Backpackers Hostel provided accommodation.

Murray had special praise for Donna Mallan of Scottish Canals 'whose influence has created such a positive partnership for AOTW within the community of the canal area.'

'We worked hard over the last few months to finally bring this event to life, especially around all the Covid restrictions that are still in place,' added Murray.

'We would like to thank Alan and Maggie Moore for supplying their yacht Delinquent and to Scottish Canals for all their assistance and co-operation.'

After being repaired, Confidence returned to the canal last weekend, welcoming Geoffrey Files as the first young person with autism to have a trip on the boat.

Murray said: 'Geoffrey has been involved with AOTW on our Crinan Canal events since we started them and his family are local to the canal, so we invited Geoffrey and his Mum Lucy to join us for the trip through to Ardrishaig.'

'We cannot wait to welcome even more young people.'

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We will be accepting consultation feedback from the exhibition material until 30 July 2021. Please visit [www.carduibh.co.uk](http://www.carduibh.co.uk) for further details or by using the contact details below. We plan to hold further exhibition events later in the year.

Comments should be made to Statkraft UK and do not constitute a formal representation. An opportunity to make a formal representation will exist if a subsequent planning application is made. Thank you and we hope you can take part in the consultation events.

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# Dog owner's plea after pet dies

A devastated pet owner has told how his beloved bull dog died from suspected blue green algae poisoning within 90 minutes of a walk, writes Ellis Butcher

After merely paddling along the shore of Loch Awe, 'healthy' seven-year-old Delilah fell ill rapidly, suffering symptoms including drooling, fitting, muscle twitching and struggling to breathe, said owner George Walker, from Edinburgh.

Despite medical assistance and resuscitation attempts from close friends Blair Smith and Dr Paul Mills, a senior nurse and consultant, the 'people-loving' Old Tyme Bull Dog was declared dead at Oban Veterinary Surgery.

Mr Walker said the water was clear and Delilah did not swim in it. He has now written an open letter to tourism businesses based around the loch imploring them to do more to notify pet owners and parents of the potential risks and to encourage councils to put up more warning signs.

Mr Walker said he had never

## Loch Awe algae bloom blamed for Delilah's death

been made aware of the algae having visited the same hotel with different dogs 'multiple times', in spite of a previous dog death at Loch Awe in June 2019.

Mr Walker said he was advised after the incident of a sign in the hotel foyer but believes many guests with pets and luggage would easily miss it on arrival after a long journey.

Mr Walker said: 'What upsets me the most is it was completely predictable and completely avoidable. It may well only be 'a small risk' - as was said to me - but a one in a thousand risk is a small one unless your dog is the one.'

'I am not trying to blame anyone. The hotels can't be held responsible for the water in the lochs, but they do have a duty of care to their guests and their pets.'

'My message would be 'be responsible' - actively tell dog

owners there is this risk. Being passive just isn't enough.'

In response, The Ardanaisig Hotel said it had done more to highlight the issue to guests than had 'ever been asked'.

A spokesperson said: 'The loss of a loved pet is such a sad event. We sympathise with Mr Walker greatly and continue to offer our condolences.'

'We are upset at the loss of the beloved pet of one of our guests, especially at a location where many of our staff are also enthusiastic dog owners.'

'We try as far as possible to advise guests on environmental issues, such as algae bloom on the loch.'

'In this instance, we placed a sign advising dog owners of a potential risk, although there was no such warning from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) or the local authority which is responsible for monitoring Loch Awe.'



Delilah fell ill and died within 90 minutes.

algae do or do not produce toxins simply by their appearance. 'Laboratory analysis is needed for this.'

'Therefore, it is advisable to regard all algal scums as potentially toxic.'

Toxic blooms can quickly mushroom in humid weather.

Poisoning often results in fatal liver failure and there is no cure for the toxins produced by the bacteria, although if caught early, vets can try to make dogs sick to flush the toxins from the body, according to experts.

Vet Julie McGlynn, of Oban Veterinary Surgeons, said it was strongly suspected blue green algae was the cause and that the bloom had been reported to SEPA.

In terms of the risk, the effects on dogs could be 'completely random', she said.

Blooms can be reported to the council at [envhealth@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:envhealth@argyll-bute.gov.uk), or online at [www.sepa.org.uk/report](http://www.sepa.org.uk/report).

SEPA said it had informed Argyll and Bute Council so signs could be put up to notify the public.

Argyll and Bute Council said: 'When we are made aware

of possible blue/green algae blooms, investigations are carried out and, where blooms are found to be present, warning signs are placed at the scene.'

'It is not possible to tell which

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## Opinions abound

Just a glance at social media will tell you that most folk are pretty much experts on just about everything.

Opinions abound on everything from politics to pets.

The Rest and be Thankful is no exception; most people are experts and everyone has an opinion.

But when it comes to 60 years of experience at the sharp end of engineering projects around the world, your opinion could be considered worth listening to.

Sir William Lithgow knows his stuff.

But even from a layperson's standpoint one has to question the comparison Transport Scotland is drawing between a soft rock tunnel and the hard stuff at the Rest.

Why won't officials take up his offer of a trip to Norway?

It won't cost the taxpayer and they might pick up some fresh insight and useful tips.

On a different subject, congratulations to Lorenzo on his Dutch success after enduring such a serious injury and long lay-off.

The Olympics would have been great, but all the best for the rest of the season.

## Young people and mental health

Sir,

Resourcing mental health treatment for young people has never been more important after new statistics from Public Health Scotland indicated that 161 young people in the NHS Highland area sought treatment between January and March 2021.

Sadly, the pandemic and lockdown restrictions have taken a toll on the mental well-being of many young people across the country including here in the Highlands and Islands.

We should remember that the consequences of this can be long-lasting. As the report notes, the majority of adult mental health problems begin in childhood with 50 per cent of mental health problems established by age 14.

This is a reason why my party will continue to push for 10 per cent of the health budget in Scotland to be spent directly on tackling mental health issues.

Although NHS Highland's waiting time track record is better than the Scottish average, with 75.2 per cent people seen within 18 weeks, that is still well below the Scottish Government's target of at least 90 per cent of patients being seen within that timeframe.

It has never been more important to ensure that young people receive the help they need, when they need it.

Donald Cameron, Highlands and Islands MSP.

## Questioning Scotland's presence

Sir,

It was disappointing to find one of the new Tory MSPs has written to the UK Foreign Office questioning Scotland's international presence.

I call it disappointing as even before devolution in 1999 Scotland had a Brussels office, which was established under these same Tories. This presence was developed under Labour and the Liberal Democrats and has been continued

since 2007 by the SNP. Now there is a network of offices around the world that promotes Scotland, its economy and tourism.

Scotland House in Brussels, for example, acts as the eyes and ears of the Scottish Government, Scotland Europa, Scottish Enterprise and Scottish Development International.

It is an effective platform to manage diplomatic engagement, economic engagement and cultural promotion.

Scotland is one of more than 300 regional and sub-state authorities, including 28 from Germany, 21 from Italy and 18 from Poland.

And non-EU states like Norway are also represented by six regional offices.

Indeed, Scotland has a smaller international presence than many sub-states such as Bavaria, Flanders and Quebec.

In addition, Denmark and Belgium give the Faroes, Greenland and Flanders officials parity of esteem and work together with central government, recognising the important role they play.

While everyone else is doing their best to promote themselves, it is bizarre, but maybe not unexpected, for the Tories to try to undermine Scotland's ability to do so.

Alex Orr, Edinburgh.

## Let's paws plastic

Sir,

The Scottish SPCA is pledging 500 miles to Keep Scotland Beautiful's Summer Clean.

Keep Scotland Beautiful is asking people to pledge time to pick up litter during the campaign from May 28 until June 20 with one hour equalling three miles.

Staff members across the society will be taking part in the Paws on Plastic initiative, alongside Keep Scotland Beautiful's campaign, encouraging people to pick up at least two pieces of litter per dog walk.

Scotland's animal welfare charity received 273 calls to its helpline about animals affected by litter from January to May.

That's almost two incidents every day and a similar figure to the same period in 2020 when there were 265 accounts.

We see first-hand the devastating consequences litter can have on animals.

Seals and birds get caught up in fishing line or wire or animals can ingest small pieces of rubbish and choke or die.

The sad thing is these injuries and deaths are entirely avoidable if people disposed of their rubbish responsibly.

We are proud to be making a difference by taking part in Paws on Plastic for the Keep Scotland Beautiful's Summer Clean.

The Scottish SPCA is dedicated to improving the lives of animals through protecting environments and habitats to ensure Scotland's wildlife can thrive for years to come.

Picking up litter will help people respect their environment and protect animals from the dangers of litter. No matter how small, it has the potential to be hazardous or lethal to pets, wildlife and farm animals.

The public should exercise caution and be careful when picking up litter and we ask that children taking part be accompanied by a responsible adult.

We recommend picking up litter with a dog bag or litter picker to avoid direct contact with any litter and do not pick up anything that could be harmful like glass or sharp objects.

Any syringes should not be picked up but reported to the local authority emergency waste uplift team informing them of the location of the syringe.

Anything that can be done to protect animals is appreciated and it will have a wonderful effect on communities too.

Mike Flynn, Scottish SPCA chief superintendent.

## Get the job

Sir,

I got my first Covid-19 vaccine dose on Saturday June 5.

A huge thanks to all of the hard-working NHS staff involved. I would encourage everyone to get vaccinated when they are offered an appointment.

Councillor Alastair Redman, Kintyre and the Islands.

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## Thought for the Week

Prime Minister Boris Johnson married Carrie Symonds on May 29 in Westminster Cathedral.

Many have asked how this was possible since Boris has been married twice before and the Roman Catholic church does not marry people who have previously tied the knot. Well, Boris did not marry in a Catholic ceremony the previous two occasions so his earlier marriages were not recognised. This might seem harsh, but it is consistent with Roman Catholic teaching.

The Church of Scotland takes a different view on divorce and re-marriage. And that is my point today: Christians, who read the same Bible, sometimes come to different conclusions. Yet we are still Christians.

The church is often compared to a family and families do not always agree. Yet the Bible says we are all God's children (Romans 8:16) and records a prayer of Jesus that His followers be 'one' (John Chapter 17).

The Church of Scotland meeting last week agreed to sign up to an organisation called the Scottish Christian Forum, where Christians of all persuasions around Scotland will meet together and work to improve the lives of people in our nation.

There is plenty to do, with so many suffering the effects of Covid in mental, physical and spiritual health. Christians do so much caring work in Scotland, in drug rehabilitation, food banks and social care. Church people take leading roles in action for climate change and fair trade.

That Church of Scotland meeting also approved the 'St Andrew's Declaration', an agreement to work with the Scottish Episcopal Church in future.

Sometimes the church gets a (deservedly?) bad press, but please remember in your prayers sincere and devout Christian people trying to help others and share the love of Jesus in Scotland, around the world...and even in Kintyre.

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

## ARDRISHAIG

### Heritage hub opens up

The Egg Shed at Ardrishaig Pier has re-opened. The heritage and community hub, opened in August 2019, is a key part of plans to regenerate Ardrishaig Harbour and the waterfront.

The Scottish Canals-led partnership project transformed and extended the disused building, known locally as the 'egg shed' or 'egg packing shed', into an interpretation and community centre telling the story of the Crinan Canal and the communities on its banks.

There is also a gift shop and a multi-purpose community space within the building.

Scottish Canals staff also now occupy the building, having moved out of the office in Pier Square.



Ardrishaig Egg Shed.

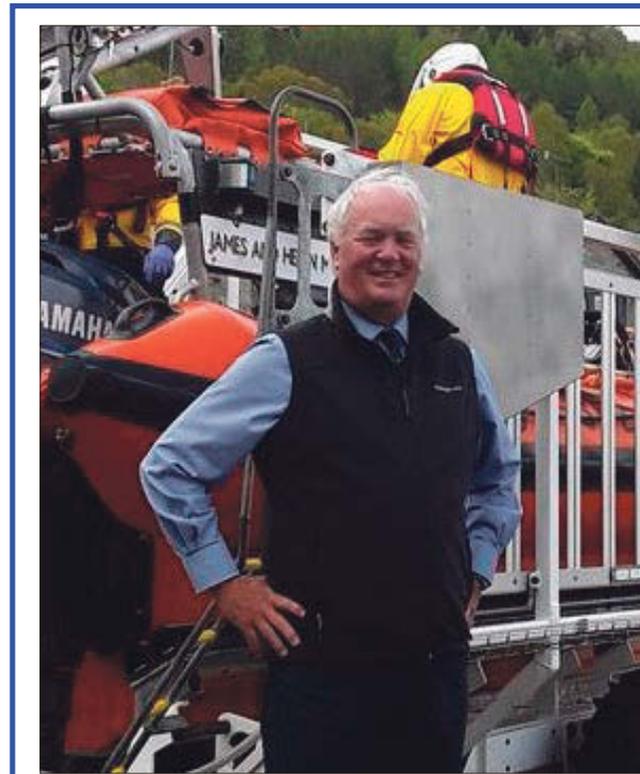
## LORN

### Projects get council support

A total of 16 Oban and Lorn community initiatives could receive grant funding through Argyll and Bute Council's Supporting Communities Fund, with another 13 applicants receiving no award.

A report before councillors states that £62,000 had been requested, but only £25,734 could be allocated.

Two projects were earmarked to receive the maximum grant of £2,500, including Bendoran Watersports CIC to help with deliver two kayaking courses for young people and the



## TIGHNABRUAICH

RNLI chief executive Mark Dowie visited Tighnabruaich Lifeboat Station as part of a tour of RNLI lifeboat stations in Scotland.

During his visit last month Mark, who was appointed RNLI chief executive officer in 2019, met representatives of the shore and lifeboat crew who were carrying out a training exercise.

The visit, postponed from 2020 and restricted by Covid-19, allowed Mr Downie to meet outdoors with station staff, fundraisers and shop volunteers.

**RNLI Chief Executive Mark Dowie.**

unemployed. Lorn and Oban Healthy Options has also been recommended for £2,500 to assist with the group's activities.

## ARGYLL AND BUTE

### Contractors all lined up

A £10 million road reconstruction programme in Argyll and Bute has won the approval of councillors – but concerns have been raised over safety aspects of the planned work.

Cowal councillor Alan Reid, Liberal Democrat, has called for white lining to be complete on treated roads before darker nights draw in to make driving safer.

The roads capital programme was discussed by the council's environment, development and infrastructure committee at its virtual meeting on June 3.

Councillor Reid said: 'I am delighted with

the huge programme of roadworks we are undertaking this year, but a problem in previous years has been that when we do surface dressing in the summer, it is long nights, so the white lines getting obscured is not such an issue.

'But it means that when we get to the darker nights in October or November, it becomes dangerous driving on these country roads.'

Jim Smith, the council's head of amenity services, responded: 'When the surface dressing is carried out, there is a period of time to get the chips to embed. This is done by rollers, then by traffic.'

'It is a problem that exists throughout Scotland, certainly in more rural areas, and we are working with colleagues at BEAR Scotland to bring in one set of lining contractors to do work on our roads and the trunk roads.'

'But we do sometimes struggle to get road markings in place as quickly as we would like. We have contractors lined up.'

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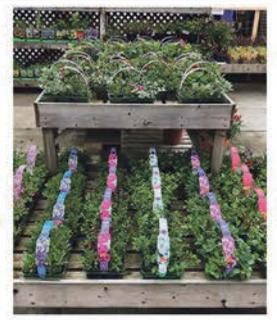
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Then there is climate change: plants that your grandparents would never have thought of growing in that particular spot might well be happy there now. Others have given up the ghost.

We also want to garden with more respect for the environment with well-

sourced plants and products, encourage birds, bees and biodiversity while discouraging deer and rabbits. Who hasn't walked outside and been deeply disappointed by the scene of a devoured garden?

## Garden trends

The trend to grow our own, be it on a window sill or vegetable patch, continues. Expect to see more pots, planters and equipment to support this.

We are even more home-centred and extending our living space - not only out into the garden but also for longer. Think folding glass doors onto paved, decked or gravelled surfaces with heat and light well into autumn and milder winter days and bringing the garden indoors with pot plants featuring more as part of our interior design.

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And one way we can get the best use and value for money is to invest in more, or better, buildings in our garden.

It all comes down to budget, but there are so many ways we can add value to our garden space and, in turn, to our property.

The most obvious is to plan the garden 'into' the house, with bi-fold doors, traditional French windows, patios, seating areas, canopies and by some judicious purchases from the ever-increasing range of garden furniture, lighting and heating available to us.

Never forget the humble garden shed. Have you had a look at them recently? Suddenly they are not that humble. They are getting second lives as home offices, hobby dens, reading rooms and chill out zones.

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Aberdour's Stuart Downey and Nicholas Crawford of Inveraray wrestle for the ball at Silversands. Photograph: Stephen Lawson.

# Clash of the ash back with a bang

Shinty returned to competitive action after an enforced 15-month layoff during the pandemic.

With no spectators allowed at matches under current Covid rules, the sport's interim regional league structure opened with wins for Inveraray and Kyles Athletic first teams in Mowi Senior League C.

Inveraray travelled east to face Aberdour at Silversands, seeing off the Fife side 6-1 thanks to doubles from Coll MacKay, Fraser Watt and Lewis MacNicol.

Aberdour briefly had the score at 2-1 after an 11th minute goal by Ruairidh Reid, but three minutes later Watt restored Inveraray's two-goal cushion and they never looked back.

Oban Celtic welcomed Kyles Athletic for their opening tie.

Goals by Colin MacDonald, Roddy MacDonald and Ross MacRae had the visitors 3-0 up at the interval.

A Roddy MacDonald score 15 minutes after the break saw Kyles through to a 4-0 victory.

In the remaining Mowi Senior League C tie, Oban Camanachd played Glasgow Mid Argyll at Yoker with the match ending in a no-scoring draw.

In Mowi South League A,

Inveraray second team shared six goals with Ballachulish in an entertaining draw at the Winterton.

Elsewhere in the league, Lochside Rovers drew 1-1 with Bute in Oban and Taynuilt were defeated 4-1 at home by Col Glen, despite the home side leading 1-0 at half-time.

Tayforth defeated visitors Kyles Athletic 5-1 in Mowi South League B, while in Mowi Central League, Glenorchy won 4-1 away to Ardnamurchan.

Also in Mowi Central League, Kilmory were unable to field a team to travel to Spean Bridge for their opening tie versus Lochaber.

This weekend in matches starting at 2.30pm, Inveraray host Oban Celtic and Kyles play Glasgow Mid Argyll at Kames Playing Fields in Mowi Senior League C.

Inveraray seconds travel round Loch Fyne to play Col Glen, while Kilmory will host Glenorchy in a 2pm throw-up.

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## Black belt Wallace awarded fourth dan

Sensei Wallace Simpson of Lochgilphead Kyokushinkai Karate Club was awarded his fourth dan black belt on May 30.

His new grade comes four years after Wallace attained third dan.

Shihan Iain Rodger of Lochgilphead Kyokushinkai Karate Club said: 'Belts of this grade are hard to come by and require many years of hard practise and many years of teaching.'

The award comes from

the executive committee of the Independent Kyokushin Karate Union (IKKU) and was presented by Iain, as the country representative.

Iain added: 'Wallace was shocked and surprised by the award, which I was very proud to present.'

Wallace, right, proudly wearing his new belt alongside Shihan Iain Rodger, who presented the belt on behalf of the IKKU.



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## Red Star shine in cup derby

RJD Brickwork-sponsored Red Star faced local rivals Tarbert at the Joint Campus Astro last Saturday and booked their spot in the semi-finals of the Jimmy Marshall Cup thanks to three second-half goals.

The home side dominated possession throughout against a depleted Tarbert side but struggled to force their way through a determined backline especially in the first half. Star made the breakthrough eight minutes into the second half when some good play down the left wing saw Robert Docherty get the ball across goal.

After a deflection the ball fell to Stuart MacLean who steadied himself before finishing into the bottom corner.

The second goal soon followed; this time through strike partner Euan Finlay.

He reacted well to a corner which fell nicely for him to finish from close range, a goal that his over-all play deserved.

The scoring was rounded off late on when a surging run from centre back Coll McCallum resulted in the defender getting his cross in.

It was diverted past Selfridge by the unfortunate Tarbert defender to seal a comfortable 3-0 win in the end.

# True grit helps renew Ardrishaig courts

Just as they did last year, Balfour Beatty workers are helping to refurbish the tennis courts in Ardrishaig, writes Colin Cameron

Working between shifts on the construction of towers for a new electricity supply line, a crew is clearing weeds, mending fences and preparing for a renewed surface and fresh line markings on the old blaes courts on Glenburn Road alongside the bowling green.

Already there is a noticeable difference in how the area looks – and more is to be done over the next few weeks.

Everyone at Ardrishaig Bowling and Tennis Club is extremely grateful to the Balfour Beatty staff for the hard work they have put into getting things to the point where the final stages can now start.

### True grit

This past weekend saw a supply of red grit arrive from a Lanarkshire sports surfaces supplier.

Thanks to ‘true grit’ and graft by the Balfour Beatty lads, 20 tonnes of this is being laid and levelled to provide a good playing surface before the exciting work of laying out the courts can begin.

In past years this mam-

moth task has been done by Ardrishaig Bowling Club’s greenkeeper – the remarkable Tommy McCrae.

Almost 300 metres of tape will be nailed in place to mark out the two courts.

One galvanised nail is needed every 75 mm, meaning 4,200 nails need to be hammered in with 48 tricky right-angles to be created.

Ruth Carruthers of the club said: ‘Will we make it in time for Wimbledon?’

‘Well, we can’t guarantee it, but we will do our level best. Once we have the nets up – let the games begin.’

Ruth continued: ‘Look out for notice of an official re-opening. Even if you don’t feel tennis is your thing, you’ll be made extremely welcome at Ardrishaig Bowling and Tennis Club, whether as a newcomer to bowling, as a spectator who just wants to enjoy that peaceful open space in the village or as a budding tennis star.’

An open weekend will be held on Saturday and Sunday June 26-27 from 2pm, with an opportunity to see and try out what the club has to offer.

‘A year’s membership to newcomers is a fantastic bargain



The Balfour Beatty crew spreading grit for the new courts.

at £20 and entitles you to play both bowls and tennis,’ said Ruth, ‘though not both at once please.’

Enquiries about joining the club should be directed to

Fiona MacLachlan on 01546 602860.

The courts will be available for use without booking with payment for non-members via the honesty/letter box on the

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# Highland cow's triplet surprise

A Kintyre farmer was surprised to learn one of his Highland cows was expecting twins – but he got an even bigger surprise when she safely delivered triplets, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

When the pedigree cow, registered as Ceiteag of Stac a Chagair with the Highland Cattle Society, was scanned her owner David Laing was told she was carrying two calves.

This is not common in Highland cattle, which are a fairly small breed, but it is practically unheard of for a Highlander to deliver three healthy calves from one pregnancy.

But that is what happened about three weeks ago at Killean, where David rents

some land. He explained that after seeing the expected twins safely delivered, he returned to his house in Muasdale for the night.

'The next day I came up and standing there was the mother and two calves,' he said. 'Then I heard this noise and I wondered what it was. I heard it again and two seconds later, a third calf came out of the rushes. I got quite a surprise. We were expecting twins but we got a wee bonus.'

The all-female triplets – which have been named Penny, Poppy and Princess by David's wife Kate – were sired by Lachlan first of Stac a Chair.

David said their mother, a second calver, is managing to feed the trio herself with just a 'wee bit' of assistance.

Born to dam Ceiteag first of Ghiol, sired by Jock of Isle of Bute, the five-year-old cow appeared at Kintyre Agricultural Show when she was two.

In his 30 years of farming, David has never heard of a Highland cow delivering healthy triplets and said he will 'let her off' if the triplets' mother is not in-calf next year.

David originally moved to Kintyre with his family during his childhood.

He worked for some time at

Largie before moving to Islay with Kate about 30 years ago.

Kate worked as a geography teacher on the island while David was farm manager at the Royal Society for the Protection of Bird's nature reserve at the Mull of Oa.

When David left that job two years ago, he struggled to find land for his livestock on Islay so he moved them to Kintyre.

The couple now split their time between Islay and Kintyre.



David Laing was surprised to find his Highland cow had given birth to triplets. 50\_c23highlandtriplets02

Left: Meet Penny, Poppy and Princess, Kintyre's adorable Highland calf triplets. 50\_c23highlandtriplets03




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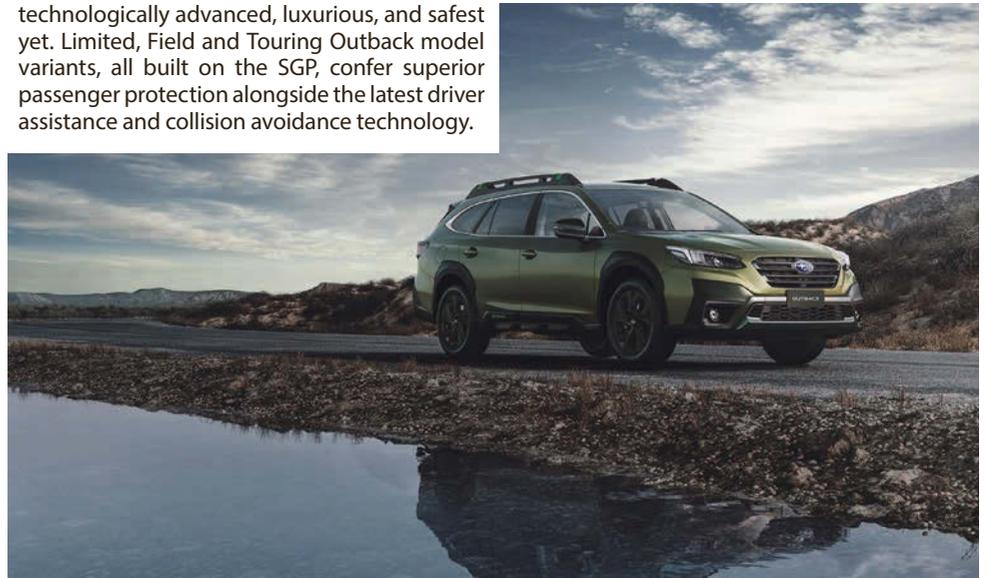
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The All-New Isuzu D-Max is the next-generation workhorse that builds on Isuzu's renowned durability and practicality with an assertive new exterior and interior design, even greater off-road performance and class-leading Advanced Driver Assist Systems (ADAS). The judges explained that the D-Max's new

features and proficiencies made the new model an even more attractive option for trade buyers.

Matthew Eisenegger, editor at Trade Van Driver, commented: "The D-Max has always ticked all the right boxes for tradespeople with its solid reliability and impressive off-road capabilities but the new model combines it with levels of refinement, safety and luxuries previously unseen in the pick-up sector. It's a huge leap forward for Isuzu and a worthy winner for the ninth year running in the view of the judges."

William Brown, Managing Director at Isuzu UK, remarked: "We're extremely proud to be awarded 'Best Workhorse Pick-Up' as it demonstrates the huge appeal that the All-New Isuzu D-Max has within the trades sector. The new

model is built to take on even more demanding work and it's great that this was recognised by the judges."

The accolade marks a flying start for the All-New Isuzu D-Max, which has already been awarded 'Pick-Up of the Year' by 4x4 Magazine and 'Best Pick-Up' at the Business Vans awards. Part of its appeal can be attributed to the comprehensive range of trucks available from the Pick-Up Professionals at Isuzu UK, including three cab types (single, extended and double cab), two layouts (4x2 and 4x4), two transmissions (six-speed manual and six-speed automatic) and four trim levels (Utility, DL20, DL40 and V-Cross).

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# Local company leading the way for Peugeot

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# Peugeot continues to grow its UK market share in May 2021

Peugeot has continued its strong performance in 2021, increasing its UK new car and van market share year on year to 4.7 per cent, according to the latest registration figures released by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT).

Peugeot has also improved its Passenger Car Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) sales mix from last year, jumping from 11.2 per cent in 2020 to 15.5 per cent in the first five months of the year.

May was the first full month of the year when showrooms across the country were open to the public following the gradual easing of Covid-19 restrictions, with Peugeot selling over 8,400 vehicle sales in May, and having sold over 41,000 in the first five months of the year.

Julie David, Managing Director, Peugeot, UK, said: "It's been fantastic to welcome buyers back to our showrooms in May, especially as we continue to grow our product line-up. Our electric range in particular has been very successful with both private and fleet buyers, and I am excited to see what the rest of the year holds."

Peugeot's strong LEV sales mix comes as the brand continues to introduce new electric models to its range, having recently announced the upcoming arrival of the new full electric, e-Boxer van – its largest electric van on sale, with up

to a 139-mile range and 15m3 maximum load volume.

By the end of 2021, Peugeot will be one of the few brands able to offer businesses and buyers a fully electric van across its entire LCV line-up, helping them save on running costs with no compromise in capability. By 2025, Peugeot will offer an electric variant across its entire model line-up.

Peugeot continued the strong performance in May in terms of new cars, with a market share of 3.9 per cent May year to date, which compares to 3.2 per cent year to date May 2020. Peugeot's private car sales now exceed 10,000 for the year, with its popular new models the new 208 and e-208 and 2008 and e-2008 continuing to perform strongly in their respective segments.

Peugeot's showrooms across the UK continue to adhere to strict social distancing and hygiene measures to keep staff and customers safe. Its online portal, the Peugeot Buy Online also continues to operate, giving customers the possibility to configure, view, finance and order their next vehicle entirely online.

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# Increased demand for EVs in 2020 contributed

2020 was a year of unexpected challenges and significant change for the automotive industry. Amid many difficulties posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, demand for electric vehicles increased and CO2 emissions fell further than before. According to data collected by JATO Dynamics in 21 countries across Europe, the volume weighted average CO2 emissions (NEDC) of vehicles registered in 2020 was 106.7 g/km – 12 per cent lower than the average recorded in 2019.

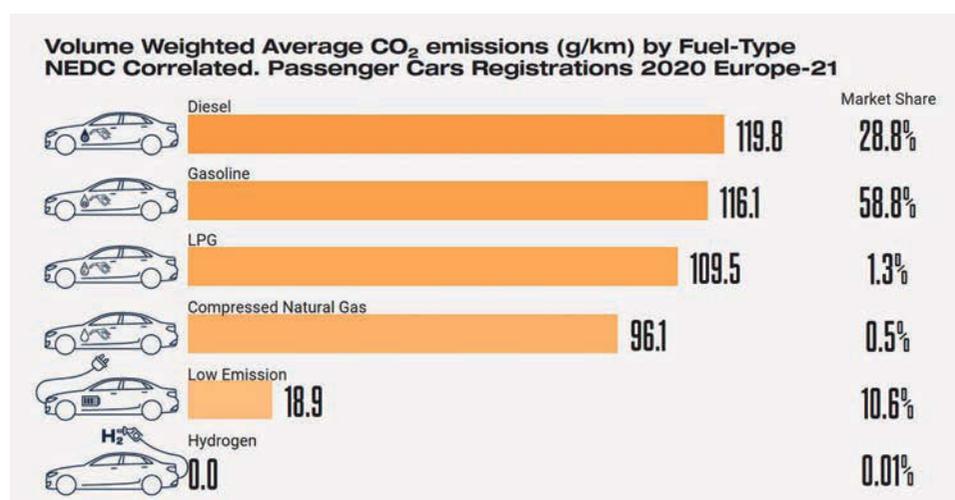
This drop in CO2 emissions can be attributed to tougher government regulations such as the enforcement of WLTP fuel economy rules and a shift in consumer attitudes in favour of electric vehicles.

Felipe Munoz, JATO's global analyst, said: "Although the industry still needs to do more to meet the European Commission's CO2 targets, manufacturers have demonstrated significant progress with their range and sales in 2020."

Registrations of pure electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles totalled 1.21 million units last year – 10.6 per cent of the total market. This is an increase from 2019, when volume totalled 466,000 units, accounting for just 3.1 per cent of total registrations.

## Push for sustainability heightened by the pandemic

The Covid-19 pandemic has supported the growth of EVs across Europe. Focusing on how to bring the automotive market back to full strength, European countries opted to promote



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a green, sustainable recovery, with some governments creating new purchase incentives within their economic-stimulus packages.

This resulted in many consumers moving away from traditional internal combustion engines (ICE) vehicles during the pandemic, instead purchasing low-emissions alternatives. Volume for ICE vehicles fell from 14.7 million units in 2019, to 8.6 million last year – accounting for three in four cars registered in Europe.

This had an immediate effect on emissions levels. Munoz noted: "In a year when millions of potential buyers were not allowed to leave their

homes, it is notable that total average emissions decreased by 15g/km. It signifies a fundamental change to our notion of mobility and a greater appetite for sustainable options."

With lockdown restrictions imposed across Europe and many governments delivering incentives packages for zero and low emissions cars, OEMs have made changes to their offering and marketing in order to entice consumers towards EV and PHEV vehicles.

## Six countries posted emissions averages below 100g/km

Six countries posted average emissions below

100g/km – the Netherlands, Denmark, Portugal, Sweden, France and Finland. This also reflects the ranking for countries with the highest registration of EVs, with Sweden (32 per cent) and the Netherlands (25 per cent) topping the list. Finland, Denmark and Portugal occupied the following positions. On the other side of the spectrum, the opposite trend can be seen in Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Poland – all of which registered the highest CO2 averages and recorded low levels of EV penetration.

## SUVs drive sales while posting highest average reduction in emissions

Despite the turbulent economic backdrop, SUVs were a key driver of growth last year, easing the fall in sales across traditional hatchbacks, sedans, MPVs and wagons.

In 2020, the volume of SUV registrations accounted for 40 per cent of all passenger cars, and also posted the best results for average reduction to emissions levels.

According to our data, SUV emissions fell by 16.2g/km between 2019 and 2020 – the biggest decrease among the five mega segments analysed (regular cars, MPVs, sport cars, SUVs and vans). This is, in part, due to the improved range of PHEV and BEV midsize, and large SUVs now available to consumers.

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Munoz stated: "More often than not, SUVs tend to be heavier than hatchbacks and sedans, meaning fuel consumption is higher. That said, they are now the next target on the list for electrification and we will undoubtedly see more progress in the coming months."

So far, the race for electrification has largely been seen across more traditional models. For instance, the Tesla Model 3, Renault Zoe and Volkswagen ID.3 are Europe's top-selling BEVs. There is still great potential within the SUV market and demand is expected to accelerate at an even greater pace when more electrified models are introduced.

Munoz added: "After a year of disruption, there are reasons to be positive and manufactures could rapidly offset the decline in sales by focusing on what consumers are looking for at the moment – zero and low emissions SUVs."

All emission data is taken directly from public sources or, when there was no public source, taken from comparable vehicles. The information includes the registrations weighted NEDC-Correlated emissions without supercredits and phase-in.

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### THE A83 TRUNK ROAD (LOCHGILPHEAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON USE OF ROAD) ORDER 2021

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS give notice that they have made the above Order under sections 2(1) and (2), 4(1) and 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, temporarily prohibiting traffic on that length of the A83 Tarbet - Lochgilphead - Campbeltown Trunk Road from its junction with Lorne Street, Lochgilphead generally eastwards in Poltalloch Street and Lochnell Street to its junction with Campbell Street, Lochgilphead, a distance of 410 metres or thereby.

The Order, which is required to facilitate a wreath laying ceremony and to enable members of the public to watch this event, will be in operation 12th June until 13th June 2021. It is anticipated the prohibition will be in place for a period of 10 minutes between 10:45hrs and 11:15hrs and will only have effect in relation to such part or parts of the length of road as is indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

The Order does not apply to vehicles being used in an emergency for fire brigade, ambulance, police or coastguard purposes or a vehicle being used for facilitating the holding of the relevant event.

#### ALTERNATIVE ROUTE

The alternative routes for traffic during the prohibition will be signposted. Detailed descriptions can also be obtained at BEAR Scotland Limited, BEAR House, Inveralmond Road, Inveralmond Industrial Estate, Perth, PH1 3TW.

A copy of the Order and this notice will be available on the Transport Scotland website at <https://www.transport.gov.scot/road-orders/?roadorderregion=1291>

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## Argyll and Bute Council

### PLANNING

The applications listed below together with the plans and other documents submitted with them may be viewed electronically through Argyll and Bute Council website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk). Having regard to Schedule 6, Part 3, s10 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020, documents are only available to inspect electronically at this time. Customers requiring assistance can contact us by e-mail: [planning.hq@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:planning.hq@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or tel. 01546 605518.

#### 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 (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
21/00885/PP	Installation of hardstanding area with fencing and installation of 2 flagpoles (retrospective)	The Grey Gull Inn, Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA30 8EU
21/00757/PP	Re-painting of shop front, installation of replacement internal double doors, repairs and painting of external doors and window frames	Loch Fyne Gallery, Harbour Street, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute, PA29 6UD
21/00833/PP	Erection of dwellinghouse	Land North Of Tormod, Kilmartin, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA31 8RQ

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## Argyll and Bute Council

### Unaudited Annual Accounts for the period from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Public notice is given in accordance with the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014, that:

(a) A copy of the Unaudited Annual Accounts of Argyll and Bute Council and applicable charities from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 will be available for inspection on the following website: [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk) from Monday 28th June 2021 to Friday 16th July 2021. Please note that due to the restrictions in place as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic there are no council offices open to the public therefore access to the annual accounts and supporting documentation is limited to the website this year.

(b) Any person interested may object to the annual accounts or to any part of those statements, no later than Monday 19th July 2021, by:  
(1) sending their objection in writing, together with a statement of the grounds thereof to John Cornett, Audit Director, Audit Scotland, 4th Floor (South Suite), The Athenaeum Building, 8 Nelson Mandela Place, Glasgow, G2 1BT or by email to [johncornett@audit-scotland.gov.uk](mailto:johncornett@audit-scotland.gov.uk) and;  
(2) sending a copy of that objection and statement to the authority and to any officer of the authority who may be concerned, both at Financial Services, Council Headquarters, Kilmory, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RT.

(c) Any request which Argyll and Bute Council receive in relation to the annual accounts plus any documents provided, will be published on the same website. When it is not possible to provide the information in electronic format the request, together with the statement that the authority will not comply, will also be published in the same place on the website as the inspection notice.

(d) The auditor shall, if requested by the person objecting, the authority, or by any officer of the authority who may be concerned, afford to that person or authority or officer, as the case may be, an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the auditor with respect to that objection; and any such person or officer may so appear and be heard either personally or by a representative.

Pippa Milne  
Chief Executive  
7 June 2021

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## Argyll and Bute Council

### DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (HIGH STREET, CAMPBELTOWN) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2021

On Monday the 7th of June 2021, Argyll and Bute Council made the above named Order under Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will make it unlawful for any person to cause or permit any vehicle to wait at any time on the lengths of road specified in the Schedule below.

#### SCHEDULE – PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME

Length of Road within Campbeltown High Street	Side of road to which restriction applies
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1. From the extended southeast kerbline of Saddle Street, extending in an easterly direction to the extended west kerbline of Princes Street, a distance of 137 metres or thereby. North
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3. From the extended east kerbline of George Street, extending in an easterly direction to the extended north west kerbline of North Shore Street, a distance of 84 metres or thereby. South

Exceptions will apply to a vehicle being used in an emergency for fire brigade, ambulance, police or coastguard purposes and a vehicle being used for carrying out the works. The restrictions imposed by this Order which are required to allow essential works to be carried out on or near the road will be effective when indicated by signs from 0001 hours on 28th of June 2021 until 23:59 hours on the 28th of July 2021 or until the works are complete, whichever is the earlier. The parking restrictions will be phased to reduce the impact at any one time.

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(a) Copies of the Unaudited Annual Accounts of Argyll and Bute Integration Joint Board for the period from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 will be available for public inspection on the following websites: [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk) and [www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk) from Thursday 1st July 2021 to Wednesday 21st July 2021. Please note that due to the restrictions in place as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic there are no council offices currently open to the public. Therefore access to the annual accounts and supporting documentation is limited to the website this year.

(b) Any person interested may object to the annual accounts or to any part of those statements, no later than Monday 26th July 2021, by:

(1) sending their objection in writing, together with a statement of the grounds thereof to John Cornett, Audit Director, Audit Scotland, 4th Floor (South Suite), The Athenaeum Building, 8 Nelson Mandela Place, Glasgow, G2 1BT or by email to [jcornett@audit-scotland.gov.uk](mailto:jcornett@audit-scotland.gov.uk) and;

(2) sending a copy of that objection and statement to the authority and to any officer of the authority who may be concerned, both at Head of Finance and Transformation, Kilmory, Lochgilhead, PA31 8RT.

(c) Any request which Argyll and Bute Council receive in relation to the annual accounts plus any documents provided, will be published on the same website. When it is not possible to provide the information in electronic format the request, together with the statement that the authority will not comply, will also be published in the same place on the website as the inspection notice.

(d) The auditor shall, if requested by the person objecting, the authority, or by any officer of the authority who may be concerned, afford to that person or authority or officer, as the case may be, an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the auditor with respect to that objection; and any such person or officer may so appear and be heard either personally or by a representative.

Fiona Davies, Interim Chief Officer, 07 June 2021



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**DEATH**

**BROUGHTON** – Rebecca. With great sadness we announce the death of Rebecca Grace Janet Penman at Ayr Hospital on June 1, 2021, aged 27 years. Loving wife of Barry Broughton, mother of Joseph and Rory, loving daughter of Dennis and Margaret Penman, granddaughter of Grace Young and the late Joe and Netta Penman. The family are welcoming donations to the charity Make 2nds Count.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**CLARK** – In loving memory our beloved husband and dad Colin, who died June 9, 2014. Forever with us.

- From Tottie and family.

**DOTT** - In loving memory of a much loved mum, granny and great granny, Isobel Dott, who passed away June 16, 2020. Missed and loved every day.

- Mandy, Charles, Steven and families.

**MCMILLAN** – In memory of our beloved daughter Jane, died June 10, 2017. Always in our hearts and minds

With love there is no end.

- Charlie and Jen.

**PERSONAL NOTICES**

**Diamond Wedding Anniversary**

Donald & Rosemary Cameron (née Burns).

They were married on June 10, 1961, at Ardrishaig Parish Church by

Rev. J.J. Stanley Whyte.

Congratulations from Fiona, Alice and all your family and friends.



**70th BIRTHDAY**

Margaret McDowall, Southend, celebrates the Big 7-0 on June 17th.

An amazing woman who always manages to get everything done!

Love from Us xxx



**CHURCH NOTICES**

**SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH**



Call to me and I will answer you Jeremiah 33 verse 3

In person..... or Online...? Our building is open and our Service will be in the church on **Sunday, 13th June 2021 at 11am**

If you cannot make it in person, you can still join us online. To join the Zoom service, send your email address to [officespringbankchurch@gmail.com](mailto:officespringbankchurch@gmail.com) and you will be sent a link to join us on Sunday via Zoom.

Covid restrictions will apply in the building – masks and social distancing

[www.springbankchurch.org.uk](http://www.springbankchurch.org.uk)  
<https://www.facebook.com/springbankchurch>  
Contact phone number 01586 551237 - Church Secretary

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**



**South Kintyre Team Ministry Sunday services**

10 am Saddell and Carradale Church SC002609  
10 am Highland Church, Campbeltown SC002493  
11.30am Southend Church SC005484

Covid 19 restrictions apply  
Ministers  
Revd Steve Filcher  
Revd Christine Fulcher  
01586 830504  
[www.kintyreparishes.org.uk](http://www.kintyreparishes.org.uk)

**SALVATION ARMY**



Our meetings are **Sunday 13th June** Worship service New time of 11am. 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

**GLASSARY, KILMARTIN AND FORD PARISH CHURCH**

Barr Mhor Kilmartin  
**Sunday 13th June 2021**  
11am  
Rev Dr Roderick Campbell  
Communion  
All very welcome  
Please remember to wear a mask

**CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH**

George Street, Campbeltown



**Sunday 13th June**  
11.15am Worship Service  
Stephen Strong  
11.15am Sunday School  
7.30pm Youth Group  
**Wednesday 16th June**  
12.00 noon Prayer & Bible Study  
Covid-19 guidelines apply  
All welcome  
[www.campbeltownfree-church.co.uk](http://www.campbeltownfree-church.co.uk)  
Scottish Charity Number: SC046745

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Christ Church, Lochgilphead  
Sunday 11am  
Holy Eucharist  
St Columba, Poltalloch  
9am Holy Communion  
1st Sunday of the month  
6pm Evensong  
3rd Sunday of the month (SCO13787, 31391)

**CAMPBELTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**



**A warm welcome awaits you**  
in the Kirk Street Hall at 11:00 am  
Pastor Mark Jasper  
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[pastor@campbeltown-communitychurch.co.uk](mailto:pastor@campbeltown-communitychurch.co.uk)  
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**NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH**

charity number SC001002  
Although our buildings are closed we are still active. Our website is full of information & links to keep you informed & provide opportunities for worship on-line  
Please look it up & keep in touch  
[www.northknapdale.org](http://www.northknapdale.org)

**LORNE & LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH**

Scottish Charity Number SC 11686  
**Sunday 13th June**  
Morning Worship  
11. 15am  
Rev W Crossan  
Covid 19 Guidelines apply  
There will be a message on our Facebook page each Wednesday and Sunday

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

There will be a weekly service at Skipness 10am and Tarbert 11.30am - Rev Lyn Peden  
Please wear a face covering and stay 2 metres apart for the services  
Contact Rev. Lyn Peden 01880 820158 for pastoral care  
Charity number Tarbert SC002622 Skipness SC004280

**WESTLOCHFYNESIDE CHURCHES (Cumloddan, Inveraray and Lochgair)**

Charity No: SC016665  
**Sunday 13th June 2021**  
There will be a service in Cumloddan Church at 10.00am  
The service will be led by Rev. Dorothy Wallace. There will also be a Baptismal service in Inveraray Church at 11.30am  
The service will be led by Rev. Dorothy Wallace  
Please phone 01499302459 to reserve a seat due to restricted numbers. Masks must be worn when attending either church.

**ST. KIERAN'S, ST. JOHN STREET, CAMPBELTOWN**

01586 552160  
[campbeltown@rcdai.org.uk](mailto:campbeltown@rcdai.org.uk)  
Public worship: **Sundays, 10am** (please book), **Wednesdays, 10am** (please book),  
Live streamed only: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, 10am  
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Parish Priest: Fr. A. Wood

**ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES**

**Sunday 13th June**  
Services in Achahoish at 9:45am and Ardrishaig at 11:00am Church and Nation (1 Peter 2)  
(Covid19 control measures apply)  
Weekly Reflections continue to be available at the church gates

**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH**



**SUNDAY 6TH JUNE 2021**  
11.00am WORSHIP SERVICE  
Rev. Hilda Smith  
Covid restrictions will apply, including social distancing which has the effect of reducing the number of people who can attend. Places must be booked in advance, by telephoning (01546) 602087 after 5.00pm.  
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# Comeback gold for sailor Lorenzo

by Colin Cameron  
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Mid Argyll sailing sensation Lorenzo Chiavarini blew his competitors out of the water last week in his first major event since returning from long-term injury.

At the Allianz Regatta in Medemblik in the Netherlands – part of the Hempel World Cup Series – Lorenzo rounded off the first week of the regatta by winning gold in the ILCA 7 (formerly Laser) class.

Part of the British Sailing Team, Lorenzo led the 61-boat fleet from day one through to the conclusion of the nine-race series in the company of most of Europe's big hitters.

Lorenzo told the Advertiser: 'It's always great winning an event and one on that scale was even better.'

'We had good conditions, I sailed well and I was very happy at the end.'

With his coach unable to travel, Lorenzo faced the regatta alone. 'It's quite a big event with a lot of pressure,'



**Lorenzo Chiavarini celebrates his win at the Allianz Regatta.** Photographs: Sander van der Borch/Allianz Regatta

he explained, 'and I had to do everything myself, so it was nice to get the reward.'

Covid has interrupted the world cup series, so the win was an important one for Lorenzo, meaning a possible

return to the top five in the world rankings. His career was interrupted in 2019 when a serious accident – in which his boat ended up on rocks – resulted in a severe back injury.

The timing could not have been worse for a man at the top of his game, coming just before the final Olympic trial event. The result was missing out on selection for Tokyo 2020.

'It's taken basically a year and a half of physio and gym work to get back to where I was,' explained Lorenzo. 'But I'm happy to have come back and won my first big event.'

Brought up by the banks of the canal at Bellanoch, Lorenzo spends most of his time these days at the British Sailing Team base in Weymouth.

Covid restrictions and the demands of his sport mean that it's a while since he's been home.

He was due to visit his parents over Christmas, but a combination of travel restrictions and the lack of a car meant it was March before he made it home to Bellanoch for a week.

Lorenzo's attention now turns to Barcelona and the ILCA Masters World Championships.

He said: 'I'm fully focused on training for the worlds in September, trying to maintain the consistency and momentum I have.'



**Stuart Herd of the Harbour Gallery, third from the right, with some of the prize-winners.**

## Stroke of genius from Robertson in gallery Open

Golfers from Lochgilphead, Inveraray and Old Ranfurly gathered at Glenralloch last Saturday to compete in Tarbert Golf Club's Harbour Gallery Open.

Inveraray's David Robertson, a talented all-round sportsman, was in sparkling form with a level par outward nine of 33 which included two birdies.

His inward nine of 37 gave him a total of 70-11 for nett 59 to take first place.

Tarbert players Iain Macalister, 63 nett, and James Smyth, 64 nett, took second and third places respectively with regular open visitor Peter Boyd taking fourth on 65 bih.

In the scratch section, Craig Barrett had an excellent 68 which included three birdies.

Peter McLean Junior was second on 73, with Inveraray's George Morrison third on 78 and Mike McNeill fourth

with 80 bih. The longest drive at the second went to Derek Robertson and closest to the pin at the eighth was Scott Robertson.

A Tarbert Golf Club spokesperson said: 'Many thanks to Stuart Herd of the Harbour Gallery for his continued support and to the visitors who travelled to support the event.'

Tomorrow (Saturday), it is the ladies' turn to compete in the West Loch Shores Open.

Places are still available with players asked to book via the app.



## Adult rugby returns to Lochgilphead

Mid Argyll has hosted its first adult session of touch rugby in Lochgilphead for almost a decade. Sixteen people, aged from teenagers to over-60s, turned up to the Ropework on Tuesday June 8. Lee Buckley of Mid Argyll Rugby Club said: 'Anyone who wants to try it out, men and women of any ability, can along to the next session on the Ropework from 7pm to 8.30pm on June 15.'



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