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Campbeltown named most improved place in Scotland

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Following an extensive, multi-million pound regeneration programme, Campbeltown has been named Scotland's most improved place and an 'increasingly attractive place to live, work and invest'.

Up against Fernbrae Meadows in Rutherglen and New Cumnock in East Ayrshire, Campbeltown town centre took the top prize at the 2020 SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration.

Campbeltown's triumph came thanks to a combination of community-led regeneration and the £13 million Campbeltown Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS), which have produced a 'thriving town centre'.

Delivered annually by independent regeneration forum SURF, in partnership with the Scottish Government, the SURF Awards are some of the most prestigious regen-



CARS officer James Lafferty, inset, pictured alongside Campbeltown Town Hall, one of the buildings which has been restored over the last 14 years, leading to the town's success at the SURF Awards.

eration awards in Scotland. Campbeltown's application was submitted in September last year, with news that it was short-listed announced in October. This would normally have led to a visit by the judging panel but this was not

possible in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

As part of the evaluation process, representatives from Campbeltown CARS and community groups including Campbeltown Community Council, South Kintyre

Development Trust and Keeping It Local, who were involved in producing a film about the project, held a two-hour assessment call with the judges.

A gala awards dinner in Glasgow was scheduled for December but had to be cancelled, so the results were announced at a virtual celebratory presentation event, streamed live online last Thursday evening instead. The Campbeltown project was represented by CARS officer James Lafferty, of Argyll and Bute Council, who has managed the project since 2007. Representatives of the five

category-winning initiatives were personally congratulated by the Scottish Government's Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Communities Aileen Campbell MSP.

Emma Scott, events, information and communications manager at SURF, said: 'This year's winner of Scotland's most improved place, Campbeltown town centre, showed what can be done when people from all sectors come together with a common purpose.'

'The town has faced a number of social and economic challenges in previous years but despite that, community resilience and a want for the town centre to thrive once more has led to the revitalisation of Campbeltown as a desirable place to live, work and visit.'

'SURF congratulates everyone involved in this transformative collaboration and we look forward to seeing further proposals come to

fruition in the years to come.'

Mr Lafferty told the Courier this week: 'This awards win would not have been possible without the support of the community, my colleagues at the council, our funders including Historic Environment Scotland and so many others who have been involved over the years.'

'From a personal point of view, I am totally overwhelmed with all of the kind messages I have received since we received the award.'

'The award is for the people of Campbeltown and Argyll and Bute as work continues to attract more people to live, work and invest in this fantastic area.'

South Kintyre's councillors also welcomed news of the awards win.

Councillor Donald Kelly said: 'The regeneration of Campbeltown started in 2006 with a budget of £200,000 and has been developed and

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New network will protect vulnerable

Sharing information to target phone scammers

An unwelcome consequence of the coronavirus pandemic has been an increase in cases of fraud and attempted fraud in Argyll and Bute, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

Realising they are often alone at home under lockdown, criminals are targeting elderly and vulnerable residents through telephone and other scams.

But help is at hand as a new Argyll and Bute support network is introduced.

The Cared for at Home Network has been set up by Dunoon-based PC Laura Evans, who explained: 'We know that our elderly and vulnerable residents are more vulnerable to being targeted by telephone scams and bogus callers.'

'The Cared for at Home Network allows us to raise awareness throughout vulnerable groups including the elderly who are often not on social media.'

'It is hoped that through sharing information and raising awareness that we can help to protect those at greatest risk from this type of crime.'

PC Evans added that while there had been a decrease in some forms of crime since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, within Argyll and Bute the number of fraud cases being reported to police had almost doubled when compared to the same period last year.

She continued: 'Younger people are more likely to report being a victim of fraud to police, whereas older

people don't report it due to embarrassment, pride and fear of having their independence taken from them.

'Research by Age Concern UK has shown that an elderly victim of bogus crime is likely to die or enter full-time residential care within two years of being a victim. This is a very frightening statistic, but shows the massive impact that becoming a victim of crime can have on our elderly residents.'

Telephone scams - for example callers pretending to be from Amazon, BT, a bank or other company - had been declining before the pandemic, but since the first lockdown for Covid-19, PC Evans said there has been 'a startling rise' in telephone frauds.

Calls

She said: 'This is due to the scammers knowing that people are at home to answer the phone due to lockdown, but also they know many vulnerable people are more socially isolated and less likely to have others at their house to intervene in these calls.'

The aim of the Cared for at Home Network is to be able to alert both paid and unpaid carers, befrienders or someone else with regular contact with elderly or vulnerable people to incidents like this, so that they can let their elderly clients or relatives know about scams that are happening in their area.

In Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands, groups which have signed up so far include the Dochas Centre, Argyll



PC Laura Evans.

Homecare, The Good Care Group, ALI Energy, Carr Gomm, Citizens Advice Bureau and Argyll Care and Repair.

Peter Minshall, manager of the Dochas Carers Centre, which supports paid and unpaid carers throughout Campbeltown, Kintyre, Islay, Jura and Oban, said: 'The Dochas Carers Centre, along with many other organisations in Argyll which support unpaid carers, welcomes the new Cared for at Home Network being introduced by Police Scotland and views this smart initiative as a practical way we can all work together to ensure

a safer, crime-free community.'

The Cared for at Home Network is hosted by Neighbourhood Watch Scotland, a communication system which allows Police Scotland to send out timely, targeted alerts on issues of crime, safety and resilience.

Alerts are sent out to people within the Cared for at Home Network at no cost, by email or text depending on urgency of message and people's own preference.

If anyone would like to know more about the network, or to become involved, contact PC Laura Evans by email at laura.evans@scotland.pnn.police.uk

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Drug driving

A motorist was stopped on the A83, near Glenbarr, at about 10.40am on Tuesday February 16, for allegedly exceeding the speed limit. The 34-year-old man was then arrested after failing a roadside drug test and a blood sample was taken for analysis. The man was also charged with being in possession of cannabis. A report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Anti-social driving

A 23-year-old man was issued with an anti-social behaviour warning after a car was driven in an anti-social manner, with excessive speed and revs, at about 8pm on Saturday February 20, on Shore Street, Bowmore, Islay.

Pub vandalised

A padlock on a door at The Para Handy Pub, Bolgam Street, Campbeltown, was forced open and removed between 5pm on Friday February 12 and 8am on Monday February 15.

Breath sample

At about 6.40am on Wednesday February 17, at Bowmore Hospital, Islay, a 24-year-old

man was charged with failing to provide a breath specimen after having been found earlier in a vehicle under the influence of alcohol. A report has been submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Caravan entered

Between 10am and 2pm on Friday February 19, a caravan in the back garden of a house at Hillside, Bowmore, Islay, was entered by an unknown person. Nothing appears to have been stolen.

Dunaverty clarification

Last week, it was reported that a mobile phone was stolen from the windscreen of a car at Dunaverty Golf Club car park, Southend, at around 4pm on Friday February 12.

The iPhone was actually taken from a car at the parking area near Dunaverty beach and not at the golf club.

Police are appealing for witnesses or anyone with information on the above or any incident to phone 101 or anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Suspicious characters caught on CCTV

Police Scotland has warned people in rural Argyll to ensure equipment is securely locked away after reports of suspicious activity on farms in Cowal.

On Sunday February 21, at around 12.35am near Heron Lea, Sandbank, Dunoon, someone, who may have gained access to a garage, though nothing was stolen, was spotted on CCTV with a torch.

Later the same night, at about 3.15am, three people

with torches were caught on CCTV at Dalinlongart. Entry was gained to a garage but nothing was stolen.

Police Scotland advises criminals will often check the security, lighting and accessibility of an area before committing thefts, especially where larger items, such as farm machinery and quad bikes, are the target.

The advice is to ensure property is secure using CCTV, signs and, ideally, security lighting.

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Kintyre business leaders call for quick fix to 'crisis' at Rest

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Business leaders from across Argyll, including several from Kintyre, have joined forces and are demanding the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity commits to delivering a quick and permanent solution for the Rest and Be Thankful section of the A83.

The Rest and Be Thankful Campaign was launched this week by Inverneil resident John Gurr and a number of business leaders from across the region including Colin Craig of West Coast Motors, Peter McKerral of Peter McKerral & Co Ltd, Duncan Macalister of Glenbarr Farms, Matthew Mundell of B Mundell Hauliers, Kenny MacLeod of MacLeod Construction, Andrew Spence of Bid4Oban, Keith Campbell



of Argyll Holidays, Charles Black of Black of Dunoon, and Jane MacLeod, secretary of Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce.

The group behind the campaign welcomes Michael Russell MSP and Robin Currie, leader of Argyll and Bute Council's recent request to Michael Matheson to scrap the 10-year recovery plan and implement a timescale of two to five years. However, they are asking for a completion

date of May 2024. Other demands from the local business leaders include ensuring the outcome of the current Transport Scotland Rest and Be Thankful review delivers a permanent solution along the Glen Croe route and a temporary solution in place by no later than May 2021.

Speaking after the launch this week, Mr Gurr said: 'The lack of interest in seriously fixing this stretch of road by the Scottish Government is

hugely disappointing and is having a direct impact on our communities, local economy and business opportunities now and in the future.

'Through this group and The Rest and Be Thankful Campaign, we hope to have a stronger voice and collectively demand immediate action to the constant disruptions caused by landslides and slips at the Rest and Be Thankful.

'This is a call to action for all businesses in Argyll, big or small. We need your support.'

Peter McKerral, director at Kintyre-based haulage company Peter McKerral & Co Ltd, said: 'As a business reliant on the Rest and Be Thankful, we have been dealing with Transport Scotland for over 10 years. We have offered a range of temporary solutions, including the use of the forest road on the opposite side of the landslide deposit. This and

other solutions have continued to fall on deaf ears.

'The new £1 million barrier wall on the Old Military Road (OMR), which was supposed to be the solution, hasn't worked and was evident at the weekend when the OMR was closed due to landslides. This is a wasted investment and the project should be an absolute embarrassment to whoever is in charge.'

Colin Craig, managing director at Campbeltown-based bus operator West Coast Motors, said: 'The Rest and Be Thankful is a key transport artery which provides vital links to communities across Argyll and Bute whilst connecting the area to the rest of mainland Scotland. A 10-year plan to fix a mile of road is ludicrous and dangerous.

'In 2020, the main A83 Rest and Be Thankful was closed for over 200 days, a record breaking 300 per cent

increase from the previous year and clearly demonstrates the mitigation measures are not working and immediate action is needed.'

Matthew Mundell, operations manager at B Mundell Haulage which has a Tarbert depot, added: 'It is baffling to understand why the Scottish Government is not taking the landslides and slips at the Rest and Be Thankful seriously, especially after the fatal landslide in Stonehaven last year.

'The level of debris recorded last year was 20,000 tonnes, up 15,000 tonnes from 2019. This is expected to increase to a dangerous 100,000 tonnes. Immediate action is required now, not in 10 years.'

Visit restandbethankful-campaign.com or the campaign group's social media accounts on Facebook at www.facebook.com/crisisattherest or Twitter at twitter.com/CrisisRest

Campbeltown named most improved place in Scotland

Continued from page one. expanded over the course of the last 14 years to become one of Scotland's most successful heritage-led regeneration projects.

'This SURF Award is the icing on the cake and is testament to the hard work and dedication by many groups and individuals, ably lead in many cases by James Lafferty.

'As local councillors we must continue to make the case for further investment in the town to build upon

the good work already done.' Councillor John Armour said: 'I was delighted to watch the awards live last week and what a wonderful feeling it was to hear Aileen Campbell MSP announce Campbeltown as the winner of Scotland's most improved place.

'The council-led extensive regeneration of the town over the last 14 years is there for all to see. There have been many funders groups and individuals who have made this happen and it is proba-

bly unfair to single anyone out, but I feel some of those involved deserve individual recognition: the work James Lafferty and his team have done overseeing everything is fantastic and I know they are the envy of other towns all over Scotland; Bill Halliday and Moyra Paterson from housing services, working with over 70 home-owners, securing £3 million in grants for their properties, some of which were in a dreadful condition; David Mayo and

everyone involved in the restoration of Campbeltown Picture House; Catherine Dobbie for persevering in her endeavour to restore the iconic Campbeltown Cross and South Kintyre Development Trust for its work in renovating and bringing Campbeltown Town Hall into use again.

'Everyone involved over the years has put so much work into getting us to where we are now and this award is for all of them. Hopefully the lifting of Covid restrictions will

allow visitors to come back to Campbeltown very soon and see everything for themselves.'

Councillor Rory Colville said: 'This is a tremendous outcome justifiably achieved by the commitment and endeavour of so many individuals and corporate organisations. Together we must build on this success and see the award as the foundation of future ambitions to make Campbeltown even better.'

Highlands and Islands MSP Donald Cameron this week

submitted a motion to the Scottish Parliament praising the efforts of all those who contributed to Campbeltown's success.

Mr Cameron said: 'The award is very well deserved. It's heartening to see the community working together so effectively to achieve these improvements and the council and its partners for devoting so much time and care into ensuring that the commitment has delivered real change and improvements.'



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Clachan road closures for resurfacing works

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The road will close at Clachan for three nights next week as part of a £700,000, four-week resurfacing programme at seven locations on the A83.

BEAR Scotland, which maintains Scotland's trunk road network on behalf of Transport Scotland, began the updated programme of improvements on Monday following a recent spell of cold weather and an associated increase in the number of defects on the road surface.

Initial improvements began in January but work was hindered by winter weather, meaning some operations had to be postponed.

Work will be carried out at Clachan from Monday March 1 to Wednesday March 3. For safety reasons, as a result of the narrow carriageway at this location, the road will be closed between 7pm and 5am each night.

As there is no suitable

diversion route available, amnesties will be provided at 8pm, 9pm, 10pm, midnight, 2am and 4am. During these times, vehicles will be safely escorted through the site using a 10-mile-per-hour convoy traffic management system.

Motorists are encouraged to arrive in good time to ensure they are accommodated within the amnesty period.

The revised programme of works will also see improvements at:

■ Corranbuie – from Wednesday February 24 to Sunday February 28, with no work on Friday or Saturday night. The road will be closed between 7pm and 5am each night, with amnesties at 8pm, 9pm, 10pm, midnight, 2am and 4am.

■ A83 Meall Mhor, north of Erines – on Thursday March 4, for one night. The road will be closed between 7pm and 5am, with amnesties at 8pm, 9pm, 10pm, midnight, 2am and 4am.

■ West of A815 junction, near Cairndow – from Sunday



The road surface has deteriorated in many areas as a result of recent winter weather. 50_c09roadcondition01

March 7 to Monday March 15, with no work on Friday or Saturday night. A 10-mile-per-hour convoy system will be in place between 7pm and 5am each night.

■ Tullochgorm – from Wednesday March 17 to Monday March 22, with no work on Saturday or Sunday. A 10-mile-per-hour convoy system will be in place between 7am and 7pm each day.

protocols, in line with Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance, will be in force to protect teams and ensure they remain safe at all times.

Eddie Ross, BEAR Scotland's north west representative, said: 'We're aware of areas of deterioration that have become evident on the A83 following recent winter weather, which is why we have reprogrammed the ongoing work and brought forward additional surfacing improvements planned at Drishaig and Ardrishaig.

'It is important we address these high priority sections first to ensure the network remains safe.

'This £700,000 investment from Transport Scotland across these seven locations on the A83 will enable a safer and smoother journey for motorists.'

Specific trunk road defects can be reported via Transport Scotland's freephone customer care number, 0800 028 1414, or through BEAR Scotland's website under the 'report a defect' function.

Access through the work sites for emergency services will be maintained at all times.

At sites where work is proposed over multiple days, traffic management will be removed outwith working hours, although a temporary 30-mile-per-hour speed limit will remain in place, as traffic will be travelling over a temporary surface.

Strict physical distancing

Fire station Covid testing expanded to Tarbert

More Scottish fire stations have joined Campbeltown in hosting testing for people with coronavirus symptoms.

From Tuesday this week, a further seven fire stations were added to the list, including Tarbert Fire Station.

Testing will be offered on-site at some locations, as well as offering pick-up tests. Instructions will be supplied with the pick-up test kits, which can then be returned the same day using a nearby

priority post box. Earlier this month, Public Health Minister Mairi Gougeon announced that access to Covid-19 testing would be expanded to 21 fire stations in remote and rural areas of Scotland, including Campbeltown and Dunoon, following the success of trials in Lochgilphead and Thurso.

Ms Gougeon said: 'This expansion of our fire station testing programme will make it far easier for people in these

areas to get tested. I am very grateful to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), Argyll and Bute Council, Highland Council and NHS Highland for their support to make this possible, following the success of our initial trial.

Assist

Assistant Chief Officer Stuart Stevens, director of service delivery for the SFRS, said: 'We are pleased that the success of the initial trial in Thurso and

Lochgilphead means many more fire stations can assist rural communities to access Covid-19 tests closer to home.

'In partnership with the SFRS, people who have Covid symptoms and are within walking or driving distance will now be able to access a test from stations including Tarbert, Cove and (pick-up only) at Arrochar.'

Tests can be booked by calling NHS Highland on 01463 706015.

Still time to sign year-round ferry petition

There is still time to sign the online petition calling for a year-round ferry service from Campbeltown to Ardrishan.

The document, submitted to the Scottish Parliament by South Kintyre councillor Donald Kelly and fellow Argyll First councillor Dougie Philand, will be live on the Scottish Parliament's website until Wednesday March 17.

The petition was launched in response to the consistent A83 road closures caused by landslips at the Rest and Be Thankful and the suggested 10-year timescale for a permanent solution.

Councillor Kelly said: 'The petition is slowly gaining momentum and I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time and effort to sign it so far.

'We have written to all party leaders at the Scottish Parliament asking for their support.

'I would like to make it clear this proposal of a ferry service is not an option as a permanent solution at the Rest and Be Thankful.

'The A83 is the priority, but the ferry link would greatly assist our communities and businesses in the months and years ahead.'

The petition is available to sign at www.parliament.scot/getting-involved/petitions/campbeltownardrossanferry

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Hospital helipad takes shape despite heavy rain and gales

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The Robert Black Memorial Helipad is taking shape, almost seven weeks after construction began.

The first concrete has been poured but last week's heavy rain and high winds forced the postponement of the second pour.

Challenging weather conditions failed to stop McFadyens Contractors Ltd, which began work on the purpose-built helipad on January 11, from installing kerbstones for the access road ahead of laying Tarmac in a few weeks.

The £270,000 helipad, which will be used for transferring emergency patients from Campbeltown Hospital to larger hospitals, was named in honour of the Campbeltown paramedic who died in May

last year after a battle with Covid-19.

The Courier previously reported that the project, led by ambulance technician Stuart McLellan from Neilston in East Renfrewshire, has been supported by the Ardsheil Hotel, Glen Scotia Distillery, Beinn an Tuirc Distillers and the airline Loganair but a number of other Kintyre companies have come forward to offer assistance.

Stuart told the Courier: 'I've been absolutely blown away by the generosity of Campbeltown businesses and non-profit organisations.

'Since I last commented in the Courier, I'd like to thank Kintyre Hire for offering car hire for my key contractors that need to get to the site when and if required, the Rotary Club of Campbeltown for making a donation of £1,000, Campbeltown Community

The Robert Black Memorial Helipad is beginning to take shape and, insert, the first concrete being poured at the site. Photographs: Kenny Craig.

Photographs: Kenny Craig.



Council for also making a donation of £1,000 and Chelsea Willis Photography for doing lockdown doorstep photo-shoots and donating the profit to the helipad fund.

I'm delighted with the

progress of the helipad to date and would like to pass on my thanks to Raymond Hosie Photography for the aerial photographs and Kenny Craig for the regular photographic updates.

'And last, but by no means least, I would like to thank McFadyens Contractors and McFadyens Transport for their commitment and dedication to delivering this project on time for the people of Kintyre.'

South Kintyre Development Trust has agreed to take on a licence to operate the helipad and take responsibility for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the site on behalf of the community.

Cautious easing of lockdown restrictions

In a statement to the Scottish Parliament on Tuesday, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon outlined Scotland's 'deliberately cautious' approach to easing lockdown restrictions while continuing to suppress Covid-19, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

The updated strategic framework sets out the six 'tools' the Scottish Government will use to restore, on a phased basis, greater normality to everyday life in Scotland.

The immediate priority will continue to be the phased return of education, building on the return of some pupils to school on Monday.

On the basis that progress in suppressing the virus and vaccinating key groups remains on track, restrictions would be eased in the following order:

■ The rest of the primary school years, P4 to P7, and more senior phase secondary pupils back in the classroom for part of their learning and the limit on outdoor mixing between households increasing to four people from a maximum of two households;

■ The 'stay at home' restriction to be lifted and any final

school returns to take place.

■ Communal worship to restart in limited numbers, mindful of the timing of major religious festivals. This would also see the re-opening of retail, starting with an extension of the definition of essential retail and the removal of restrictions on click-and-collect;

■ Return to a tiered approach, with all of Scotland moving to at least tier three, with some possible adjustments. This could mean that from the last week of April, people could expect to see phased but significant re-opening of the economy, including non-essential retail, hospitality and services like gyms and hairdressers.

There is likely to be a gap of at least three weeks between each easing of restrictions to assess the impact of changes, and to check that it is safe to proceed further using the six conditions for safe easing set out by the World Health Organisation.

As the vaccination programme progresses, a return to more variable levels of restrictions, which can change by location, is likely when it is safe to do so.

Ms Sturgeon said: 'I know how hard current restrictions are after 11 long months of this pandemic, however, they are working and we can now see our way out of them.'

'We are in a far better position now than at the start of January and these measures are initial steps on a slow, but hopefully steady, route back to much greater normality.'

'Our intent remains to suppress the virus to the lowest possible level and keep it there, while we strive to return to a more normal life for as many people as possible.'

'At the moment, and for a bit longer, we need to rely very heavily on restrictions to suppress the virus. This is essential when the virus is so transmissible and when case numbers are still quite high.'

She added that once the majority of the adult population had received at least one dose of the vaccine, the vaccination would become the main tool for suppressing the virus and in the coming weeks, if the data allowed and positive trends continued, the easing of restrictions would be accelerated.

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Covid fund for small businesses announced

A new grant scheme to help small businesses and the self-employed in Argyll and Bute facing short-term financial challenges during the Covid-19 pandemic has opened.

The business discretionary fund is for businesses which need short-term financial help to continue actively trading and cannot be used to replace lost income for a business that still has sufficient cash reserves to meet its needs.

An Argyll and Bute-based business must be:

- Negatively impacted by the pandemic and facing short-term financial challenges with income in the period October to December 2020 at least 30 per cent lower than in the equivalent period in 2019

- Ineligible for any other Covid business grants from the Scottish Government since October 1 2020

- The source of at least 33 per cent of its total income for the 12-month period ending March 31 2020

- A micro or small business and either a limited company, partnership, sole trader, trust, community interest company or Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation

- Trading prior to March 17 2020 and now either open or temporarily closed

- Not in receipt of an enforcement notice for breaching Covid-19 regulations.

Full details at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/forms/business-discretionary-fund.

Scottish Bible Society thanks Kintyre branch

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The Kintyre Action Group of the Scottish Bible Society has received a letter from the organisation's national headquarters expressing thanks for its support and fundraising.

A spokesperson for the Kintyre Action Group said: 'We want to convey our thanks to the people of Campbeltown and the surrounding districts for their continued support.

'The past year has been a difficult one for charities. We were unable to have our normal events but the Argyll Country Market provided a useful venue to raise awareness of the Bible Society and to raise much-needed funds.

'The annual envelope appeal was also very well supported so at the end of 2020 we were able to send almost £2,000 to support the work of the society. Our thanks go to everyone who contributed.'

A quiz featuring television programmes old and new formed part of the group's fundraising activities and was won by Helen Galbraith from Clachan.

For those who took part, the correct answers were: 1 Impossible; 2 Money for Nothing; 3 Songs of Praise; 4 Reporting Scotland; 5 Our Girl; 6 The One Show; 7 River City; 8 Take the High Road; 9 The Chase; 10 Pointless; 11 Doc Martin; 12 The Voice; 13 Tipping Point; 14 Supermarket Sweep; 15 Come Dine With Me; 16 This Morning; 17 Don't Rock The Boat; 18 A Touch



Bible 'shop' workers at Edinburgh's Bible House in the late 19th century.

of Frost; 19 Cold Feet; 20 Top Gear.

The Kintyre group has a long, illustrious history.

Originally the Campbeltown Auxiliary to the National Bible Society of Scotland, it was formed on February 23 1866 with Sheriff Gardiner in the chair.

His fellow committee members present at that first meeting were: Rev Hector McNeill, Rev Alex Munro, Rev James Boyd DD, Mr Matthew Andrew, Mr Alex Colvill, Mr John Ross, John Beith Jun Esq, Bailie Love, Provost Galbreath, Mr William Barton, Mr James Lothian, Dr James Pirrie and William Hunter Jun, secretary.

The informative 'preamble' in the minute book from 1866 states that 'different parties in Campbeltown' had been distributing copies of the scriptures so that 'there was no scarcity of Bibles in either town or country' and that

different churches had been in the habit of keeping 'sufficient stocks to give away to those who had none or whose copies were worn'.

Later, a society comprising people from various denominations had employed a 'Bible woman' who 'not only read the scriptures from house to house but offered Bibles and New Testaments for sale at reduced prices'.

As several groups in Campbeltown were engaged in similar work, it was considered beneficial to unite as an auxiliary of the recently formed National Bible Society of Scotland, an amalgamation of Bible societies in Glasgow and Edinburgh.

A public meeting was held in Longrow Church on November 29 1865 for the purpose of forming the auxiliary and such was the desire to see this venture flourish, the meeting was announced



Members of the Kintyre Action Group of the Scottish Bible Society at their stall at the Argyll Country Market in November.

in every Campbeltown pulpit. The work of the auxiliary was supported by subscriptions and the town and surrounding areas were divided into districts to allow a door-to-door collection. In the first year, in addition to providing, promoting and distributing scriptures in Kintyre, £50 raised from subscriptions and the sale of Bibles was donated to the parent society. That is the equivalent of almost £6,000 in 2021.

Today, the Scottish Bible Society works towards the goal of 'ensuring that all people have the Bible in a language they understand, in a form they can access and at an affordable price, to aid genuine encounters with God'.

It continues to distribute Bibles, New Testaments and other scripture-based materials, in a range of media, in Scotland and throughout the world.

The volunteer network includes action groups, like the one in Kintyre, which continue to promote Bible reading and raise funds and awareness of the work of the society with the support of local churches and communities.

A recent Bible Society resource, Wonder Walks, encourages families to turn their lockdown walks into Lent and Easter adventures. The eight free maps are not limited to any particular location and are available to download at <http://bible.scot/wonderwalks>

The Kintyre Action Group will continue its fundraising with a home-baking stall at the Argyll Country Market on Saturday March 7.

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Decision on events funding delayed as a result of Covid

Councillors decide to hold off on distributing support until May

Uncertainty over whether events in Argyll and Bute will be held in 2021 has led to councillors delaying the release of support funding.

A decision is usually made every spring by the council on how to distribute its strategic events and festivals fund (SEF), which supports cultural events across the area.

A report has, however, recommended that the decision should be delayed until May as events have been practically wiped out in Argyll and Bute in the past year due to a ban on mass gatherings during the pandemic.

Eight out of nine events to receive funding in 2020 were cancelled. The other, the Tìre Wave Classic surfing competition, was rescheduled to March 2021 but it, too, has recently been postponed again until October.

Three events – Mull of Kintyre Music Festival, Cowal Highland Gathering and the Mull Rally – required and received some funding in 2020 despite the events not having physically taken place, though some were held online.

The council's policy and resources committee decided to delay a decision on the latest round of funding at its virtual meeting on February 18.

Organisers of 10 events are waiting to hear about the fate of their applications.

Executive director Kirsty Flanagan said: 'At the Business Continuity Committee meeting on June 11 2020, members agreed that a grant pot of £90,000 be made available

for SEF over financial year 2021/22. The call for applications was issued on October 22 2020 and closed on December 7 and the applications, of which there are 10, were due to be consideration by the policy and resources committee at the February meeting.

'At the time of putting out the call for SEF round three applications in October 2020, we were obviously not facing a national lockdown and things were looking slightly more positive.

'This position has changed very quickly, however, and we are now facing a much more serious position than in March of last year.

'Given the uncertainty and unpredictability it would seem pragmatic to delay and review the position over the next two or three months rather than agree to award grants for strategic events and festivals that will not be able to go ahead as planned.

'This will allow the council and event organisations to hopefully be clearer as to the feasibility and viability of these events taking place in 2021.'

Ms Flanagan concluded: 'Unfortunately the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic is still unknown and the status of strategic events and festivals will continue to change.

'The loss of any event from the local economy will be significant and, as such, in an effort to support the economic recovery it is important funding support is available to support strategic events when they are in a position to go ahead.'



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Happy lockdown birthday Daania

Daania Ahmad, from Campbeltown, will be celebrating her tenth birthday today, Friday February 26. She has asked for a takeaway as a treat for her birthday and will spend the day with her mum. All her family say: 'Happy birthday!'

Let us know about your friend or family member's lockdown birthday and we will give them a shout-out. Email a photograph to editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk with their full name, age, birthday and where they are from.



Most improved place in Scotland

Campbeltown's success at the SURF Awards should come as no surprise to anyone who has seen the transformation in the town centre's appearance over the last 14 years.

And although the visible improvements are impressive, much of the £13 million investment has resulted in structural work taking place behind the scenes, something which should help preserve the town's buildings for generations. It's great to see James Lafferty and his CARS team, and everyone involved with the restorations of so many iconic buildings, getting the recognition they deserve.

Campaign group means business

Although the Rest and Be Thankful is more than 90 miles from Campbeltown, the A83 which runs through it is our main connection to the rest of the world.

There are alternative routes, but they all add considerable time to journeys. Finding a permanent solution might not seem pressing to some of us, while travel restrictions remain in place, but it is causing havoc for the businesses which depend on the route daily.

Hopefully pressure from the affected business owners, many based in Kintyre, who are now making their voices heard, will result in a quicker solution.

When things return to normal, the people of Campbeltown are looking forward to welcoming visitors to the most improved place in Scotland, but visitors need to be able to get here.

Thanks for campaign support

I would like to say an enormous thank you to Hannah O'Hanlon of the Courier for her great article supporting my new litter-picking venture which I have undertaken during furlough.

The response to my Facebook page WAKE UP, CLEAN UP ARGYLL! has been both inspiring and encouraging, with others joining in to pick up litter in their own areas all around Argyll. It really will make a difference to our environment and is something that can be done easily on our daily walks.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Jimmy Robertson, the bin man who contacted me and donated his litter-picker, bags and gloves. It is much appreciated. I wish Jimmy a really happy retirement and thank him for all he has done over the years.

I went back to work at MAKI Pups, the new outdoor nursery based in Lochgilphead, last week but I intend to continue with my litter-picking at weekends when I can. I won't stop now I've started.

If anyone wishes to help in any way, please phone me on 01880 740660.

Lori Silvan, Clachan.

Present full narrative, not unsubstantiated wish list

There was an interesting letter from Ron Wilson in the February 12 edition of the Courier which, as with any politician's pronouncements, was laced with spin, hyperbole or half truths and consequently tells only half the story.

Regarding vaccines, no-one, except the SNP, talks about Westminster's charity. It is my understanding Great Britain and Northern Ireland are part of the UK and independently opted not to use the EU system and purchased vaccines for

itself. This elicited the usual howls of derision by SNP politicians along the lines of: 'This idiotic refusal is all about Brexit and nothing to do with the pandemic and will cost lives' and others of a similar vein.

The inept EU vaccine-purchasing system has been and still is chaotic. France, at the time of writing, with a population of 67 million, has vaccinated 2.2 million. Pro rata, under the EU system, Scotland would probably have received 180,000 as opposed to the 1.8 million currently vaccinated.

The electorate keep hearing: 'As an independent member of the EU'. This is possibly an SNP aspiration but I think there are several hurdles to an independent Scotland joining the EU.

What currency would be used and what proposals are there to meet the EU fiscal rules for membership in respect of the annual GDP deficit which is currently running at 8.6 per cent, well above the three per cent required?

The last figures available for government debt to GDP of 86 per cent is well above the 60 per cent required. Then there is the strong possibility of a Spanish veto or perhaps they are proposing throwing Clara Ponsatí to the wolves and saying: 'We are sorry we backed the Catalans in order to curry favour with Madrid.'

Regarding the EU solidarity stimulus plan, I would hope it was considerably greater than the UK; there are 27 member countries. I understand it is €750 billion, spread over three years, and the grants and loans are subject to strict requirements. I notice you do not mention €9.7 billion to date allocated through the Barnett formula which is separate from the money. I do not know how much is currently paid to Kate Forbes MSP, cabinet secretary for finance for the furlough scheme.

Regarding the comments relating to Brexiteers and leaving the EU as 'Johnson's folly', it has

obviously escaped Mr Wilson's notice that leaving the EU, liking the decision or not, was a democratic one by the UK electorate and, unlike the EU or the SNP, in our constitution we do not send the electorate back to vote again until such time that they 'vote correctly'.

Banking crash? May I remind Mr Wilson that it was the Royal Bank of Scotland and Bank of Scotland which were the main protagonists in the UK which had a serious impact on our economy. Mr Wilson's rather emotive 'gimcrack imperial fantasies' could well have applied to the antics of the two Scottish banks' boards of directors.

I am not particularly an avid supporter of politicians per se but the current SNP government by any yardstick is a really appalling administration with a record of declining education, health care and financial mismanagement, just to mention three areas.

What should cause concern is the eye-watering amounts of taxpayers' money wasted. The new Royal Hospital for Children and Young People in Edinburgh is at least £90 million over budget and still not fully operative; Ferguson Shipyard ferry project, currently £100 million and no ferries, projected final cost an additional £100 million and no firm delivery date; other assorted projects like the BiFab yards, £37 million, two of which have been bought by a UK company for £800,000; Prestwick Airport, there is a bit of 'smoke and mirrors' but somewhere around £39 million is close.

Closer to home, the Glen Croe problem up to the Rest and Be Thankful, which has been ongoing since 2007 and is regularly subject to closure, has had at least £80 million spent on it to date. It is of no surprise Jim McColl said 'everything the SNP touch is a mess'.

Mr Wilson is perfectly entitled to his point of view, as I am to mine, but as I said in my open-

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ing paragraph, and this applies to politicians of all political persuasions, please present the full narrative not some unsubstantiated wish list.

John Newall, Campbeltown.

Neglect of A83 'a disgrace'

The neglect of the A83 is a disgrace. It's not just the long detour via Crianlarich when it rains heavily, it's the potholes and ruts when we get a spell of cold weather.

Three years ago, we had a cold winter and the A83 became a dirt track. Emergency repairs had to be carried out. The Scottish Government said it would solve the problem. Now we have another cold winter and again emergency repairs are needed.

Other trunk roads in Scotland don't get closed when it rains or get all these ruts and potholes in a cold winter.

We need serious money invested now to solve the A83 problems. Yet all we get from the Scottish Government is waffle about lengthy public inquiries. We need money and action now to make the A83 as reliable as Scotland's other trunk roads, not more cheap solutions.

Councillor Alan Reid,
Cowal ward.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WEEK



This week's photograph was taken at the height of the recent cold spell.

Sarah McFadzean from Campbeltown sent in the image which shows icicles hanging from a tree in her garden.

She said: 'A burst hose was spraying a fine mist into the tree and this was the result. The icicles grew until they touched the ground.'

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

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American man searches for Kintyre McTaggart ancestors

Three out of four ancestral place names remain a mystery

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An American man hopes Courier readers may be able to help him in his search for information about his Kintyre ancestors, writes Hannah O'Hanlon.

Jim Cunningham, from Las Vegas, has spent years compiling information about his McTaggart relatives who emigrated to the USA from Campbeltown in the 1820s.

He knows a fair bit about those who moved over the pond, but has hit 'a dead end' when it comes to finding out about his ancestors who lived in Kintyre prior to those who emigrated.

Jim's great-great-grandfather William McTaggart was born in Southend on May 1 1790 to Margaret Brown and Edward McTaggart.

He married Jane Reed/Reid on August 1 1818 in Caoranbeg in the parish of Southend. The couple had two sons while living in Kintyre - Jim's great-great-grandfather Hugh on December 1 1819 and Edward on January 1 1822.

The family emigrated from Campbeltown in 1822 when Hugh was about three-and-a-half years old and Edward was an infant. They eventually settled in what was to become West Virginia, where William farmed land along the banks of the Ohio River.

In America, the couple



Left: Jim's great-grandfather William McTaggart, grandson of the William who emigrated from Campbeltown in 1822, left, and his wife, Ida, right.

Right: Hugh McTaggart, who was just three when the family emigrated to America and, far right, Dicinda Phillips McTaggart, wife of Hugh McTaggart, and Jim's great-great-grandmother.

welcomed three more children - Elizabeth, born on July 1 1824; William Junior, born on November 30 1832 and Margaret, born on June 9 1837.

William's brother Edward followed him to the States in 1839, moving alongside him in West Virginia. Another brother, Archibald, is reported to have emigrated to Wisconsin in 1845.

William died of tuberculosis, aged 72, on December 10 1862, three months after his wife died from typhoid fever.

Jim, who has been an educa-

tor in Las Vegas for the past 27 years and recently retired, said researching his McTaggart ancestry was one of his 'favourite hobbies'. He thinks he takes his love of genealogy from his late father, Robert E Cunningham, who recorded his own family history in a publication titled The McTaggart Families of Pleasants County, West Virginia.

Robert wrote that, according to the Scots Ancestry Research Society, four place names were associated with the family's McTaggart ancestors in

Kintyre. They were: Achinlene - also spelled Achinglene - Caoranbeg, Knocknow and Glenahervie.

Robert added: 'These were presumably small villages or crofts where the families lived at various times before their emigrations. I have obtained Ordnance Survey maps of Great Britain in every scale available, including ones that show highly detailed features of the Parish of Southend and a few 19th century maps of the Kintyre peninsula. Of the four place names above that

were associated with these McTaggart families, only Glenahervie can still be found on any of these maps.'

Jim told the Courier: 'My father tried his best to uncover a link to any source of McTaggarts prior to William emigrating in 1822 but to no avail.'

'My sister Candace and I continue working on finding Scottish relatives, which brings me to contacting your paper.'

Jim hopes to get in touch with anyone who may be able to help locating any of

his McTaggart relatives. Jim said: 'I enjoy going back to my McTaggart ancestral land in West Virginia to visit the cemeteries and look forward to visiting Scotland as soon as travel resumes. I am so amazed that with all of the male McTaggarts in my family's history, there is no longer one living relative carrying the McTaggart name.'

Anyone who feels they may be able to provide Jim with any information or assist him in his research can email him at mfcnevada36@gmail.com

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TEN YEARS AGO

Friday February 25 2011

Minister's hope for Skykon

The administrator at Skykon has praised the hard work and dedication at the Kintyre factory which now has funds until the beginning of March.

The Secretary of State for Scotland, Michael Moore MP, visited the wind turbine tower manufacturer on Tuesday with Alan Reid, MP for Argyll and Bute.

Skykon was placed into administration after its Danish parent company filed for bankruptcy. The politicians met Andrew Davidson of Ernst and Young, administrators, and David Steele, factory manager in private.

'Very useful, albeit in difficult circumstances,' was Mr Moore's verdict. 'I hope the administration and management team will be able to work their way through it and Alan Reid will be taking away a number of points to discuss with the Scottish government and others.'

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Friday February 23 1996

Hotel jobs boost for the area

A Glasgow company has announced it is to undertake a £2 million refit of the semi-derelict Keil Hotel at Southend.

Key Leisure wants to turn the art deco building into a four-star hotel and country club.



In 1971: Our picture shows the three young ladies adjudged the most beautiful in the Victoria Hall, Campbeltown, on Friday evening. They were competing in the local eliminating heat of Miss Highlands and Islands beauty competition. They are, left to right, Miss Muriel Coutts; Miss Maureen Maguire, the winner; and Miss Kathleen Longmuir.

The hotel has been empty since 1990 and is believed to be in a poor state of repair. The company hopes to have the hotel open by mid summer.

Key Leisure is part of the Premier Cuisine group which owns several pubs and hotels in the west of Scotland, including the Ingledene Hotel at Ardrossan. The hotel is to be called the Mull of Kintyre Hotel and Country Club. It will have 24 en-suite bedrooms and a leisure centre including a swimming pool, training room and sauna. Once it opens, the development is expected to create 47 jobs.

Mr Brian Morton, managing director of Premier Cuisine, said: 'The group feels there is a lot of potential in the Campbeltown area for a hotel and country club of this standard.'

He said golf courses would prove an attraction for visitors from North America and Europe.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday February 25 1971

Editor's note: The following article and this week's photograph are used in historical context and should not be considered the view of today's Campbeltown Courier. This was, unbelievably, the front page lead story 50 years ago.

Hot pants...selling like hot cakes

The cries of despondency from the men of the world rang high when the midi and the maxi skirt looked like taking over from the mini skirt.

However, there is still hope for the leg brigade.

Hot pants, it seems, are selling like hot cakes and it already looks like being a short summer!

In Campbeltown, the shorts are selling well, especially among girls in their late teens.

Most of the girls are buying them for wearing to dances – runner-up to Miss Campbeltown was wearing a pair of shorts – but already one or two have been spotted in the street during the day.

The shorts cost, on average, about £1.75 and are made from a variety of materials including denim, silk and wool.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Saturday February 26 1921

Mishap to SS Kinloch

The steamer Kinloch met with a mishap on the outward passage from Campbeltown on Monday but, fortunately, it did not prove of a serious nature.

When the steamer was approaching Lochranza and was quite near to the pier, the eccentric shaft gave way and the vessel had to drop anchor. The weather conditions were good.

A telegram was dispatched for the services of a tug and, as the delay at the outset was likely to be considerable, a large number of the passengers landed and proceeded overland to Lamlash, where they caught a boat for the mainland.

After a bit, the engineers were successful in effecting a temporary repair and the Kinloch was able to resume the journey under her own steam. There was no interruption in the service.

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Thought for the Week

'I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.'

This idea has been foundational to western liberal democracy. But we live in a world which increasingly believes that to disagree is to hate.

Could it be that to disagree might in some circumstances actually be the manifestation of love?

If a child searching for meaning and identity and love has chosen a path of destruction through heroin, for example, would a parent be loving to blindly affirm him?

Could disagreement be love?

The apostle Paul wrote this to Timothy, a young pastor: 'And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome, but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth.'

Timothy was to be a model of the Lord Jesus, the most loving man who ever lived and yet the one who disagrees with everyone.

Disagrees? Really? Yes, Jesus' first word to the world in the gospel of Matthew is, 'repent', that is, 'you are heading the wrong way, turn from sin to God'.

Jesus isn't addressing a particular section of society or a particular behaviour. He is not directing his gaze at 'everyone except me'.

This is the most loving call in the world to everyone everywhere. And it's good news because it comes from a saviour who paid for sin and who offers us the power to change.

'I have come,' said Jesus, 'that they may have life and have it in abundance.'

His invitation? Come, find out how to live and how to love.

Reverend Mark Jasper, Campbeltown Community Church.

ISLAY

Underwater turbines to power islands' distilleries

A marine energy company has announced a project to produce whisky distilled by tidal power in the Sound of Islay.

Nova Innovation, based in Edinburgh, has revealed plans to install a series of underwater turbines in the Sound of Islay between the isles of Islay and Jura, home to 10 of Scotland's finest whisky distilleries.

Nova says the plan is to create 'clean, renewable power generated by the tide' to power the distilleries in the Inner Hebrides and displace fossil fuels used on the islands.

The subsea turbines have no visual impact on the landscape, create no shipping or navigational hazard and work in harmony with the marine environment, Nova said.

The 3MW project is called 'Oran na Mara' - Gaelic for 'song of the sea' - and follows Nova's 2016 tidal power scheme at Bluemull Sound, Shetland.

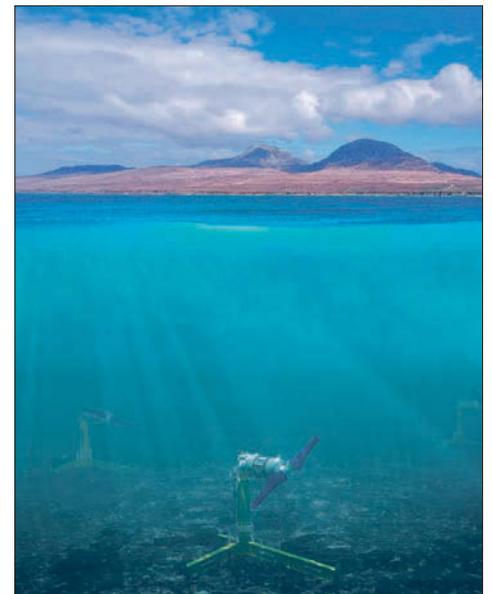
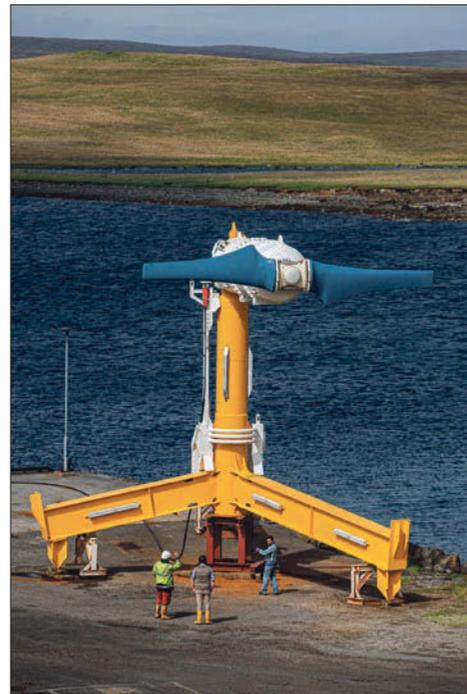
Simon Forrest, chief executive officer of Nova Innovation, said: 'Tidal energy can play a huge role in decarbonising the whisky industry and ensuring a sustainable future for Scotland's island communities.'

Crown Estate Scotland (CES) awarded Nova Innovation an 'option agreement' for the project which enables the company to start its detailed development of the scheme.

Mark McKean, development manager at Crown Estate Scotland, said: 'This project is a great example of how a local energy system might work and we hope to see more of these types of projects around Scottish waters, creating new developments that will grow Scotland's blue economy and push us closer to reaching the country's goal of net zero emissions by 2045.'

Angus Colquhoun, engineering and risk manager at Distell, owners of Bunnahabhain Distillery on Islay, said it was delighted Nova had been awarded seabed rights for the project.

He said: 'This has significant potential to support a raft of improvements that Bunnahabhain Distillery is committed to making, to grow the sustainability of the iconic Scotch malt whisky brand and support the distillery to do its bit to help tackle the climate change crisis.'



Above: underwater turbines are said to work in harmony with the marine environment. Left: A tidal turbine.

AJ Cunningham, operations manager at Bruichladdich Distillery on Islay, said the project was encouraging news for Islay and sourcing energy locally and renewably.

'Access to a clean and continuous supply of energy, such as tidal power, could help support our carbon zero ambitions,' he said.

Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll and Bute, said: 'The combination of the two shows the innovation and imagination for which Scotland is also famed and I am delighted to welcome this news.'

'It will help decarbonise Islay but will also give an example of good practice.'

Islay distillery wins prestigious gold eco-tourism award

An Islay whisky distillery has been awarded the UK's highest eco-tourism award.

Lagavulin Distillery, operated by Diageo, has received the prestigious gold certification from the Green Tourism organisation.

The awards recognise environmentally-friendly best practice in visitor experiences and distillery operations. Just eight distilleries

in Scotland hold the distinction with Diageo holding six.

Barbara Smith, managing director of Diageo's Scotland Brand Homes, said: 'To receive the gold Green Tourism award for not just one, but six of our Scottish whisky brand homes and distilleries in just under six months is an incredible achievement.'

'These awards are credit to the people at our distilleries and all the work they've done to build the environmental sustainability of our business.'

'This is just the start of our journey and we will be going for gold accreditations at our other distillery brand homes and will continue to raise the bar for sustainable whisky tourism.'

Assessors praised achievements such as sending zero waste to landfill, biodiversity enhancement, energy efficiency, local sourcing, community engagement and plastic reduction.

On Islay, which is world-renowned for its smoky, peaty whiskies, Lagavulin has led the preservation of peatlands through a partnership with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds which is working to restore and conserve almost 700 acres of peat bog on the island.

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Opening up to meet surge in farming interest

Farmers are being asked to think about how they might host the public – online or for real depending on Covid rules – in June this year.

Linking Environment and Farming (LEAF) organisers of the farming industry's annual open day, LEAF Open Farm Sunday (LOFS), has seen more than a quarter of a million people visit farms across the UK each year since the event's inauguration 15 years ago.

LOFS 2021 will take place on June 13 but in addition to this, LEAF will this year host two 'virtual' farm open days in the spring and autumn, alongside a programme of monthly live Facebook broadcasts running throughout the year.

'One of the unexpected positives to emerge from the challenges of lockdown has

been the surge in interest in the countryside, nature and buying fresh produce and we have seen a higher following than ever on our LEAF LOFS digital channels,' said LOFS manager Annabel Shackleton.

'This is the perfect moment to capture the public's curiosity and build our outreach to benefit the whole industry.'

Visitors

While awaiting clarity on Covid regulations on public gatherings and events, Mrs Shackleton is urging farmers to start thinking about how they can host visitors on farms in June.

All these activities are aimed at promoting a greater understanding of the different aspects of agriculture such as productive soils, animal welfare, clean water and air,



Farmers are being encouraged to consider hosting a farm open day later this year.

public access and enhancing biodiversity. As visitor numbers for events may be limited,

we would love to see a greater number of farms opening their gates, but for smaller groups,

so that social distancing can be followed,' Mrs Shackleton continued.

'We're encouraging host farmers to think about how to maximise outdoor spaces.

'It could be a farm walk, a scavenger hunt or a short show-and-tell in the yard. It may also be an opportunity to collaborate with other food producers to provide a place for people to buy and try new local foods.

'Farmers have some important topical messages to share about high quality food production, caring for the countryside, plus the economic and environmental benefits of buying British and we want to help facilitate these conversations.'

A library of free LOFS resources and online workshops

planned for March will help to make hosting easier and allow the sharing of ideas between the network of experienced and new hosts.

A free, easy-to-use ticketing service is available so host farmers can manage visitor numbers and contact visitors if there are any changes in plans.

The main social media channels used across the campaign will be Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and LOFS is asking farmers to post and share on these days using the hashtag #LOFS21 to create a diverse, colourful and authentic picture of UK farming for the public.

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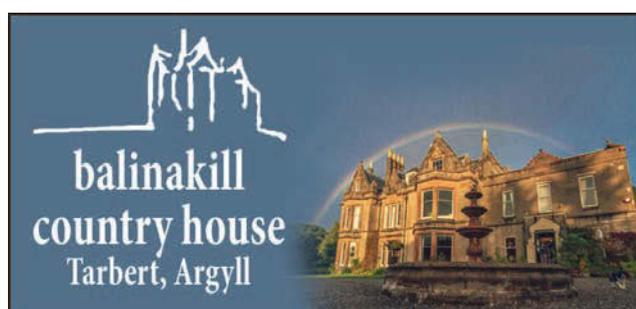
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The advice comes as different parts of the country deal with different levels of lockdown restriction, which for anyone in tier 4 (England and Wales) or protection level 4 (Scotland) means driving lessons are only allowed with someone from your own household during an essential journey.

In Northern Ireland, the current lockdown means driving lessons are not allowed, and driving tests are cancelled until 6 February. Motorcycle tests, however, continue to take place as normal.

GEM chief executive Neil Worth said: "Driving practice is a vital component of the learning process and a great way to develop skills and

experience. The presence of a calm, friendly and unflappable supervisor will be enormously beneficial in making that process as positive as possible.

"But accepting the role is a big responsibility, and not something you would want to do lightly.

"That's why we are asking anyone who sits down with a learner to ensure they are fully familiar with the rules of the road (many of which may have been altered or adapted since they were learners) and that they take the responsibility seriously by not being distracted.

Rules such as the ban on using a hand-held mobile phone while driving - as well as drink-driving - also apply to anyone supervising a learner driver. You may not be the one driving, but as the qualified driver in charge, you are deemed to be 'in control' of the vehicle.

GEM recommends obtaining advice from the learner's

driving instructor to find out what has been covered, where there is a particular need for additional practice and what would be the most helpful areas to work on.

"In the early stages, this is usually best done with just learner and supervisor in the car," suggests Neil Worth. "As the learner's experience builds, then you can consider bringing rear-seat passengers - but we suggest not until the learner's familiarity with different road environments has been allowed to develop."

Essential reading

Have a good read through the Highway Code to ensure that you're fully up to date with the rules. You will find the information in it to be very useful for the journeys you make as a supervisor.

Many of the regulations are legal requirements and not just good advice, so by ignoring them, both you and the learner you're supervising will be guilty of an offence.



What the law says

- To supervise a learner, you must be at least 21 years old and must have had a full driving licence for the type of vehicle being used for at least three years.
- Do also check that the learner has a valid provisional licence, that your insurance policy allows a learner to drive the car and that the insurers know the learner's age.
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Application

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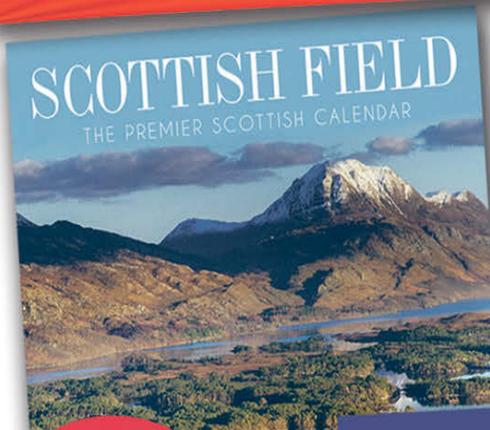
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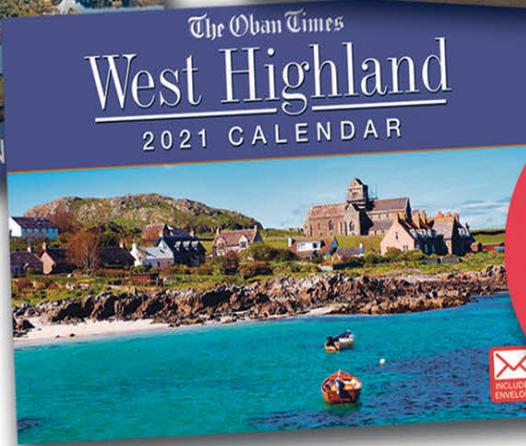
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1) ADVERT STATEMENT
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (AS AMENDED), RELATED PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Ref. No.	Proposal	Site Address
20/01741/PP	Change of use of land for the siting of a timber clad modular building for use as office/welfare/storage facilities, siting of storage container, installation of cycle storage units and erection of fence	Mid Argyll Community Hospital And Integrated Care Centre, Land West Of Tigh Na Linne, Blarbuie Road, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute
21/00095/PP	Variation of condition 5 of Planning Permission ref 20/01470/PP (Erection of dwellinghouse, installation of septic tank and formation of access) in relation to the maintenance of unimpeded access from the core path C088(g) to the existing coastal path	Leana Glas, Torrisedale, Campbeltown, Argyll And Bute, PA28 6QT
20/02298/PP	Formation of access track linking existing/consented tracks (417m in length) to facilitate construction and maintenance of Port Ann to Crossaig overhead line	Land North Of Tarbert Golf Club, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute
20/02297/PP	Formation of access track (1005m in length) to facilitate construction and maintenance of Port Ann to Crossaig overhead line	Land West Of Lochan Da Chean-Fionn, Tarbert, Argyll And Bute
21/00093/PP	Erection of temporary wind monitoring meteorological mast of up to 100m in height for a period of 24 months (2 years)	Anemometer Mast Capull Cloiche, Land South West Of Lochan Anama And North East Of A' Cruach Windfarm, 6km East Of Kilmartin, Argyll And Bute
21/00203/PP	Installation of mono-block hard-standing area to accommodate 2 hot tubs and erection of 1.8m high fencing (part retrospective) and installation of flag pole (retrospective)	The Grey Gull Inn, Glenburn Road, Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead, Argyll And Bute, PA30 8EU

Written comments can be submitted online <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/find-and-comment-planning-applications> or to Argyll and Bute Council, Development Management, Kilmory Castle, Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8RT within 21 days of this advert. Please quote the reference number in any correspondence. Any letter of representation the Council receives is considered a public document and will be published on our website. Anonymous or marked confidential correspondence will not be considered. A weekly list of all applications can be viewed on the Council's website. Customers are requested to use electronic communication where possible during the coronavirus pandemic as our ability to process postal mail is restricted.

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First Registration of a Croft

Mrs Anne Munro has registered Croft 1 & 3 Kintalin, North Knapdale on the Crofting Register held by the Registers of Scotland.

Any person who wishes to challenge the registration may apply to the Scottish Land Court by 10 November 2021.

Details of the registration can be found at www.crofts.gov.uk/register/home. The croft registration number is C7468.

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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL (C43 ARDRISHAIG BACK ROADS (WEST BANK ROAD) ARDRISHAIG)(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021

On Monday 22nd February 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 drive or cause or permit to be driven any motor vehicle on that length of the C43 Ardrishaig Back Roads (West Bank Road), Ardrishaig, from a point 50 metres or thereby south of its junction with Park Road extending in a northerly direction to a point 50 metres or thereby north of its junction with Park Road, a distance of 120 metres or thereby.

The restrictions, which are required because essential maintenance works are being or are proposed to be executed on or near the length of road, will be in operation every day between 0700 hours and 1800 hours from the 1st of March until 15th March 2021, but will only have effect in relation to part or parts of the length of road when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs to minimise the potential impact on those affected.

Alternative routes will be signed in an appropriate manner.

The Order is available for viewing on the Council's website at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/trafficorders

Roads & Infrastructure Services, 1A Manse Brae, Lochgilphead, PA31 8RD

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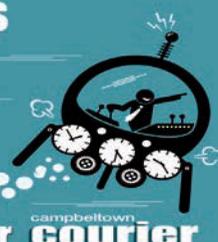
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BIRTH



BROLLY - Jude and Sarah (née Blair) are delighted to announce the early arrival of their daughter, Chloe Ann, born February 1, 2021. First granddaughter for Colin and Karen Blair, and a third granddaughter for Colin and Jenny Brolly. Special thanks to all the lovely midwives at Lochgilphead Maternity Unit, and Royal Alexandra Hospital, Paisley.

ENGAGEMENT

MCKERRAL - CRAINIE - Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Jayne, younger daughter of Ian and Norma, Campbeltown, to Evan, eldest son of John and Karen Kilsyth.

DEATHS

BROWN - It is with a sad heart that we announce the passing of Derek (former Technical teacher, Lochgilphead High School) on February 16, 2021, aged 70 years, after a short period of ill health. Beloved husband of Janette, dad to William and Kirsty, and father-in-law to Daan. He will be sadly missed by all his family and many friends. A celebration of Derek's life will take place at Parkgrove Crematorium, Friockheim in a private ceremony due to current restrictions. Donations, if desired, direct to accesssport.org.uk

CAMPBELL - Peacefully at his home, Airds, Castleton, by Lochgilphead, with his family by his side on February 20, 2021, Colin Montgomery Campbell, in his 94th year. Beloved and loving husband of Christine McInnes. Dearly loved father of Shona, Kirsty and Colin and father-in-law to Rod, Annie and the late Iain. Proud grampa, great-grandpa and uncle. A good neighbour, dear friend and former work colleague to many. A private funeral service will be held at Achhabreac Cemetery on Wednesday, March 3, 2021. The funeral cortege will leave from Free Church Lochgilphead, at

11.30am approximately, travelling along Union Street on to Argyll Street, via Bishopton Road towards the Cemetery. Family flowers only.

CAMPBELL - Peacefully at home, 84 Millknowe, Campbeltown, on February 21, 2021, Cathrine McNeill Creighton (Rene) in her 93rd year, dearly beloved wife of the late Duncan Campbell, much loved mum of Mary and Elizabeth and a loving granny of David. Funeral service private in line with current government guidelines. Rene's funeral will take place on Monday, March 1. The cortege will leave the home address at 1.00pm after a short prayer. We will travel along Millknowe, Longrow, Aqualibrium Avenue and past the Cross on our way to Kilkerran Cemetery. Anyone wishing to pay their last respects to Rene may do so along our route. Please remember to observe social distancing.

FLETCHER - Peacefully at home, with her family by her side, after an illness borne with great courage and dignity, Margaret Helen Fletcher, née Murray, in her 74th year of 2 Lochfyne Terrace, Ardrishaig. Beloved wife of John Fletcher, and dear loved mum of Helen and Alison, adored gran and Emma and much respected mother-in-law of Michael and Adrian. A dear sister, aunt and cousin to all the family. A good neighbour, former work colleague and dear friend to many. A private funeral service was held at Cardross Crematorium on Thursday, February 25, 2021. Donations can be made in Margaret's memory directly to Macmillan Nurses Mid Argyll, or via Donald MacDonald Funeral Directors. Margaret will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

GALBRAITH - Suddenly at his home in Yorkshire on January 4, 2021, Douglas Galbraith, formerly of Campbeltown, aged 63 years.

MACNAB - On February 17, 2021, peacefully at Argyll Care Centre, Helensburgh, Mary MacNab, née Heads, in her 80th year, much loved mother of Eilidh, Sine and the late Alasdair and a loving granny to

Ellie and Jamie. Owing to current restrictions, a private funeral service and interment, was held at Carrick Cemetery. Sadly missed by all.

MCKERRAL - Peacefully at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on February 20, 2021, Jean Weir McKerral, in her 77th year, 11 Meadowpark, Campbeltown, dearly beloved wife of the late Alistair McKerral, much loved mum of Andrew and Alistair, mother-in-law of Marie, loving granny of Jamie, Scott, Nicola, Kirsty and Shelley and great-granny to Peyton.

STEWART - Peacefully at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, on February 11, 2021, Neil Ronald Stewart, in his 65th year, beloved husband of Michele Robinson, much loved son of the late Archie and Isobel (Istelle) Stewart and dear brother of Alan and Kerry. Funeral service held on February 25, in line with current Covid restrictions. Memorial donations may be made to Kidney Research UK (<https://kidneyresearchuk.org/support/donate/>).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GRAHAM - Sandy and the family of the late Jean Graham, would like to thank everyone most sincerely, for the many kind expressions of sympathy and support received in their recent bereavement. Special thanks to all involved in her medical care and to Naomi and Tanya for all their help and assistance. Thanks also to Rev Lyn Peden for a comforting service and support, Stan Lupton Funeral Directors for kind and sympathetic handling of all arrangements and to all who lined the route to the cemetery to pay their respects.

MACPHERSON - Iain, Catriona, Heather and Neil would like to thank all family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the many kind expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, phone calls and messages following the sad loss of our dearly loved mum Johan. Special thanks to Kerry who was there for mum over the last year when we couldn't be. Thanks to Kenneth Blair and team for their guidance

and professionalism, the community nursing team and also Fr Tony Wood and Fr John Eagers for their comforting service. Finally, we would like to extend our thanks to everyone who lined the route to pay their last respects.

TURNER - The family of the late Margaret Turner would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy and support, for all the cards, letters and messages following their sad loss. We would also like to thank all those who paid their respects along the funeral route. Grateful thanks to the carers from Carr Gomm, District Nurses and Campbeltown Community Care Nurses. Thanks to T A Blair for their caring and professional services and sincere thanks to the Rev. Chris Fulcher for her touching graveside service.

MEMORIALS

DOCHERTY - In loving memory of our cousin, John Anthony Docherty, who died February 26, 2018.

"I am leaving, I am leaving, but the fighter still remains".

Good night John Bhoj. - Love Paula and Aiden William x.

MACDONALD - In loving memory of Christopher Beaton MacDonald (Chris), slept away on March 4, 2013, a devoted and loving husband, dad and papa. Loved and remembered always.

- Eva, Christine and Christopher.

MACTAVISH - In loving memory of our father, Douglas, who died February 27, 2001.

Always in our thoughts. We cannot believe it's twenty years.

- Malcolm and Ross.

MACVICAR - In loving memory of Teena, died March 1, 2007.

- Johnnie, Mitchell, Catherine and families.

MORRANS - In loving memory of our mum, Sarah Soudan (Sadie), died February 24, 1999 and family members who have passed before.

Sadly missed - Barbara, Christine, Martin and Kenneth x

CHURCH NOTICES

SPRINGBANK EVANGELICAL CHURCH



"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace." Numbers 6 verses 24-26

Our building is closed BUT you are welcome to join our online Praise and Worship Zoom Service on **Sunday, 28th February 2021** at 11am when John Ives from Southend will bring the message. To join us online send your email address to officespringbankchurch@gmail.com for an invitation to Sunday's Zoom meeting www.springbankchurch.org.uk

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CAMPBELTOWN FREE CHURCH
George Street, Campbeltown



Sunday 28th February
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7.00pm Fellowship Meeting (by Zoom)

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Current restriction announced by the Scottish Government mean it is necessary to close places of worship. Therefore, Holy Mass will regrettably only be celebrated without people present and will be broadcast on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/campbeltownrcchurch>) and Zoom (Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6593787274>), at 10am Friday-Wednesday. Anyone requiring pastoral care should contact Fr. Wood: 01586 552160 or campbeltown@rcdai.org.uk.

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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
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SKIPNESS LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE AND KILBERRY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

The churches are currently closed - a reflection from the Rev Lyn Peden will be available on the Church of Scotland in Tarbert, Kilberry and Skipness Facebook page 01880820158
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Postponed New Year contest played in 'brutal' conditions

Heavy rain and fierce winds on Dunaverly course

'Brutal' was the word used to describe the weather conditions which 24 Dunaverly Golf Club members faced when they turned out on Saturday to compete in the postponed New Year competition.

Heavy rain and fierce winds combined to make it one of the toughest rounds to be played on the course. Many players struggled to keep their balance and some just gave up.

This was the second leg of the Christmas/New Year event.

Matthew Ralston, with a nett 58 from the Christmas competition, was the favour-

ite and didn't disappoint by having a steady round of nett 77 for a total of 135, pushing Sandy Watson into second place on 138. Willie Ralston was a close third on 139.

The New Year round was to determine who would win the much sought-after Taylor Tankard, which was donated by the Taylor family.

Alistair McConnachie, winner the previous two years, was hoping to make it a hat-trick but, despite his best efforts, it was not to be.

The honour went to Campbell MacBrayne who, despite the atrocious conditions, produced his best

round for some time. He covered the front nine in a respectable 37 and an even better back nine in 36 to give him a winning nett total of 65.

Sandy Watson, the oldest player in the field, made a valiant effort to match Campbell but fell short by three shots.

The best scratch round was recorded by George MacMillan, handicap two, who carded a superb 72.

A club spokesperson said: 'Well done to everyone who took part.'

The club's next competition is the postponed January medal, being played tomorrow (Saturday).

New Year competition results:

- 1 Campbell MacBrayne 73-8=63;
- 2 Sandy Watson 69-11=68;
- 3 Robert Coffield 78-9=69 (bih);
- 4 Alistair McConnachie 76-7=69 (bih);
- 5 Willie Ralston 89-20=69;
- 6 Haydn Chambers 76-6=70.

Combined Christmas and New Year results:

- 1 Matthew Ralston 58+77=135;
- 2 Sandy Watson 70+68=138;
- 3 Willie Ralston 70+69=139;
- 4 Haydn Chambers 69+71=140;
- 5 Campbell MacBrayne 76+65=141;
- 6 Alistair McConnachie 74+69=143.



Campbell MacBrayne with the coveted Taylor Tankard.



Helping youngsters stay fit and active

Sport and recreation centres may be closed at the moment but young people are finding other ways to stay active, with the help of the LiveArgyll Active Schools team.

Even with this week's return to school for children in P1 to P3 - and some older children in smaller schools - home-schooling may be here for many for a while yet, but LiveArgyll Active Schools has plenty online ideas to have fun and get moving

between lessons in the living room.

Active Schools is a national programme, in partnership with sportscotland, with the aim of providing opportunities to take part in sport and physical activity before, during and after school and to develop effective pathways between schools and sports clubs in the community.

On the LiveArgyll website, the Active Schools team said: 'While you are unable to attend school and take

part in your normal school extra-curricular clubs, we are keen to support you being as active as possible.

'The LiveArgyll Active Schools and Sport team realises the importance and benefits of physical activity for everyone and wishes to provide every child with the opportunity to participate in the activities provided.

'We have a variety of different lengths and intensities of activity to suit the mood you are in.

'Whether you're looking for a quick 'shake up' in between classes or a longer workout at the beginning or end of the day, we're here to help.'

Check it out by searching 'active schools' on the LiveArgyll website www.liveargyll.co.uk or follow the team on Twitter (@ABActiveSchools).

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