

STRATHERRICK & FOYERS NEWSLETTER

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CHAIR'S BULLETIN

Welcome to our Winter Festival newsletter – what a fantastic array of events we have coming up for the whole community to enjoy. It has been a fabulous response from everybody in offering to hold/run a huge variety of events over the three weeks from 5th to 31st December.

As we approach the end of November, the AGM is on the horizon and inside you have the opportunity to look at the Financial Accounts for year ending 30th June 2024. Thanks to our Finance Officer, Fiona, for managing to produce this report in a people-friendly manner and explain what the figures actually mean. Obviously at the AGM there will be more detail and explanation to allow us all to understand the current financial position of SFCT. I encourage everyone to come along and hear what SFCT has been up to over the last year and how much our staff underpin this work.

On the topic of staff, I am pleased to announce that our new CEO, Jewels Lang, will be starting in January and is coming to the AGM to introduce herself to the community. Jewels is currently the

Community Development Manager for the Scottish Refugee Council and is also Chairperson of Community Development Alliance Scotland. She has a wealth of knowledge and fresh ideas to bring to our community and I trust you will welcome her warmly and encourage her as she begins her new role. Jewels and her husband have secured a rental property in the area so you will see plenty of her once she is settled in the area.

See you all at the AGM and get your calendars filled with Winter Festival events.

Catriona Fraser
Chair, SFCT



STRATHERRICK & FOYERS
COMMUNITY TRUST

AGM

7PM, WED 27TH NOV 2024
WILDSIDE CENTRE,
WHITEBRIDGE

*The deadline for content for the Jan/Feb Newsletter is **Friday the 24th of January 2025.***

Please email marketingofficer@sfctrust.org.uk with your articles including your name and a picture!

SFCT ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

The annual accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024 are now available for members. The format is different to previous years as the Trust has grown and this requires more detail to be provided in the accounts. The final accounts show a surplus of £229,873, down from £368,377 for the previous year. This reduction is the impact from increased operational costs, higher grants awarded, spend on projects that are not assets and increased depreciation.

Administrative Expenses includes all costs that were not related to buying fixed assets (land, buildings, equipment) as these are reflected in the balance sheet values. It includes all grants paid out and expenditure on projects managed directly by the Trust such as the Pathways Project, events, repairs and maintenance and the Trust van, as well as depreciation relating to fixed assets.

The legacy fund investment will provide an income to the Trust and the Community beyond the lifetime of the current windfarm agreements. The current value of this fund as of 4 November 2024 was £1,466,979. Stock market investments can be volatile, and these investments are designed for long term financial planning.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income	-	-
Administrative Expenses	(657,407)	(470,211)
Other operating income	905,560	821,364
Operating surplus	248,153	351,153
Interest receivable and similar income	<u>(14,823)</u>	<u>18,911</u>
Surplus before taxation	233,330	370,064
Tax	<u>(3,457)</u>	<u>(1,687)</u>
Surplus for the financial year	<u><u>229,873</u></u>	<u><u>368,377</u></u>

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets	2,291,084	1,769,534
Current assets	1,042,044	1,306,729
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>(396,779)</u>	<u>(369,787)</u>
Net current assets	<u>645,265</u>	<u>936,942</u>
Net assets	<u><u>2,936,349</u></u>	<u><u>2,706,476</u></u>
Reserves - Members' funds	<u><u>2,936,349</u></u>	<u><u>2,706,476</u></u>

LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR FIRST COMMUNITY WINTER FESTIVAL!

We've had an amazing response to the Community Winter Festival and have some fabulous events lined up across the whole community, involving a wide range of local groups.

The first event in the calendar is a Christmas card-making workshop hosted by Boleskine Community Care on the 5th December at The Hub, followed by the Community

Christmas Market and Light Switch on at the Wildside Centre on Saturday 7th December! Over the next few pages you can find lots more information on what is on offer, and we hope you can make it along to one, or more, of the events!

We'd also like to draw your attention to the Reverse Advent calendar, which is being run by Santa's Little Helpers (a group of pro-active, local volunteers) in conjunction with the Highland Foodbank. This will run from 27th November to 20th December, with four drop off locations across the Strath; Stratherrick Hall, The Wildside Centre, Foyers

Shop and The Hub. Any donations you are able to give will be gratefully received. If you would like any further information or are able to help in any way, please email eileen-martin@hotmail.co.uk.

Keep an eye on the Winter Festival Events page on Facebook, you can access this via the QR code below where you will find all the exciting updates on each event!

Caroline Tucker



WHITEBRIDGE HOTEL

FESTIVE

Nights



DECEMBER



Join us for a night of fun and frolics at the Whitebridge Hotel – kick back and relax while our fantastic team deliver on a fun, festive night.

Maybe you are a business looking to arrange a Christmas night for your hard working team, a group of friends or family looking for a wee Christmas get together during the month of December or a couple looking for a wee festive evening together. Let us treat you to a 3-course Christmas dinner in the comfort of our Victorian dining room, later on we can turn up the feel-good tunes in the comfort of our old bar.

Here at The Whitebridge Hotel we bring the magic of Christmas to life! – our festive décor, friendly staff teamed with a creative kitchen is what Christmas is all about.

We have the following dates available during December – 13th, 20th and 21st
Christmas Festive Dinner: £37.50pp

BOOKING: 01456 486 226



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY

Christmas MARKET

&

LIGHT SWITCH ON

DECEMBER

SATURDAY | 7th | 3-7pm

THE WILDSIDE CENTRE
LIGHT SWITCH ON AT 5:00PM

CAIRNGORM REINDEER | REFRESHMENTS

CAROLS WITH STRATHERRICK SCHOOL

LIGHT DISPLAY | SANTA & ELVES

KIDS ACTIVITIES | FREE ENTRY



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GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Competition!

Can you create/make/bake a fabulous Ginger Bread House?
Make it with gingerbread, cardboard, natural materials, be as creative as you like! All we ask is that you can carry your decorated creation and display it at our Christmas Market and Light switch on at the Wildside Centre on Saturday 7th December.

There are 3 categories:

Under 16's

16 and over

Family

PLEASE BRING YOUR ENTRIES TO THE WILDSIDE CENTRE BETWEEN
3-5PM SO THEY CAN BE JUDGED AFTER THE LIGHT SWITCH ON!
GREAT PRIZES FOR EACH CATEGORY!



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Stratherrick & Foyers Community Trust



Christmas Cake Bake

CAN YOU MAKE A BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS CAKE?

THEN PLEASE ENTER OUR EXCITING NEW COMPETITION THAT WILL BE PART OF THE CHRISTMAS MARKET & COMMUNITY LIGHT SWITCH ON AT THE WILDSIDE CENTRE THE 7TH OF DECEMBER

**THERE ARE 3 CATEGORIES:
OVER 16'S
16 AND UNDER
FAMILY ENTRY**

PLEASE BRING ALONG YOUR BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS CAKE BETWEEN 3PM & 5PM ON THE 7TH OF DECEMBER

YOU WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE FREE COMPETITION FOR AN AMAZING COMMUNITY PRIZE!

GOOD LUCK AND GET BAKING!
CAN'T BAKE? JUST DECORATE!



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REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Christmas is a time of joy, with families coming together. Sadly for many people 'Food Poverty' is a real concern. This year 'Santas's little helpers', (A group of local volunteers) are supporting the work of The Highland Foodbank Advent Calendar 2024 to try and bring some cheer to those in need. You can choose to donate as many items as able, even ONE donation per household will make a huge difference. Anyone in this area in need of such assistance can be directed to the Highland Foodbank.

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept donations of home made goods and respectfully ask that all donations have a long sell by date. Donation points will be available at the following locations:

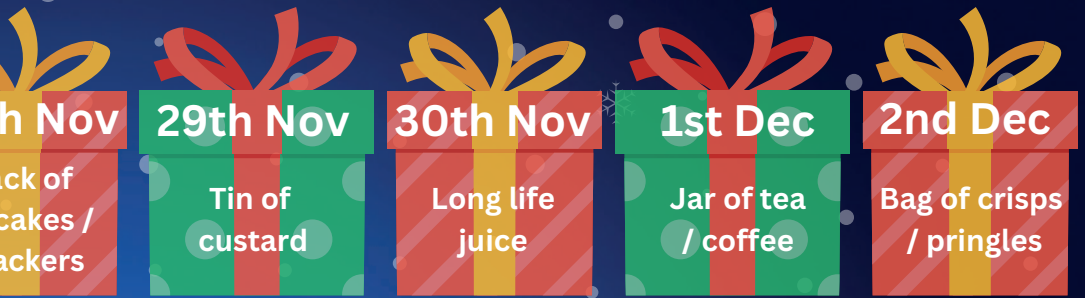
The Wildside Centre
The Hub at BCC
Gorthleck Hall
Foyers Shop

The calendar will commence on Wednesday the 27th of NOVEMBER with the closing date for donations being Friday 20th DECEMBER. This will allow for Santa's helpers to pack up the sleigh, so the goodies can be delivered in time for Christmas. Any support you feel able to give will be very much appreciated.



If you feel able to off
information





29th Nov

Tin of
custard



30th Nov

Long life
juice



1st Dec

Jar of tea
/ coffee



2nd Dec

Bag of crisps
/ pringles



4th Dec

Packet of
biscuits



5th Dec

Carton of
UHT milk



6th Dec

Trifle mix /
packet of
pudding mix



7th Dec

Jar of jam
or chocolate
spread



8th Dec

Tin of
chopped
tomatoes



10th Dec

Cereal
box



11th Dec

Tin of fruit



12th Dec

Tin of
corned beef



13th Dec

Toothpaste



14th Dec

Packet of
sweets



16th Dec

Packet of
rolls



17th Dec

Tin of
macaroni



18th Dec

Jar of
pasta sauce



19th Dec

Box of
cereal



20th Dec

Box of
6 mince pies

For assistance of other drop off points, or for any further information please contact eileen-martin@hotmail.co.uk





THE LUVVIES CHRISTMAS SHOW

**13
DEC**

AT 7:30 PM

Stratherrick Public Hall,
Gorthleck
Doors open at 7pm

Come along and see what talents our
community have and support their chance to
shine on stage!

BYOB ~ MINCE PIES & MULLED WINE ~ RAFFLE

~ **FREE ENTRY** ~

SUGGESTED DONATION £5.

DONATIONS RAISED WILL GO TO SUPPORTING
THE LUVVIES FUTURE EVENTS.



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STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY
CHILDRENS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

JOIN US FOR A JOLLY
GOOD TIME!

14TH DECEMBER - 2-4PM

THE WILDSIDE CENTRE

PARTY HIGHLIGHTS:

SANTA | GAMES | MUSIC | FOOD

FOR ALL PARENTS WITH CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO
P7 IN THE STRATHERRICK & FOYERS AREA

TO RSVP PLEASE CONTACT KIRSTY BALFOUR
AT kirsty.balfour.19@gmail.com OR FIONA
MOHAN AT fiona_mohan@yahoo.co.uk
BY 14TH NOVEMBER so Santa can
prepare some special gifts!

HO-HO-HOPE TO SEE
YOU THERE!

EVERY CHILD TO HAVE A
RESPONSIBLE PARENT
PRESENT!





YOU ARE INVITED TO A
COMMUNITY

Christmas

3 COURSE LUNCH

20TH DECEMBER, 2024 | AT 2PM

STRATHERRICK PUBLIC HALL

£15 PER PERSON

(PAYABLE IN ADVANCE)

TO BUY TICKETS PLEASE EMAIL JAN AT:

JANH25@LIVE.COM

OR PHONE ON: 01456 486233

NUMBER IS LIMITED TO 50





Scotshaven Holistic Therapies & Yoga

SFCT INVITE YOU TO JOIN GILL AND ALANNAH FROM SCOTSHAVEN FOR A COMMUNITY

WINTER *Solstice* CELEBRATION

LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY AND TRADITIONS OF THE WINTER SOLSTICE, RELAX YOUR MIND AND BODY WITH A GENTLE YOGA PRACTICE AND MEDITATION AND DEEPLY IMMERSE YOURSELF IN A HEALING SOUND BATH. MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES WILL BE SERVED TO FINISH OFF THE EVENING. LEAVE FEELING RELAXED AND RECHARGED FOR THE BUSY CHRISTMAS SEASON AHEAD.

21ST DECEMBER

Free entry

7PM - 9PM

Free entry

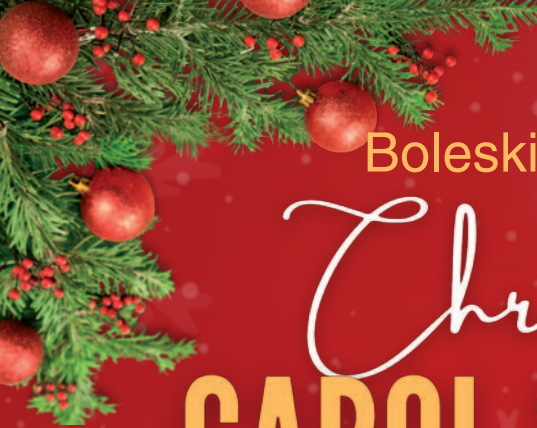
ERROGIE CHURCH

**SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES AND FITNESS LEVELS,
YOGA MATS WILL BE PROVIDED.**



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Boleskine Church

Christmas CAROL SERVICE

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas with our enchanting Carol Service. Gather with family and friends to enjoy the timeless melodies that echo the joy, warmth, and love of the season

Tea, Coffee & Mince Pies afterwards

22nd

**Dec, 2024
Sunday**

Boleskine Church
Boleskine, IV2 6UJ

10:30am
ALL WELCOME

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

25th

**Dec, 2024
Wednesday**

Boleskine Church
Boleskine, IV2 6UJ

10:30am
ALL WELCOME



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Christmas Film Screenings

Experience some Community Christmas magic!



ELF! - 3PM

BRING YOUR BEANBAG, CUSHION AND COSY CLOTHING.
FESTIVE OUTFITS ENCOURAGED

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE - 7PM

BRING A CUSHION AND WEAR COSY CLOTHING.
FESTIVE OUTFITS ENCOURAGED

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DEC 2024

ERROGIE CHURCH



POPCORN | FESTIVE TREATS |
HOT DRINKS | FREE ENTRY

EVERY CHILD TO HAVE A
RESPONSIBLE PARENT
PRESENT!

PLEASE CAR SHARE WHERE POSSIBLE,
LIMITED PARKING AVAILABLE
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highland

Hogmanay Party

The place to be for a traditional highland
hogmanay where you can enjoy a delicious 3 course
meal, live music and our very own piper!- Dinner
£70 reservations-
01456 486 226
NO Ticket required for our shindig- just your
dancing shoes and a smile!!

THE WHITEBRIDGE HOTEL
Traditional Highland Hogmanay Party

2022
HOTELS
OF THE
YEAR
SCOTLAND

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