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AUTUMN MAGAZINE SPECIAL

Welcome to the Autumn Stratherrick & Foyers News! In this issue you will find community news, stories and events, as well as updates from the Stratherrick & Foyers Community Trust on projects and grants awarded. If you have any photographs, recipes, stories or news that you would like to share with the community, please send them through to jillian-dir@sfctrust.org.uk.

We are working hard to ensure that all members of the community are able to access copies of both our newsletter and our bi-annual magazine. Our magazine will be distributed to all households across the strath, and the newsletter will be available online or via email, with a small number of printed copies available for collection. If you would like to be added to our electronic mailing list please contact Caroline, our Project Co-ordinator at pc@sfctrust.org.uk.

Gareth Jones
Vice-Chair, Stratherrick & Foyers Community Trust

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Stratherrick & Foyers Community Trust

CHAIR'S BULLETIN:

This month we have all been busy getting ready for the launch of our Community Action Plan. We have been working closely with Nick Wright and his team to capture everyone's ideas, feedback and actions going forward. We have been particularly interested in how we organise ourselves and how we can move forward giving groups more ownership over projects and making it easier to fund the great ideas that are floating about in our community. It will be exciting to publish the final draft and support the delivery of the projects that are important to you.

Lots of grants have been awarded too! The Trust has supported many people in our community who want to improve their knowledge and skills. These range from one-off day courses through to helping with the cost of full-time education programmes. Many existing groups are able to apply for funding as they begin to hold regular meetings and make plans and activities for the future, with more certainty that the activities can go ahead as planned. It is great to hear that your groups are growing in number as more people become confident in getting back to normal, which is a huge boost to our mental health.

We are currently making plans for the annual general meeting which will be held at Wildside on Wednesday November 24th at 7.30pm. We will have some vacancies to fill for volunteer



directors on our Board. If you are interested in joining our Board at this exciting time please don't hesitate to chat with one of our Directors who can tell you more about the role.

Kirsty Balfour
Chair, SFCT



STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY TRUST

AGM

7.30PM, WEDNESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER
AT THE WILDSIDE CENTRE, WHITEBRIDGE AND ON ZOOM

Further details to follow –
keep an eye on the Stratherrick & Foyers Community Trust website and Facebook page

MULTI-TASKING ISN'T A FLAP IF YOU LOVE BUTTERFLIES

Hanging out the washing, mowing the grass, cleaning the car; pretty dull?

I have discovered that you can multi-task and brighten up your day by taking part in the “Butterflies in the new Millennium” survey online to record butterfly sightings.

Now the everyday tasks are full of colour and the dulllest job has the additional pleasure of spotting a Sooty Copper or Fritillary-fantastic!

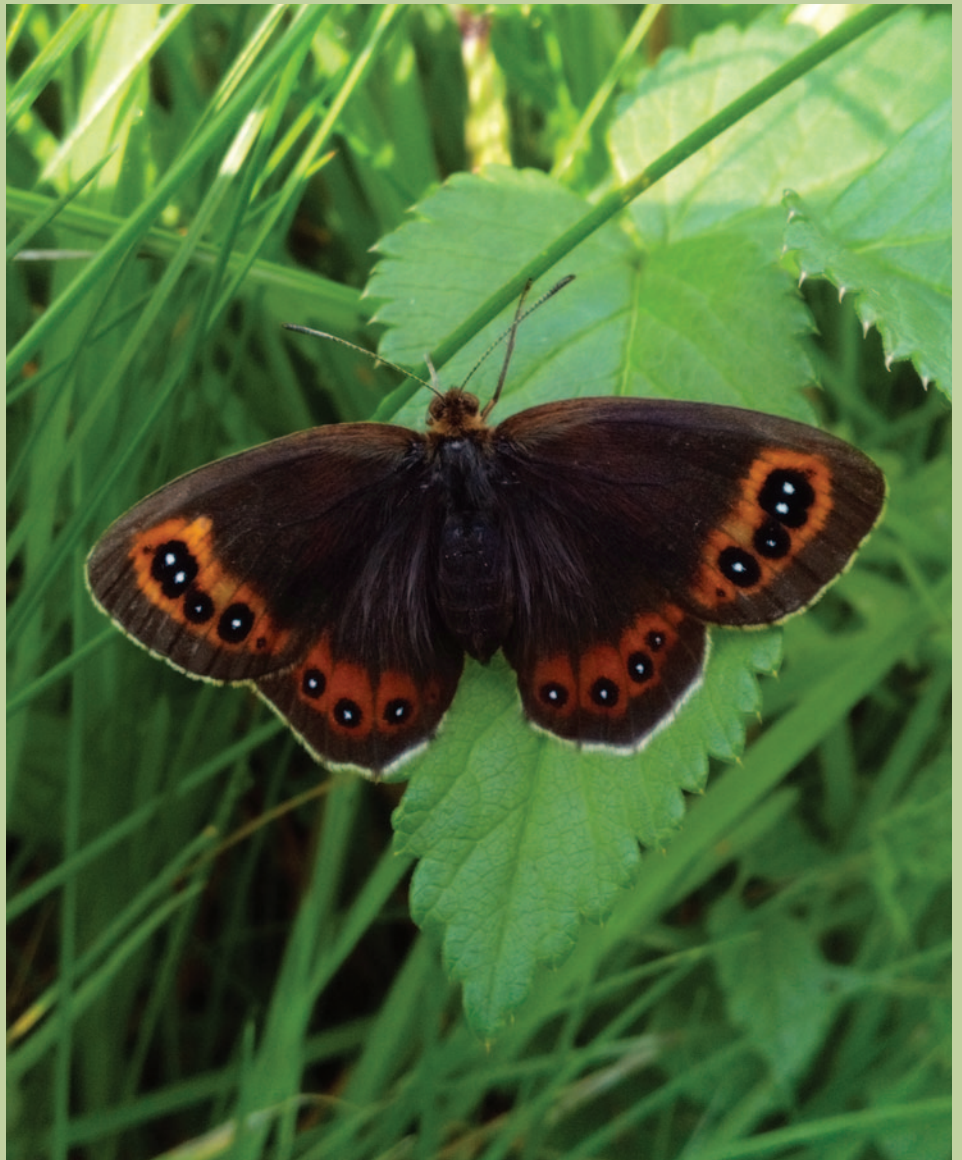
These sightings have occurred in The Pass Road between Errogie and Inverfaigaig. The Sooty Copper, which is a normally a European species, exists alongside the familiar Scottish species of butterflies. The Speckled Wood has migrated northwards in response to warmer weather and is eye catching.

Butterflies are used as an indicator species to monitor climate change. We have old favourites fluttering about - the Peacock, the Orange Tip, the Small and occasionally Large White, the Red Admiral, the Small Tortoiseshell, the Ringlet, the Small Mountain Ringlet, the Common Blue, the Small Copper, the Meadow Brown, the Scotch Argus, the Wood White. Maybe more! I spotted a Large Tortoiseshell whilst having a cup of tea in the garden.

Why not have a go on the website (it costs nothing). It helps record what we see and is an enjoyable task.

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/our-work/recording-and-monitoring/butterflies-for-the-new-millennium>

Margie Elgar-Bond
Ault-na-Goire



SNAPSHOT OF LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

The community is blessed with some fantastic photographers. Please enjoy a sample of their recent work. If you are a keen photographer and would like to see your pictures in the magazine, drop a note to Jillian at jillian-dir@sfctrust.org.uk

JACOBITE CRUISES

Thanks are due to the team at Jacobite Cruises who were kind enough to offer a trip for two in the recent Soup2Go raffle held at the Wildside Centre Gala. Well done to Albert – we hope he enjoys his trip.

Eagle-eyed loch watchers may have noticed that Jacobite Cruises flagship, the Jacobite Queen has been absent from the loch and her usual berth at Tomnahurich recently.

Don't worry if you haven't seen the Jacobite Queen when you've been driving past Dores, she is safe at Muirtown having a rest this summer. At the moment all the sailings are being carried out by the other vessels in the Jacobite fleet.

Jacobite Queen is a former ferry from the Tyne. She sailed between North and South Shields for nearly forty years and arrived up on Loch Ness in 1987. Jacobite cruises have re-engineered and refurbished her over the years. The vessel is on the National Historic Ship's Register No 391, and is very popular with visitors and locals alike. The more modern boats, Jacobite Warrior and Jacobite Rebel both came from France, whilst the Jacobite Maverick was built on the Isle of Wight.

For more information on the Loch Ness by Jacobite vessels, here are two links.

<https://www.wightshipyard.com/single-post/2018/06/13/a-new-catamaran-for-scotland-from-wight-shipyard-co>

<https://www.jacobite.co.uk/meet-the-boats>

Steven Watson



Albert receives his raffle prize from the yellow ladies from Soup to Go.



Jacobite Queen butting along Loch Ness near the Change House.



Kirsty, our Chair, and Caroline, our Project Co-ordinator, were on hand to welcome the community to the gala, ably helped by Nick Wright from Nick Wright Planning.



Q & A WITH ROS NICOL

Hello Ros, firstly, thanks for your photographs which have appeared in recent issues of the Trust Magazine and Bulletins.

You have been at Ault na Goire for a few years now.

Yes, Hugh and I are celebrating 30 years here. I suppose you could say we are 'in with the trees', rather than 'in with the bricks'!

What sort of photographs do you like to take?

I love nature and the outdoors. I enjoy photographing wild flowers, particularly from slightly different perspectives. Interesting trees always catch my eye, especially those with shape and texture, and I do take landscapes, although our local area has some outstanding landscape photographers.

So, does digital photography make a big difference to you?

Well, there is no secret to it, I take photographs on my mobile phone. I have never had a dedicated camera, but that is something in which I would like to invest in due course. When I am walking about, I know I have a high-resolution camera in my pocket, so when I come across a colourful or unusual subject I'm always ready to take a picture.

And are there any secrets to achieving your impressive results?

I do walk a lot in the countryside, and I think that the secret is to be aware and observe what is around us - some things are hidden in plain sight, and occasionally just taking a few paces off the beaten track can produce something entirely different.

So you're always on the lookout for your next shot?

Yes, I am. I had the opportunity to take up photography when Lockdown

happened - it has given me a lot of enjoyment, and I intend to continue (and hopefully improve as I go along!).

Steven Watson,
Community Liaison Officer



A TRIBUTE TO SADIE CHISHOLM

Sadie Chisholm - Lochgarthside
1925 - 2021

I first met Sadie in 1973 when my husband and I bought a ruined croft house next to the Chisholms. Over the following ten years Sadie and Alister encouraged us with the renovation, fed us and even joined in with the sledgehammer. For nearly 50 years I reckon I was the luckiest person to have Sadie Chisholm as my neighbour. Since her death earlier this year many people have told me of their memories and love for her so when 'young' Alister asked me to write this I was both honoured and slightly nervous. How was I able to convey the community's gratitude for her love given so generously to so many people?

Sadie Moles left her hometown of Glasgow in 1944 aged 17. Sadie had been called up to join the Women's Land Army. She had hoped to join the Wrens but help was also needed on the land to feed the nation. Sadie came from a close and happy family with two sisters and a brother. In time they all settled in Stratherrick, but Sadie left Glasgow during the war and entered a very different world than she had known.

She first went to Drummond Farm as "a wee lassie" to help Jimmy Mackay and his wife. Here she learned to milk a cow, drive a cart and lift tatties. But not long after her arrival Jimmy bought a tractor, so her services were reassigned to the much larger farm on Knockie Estate. She became the Dairymaid. Twice a day she milked six Irish Kerry cows, she learned to make crowdie, butter and cheese, she fed pigs and raised chickens; the chicks came as day old and went into incubators. There were 100 cockerels and 50 hens. The cockerels went away to be processed at Bunchrew. Killing cockerels for the house was not something she enjoyed without Ian MacAskill to give a hand. Ian was responsible for looking after the cows. The estate had six staff along with six young German P.O.Ws. Everyone received a pint of milk a day and it was Sadie's job to calculate the amount.

During this time Sadie made close friends with Kirsty and Iris Ferguson. They shared a room at the top of the big house. Neil Ferguson was the shepherd at Knockie and Sadie became a life long



friend to all the family. As single girls the only way to socialize was to join the Young Farmers Club. Usually travelling by bicycle they met other girls and young men employed on the land. Jessie Paterson from Errogie remembers the dances and talks in Stratherrick hall and Col. Grant of Knockie teaching them to dance the Scottish reels. The Young Farmers met every month, held an annual Seed & Root Show and organized coach outings to agricultural shows including the Highland Show in Edinburgh. Sadie was secretary for a while and won the baking competition three years running - the first of many baking achievements! The Land Army was disbanded in 1950 but Sadie stayed in the Strath moving back to Drummond Farm to help the Mackay family. It was during this time that Sadie met her husband to be, Alister Chisholm.

In 1953 they were married in the Free Church at Errogie with the reception at the Whitebridge Hotel. Neil Ferguson, younger brother to Kirsty and Iris, has many fond memories of Sadie as gentle and kind and like another sister "she looked after me when my mother was ill and when she got married on the 10th June 1954 (my birthday) I was her page boy. She loved to cycle everywhere and took great delight in reminding me that she had taught me to knit when I was seven years old."

Four children were born, Alister, Jim, Catherine and David. Life on the croft at Lochgarthside was hard but very happy. Alister's parents remained on the croft until their deaths in 1962 and 1964. It was a big household to manage. Electricity did not arrive until the late 1950s and mains water not until 1969. Until then light and cooking were by paraffin and the open fire. Water from the well on the croft was piped up in 1930. Robin and Kitty Fraser just along the road, with their four sons Lesley, Donald, Andrew and Ian, spent many happy times with the Chisholms. There were the cows to milk, cheese, butter and crowdie to make, and hens to feed. Turnips, tatties and oats to sow and to reap. It was a hard life for women! But Sadie always had thoughts for others. Mairi Stoddart (Strathnairn), Isabel Fraser's sister remembers, as a girl, Sadie coming to stay while their mother was ill.

In 1966 Sadie took over the Gorthleck post office from Margaret Urquhart. She ran it in the front porch of the house for 22 years. It was the place to catch up on the news and have a chat and more often than not have a cup of tea. Sadie was always professional. Shopping was often by catalogue in those days and Sadie would be happy to help. She was on duty five and half days a week as well as on a rota for telegrams with the other local post offices on

Saturday afternoons. Jimmy Macpherson, 'Jimmac', used to ride his little pony Dandy from Whitebridge to pick up his pension. Always welcoming, Sadie became a confidant and friend to many, she was the centre of the strath.

In 1988 the post office presented Sadie with a certificate in thanks for her long service. After retiring she continued to play a central part in the community. Jim was a great shinty player and on a Monday morning I remember a long row of Boleskine shinty shirts drying on her washing line. Her family from Glasgow moved up as they retired, one sister to Foyers and another to Dell. Her brother Robert followed while her niece Janet, who arrived first, still lives in Foyers. As a member of the WRI, Sadie continued to win prizes for her baking. Along with her weekly visit to the Telford Centre in Fort Augustus she played bowls, painted and she and Jim learned tapestry. Alister sadly died in 1991 but resilient as always Sadie continued to go to all her church and social events and along with Rose Fortune began to work as a volunteer in the red cross shop in the town, travelling in by bus.

In 2011 Jim died. It was a great shock to the family. Jim had remained at home after his father died and had been a great comfort to Sadie. The lunch club in both Strathnairn and here in Stratherrick provided continuing contact and support, along with all her old friends

who were finding it more difficult to visit. Local carers were able to help her to stay at home for as long as possible but at the start of the pandemic she left the old house to be with her daughter Catherine in Buckie where she died on 7th May.

Sadie will be missed by many, young and old. She was generous with her time and always thought of the happiness and comfort of others. There are many adjectives to describe Sadie - wonderful, incredible, but most of all gentle and kind. She was able to endear herself to people from many walks of life. She was interested in many topics happily discussing world affairs, politics as well as growing vegetables, household remedies and recipes. Always welcoming, a cup of tea offered and her wonderful pancakes. Stratherrick is poorer now she is no longer with us. To me she was the best neighbour ever.

In 2008 Sadie was honoured with her Land Army Badge for services during the war as well as a Certificate signed by the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown. "The Government wishes to express to you its profound gratitude for your unsparing efforts as a loyal and devoted member of the Women's Land Army /Women's Timber Corps at a time when our country depended upon you for its survival"

Jane O'Donovan with help from Alister and Catherine.

Thanks also to Neil and Maureen Ferguson; Ian and Dulsie MacAskill; Jessie Paterson and Mairi Stoddart.

And so many stories still to tell but maybe another time.

Photos from the Chisholm archives.



STRATHCOICH, CHAPTER 2

I have been prevailed upon by faithful readers to share the next episode from Strathcroich about attempts by an impoverished Highland Estate to repair its fortunes. The story so far is that the laird's young son Peregrine Macfarquar returns from his public school with a beaver which he hopes might kick start a new money-making enterprise but things are not going to plan...

So where was the late occupant of the kennel, departed like a furtive air B n' B guest somewhere into the mists of Strathcroich? The two conspirators Murdo, and young Peregrine Macfarquar of Macfarquar were at a loss, the tentative plan to diversify and start a small wildlife park to restore the estate fortunes had not got off to a good start! They spent the day combing the river and loch banks and apart from a few suspiciously gnawed saplings there was no trace of the beaver when both retired for the night to their respective beds.

However, it was not to be for long. Early next morning Finlay "The Rocket" postman dropped by for his morning strupach full of the latest news. Apparently, Hugh John, "The Precentor" was still trembling after his encounter with a demon the previous evening when working at his private still located in a cave on the side of Ben Ciochan, a far flung corner of the estate.

According to Finlay, Hugh John had just been decanting the mash from a particularly potent fermentation when he was confronted in the half-light by a pair of gleaming eyes in a sleek black face surmounting the most ferocious teeth he'd ever clapped eyes on. The beast snarled and Hugh John fled into the nethermost reaches of his cave to fortify himself with some of his strongest production convinced that a demon had emerged to convey a dreadful warning about his illicit operations. Even the formidable ladies of the Strathcroich Abstinence Society (The SAS) could not have frightened him more!

The two conspirators chose not to disclose what they knew about the source of Hugh John's fright but they both knew that Finlay could be relied upon to convey the story to every corner of his postal round. Perhaps it would be better to disclaim all knowledge about any wildlife reintroduction to the Strath. And then of course it would only be a matter of time before the reporter from the Fort Gralloch Investigator would be sniffing around looking for a sensational story and very likely followed by the Authorities, chief of which was the Scottish Heritage Institute Trust (S.H.I.T.).

It was time to come clean with Peregrine's parents and to put in place a plan to try and retrieve their stray beaver. Tentatively the young lad sat down for morning coffee with Sir Ludovic and Lady Violet and explained how his well-intended efforts had become somewhat derailed. The family were not completely unused to novel and innovative estate management having in the past offered a site for nuclear waste disposal to the authorities and also the site for a high security prison location, successors of course to their earlier role in the general mass clearance of this corner of the Highlands.

Sir Ludovic rose to the occasion and immediately thought of enlisting support from Scottish Gamekeepers against

Twitchers (SGAT), experts at snaring, trapping, and bringing under control any deviant wildlife. The next step was to prepare a "Wanted" poster for a runaway beaver to distribute throughout the community and of course to let Scottish Heritage know about their local problem. The poster duly appeared on all the local sites and of course in the bar of the Strathcroich Arms beneath the stuffed trout and Monarch of the Glen prompting the primary school to rapidly embark on their own Project Beaver investigation. National Press and television were not far behind and suddenly Strathcroich was the centre of attention.

Locally and nationally news of the unplanned reintroduction had a mixed reception. On the one hand adherents to the fundamentalist churches in the Strath complained that the animal was not on the schedule of species in Noah's ark and, perish the thought, could not have arrived by Darwinian evolution. The gamekeeping fraternity were torn between a brand new sporting target to be hunted, or alternatively to be totally eliminated by trapping and snaring and an opportunity to demonstrate their prowess with weapons of destruction.

Meanwhile the school kids had produced drawings and cartoons of the animal and even bestowed it with a cuddly feel good name regardless of its male or female identity. There was some debate as to whether the creature should be known as "Boris" (on account of its unpredictability) or even the more homely "Beverly Beaver", but no one was very confident about its gender. Camp sites and self catering accommodation began to see an upturn in business and even some campervans (known locally as "septic tanks on wheels" due to their sporadic emptying regime) began to appear in laybys, their occupants armed with telephoto lenses to capture the all too elusive photographs demanded by the media.

The Scottish Heritage Institute Trust were totally unsure as to how they should react and frantically combed the Statistical Accounts from the 17th. Century and any other sources to try and establish when the last beaver had been seen in the area, meanwhile awaiting a steer from the politicians who of course were trying to determine if beaver reintroduction could be a vote catcher.

Murdo went to ground while Hugh John was prevailed upon to give a dramatic account to Gaelic media on his account with the "Uilebheist" of course omitting the real reason for his night time activities. When the English translation was picked up it did nothing to downplay the drama of the moment.

The Macfarquars silently basked in the estates unexpected notoriety unknown since the Laird's days on the County Council and chairmanship of the Roads Committee when he had unashamedly collared funding for more passing places on the access route to the lodge than were available for the entire remainder of the County Council area.

Meanwhile, rewilding the Highlands was back at the top of the environmental agenda alongside the reintroduction of wolves and lynx.

But where was our freedom loving beaver?

To be continued

Alex Sutherland

A WALK IN THE WOODS WITH THE NEIL MACKENZIE TRUST

Get Outdoors Day, Coming out of Covid, hopefully!

The walk, in Daviot Woods, was well attended by individuals, couples and families. Following some warm up exercises from our leader, Val Rose, of Val Rose Health and Fitness, we set off on a 5k walk. The children were well entertained with a scavenger hunt, while the adults gradually formed small groups and engaged in relaxed conversations.

It was a chance to meet friends, old and new, and take some gentle exercise, concluding with a drink and home-made cake. It was also possible, then, to learn more about all the grants the Trust offers, and, of course to make donations to the Trust and buy some of their merchandise.

After the event Carol, who attended, said "This was a great afternoon ... I

think I speak for several people who attended - we would love another one!"

We are now working towards our next inclusive "Health and Wellbeing" event, which will be held on 13th November.

Please put it in your diary and keep an eye on our website and social media for more information.

From the walk, and another "wellbeing" event held in aid of the Trust, £500 was raised in May, and £160 from a couple

of other smaller events in Strathnairn and Stratherrick.

Please get in touch if you want to know more about any of our grants (Health and Wellbeing, outdoor skills training or expedition grants) at theneilmackenzietrust@dr.com or visit our website to read more about us, what we do and who we have helped. www.theneilmackenzietrust.com

Margaret Mackenzie,
Trustee, The Neil Mackenzie Trust



BOLESKINE COMMUNITY CARE

BCC is happy to announce that interviews took place on 14th August to appoint a part time Business Admin Assistant to work at the Hub in Lower Foyers. The successful candidate started with us in September

The carers will shortly receive new winter jackets supplied by BCC complete with Logo to complement their new uniforms designed and supplied by Highland Hospice.

The Befriending service is up and running now with 3 befrienders and 2 others pending. More are needed to ensure referrals received are met effectively.

By popular demand our members have requested if possible that all activities are held at the hub in lower foyers. They feel that the Hub is representative of BCC and they wish very much to support this. Due to the lifting of restrictions and the good weather, the hub has been able to host all activities.

The annual MacMillan afternoon tea was held at the hub on Wednesday 15th September 1pm-3pm hosted by the coffee morning volunteers. All proceeds went to MacMillan Cancer support. The event shelter, purchased with Community Council grant, will have its debut in the garden in order to extend available space.

ACTIVITIES.

Our volunteer-led activities currently are:

- Moovin about and 'Strength and Balance' held fortnightly on Tuesdays.
 - Coffee Morning at the hub is held every second Wednesday of the month.
 - The hub walks, a well-established activity, is held every second Tuesday of the month.
 - The Art group by popular demand will run fortnightly 2-4pm.
 - Cinema group fortnightly on Thursday afternoon.
 - To start shortly Music Group fortnightly on Thursday afternoon
- Professional services: - Additional to 'Care at Home' and 'Befriending'
- Foot care every 6 weeks. To book appointment ring the hub 01456 486247 and leave a message.
 - Community Transport Scheme 07944 228830 – grant funded by Highland Council. Is growing again however more volunteer drivers are needed for this extremely valued service.

Kit Cameron
Chair BCC Trustees

STRATHERRICK & FOYERS COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Whilst meetings are still having to be held by video conferencing, as directed by Highland Council, this has not stopped the volunteer members of the Community Council working hard and achieving lots since the last newsletter. All meetings are still open to the public if you are able to join online. Questions and issues can also be raised at meetings on someone's behalf if anyone cannot make a meeting. To attend a meeting or ask a question, please email the admin at ~ email.sfcc@aol.com

Please find below an update on some of the work of the Community Council

NEW WEBSITE. In July, the Community Council launched a new website that is specifically for Community Council business. We hope that it is easy to find the information on there that you are looking for. All minutes from meetings are published on the website but if anyone would like those emailed or paper copies, please email the admin as above. We hope to add some more pages to the website when time allows. The new website address is ~ <https://stratherrickfoyerscommunitycouncil.org.uk/>

FOYERS PUBLIC TOILETS. We are delighted to report that the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council has been successful in its bid to obtain funding from the Scottish Government's Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund to build a new toilet block at the Falls of Foyers car park. This is a collaboration project with the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust, which will take over ownership of the building once completed and volunteers from both groups have been working tirelessly for many months and years to get to this stage. This grant of £159k, makes up the final part of funding required for this project with grants already confirmed from Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust (£58k), SSE's Glendoe Community Fund (£10k) and The Highland Council (£2k). The project will see a new low carbon, sustainable building that will replace the condemned toilet block currently at the Falls car park. The new building will have more capacity than the old toilet block and will have the addition of a disabled access toilet. The project will also deliver a motor home waste disposal point and an electric car charging point both situated in different areas of the car park. This project has had strong Community support throughout the period of getting to this stage and both the Community Council and the Trust look forward to delivering a project that will not only enhance the local area but protect the local environment.

ROADS. Since the last newsletter where we updated you that the Community Council had compiled a list of road defects in the area, there has been several areas that have been worked on and improved. There are still lots of other areas that require major works and we will continue to lobby to get these completed. Preliminary designs have been drawn up for the Gorthleck Village Improvement Scheme as part of the Highland Council's established South Loch Ness – Road Improvement Strategy. This will be presented as a Consultation Plan to the Community to explain what is being proposed and gain feedback from the Community Council, residents and other interested parties. It was hoped this

consultation would happen on 6th September but unfortunately this had to be cancelled due to rising Covid rates. As soon as we get a new date for this event, we will let the Community know. We still very much encourage all members of the Community to report potholes as they get fixed very quickly once reported. This can be done at ~ https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/20005/roads_and_pavements/96/road_faults or by calling: 01349886601. Please don't assume that someone else has reported it.

RENEWABLES. There are many renewable energy schemes in the area that are in operation along with many more that have planning but not started construction and more in the pipeline. The Community Council Admin is working on a map that will be shared soon to show where all of these schemes are located. Admin is also looking into how all these schemes will connect to the grid, the transmission lines and associated sub-stations that will be required for all the above schemes as this was raised recently as a concern by members of the Community. The Community Council always seek to get the best outcome for the Community when looking at these planning applications and even when they go ahead despite objection, the Community Council seek the best mitigation on behalf of the Community i.e. road improvements. From a Government planning perspective, we have been told that given the climate emergency, it is unlikely that renewable schemes will not be given planning, subject to conditions that will vary and that is where fighting for best mitigation for the Community can come in. Currently, one of the major issues that has been prevalent in many of the applications that are in for planning at the moment is the height of the proposed turbines; any turbine over 149.9m tall requires aviation warning lights and this is something that the Community Council are making a strong stance against any of this height being approved as this would mean that the turbines would also be visible at night. But as taller turbines create more energy, it will be a difficult argument. Members of the Community Council are attending planning training specifically for renewable schemes as they can be very complicated and come with hundreds of pages of literature. As with all planning applications, we will try to advertise where possible and encourage feedback to the Community Council and also individuals commenting on applications. All live applications can be seen and commented on at ~ <https://www.highland.gov.uk/> then click on planning applications and you can do weekly or monthly searches using the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council area.

NEW LOCAL COUNCILLOR. In March this year, a new Councillor was elected to cover our ward of Aird and Loch Ness – Cllr David Fraser. I am sure many of you will have seen David's updates on social media and he has been a great contributor, along with Cllr Margaret Davidson, at our meetings and doing lots of work for the benefit of the area out with meetings. David has definitely hit the ground running and we would like to thank him for his work so far for the area.

MICRO GRANTS. A reminder that the Community Council currently receive £5k per annum to give out in micro grants from the SSE Stronelaig panel. Applications accepted for up to £500 for anything that is deemed to have Community benefit. More information at can be found at ~ <https://stratherrickfoyerscommunitycouncil.org.uk/micro-grants>

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A BUSY SUMMER FOR INVERFARIGAIG RESIDENTS GROUP

It's been a most satisfying spring /summer for our group. Our community field has really taken shape during this time. Spring saw us come together and create "lazy beds"; we planted tatties and runner beans and we are looking forward to harvesting these very soon. Our community orchard has been planted with apple and plum trees. Although our fruit trees were late going in and along with a dry spring we have only lost one plum tree, which the company that we ordered from are going to replace as they were very late sending out our order. In addition to the fruit trees, we have also planted a fruit hedge including raspberries, blackcurrant, redcurrant and gooseberries. We hope to extend this hedge with native shrubs next year. We are looking into being included on the map for Highland Good Food as there seems to be a gap on the south side of Loch Ness.

Our shelter has now been sited and the roof repaired. We have a couple of benches and seats for the community to sit and enjoy our hard work and in August we held our first community BBQ and lit our fire pit for the first time, and although it was the one Saturday



evening that we had rain! All that attended had a really lovely evening. After lockdown it makes you appreciate social events.

We have found some unusual plants within the wood area. We have some Bird Nest Orchids which we have been assured are quite unusual and a sign that it is a truly ancient woodland. As we enter autumn there are mushrooms and toadstools everywhere. Since fencing the field we have noticed a huge difference in the regrowth and are committed to allowing the area to rewild

and regenerate, this plan has particularly helped the Aspens.

Our community field is a great place to exercise or just sit and relax, for both humans and dogs. It remains a pivotal point for bringing our community together. We feel very privileged to have such an asset right on our doorstep and feel passionate about protecting it. We will continue to build on this year's hard work and look forward to sharing our next year's plans with you.

Helen Grainger

HALL HAPPENINGS

After a much-prolonged COVID closure Stratherrick Hall is slowly returning to normal business and availability.

Following our recent appeal for volunteers we now have five new members to join the remaining four on the Management Committee - Jan Stephen, who is the new Bookings Secretary, Jim Cameron, who is the new Treasurer, Jo Cameron, Bob Main and Jan Hargreaves. We are grateful to them for coming forward - the Committee is now in a healthy position.

After many delays due to COVID and difficulty in obtaining materials the leaking rear roof is being worked on and

should be repaired by the time you read this - at last we should be wind and watertight.

Over the last month or so very successful (and well-supported!) dog training classes have been held, and the Hall has also hosted a local wedding reception. Ballroom Dancing is about to re-commence on Tuesday evenings for the fleet-of-foot, but beginner couples are most welcome - contact Bob Main on 01456.486317. A Highland Council public consultation regarding proposed traffic improvements/management in Gorthleck had to be cancelled because of COVID, but the plans are on display in the Hall for anyone attending events. The public meeting will be re-scheduled in due course. The Library in the South Porch has been expanded and added

to, with many new crime fiction titles available along with Scottish and Military History, Travel, etc...

For Hall Availability and Bookings please contact Jan Stephen - Jintyjan515@outlook.com

Hugh Nicol - Chairman, Hall Management Committee.



WILDSIDE BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Our group is back up and running on a regular basis, meeting every Thursday morning at 9:30am until 11:30 am. It is an informal session and everyone is welcome! We have a range of indoor toys for the baby and toddlers, good coffee and usually enough biscuits to get us through while we have a chat. The group is a great way to meet up with other families in our area (any beyond) and we are pleased that our numbers are on the increase.

This summer we were lucky enough to book a Messy Ness session that was funded for by Stratherick & Foyers Community Trust. The weather was glorious for our outdoor play session and all the kids, and adults, enjoyed the different sensory play areas that were set up. Our photos hopefully capture the messy fun that was had.

Kirsty Balfour



STRATHERRICK & FOYERS SENIORS LUNCH CLUB

Well finally, the Lunch Club has been able to use the Covid Grant awarded by SFCT in August 2020! Little did we know how long we would have to wait.

However, it was worth it. On 18th and 25th July, due to restrictions at the time we had 20 folk each week, to sit in at Wildside and enjoy steaming hot Fish and Chips and mushy peas followed by a tub of ice cream.

I forgot to take any photos (so excited were we all at catching up with old friends again!) but Roger's face and his empty box tell the story!

Special thanks to Bella, Lesley and their team at the Whitebridge hotel.

Pamela Simpson

Soup to Go



SUMMER FUN WITH SOUP TO GO

Soup to Go continues from strength to strength. In early May, Covid restrictions were relaxed and with social distancing we were able to offer sit in dining as well as our regular takeaways and deliveries.

Numbers sitting in were low to begin with but soon grew. We were delighted when Ernie Randall agreed to come along and play his accordion for us. He has a wonderful knack of gauging his audience's mood and playing just the right selection of music, many a rousing chorus (or three, or six) can be heard emanating from Wildside on a Monday! We were also joined by our servers Catriona and Marian.

In July Soup to Go provided catering for the Stratherrick Mini Gala and showed off our new tabards. What brilliant, hot weather we had for the day, which brought out a splendid crowd. There was a great atmosphere and it was lovely to see the community coming together and enjoying the day. StG also ran the raffle and we are so grateful to local businesses for their tremendous support and our volunteers who helped to obtain and collect raffle prizes, and sell raffle tickets on the day.

Local businesses were extremely generous and we had fantastic raffle prizes. The Whitebridge Hotel, who had replaced the TVs in the hotel bedrooms, kindly donated 10 TVs for StG to sell.

All TVs sold and all raffle prizes were extremely well received by the lucky winners, including the gentleman who won the voucher for gel nails!

The raffle ticket & tv sales made £421.95, which will enable us to purchase enough disposable soup cups, coffee cups, paper bags, carrier bags etc. for approx 14 weeks.



Speaking of volunteers, we would really like to say a huge thank you to all our unseen heroes who work behind the scenes, our soup makers, cake bakers and delivery folk, a few you can see below. All these wonderful people help us to provide you with the great soups & bakes you look forward to.



As the summer rolled on and the weather remained hot, it was decided not to do soup for the month of August. Instead we offered sandwiches, pizzas, macaroni cheese, baked potatoes and homemade beef and chicken burgers. All of which proved extremely popular, in fact when news of our homemade burgers got out, we had an unexpected but exciting visitor. Yes... Elvis was in the building...



Unfortunately Elvis needed a backing group...



How can we top that... well you'll have to wait and see.

So as summer fades, we are back to making soup once more. Why not join us at Wildside one Monday (12:00-1:30) for a fun lunch or takeaway?

Cheers.... Lyn

AN UPDATE FROM OUR TRUST MANAGER



THE OWL HAS LANDED!

Life, as we have known it, will not be the same again. Not just because of Covid but because we have embraced technology 12 years faster than predicted because of the epidemic. In recognition of that, and the geographical spread of people across the area, the Trust has invested in technology to have hybrid meetings. You can meet in person (as our Board did this week) but you can also 'call in' from your living room and participate in the meeting if you so wish. The 'Owl' means we can hear you if not in the room, the big screen means those in the room can see you without their own computer in front of them and when someone speaks in the room the 'Owl' means those out of the room can see and hear you and the reactions of people around them too!

This facility is available to all groups to have their meetings at the Wildside as restrictions lift and means, as CAP projects develop, groups and volunteers can engage with others from their living room or workspace. As with all things it takes a bit of getting used to, but is plug and play with your laptop and a Zoom/Teams link. It works. We tried it. The only downside is those at

home couldn't enjoy the cookies and burnt pizza we had to enjoy as we talked together for the first time in a while!

SAVE THE DATE

24th November will be the Trust AGM. It will be 'hybrid', depending on how things go, so some people should be able to attend in person or from your home if you wish.

MEETING IN PERSON

This month I met Frank Ellam for the first time in person. Despite being in touch for over eight months (and ironically living only seven or so miles from me) we finally met at the Board meeting at Wildside. Track and Trace was in place, hand sanitizers, masks on as we walked around the building, windows open but we finally did it. There was a real sense of 'togetherness' and humour that's been lost over the last eighteen months. Oh, and we got some things done too, which is a bonus.

CATCH UP

The nature of working in communities there is a real flurry of activity from September to December, then January to March/April. A few projects are starting to gain momentum again which is great news and those who have been on holiday are back at their desks and answering questions which seem to have been sitting there for a while. We have had a handful of people asking what is happening with this and that and a whole host of announcements will be coming soon. Keep your eye on the website. One such announcement is that about Foyers Toilets funding, much to the delight of several people who have worked on this project for a long time. The Trust and the Community Council working together has delivered this successful outcome, so well done to all involved.

SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS – LOCAL ONLINE DIRECTORY
Steven, our Community Liaison Officer, is adding local businesses to

the new Business Directory on the website – an online resource being developed by the Trust to help you find a local business when required. It can also help business to business too! You can choose by category, search or see them on the main page. Steven has been actively in touch so local businesses can use this free service so if you want to be part of it contact him at clo@sfctrust.org.uk – don't forget we are also happy to share our 'Owl' resource in the Wildside Centre too!

CANCELLED

Despite all this activity it is worth noting that Covid has not gone away and you should still stay safe. As a reminder of that the Gorthleck Village Meeting, scheduled for Monday 6th September, was cancelled due to the rising cases in the Highlands. Hopefully it will be rescheduled soon. This work will align perfectly with outcomes you helped identify in the Community Action Plan. Let us hope we can meet again soon.

BOOK THE WILDSIDE CENTRE

You can now book the Wildside Centre for meetings (with the ability to speak and work with people in person and remotely), your events and any clubs and groups you want to set up. This facility helps engage people who perhaps want to have their say but can't travel from home or helps you communicate with others on a project who don't have the time to travel.

Prices for booking the Wildside Centre are approximately £15 an hour and can be found on the booking form. Trust Members can book for £10 an hour. The Wildside Centre is built by the community for all the community and the cost of booking is subsidised by the funds we receive from wind and hydro. If you have a new idea that benefits the community we will waive the cost of booking the Centre while you establish your group. Some already that provide a service like Soup to Go and Baby and Toddlers in free rentals that would cost £1000 at the

subsidised rate. It's a great venue to float an idea and we welcome everyone.

If you book an event for a birthday party, significant birthday, celebration or wedding you get a discount as a member of the Trust. All the funds will go back into maintaining the building and creating local employment. The Booking Form is here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/wildsidebooking>

Of course we are not the only community facility in the area and it was great to catch up with Stratherrick Community Hall this week. You can read more about what they are up to in this magazine.

We will share any events in both buildings here if we have the information in the What's On section on the website

TRAINING FOR THE FUTURE

This week SSE facilitated Leadership Training for Trust Staff and Board Members. It gave us an opportunity to speak to several other Trust groups and share best practice between new, growing and established community led groups. I hope that communication will continue beyond the sessions planned so we can help each other's communities come to solutions to similar projects and issues we face. Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust is moving into legacy projects phase which is quite exciting.

The Community Action Plan will guide the grant making process to ensure funded activities and funds we apply for meet the needs of the community in a strategic and evidence-based way. At the same time we want to empower members of the community to help deliver the legacy and activities you have evidenced by engaging with the Community Action Plan in the last six months. This may sound a little scary to some but we aim to help you in any way we can, alongside other interested stakeholders, to make

things happen if they meet the outcomes of the Community Action Plan.

RIVERSIDE FIELD

Still no word from planning (at time of writing) for us to share with the Steering Group on Riverside Field. When we know, you'll know.

All our updates can be found on the Project Page in digestible chunks. Detailed information on Broadband will be in the magazine (coming soon).

Errogie Church Steering Group met last night to discuss Phase 1 & 2 of the project. Highland Council granted the Wildside Centre Public Entertainment Licence pending agreement on a few conditions (this has been going on for over a year due largely to Covid restrictions). Required surveys are progressing to allow a planning application to be submitted to Highland Council for the slipway.

There are a few more details on the website Project Pages we hope to update every Thursday. More details can be found in this magazine. It takes you about thirty seconds to read but behind each word there is a lot of work being done, largely by volunteers. They are dependent on other organisations meeting their deadlines and, of course, we are sensitive to the needs of the community and the area we live in (the consideration of which adds more time to projects).

I hope you will find these updates helpful and when we are asked "Why do projects take so long" or "That happened quickly – we didn't expect that" you will be able to see the answer.

SHOW ME THE MONEY!

It's all been a bit Jerry Maguire around here as we await the Community Action Plan. Papers have been prepared attempting to explain a new way of working that allows engagement at all levels with those in the community who have the skills to

help with certain projects. We appreciate some people have the time to sit on committees and others want to do stuff.

Some can deliver a task that needs to be done and that's them and others can contribute but their time is limited. Some individual and groups have done considerable work already but funding has been a stumbling block. Some people just want to help. We also want to create employment when we can. So apologies if this 'Five Things For A Friday' seems overly 'strategic' as we've been working though this for many months and as the CAP is imminent it all becomes real and incredibly serious!

SHOW ME THE MONEY TWO!

Carlene Vincent, our new Finance Officer (Frank Ellam stands down at the AGM – did we mention it's on 24th November?) met with all the new staff team to talk through some initial changes she hopes to implement and I followed up with changes to think about after my 'middle of the night waking in a cold sweat' Jerry Maguire moments above.

Sometimes it seems more like 'Mission Impossible' but the pillars were put in place for the Trust some considerable time ago so the foundations are quite strong to build on. That's the message I share everyday and although we face challenges attempting to meet the demands of everyone with the resources available to us (particularly in terms of money) the governance is strong and everyone is trying to be solution driven. For that reason it makes my job that much easier when sharing our story to other Trusts and external stakeholders who can help us deliver for the community.

Thanks to every community member actively involved who got us to this moment – and I'm sure you will help us raise the bar even more in the future.

Tony Foster
Trust Manager

A MESSAGE FROM THE TRUST'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER.

Hello, Steven here!

Part of my role with the Trust is to assist applicants who want to make an application for a grant. Whether it is help filling forms or gathering information to support your request, you can make contact with me on the phone on a Monday or a Tuesday. Skype or Zoom is available if you prefer.

One of my roles is to help your organisation find funding, even if the Trust is unable to help or if you need matching funding from elsewhere. I have helped groups in Stratherrick and Foyers win funding from lottery sources, private Trusts and donations from commercial firms.

If you think I can help, email me at clo@sfctrust.org.uk or call on 07525120966



BROADBAND UPDATE

INTERNET ACCESS – THE FIRST GENERATION

Access to the worldwide web is not possible with some wet string and two tin cans.

For years Stratherrick and Foyers, like many rural areas, had been promised internet access by government and BT, but we were always in that 5% that wasn't covered. Back in 2015, volunteer Directors from the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust joined a working party made up of volunteers from all around the Loch Ness area and Strathnairn to look at a large community broadband scheme. This group met for many months and the group was led by Community Broadband Scotland, but the main problem was getting the information from BT as to what areas they would or would not cover.

This meant that the group could not obtain funding until BT was forthcoming with this information as state aid cannot double fund an area. Faced with this seemingly interminable wait, the Directors of Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust took a bold step. Some satellite internet providers had horrendous charges and well, they just didn't work in bad weather, or the company went bust. Action was necessary.

Sharon Ferguson, who was Vice Chair of the Trust at the time, contacted Mike Hicks of Cromarty Firth Networks to see if there was any way to start up a service in Stratherrick. Mike's company uses wireless technology to reach rural homes with superfast broadband and had extensive experience as they already had a similar scheme up and running covering the Black Isle and beyond. Many hours were spent going round the area to identify houses with the ideal line of site, sometimes even using helium balloons to get a picture of what could be seen from height! Cromarty Firth Networks purchased a line a telephone copper line from Gorthleck Telephone Exchange to a server that was set up in Stratherrick Hall. This has since been invested in further and replaced by two fibre

lines from the Hall to the fibre cabinet to improve capacity and speed. From the Hall, the signal is then bounced strategically to properties with the right line of site up to Whitebridge then back to cover as many properties as possible.

'It is sad to remember just how many ways the lack of an internet signal impacted on life.' said Zoe Iliffe, past Chair of the Trust. 'Houses couldn't be sold without a connection and working from home was just not an option. Whilst secondary pupils in Inverness switched to social media when they got back from school, young people up here were cut off as soon as the school bus left the IRA.'

'With the internet many businesses can function well in our area. Farms can register livestock, students can study, self-catering accommodation can offer the service visitors demand and remote working worldwide is possible.' Zoe added 'The Trust's investment in the partnership with CFWN means that people like me can earn a living without the need to commute to Inverness. The difference is phenomenal.'

The internet is now the only way to access many services, and decent bandwidth was of vital importance throughout the various lockdowns over the last 18 months. One particularly valuable aspect is the online shopping possibilities for grocery deliveries from ASDA and TESCO. Living out here would be so much harder without a reliable and fast internet connection.

So, was it worth it? A small investment by the Trust has assisted 56 houses in the area and ended the wait for Openreach and the Government to fulfil their promises. The initial cost to the Trust has been more than justified by the years of a service when there was no other option.

We are pleased that we now have an update from the Scottish Government, which can be seen in the following pages, but the CFWN initiative has ensured that more people and businesses have been able to stay up here for the past few years when no other service was available.

FIBRE BROADBAND PLANS FOR STRATHERRICK AND FOYERS ARE ANNOUNCED

In April's edition we said that we were expecting a Summer announcement of the Scottish Government's R100 fibre broadband rollout for Stratherrick & Foyers, the good news is that on the first of September those plans for our area were published!

As a reminder, the R100 - Reaching 100% Programme - is a commitment to provide access to superfast broadband of 30 Mbps to every home and business in Scotland. The R100 rollout in the north of Scotland was delayed by litigation from an unsuccessful bidder but BT has now been given the contract. Openreach, BT's network arm, will rollout in the north of Scotland by the end of 2026 but works in Stratherrick & Foyers are expected to be completed by the second half of 2022.

It is worth bearing in mind that there are anomalies in the R100 plans. For example, houses built since the R100 process commenced are omitted and some houses close to the build are inexplicably omitted, or some remote ones are included. I am advised that detailed surveying work will be carried out by Openreach before groundwork commences.

The good news is that most households in the Errogie, Ault-na-Goire and Lower Foyers areas are set to receive Fibre-to-the-Premises (FTTP) broadband to their homes. This will enable these households to benefit from over 100 Mbps connections and enable them to choose a provider of their choice.

The Whitebridge area has no new R100 connections planned either because the houses are currently served by

Cromarty Firth Wireless network (CFWN) or connection would be too expensive. CFWN submitted a list of their customers to the R100 delivery team to state that they already have a 30 Mbps + connection so these households were then excluded from the R100 procurement. The 'remote' properties or those that are not currently customers of CFWN are eligible for a £5k Scottish Broadband Voucher Scheme main voucher to connect to CFWN or another supplier.

Gorthleck, Upper Foyers and Inverfarigaig have some new fibre broadband connections with a number of houses listed as already having 30 Mbps connections due to their proximity to the Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTC) green cabinets or FTTP.

Most of Torness is out of scope of the R100 fibre broadband plans and £5k Scottish broadband Voucher Scheme main vouchers are available to connect to CFWN or another supplier. For more information on voucher eligibility please visit

<https://www.scotlandsuperfast.com/how-can-i-get-it/scottish-broadband-voucher-scheme/>

The Trust is currently assessing the options to expand the Trust-funded Fixed Wireless network and is also conducting a survey of households that are not the within the scope of R100 to see if they wish to connect to the CFWN Fixed Wireless broadband network. If you are a current customer or would like to find out more, please contact Tony Foster by emailing tony-ceo@sfctrust.org.uk; or visit www.cfw.co.uk, email enquiries@cfwn.co.uk or telephone 01349 805040

You are now able to enter a postcode into the Superfast Scotland website www.scotlandsuperfast.com and see whether any house falls within the scope of R100 programme. The results from the checker are tabulated below.

GREY	You are deemed to have a 30 Mbps connection and you will not get fibre broadband as part of R100. This might be because you are a customer of CFWN or you have FTTC or FTTP.
GREEN	You will get fibre broadband (FTTP) by the second half of 2022. You are also eligible for an interim voucher to tide you over until then. This money could be used to connect to the CFWN wireless broadband network or to purchase another interim solution such as 4G or satellite.
ORANGE	You won't be getting fibre broadband but you are eligible for a £5,000 main voucher to connect to the CFWN wireless network or another broadband solution.
YELLOW	The checker does not recognise this property so owners are advised to contact the R100 Team to ensure they are not overlooked.

ADDRESS 1	ADDRESS 2	LOCALITY	POSTCODE	FINAL CHECKER	SBVS STATUS
Allt Na Goibhre		Errogie	IV2 6UH		NK
1 Allt Na Goibhre		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
An Treabhair		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Ballindalloch		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Barr A Bhealaich (Bar Na Belaich)	Allt Na Goibhre	Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Barrachd		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Bein Sgurrach (Beinsgurrach)		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Birch Tree Hill		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Birchwood		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Blencathra		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Caravan	Challtuinn	Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Carnoch Cottage		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Main
Carnoch		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Carnoch Farm		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Challtuinn		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Charleston (Ronern)			IV2 6UH		Interim
Croftdhu		Errogie	IV2 6UH		NK
Cuil-Na-Sith		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Dhuhallow		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Main
Elgar Bond	Allt Na Goibhre	Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Errogie House		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Farm Cottage		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Farraline (Farraline House)		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Fasgadh		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Free Church		Errogie	IV2 6UH		NK
Giubhais Mor (Gubhais Mor)		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Greenbank		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Grianach	Allt Na Goibhre	Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Guisachan (Guisiachean)	Allt Na Goibhre	Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Heath Cottage (Heath Lodge)		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Heath Gate		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Heath Lodge		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Heatherly		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Lianachan (Llanachan)		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Meall Donn			IV2 6UH		Interim
Mo Dhachaidh (Mo Dachaid)		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Myrtle Cottage		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
New Bungalow	Croftdhu	Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Newlands		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Parantava Metsa (Yahweh Shammah)	Allt Na Goibhre	Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Phoenix		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Roebuck Cottage (Roebuck)		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Rowan Cottage		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Silver Birch	1 Allt Na Goibhre	Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Skoorah		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Stable Cottage		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Strathbrock		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Struthan		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Tanglewood Lodge		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Main
The Ark		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
The Bothy	Dhuhallow	Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
The Old Church		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Main
The Old Manse		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Main
The Old Orchard		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
The Old School		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
The Old School House		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Tigh-An-Aodan		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim
Woodside Cottage (Woodside)		Errogie	IV2 6UH		Interim

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Abersky Farm (Abersky)		Torness	IV2 6UG		Main
Cailtidh		Torness	IV2 6UG		Not Eligible
Edinuanagan Croft		Torness	IV2 6UG		Main
Edinuanagan		Torness	IV2 6UG		Main
Fank Cottage		Torness	IV2 6UG		Main
Ruthven		Torness	IV2 6UG		Main
Balchraggan		Torness	IV2 6TY		Not Eligible
Balnagarline		Torness	IV2 6TY		Main
Balnaglaick		Torness	IV2 6TY		Interim
2 Balnaglaick (Unknown)		Torness	IV2 6TZ		Interim
Bochruben Cottage		Torness	IV2 6TY		Main
Bochruben Farm		Torness	IV2 6TY		Main
Dirichurachan (Cottage)		Torness	IV2 6TY		Not Eligible
New Bungalow At Ballaggan		Torness	IV2 6TY		Not Eligible
Torcastle		Torness	IV2 6TY		Not Eligible
Whitefield	Erchite Road	Dores	IV2 6TY		Main
Altavaig		Torness	IV2 6TZ		Main
Aspen		Torness	IV2 6TZ		Main
Balgorton		Torness	IV2 6TZ		Main
Balnaberran (Balnaberran Farm)		Torness	IV2 6TZ		Main
Bochruben House		Torness	IV2 6TZ		Main
Bùrach		Torness	IV2 6TZ		NK
Dunchea House		Torness	IV2 6TZ		Main
Fraoch House	Balnaglaick	Torness	IV2 6TZ		Interim
Glen Tully		Torness	IV2 6TZ		Main
Land 140M SW Of Torness House		Torness	IV2 6TZ		NK
Leadclune Farmhouse (Leadclune)		Torness	IV2 6TZ		Main
The Cottage		Torness	IV2 6TZ		Main
Toad Hall		Torness	IV2 6TZ		Interim
Torness Cottage		Torness	IV2 6TZ		Main
Torness House		Torness	IV2 6TZ		Main

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Alder Cottage		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Interim
Ashie		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
Beechwood		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
Bothy At Gorthleck House		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Interim
Brereton		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
Caledon		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
Carn Liath (Carnliath)		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Interim
Coille Beithe		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Main
Coille Seilich		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Main
Crannach		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
Darnholm		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
Dorran Cottage	Easter Aberchalder		IV2 6UJ		Interim
Easter Aberchalder House	Easter Aberchalder	Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Interim
Farm Cottage	Easter Aberchalder		IV2 6UJ		Interim
Fhaireag		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Interim
Forest Lodge		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		NK
Gorthleck House		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Interim
Gorthleck Mains		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Interim
Gwel Tek		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
Highfield		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
House Of Many Blossoms		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		NK
Keeper's Cottage	Easter Aberchalder		IV2 6UJ		Interim
Lalandia		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
Land 1.3KM SE Of Easter Aberchalder House		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		NK
Laracks		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible

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Larch Cottage		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
Larkfield		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
Libertus		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
Lodge Cottage	Easter Aberchalder	Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Interim
Luachmhor		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Main
Lus Na Gaoithe		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
Caravan at Plot 3 Lyne Cottage		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
Lyne Cottage		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
Lyne M'hor Croft		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
Lynemhor Lodge		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
Lynemhor Wood Cottage		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
Madadh Taigh	Tom An Mhoid	Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Interim
Mandala	Tom An Mhoid	Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Main
Martinet		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
Migovie Cottage		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Main
Mill Cottage		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Interim
Moorlands		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
North Bungalow		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Interim
Owls Land		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Main
Purple Lodge		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Interim
Rainbow		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
Rowan Bank		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
Rowanbank		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
Samhach		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Main
Site 1, Tom An Mhoid		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Interim
South Bungalow		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Interim
Starlight (Star Light)	Tom An Mhoid	Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Main
Stratherrick Primary School		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
The Chalet		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
The Cottage	Gorthleck Mains	Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Interim
The Gate House	Gorthleck House	Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Interim
The Old Mill	Wester Aberchalder	Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Interim
The Shire	Tom An Mhoid	Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Main
Torran House		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Interim
Valkyrie		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Interim
Wester Aberchalder Farm	Wester Aberchalder	Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Interim
Woodacre		Gorthleck	IV2 6UJ		Not Eligible
2 County Cottages		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
An Clachan		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
Ashcroft Cottage		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
Ballochan		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
Braemore		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Main
Caoran		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
Corrievie (Corrie View)		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
Croft 23 Lochgarthside		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
Dunelm		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Main
Garradh Beithe		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
Hazel Cottage		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Interim
Katterick Lodge		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Main
Loch Mhor House		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
Lochgarthside		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
Lochgarthside House		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
Lower Cultie Cottage		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Main
Lynroich		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
Meridian		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
Mhorview (Mhor View)		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Main
Mirkwood		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
Muirnich Farm		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Main
New House At South Muirnich Cottage		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
Norbu	18 Lochgarthside	Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
Old Farmhouse (The Old Farmhouse)	Tyndrum	Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible

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Rockville	Cultie	Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Main
Rohan		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Main
Scotshaven			IV2 6YP		Main
Scottish Fire And Rescue Service Foyers Fire Station		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
Shenavall		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
South Muirnich Cottage		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
South Muirnich (Farm)		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
Spitewinter Rise	(Tyndrum)	Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
Taig Na Coin Beagan (Tigh Na Coin)		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
Telephone Exchange		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
The Stables (New House, Grant)	Upper Cultie	Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Interim
Tigh Na Bruaich		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Main
Trinloist		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Main
Tyndrum Steading		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Not Eligible
Upper Cultie Cottage	Upper Cultie	Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Main
Whinbush		Gorthleck	IV2 6YP		Main
1 Lochmhor (Lochmhor Cottages)		Gorthleck	IV2 6YR		Not Eligible
2 Lochmhor (Lochmhor Cottages)		Gorthleck	IV2 6YR		Not Eligible
3 Lochmhor (Lochmhor Cottages)		Gorthleck	IV2 6YR		Not Eligible
4 Lochmhor (Lochmhor Cottages)		Gorthleck	IV2 6YR		Not Eligible
5 Lochmhor (Lochmhor Cottages)		Gorthleck	IV2 6YR		Not Eligible
6 Lochmhor (Lochmhor Cottages)		Gorthleck	IV2 6YR		Not Eligible
Comeraich		Gorthleck	IV2 6YS		Not Eligible
Corrieshellach		Gorthleck	IV2 6YS		Interim
Craft Shop	Turlundie	Gorthleck	IV2 6YS		Not Eligible
Craigview (Craig View)		Gorthleck	IV2 6YS		Not Eligible
Druimtemple Croft (Druim Temple Croft)		Gorthleck	IV2 6YS		Not Eligible
Fenecreich		Gorthleck	IV2 6YS		Main
Glebe Cottage		Gorthleck	IV2 6YS		Not Eligible
Newton Cottage		Gorthleck	IV2 6YS		Not Eligible
Old Manse		Gorthleck	IV2 6YS		Not Eligible
Rose Cottage		Gorthleck	IV2 6YS		Not Eligible
Shoemakers Cottage	Lochbranside	Gorthleck	IV2 6YS		Interim
Suilven		Gorthleck	IV2 6YS		Interim
The Old School House (Boleskine)		Gorthleck	IV2 6YS		Not Eligible
The Paddock	Lochbranside	Gorthleck	IV2 6YS		Not Eligible
Tirnanog (Tir Na Nog)		Gorthleck	IV2 6YS		Not Eligible
Turlundie		Gorthleck	IV2 6YS		Not Eligible
Wester Muirnich		Gorthleck	IV2 6YS		Main
Caravan Garthbeg Farm		Gorthleck	IV2 6UL		Main
Church Of The Immaculate Conception		Gorthleck	IV2 6UL		Interim
Corriegarh Lodge		Gorthleck	IV2 6UL		Not Eligible
Dalcragg (Dalcrag)		Gorthleck	IV2 6UL		Not Eligible
Garthbeg Bungalow (Farm Cottage Corriegarh)		Gorthleck	IV2 6UL		Not Eligible
Garthbeg Farm		Gorthleck	IV2 6UL		Not Eligible
Keeper's Cottage		Gorthleck	IV2 6UL		Not Eligible
Stratherrick Chapel House		Gorthleck	IV2 6UL		Not Eligible
The Bothy	Garthbeg Farm	Gorthleck	IV2 6UL		Not Eligible
Tigh An Saigart (The Roman Catholic Church)		Gorthleck	IV2 6UL		Not Eligible

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1 Dell Cottages	Dell Estate	Whitebridge	IV2 6UN		Not Eligible
2 Dell Cottages	Dell Estate	Whitebridge	IV2 6UN		Not Eligible
Ballan Ruadh		Whitebridge	IV2 6UN		Not Eligible
Balmachree		Whitebridge	IV2 6UN		Main
Compass		Whitebridge	IV2 6UN		Not Eligible
Cuilfail		Whitebridge	IV2 6UN		Main
Dell Farm		Whitebridge	IV2 6UN		Not Eligible
Dell Lodge		Whitebridge	IV2 6UN		Not Eligible

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Din Glee		Whitebridge	IV2 6UN		Not Eligible
Gardener's Cottage		Whitebridge	IV2 6UN		Not Eligible
Kinbrylie		Whitebridge	IV2 6UN		Not Eligible
Losganan Lodge		Whitebridge	IV2 6UN		Not Eligible
Schoolhouse		Whitebridge	IV2 6UN		Main
Teanassie		Whitebridge	IV2 6UN		Not Eligible
The Bungalow (Dell Bungalow)	Dell Estate	Whitebridge	IV2 6UN		Not Eligible
The Kennels (Former Kennels)	(Dell Estate)	Whitebridge	IV2 6UN		Not Eligible
The Old Post Office		Whitebridge	IV2 6UN		Not Eligible
The Wildside Centre (Wildside)		Whitebridge	IV2 6UN		Not Eligible
Ty Gwyn		Whitebridge	IV2 6UN		Not Eligible
Whitebridge Hotel		Whitebridge	IV2 6UN		Not Eligible
Wildcat Lodge		Whitebridge	IV2 6UN		Main
Wildside Highland Lodges (part of Wildcat Lodge complex?)			IV2 6UN		NK
3 Knockie Farm	Knockie Road	Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Main
4 Knockie Farm (4 Farm Cottage)	Knockie Road	Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Main
Blue Thistle House	Wester Drummond	Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
Brachkashie Cottage		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Main
Braeholm	Easter Drummond	Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
Braewood		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Main
Cairns Croft	Wester Drummond	Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
Christmas Lodge	Wester Drummond	Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
Cnoc Na Caorann	Wester Drummond	Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
Coille Beag Caravan	Easter Drummond	Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
Coillie Beag	Easter Drummond	Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Main
Craven Cottage		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
Drummond Lodge		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
Easter Drummond Lodge		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
Easter Drummond Chalet		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
Glen Brein View		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
Glen Mhor Lodge		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
Glenerrick House		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
Grieve's Cottage		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Main
Heribusta (Herebost)		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
Keeper's Cottage		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
Knockcarroch		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
Knockie Lodge		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Main
Land 50m West of Cairns Croft		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
Land 590m North West of Maryland		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
Logie House (West Drummond View)		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Main
Maryland		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
Monadh Feith		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
No 1 Cottage		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
Residential Accommodation Knockie Lodge		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Main
Steading (The Steading)		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
Stone House		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Main
Strathmhor Lodge		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
The Farmhouse		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
The Shack		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
West Drummond Cottage		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
Wester Drummond		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
Woodacre House		Whitebridge	IV2 6UP		Not Eligible
2 Upper Knockchoilum		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Affric View		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Ardochy Cottage		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Ardochy		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Beinn A Vein		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Main
Beithe Bruach		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Birchfield Cottage		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Main
Bluebell Cottage		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible

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Breinag	Cnoc An-T-Sionnaich	Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Caravan Ceilear		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Ceilear		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Cnoc-An-T-Sionnaic Caravan		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		NK
Cnocbeag (Cnoc Beag)		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Craignish		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Cul Na Beinne		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Dalruidheah		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Deer View		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Drummond View		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Fechlin House	Moor Of Knockchoilum	Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Four Acres	Moor Of Knockchoilum	Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Main
Fox Hill Cottage		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Garrogie Cottage		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Main
Garrogie Lodge		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Main
Glenbrein Lodge (Glenbrein)		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Main
Home At Last (Caravan at Home at Last)		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Innishenlannie		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Killiechoilum Cottage (Killiechoilum Bungalow?)		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Killiechoilum Farmhouse (Killiechoilum)		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Killin Lodge		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Main
Killin		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Main
Knockbeg Lodge		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Main
Larchview		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Main
Little Garrogie Cottage		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Main
Lower Knockchoilum		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Meallagie		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Main
Myrtle Cottage		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Riverside		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Rowan Cottage		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Sechlin Cottage (Fechlin Cottage?)Cnoc An-T-Sionnaich			IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Tanglewood		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
The Burrach		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Main
Upper Knockchoilum (1 Upper Knockchoilum)		Whitebridge	IV2 6UR		Not Eligible
Shian Cottage	1 Thain Road	Whitebridge	IV2 6UW		Not Eligible
2 Thain Road		Whitebridge	IV2 6UW		Not Eligible
3 Thain Road		Whitebridge	IV2 6UW		Not Eligible
4 Thain Road		Whitebridge	IV2 6UW		Main
5 Thain Road (5-6 Thain Road)		Whitebridge	IV2 6UW		Main

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Air-A-Chidhe		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XR		Not Eligible
Aspenwood		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XR		Not Eligible
Birchwood		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XR		Not Eligible
Brackenlee		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XR		Main
Bramble Cottage		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XR		Not Eligible
Driftwood		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XR		Not Eligible
Druim-An-Ault		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XR		Not Eligible
Eilean Cottage		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XR		Not Eligible
Evergreen		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XR		Not Eligible
Farigaig		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XR		Not Eligible
Forester's Lodge		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XR		Not Eligible
Hazelgrove		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XR		Not Eligible
Hillhead Croft		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XR		Not Eligible
Island Cottage		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XR		Not Eligible
King Cottage		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XR		Not Eligible
Lower Birchwood House		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XR		Main

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Maurlynd		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XR		Main
Ness View		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XR		Not Eligible
Oakbank		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XR		Main
Pier Cottage		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XR		Not Eligible
The Bungalow		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XR		Not Eligible
The Cottage		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XR		Main
Woodfield		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XR		Not Eligible
1 Hillhead		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XS		Not Eligible
2 Hillhead		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XS		Not Eligible
3 Hillhead		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XS		Not Eligible
4 Hillhead		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XS		Not Eligible
5 Hillhead		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XS		Not Eligible
6 Hillhead		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XS		Not Eligible
7 Hillhead		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XS		Not Eligible
Caravan 1 Hillhead		Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XS		Not Eligible
Tryst	8 Hillhead	Inverfarigaig	IV2 6XS		Not Eligible

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Cameron's Cottage	Rosebank	Foyers	IV2 6YA		Not Eligible
Craigniche House (Craigniche)	Glenlia	Foyers	IV2 6YA		Main
Fairyburn Cottage (Fairyburn)		Foyers	IV2 6YA		Interim
Fechlin View	Glenlia	Foyers	IV2 6YA		Main
Gleann Liath		Foyers	IV2 6YA		Not Eligible
Glenlia Farm		Foyers	IV2 6YA		Not Eligible
Glenlia House		Foyers	IV2 6YA		Not Eligible
Intake House		Foyers	IV2 6YA		Not Eligible
Keepers Croft	Glenlia	Foyers	IV2 6YA		Main
1 Kelvin Way		Foyers	IV2 6YB		Interim
Cala Sona		Foyers	IV2 6YB		Interim
Caravan Foyers Bay House		Foyers	IV2 6YB		Interim
Clubfield House		Foyers	IV2 6YB		Interim
Foyers Bay Guest House		Foyers	IV2 6YB		NK
Foyers Bay House		Foyers	IV2 6YB		Interim
Foyers Falls Power Station		Foyers	IV2 6YB		Main
Loch Ness East & Strathnairn Medical Practice	The Medical Centre		IV2 6YB		Interim
Scotia Cottage		Foyers	IV2 6YB		Interim
Self Catering Units	Foyers Bay House	Foyers	IV2 6YB		Interim
The Cairn		Foyers	IV2 6YB		Interim
The Turning Point (The Bungalow)		Foyers	IV2 6YB		Interim
Unit 1 (South Loch Ness Playschool)		Foyers	IV2 6YB		Interim
Unit 2		Foyers	IV2 6YB		Interim
The Wrens (The Wren's Nest)		Foyers	IV2 6YB		Interim
1 Park Terrace		Foyers	IV2 6YE		Interim
2 Park Terrace		Foyers	IV2 6YE		Interim
3 Park Terrace		Foyers	IV2 6YE		Interim
4 Park Terrace		Foyers	IV2 6YE		Interim
5 Park Terrace		Foyers	IV2 6YE		Interim
6 Park Terrace		Foyers	IV2 6YE		Interim
1 Elmbank		Foyers	IV2 6YF		Interim
2 - 4 Elmbank		Foyers	IV2 6YF		Interim
3 Elmbank		Foyers	IV2 6YF		Interim
5 - 7 Elmbank		Foyers	IV2 6YF		Interim
6 Elmbank		Foyers	IV2 6YF		Interim
8 Elmbank		Foyers	IV2 6YF		Interim
Amber House		Foyers	IV2 6YG		Interim
Foyers Mains House		Foyers	IV2 6YG		Interim
Mains Cottage (Foyers Mains Cottage)		Foyers	IV2 6YG		Interim
Rosebank		Foyers	IV2 6YG		Interim

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1 Riverside		Foyers	IV2 6YH		Interim
2 Riverside		Foyers	IV2 6YH		Interim
3 Riverside		Foyers	IV2 6YH		Interim
4 Riverside		Foyers	IV2 6YH		Interim
5 Riverside		Foyers	IV2 6YH		Interim
6 Riverside		Foyers	IV2 6YH		Interim
7 Riverside		Foyers	IV2 6YH		Interim
8 Riverside		Foyers	IV2 6YH		Interim
9 Riverside		Foyers	IV2 6YH		Interim
10 Riverside		Foyers	IV2 6YH		Interim
11 Riverside		Foyers	IV2 6YH		Interim
12 Riverside		Foyers	IV2 6YH		Interim
13 Riverside		Foyers	IV2 6YH		Interim
14 Riverside		Foyers	IV2 6YH		Interim
15 Riverside		Foyers	IV2 6YH		Interim
16 Riverside		Foyers	IV2 6YH		Interim
Camhanaich	Grays Park	Foyers	IV2 6XW		Interim
Corbos	Grays Park	Foyers	IV2 6XW		Interim
Karlan	Grays Park	Foyers	IV2 6XW		Interim
Linden	Grays Park	Foyers	IV2 6XW		Interim
The Howff	Grays Park	Foyers	IV2 6XW		Interim
Craggiemhor (Craggiehmore)	The Turns	Foyers	IV2 6XU		Interim
Craigdarroch House Hotel (The Craigdarroch Inn)		Foyers	IV2 6XU		Interim
Residential Accommodation Craigdarroch House Hotel			IV2 6XU		Interim
Easter Uchdach		Foyers	IV2 6XU		Interim
Fairview Lodge	The Turns	Foyers	IV2 6XU		Main
Foyers Church		Foyers	IV2 6XU		Not Eligible
Foyers House		Foyers	IV2 6XU		Not Eligible
Foyers Primary School		Foyers	IV2 6XU		Not Eligible
Foyers Stores And Post Office		Foyers	IV2 6XU		Not Eligible
Glenaire		Foyers	IV2 6XU		Interim
Glenhinnisdale		Foyers	IV2 6XU		Not Eligible
Glenmhor		Foyers	IV2 6XU		Not Eligible
Granny Flat	Glenaire	Foyers	IV2 6XU		Interim
Heathmount		Foyers	IV2 6XU		Not Eligible
Lodges On Loch Ness	The Turns	Foyers	IV2 6XU		Main
Log Ness	The Turns	Foyers	IV2 6XU		Main
Ness View		Foyers	IV2 6XU		Not Eligible
Penstock Cottage		Foyers	IV2 6XU		Not Eligible
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Baile Os-Ceann		Foyers	IV2 6XT		Not Eligible
Boleskine Lodge		Foyers	IV2 6XT		Not Eligible
Easter Boleskine		Foyers	IV2 6XT		Not Eligible
Foyers Lodge		Foyers	IV2 6XT		Main
Gate Lodge	Baile Os-Ceann	Foyers	IV2 6XT		Not Eligible
Ground Floor The Coach House		Foyers	IV2 6XT		Main
Loch Ness Retreat		Foyers	IV2 6XT		NK
Residential Accommodation The Foyers		Foyers	IV2 6XT		Main
Sealladh An Loch		Foyers	IV2 6XT		Not Eligible
Self Contained Unit Easter Boleskine		Foyers	IV2 6XT		Not Eligible
The Coach House		Foyers	IV2 6XT		Main
Wester Farigaig		Foyers	IV2 6XT		Main



FOYERS BAY

Firstly, we'd like to apologise for the silence regarding the Bay following our initial steering group meeting but would like to assure you that work has been ongoing as usual in the background. Regular updates are posted on the project page on the community website, so please check in here to keep up to date with progress.

We are pleased to say that in the next 8 to 9 weeks we will be able to submit a planning application for the installation of the slip way. Fairhurst, our Quantity Surveyors, now have the results of the topographic survey and the bathymetric survey. They do however need to carry out a site investigation in order to determine ground composition and this is currently being priced up for our consideration, which we hope to authorise imminently.

We have in the meantime had a detailed meeting with Fairhurst regarding design and specification so they are currently working on a final design as we speak and hope to have this drafted and returned to us in approximately 7 weeks time. We will of course arrange a further steering group meeting once these plans are received and prior to submitting the planning application so keep an eye out for an email from us inviting you along.

As always, if you would like to be part of this group, or have ideas you would like to share, please email either Lorraine (lorraine-dir@sfctrust.org.uk) or Russell (russell-dir@sfctrust.org.uk).

Lorraine Lewis & Russell Bain



WILDSIDE CENTRE

The Wildside Centre is continuing to develop in accordance with our community and users wants and needs. The centre's kitchen has had an upgrade of equipment thanks to the popularity of Soup to Go, our Board room now has an Owl which allows hybrid meetings to take place and we continue to work on the grounds around the building to make them

suitable for multi uses. The Landscaping Steering Group is committed to upgrading the path around the Wildside Centre to be fully wheelchair friendly. We are discussing the best ground covering for the area at the rear, so we can use this space for more seating, an outdoor stage, mini bandstands/pergolas and to make best use of the view while still being in keeping with the landscape and natural surrounding – all things that were suggested from our summer Gala

event. With further consultation with the relevant groups in our area we would like to discuss the opportunity of a small natural park to the rear beside the new seating area...watch this space. If you would like to get involved or send in any suggestions please get in touch, we would love to hear your ideas that would enhance our community space and make it a welcoming place for all

Kirsty Balfour

ERROGIE CHURCH PHASE 2 - ARCHITECT APPOINTED

Following an extensive tendering process, the architects who will design the transformation of Errogie Church into a community hub has been appointed.

The Trust team drew up a shortlist of architectural practices from across Scotland who fulfilled an exacting criterion; deep experience of working on heritage buildings, involvement in community-based projects, familiarity with and capability to support the fund raising process and able to demonstrate high levels of creativity through recent projects.

The practice appointed, following consultation with the project Steering Group, is Simpson & Brown. Edinburgh based, they specialise in the cultural heritage sector and are well known for repurposing historic buildings. Recent community projects have included the Botanic Cottage, Edinburgh; Dun Beag, Isle of Skye, Hall of Clestrain, Orkney and Bannockburn House, Stirlingshire.



With the appointment, we can now finalise the works required to make the building wind and watertight.

Meanwhile, work has begun in earnest to raise the funds required for the conversion of the building.

Gareth Jones
Director, SFCT



HOW SFCT CAN HELP YOU - AN UPDATE ON GRANTS AWARDED

STUDENT GRANT – ANNA YEATS

I was first fortunate to receive the Student Grant during my second year of studying Medicine at the University of Aberdeen. Over the last few years, this grant has enriched my time at university in a variety of ways. It has allowed me to purchase course textbooks and online revision courses, which helped me pass my exams. Last year, the grant contributed towards travel expenses for my placements in GP surgeries and hospitals, permitting the development of my clinical skills. Having now completed fourth year, I will be intercalating in Neuroscience with Psychology in Aberdeen over the next academic year. The grant has undoubtedly enhanced my university experience, and I am very grateful to the Trust for their continued generosity.

STUDENT GRANT – GILL GRAY & ALANNAH GRAYDON

Gill and I received the student grant at the start of the year which allowed us to study to become yoga teachers. After the first lockdown we found the inspiration to learn to teach yoga as we discovered how much it had helped us both through a difficult time and how much it could help others. We felt the urge to provide a service that could help the people in our community as we knew of people that were struggling and we wanted the tools to help them.

Many people think yoga is an exercise class or a way to escape the chaotic world in which we live. It can be either, but it is also a way of exploring the mind, body and soul and it is a journey of internal and external connections. A regular practice can empower and ground you, helping you to control your stress and to bring balance to your life.

We had both lost our income due to lockdown so without the student grant we wouldn't have been able to study as soon as we did, and we are extremely grateful for this.

Once our training is complete, we plan to hold yoga classes and relaxation retreats alongside our massage, aromatherapy and reflexology treatments, the training of which was also partly funded by the student grant. This will allow us to help people improve and sustain their physical, spiritual and mental health.

Congratulations from the Trust to Anna on her successful studies in Aberdeen, and best wishes to Gill and Alannah on the completion of their courses, we are very pleased to hear of the positive impact our funding has had.

Has your community project benefitted from a grant from the Trust?

Has a Student Grant made a difference to you recently? We would like to hear what impact our grants are having in our community.

Please contact clo@sfctrust.org.uk so we can have a similar article in the next magazine.



GRANT AWARDS NOTICE JULY - SEPTEMBER 2021

THE FOLLOWING GRANTS WERE AWARDED AT THE BOARD MEETINGS HELD ON
7 JULY, 4 AUGUST AND 1 SEPTEMBER 2021

Student Grants

Michael Bloodworth, £100
Matilda Hepburn-Wright, £500
Olivia Grant, £500
Sarah Flanagan, £500
Hamish Bain, £500
Mark Henderson, £100
Peter Faye, £100
Dillon O'Hare £500

Sporting Grants

Olivia Grant (1 of 2), £250
Olivia Grant (2 of 2), £250

Non-Constituted Grants

Lyn Woods, £500

Constituted Grants

Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council, £7,813.69

Details of the purpose for which the grants were awarded are recorded in the minutes of the meetings available on the Trust website www.stratherrickcommunity.org.uk

The next Grant Meetings will be held on 1st December 2021
The deadline for applications to be submitted to the Administrator is 21st October 2021

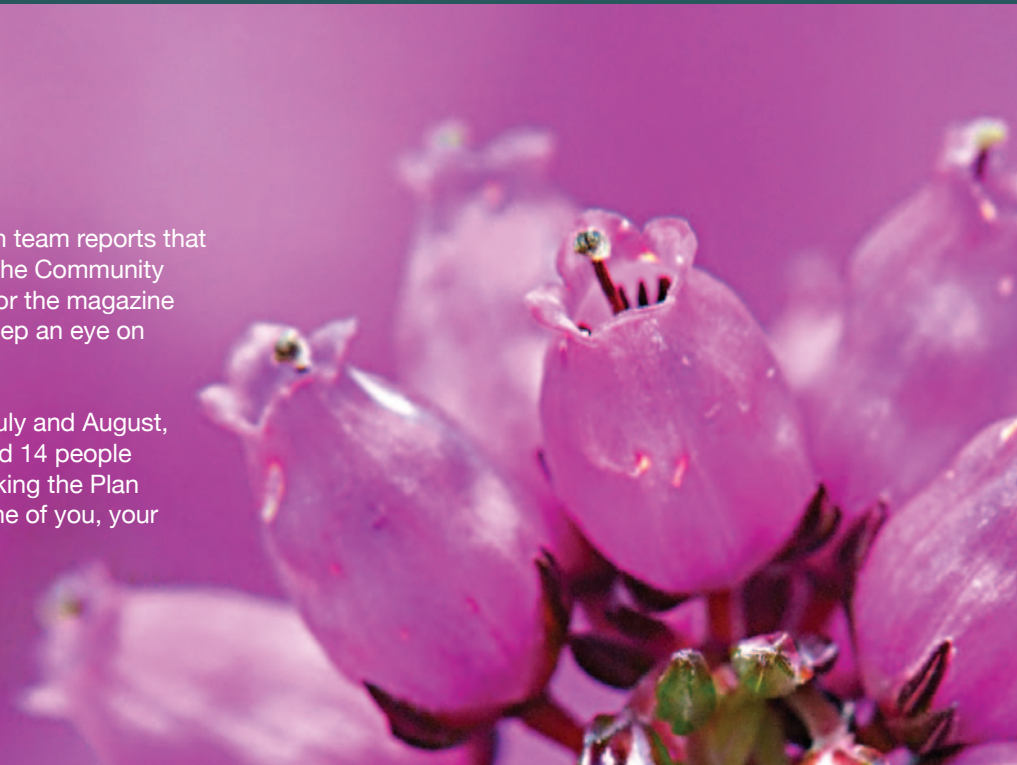
The Grant Application Forms can be downloaded from our website
www.stratherrickcommunity.org.uk
or email
admin@sfctrust.org.uk

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Nick Wright from the Community Action Plan team reports that they are busy working up the full version of the Community Action Plan. Although it wasn't quite ready for the magazine deadline, it will be published very shortly. Keep an eye on www.communityfuture.net for updates.

240 people viewed the draft Plan online in July and August, providing 120 comments to help refine it, and 14 people offered to help with specific elements of making the Plan happen. Thank you to each and everyone one of you, your support is invaluable.

Nick Wright





FOYERS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Here at Foyers Primary School we were excited to start our new term with seven pupils, one new class teacher and the return of Miss Pinkerton, after the birth of her first child, Struan. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Jenni Troup to Foyers Primary School as a class teacher two days per week, while Miss Pinkerton covers the other three days. Mrs Troup has moved up from Perth and Kinross, where she taught in Rannoch Primary School. She and her husband have had a home in the area for the past 9 years but are delighted to move here permanently and look forward to getting to know everyone.

Mrs Sonya Morrison, will also be returning to Foyers to support learning and teaching as our Covid Intervention teacher. She will be covering the class on a Monday morning to allow Miss Pinkerton to assess and plan direct interventions to support individual and small groups of children. These targeted interventions will raise attainment after a much-disrupted learning period last year.

Mr Dunbar will continue to be our PE teacher on a Thursday morning. Belinda Sanderson will continue to provide her sterling service as clerical at Foyers PS. Whilst Fiona Kirkland will

also continue in her triple role of Pupil Support Assistant, Cook and Cleaner, offering fantastic, pragmatic support to the school in all three of her roles.

It is lovely to have these people all working together at Foyers bringing fresh energy and enthusiasm to teaching and learning. We are already working hard, assessing where the children are in their learning and checking what has been retained over the summer holidays.

At the end of last term we spent the day on a lovely walk from the school over to Easter Boleskine Wetlands in lovely sunshine. On coming down from the steep path from the woods onto the flatter more open ground, our newest member of the school, Gari stopped in his tracks, exclaiming how beautiful Scotland was and how he loved living here. On arrival at the Wetlands, we had a wonderful, tasty picnic organised by Fiona. The children also enjoyed time pond dipping from the jetty, finding a wide range of minibeasts including newts, water boatmen, pondskaters. We also used a sweep net over the grass and found grasshoppers, ants and beetles. A tired but happy crew returned to school in time to head home.

At our end of term service we were sad to say goodbye to Miss Emily Thomas, the class teacher who had been covering Miss Pinkerton's maternity

leave last year and we wish her well in her new post at Millbank Primary School, Nairn. We also said goodbye to our three P7 pupils, Emily and Faith and Dylan A. They had worked well as a P7 group and we hope you have enjoyed the summer plant pots that they planted up and sited around the community. Our new P7s, Dylan S and Kara will collect them up soon and replant with some spring bulbs which we will again site in the community early next year.

Louise Robertson,
Cluster Head,
Foyers & Aldourie Primary Schools



SOUTH LOCH NESS HERITAGE GROUP UPDATE

By the time this S&F news comes out, we hope to have resumed our talks - the first having been held in September:

INVERNESS KLONDIKERS IN THE YUKON, 1898: FOUR ADVENTURERS AND AN ECCENTRIC FREE CHURCH MINISTER. A talk by **NORMAN NEWTON**. Norman will relate the story of their experiences and actions in getting to Skagway, Alaska, their perilous trip up to the goldfields of the Klondike and the rewards if any they achieved there. The Eccentric Free Church minister was from Stratherrick. The talk was preceded by a short AGM.

Our next presentation is provisionally planned for early November and will comprise a talk on "Maps and Map Makers of Lovat Estate" and will feature

material relevant to Stratherrick. Both talks were previously scheduled but COVID caused postponement, there may also be more talks in the run up to Christmas but to date are not yet confirmed.

The September planned visit to the Invergarry Station restoration project had to be cancelled due to low numbers.

The SLNHG are hopeful to have a couple of days at Boleskine Cemetery recording the names on the stones before the end of the year as part of an ongoing project.

The SLNHG Committee members are also working in partnership with the Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust with the hope to establish a permanent heritage exhibition at Errogie Free Kirk. In August we met with Caroline Tucker at the building to outline our vision for the heritage section of the building.

Alister Chisholm has been working for

several years on producing a booklet on the Stratherrick War Memorial as the centenary of its unveiling was in September 2021. It will identify the men listed on the memorial from both wars, and events in the district around the Great War.

It is intended to be published prior to the end of the year. Notification when available will appear on local notice-boards, Heritage website, Heritage Facebook page and local Stratherrick Groups Facebook pages. It will also be available from Alister Chisholm – 01463 715713.

Finally, may I take the opportunity to remind you that all future heritage group events will be advertised on the local notice boards, The South Loch Ness Heritage Group website <https://southlochnessheritage.co.uk/>, SLNHG Facebook page and the dedicated Stratherrick & Foyers Facebook pages.

Alister Chisholm

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning applications have been fairly scarce in recent months. More building plots have come on to the market and plans for individual homes in the Strath are being prepared. The Dhuhallow end of Errogie and the Wester Drummond straight seem the most popular locations. Around Foyers, a further application for Boleskine House refers to windows and soffits. Foyers Medical Centre wants consent for a satellite dish.

Some planning applications are assessed by Highland Council and a decision made that consent is not required at all. A recent widening of a short forestry track near Abersky falls into this category. In addition, Highland Council was advised of the further work to be undertaken to restore peatland around the Dunmaglass Estate. This work has been proceeding in phases on the estate to combat peat loss and erosion.



You can check up on the progress of all recent planning applications on line at the Highland Council website. Use this link to view or comment on current applications. https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/161/planning_and_building_standards

This 'plot' of 3.5 acres on Loch Mhor side is currently on the market at offers

over £150,000. Click this link for a 30 second drone video on YouTube. It is worth a watch to see Loch Mhor from the skies.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vjkzPbLOJpU&t=23s>

Steven Watson,
Community Liaison Officer

WILD CRAFTS

Hello Crafters

Since my last article for the Stratherrick & Foyers News, Covid restrictions have eased and Wild Crafts have been able to meet face to face once again, whilst adhering to guidelines.

We continue to hold our monthly themed workshops and have added regular Tuesday evening events to our programme.

We have Needles & Pins covering sewing, knitting, crochet and other needle activities, i.e. needle felting.

We also have the Stratherrick Spin & Chatter group whose meetings have re-commenced following the easing of Covid restrictions. This group is for all spinners; the experienced spinner, those wanting to improve, and those wishing to learn to spin either on a drop spindle & spinning wheel.

These groups meet on alternating Tuesdays, please visit the Wild Crafts - South Loch Ness Facebook page for news of events.

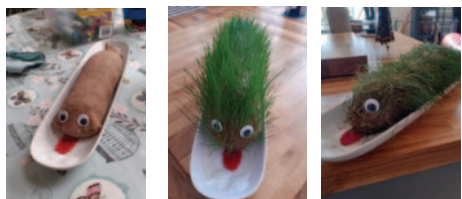
Wild Crafts is open to all members of the community of Stratherrick, but we ask that parents of under 12s determine if crafts are suitable for their child to participate in and accompany/supervise them at crafting sessions.

So what have we been up to? In April we had a Masking Tape Sculpture workshop.

This was ideal for all age groups and young Grace Mohan joined in and made this fabulous sculpture of a dog.



She then went on to make Hissing Sid the grass snake who had short but happy life...



At our June workshop some of the folk who learnt needle felting on an earlier workshop wanted to try their hand at

needle felting a picture. What a brilliant relaxing day we had. We were a small group but everyone made true works of art. See for yourselves...



In July we turned our hands to branch weaving. This is where you find a Y shaped fallen branch or driftwood and weave various textiles and embellishments into the Y. Here are a few examples...



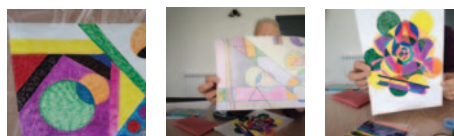
July also saw the first meeting of Needle & Pins. Folk brought along their sewing machines, some that haven't been used for a long time. With great patience Alison Randall helped us all to get up and running.

Over the following weeks making buttonholes have been mastered, a shoe bag has been made and put to use, a beautiful blouse has been created, along with many knitting needle cases. We've watched Angela crochet her 3d squares for her blanket, Mag knit a cardigan, wound wool ready for the rug making workshop and I started knitting a pair of socks! All these things were done with lots of chat and banter, laughter, tea and biscuits.

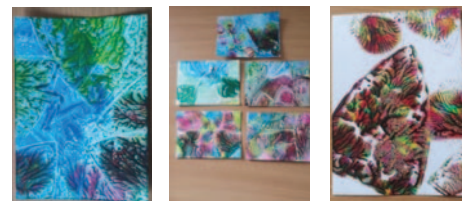


At our August workshop we had 3 work areas covering differing areas of art.

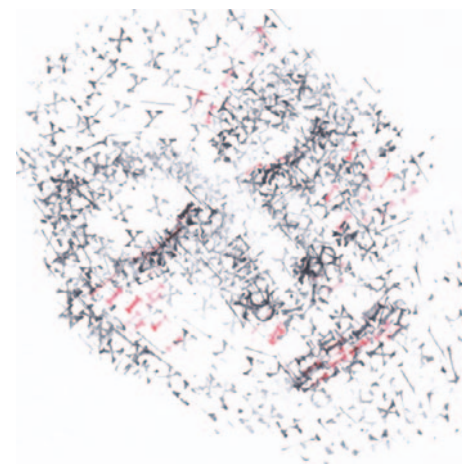
One workstation was reflecting the style of Art Nouveau artist Sonia Delaunay (1885-1979), who co-founded the Orphism art movement with her husband. Here are a few of our creations...



The second workstation was encaustic art abstracts. Encaustic art is working with wax and hot irons. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all, so much so we will most likely be doing it again at our November workshop. Again a few images...



The final workstation was inspired by the artist Keira Rathbone who uses a manual typewriter to create pictures. We adapted this by using letter printing blocks and ink pads.



17th August saw Stratherrick Spin & Chatter Group meeting once again. We had a good turn out and it was lovely to hear the spinning wheel whirling in harmony once again and to catch up on everyone's news... as well as putting the Strath and the World right!

September - Unfortunately I had to cancel September's rug making workshop due to my having a family emergency. This will now be re-scheduled for October.

November's workshop will be themed around making small Christmas gifts and will include making encaustic art Christmas cards.

As you know, the whole ethos of Wild Crafts is to share our knowledge with anyone wanting to learn a craft and to share/lend equipment to our members on a try before you buy basis.

If any crafters would like to run a workshop for the community, please contact me to discuss - lynwoods@btinternet.com.

Happy Crafting..... Lyn



ETAPE LOCH NESS AT THE WILDSIDE CENTRE

When Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust was asked if the Etape Loch Ness could use the Wildside Centre and its car park as a service stop for the biggest closed road cycling sport in Scotland we said a resounding 'Yes'!

Malcolm Sutherland, Event Director for Caledonian Concepts, who runs both the Etape and the Loch Ness Marathon is well known locally, and his steady team always go the extra mile to make sure that their events run smoothly. As usual, local volunteers joined the army of marshals who are an essential element of these stunning events involving thousands of people, many of which raise substantial funds for charities.

Malcolm said: "We loved seeing riders back on the beautiful Etape course around Loch Ness, doing something they love with fellow cycling enthusiasts. Not only has the event brought people together for the first time in a long time, but it has raised important funds for charities, including over £62,000 so far for our official charity, Macmillan Cancer Support.

Of course, the event would not be possible without the support and dedication of our volunteers, partners, stakeholders and the support from the local community – thank you to each and every one of you.

At 42 miles into the event and after the epic climb up Suidhe, the Wildside Centre was an ideal location for one of our support stations this year for riders to stop for water, first aid and mechanical support before heading off on the homeward stretch."

Trust CEO Tony Foster said, "Using the Wildside Centre as a support station for the Etape is a fine example of what the Trust's investment at the Wildside Centre has led to. If you want to hire the centre for a wedding, jamboree or even a scooter run, please just ask."

Next year's Etape is planned for April 2022. If you would like to find out more about taking part, or indeed volunteering at the event, please visit <https://www.etapelochness.com>

Steven Watson,
Community Liaison Officer



LOCH NESS 360 GAINS POPULARITY

Are you meeting more folk on the Loch Ness 360° Trail?

This summer there has been an increased number of walkers and cyclists undertaking the Loch Ness 360°. It is amazing that by just turning the map around a little, how different Loch Ness looks. 72 miles just doesn't

seem too far, and it is nice to see Inverfarigaig in the centre of map for a change.

To make the most of the Loch Ness 360°, Visit Inverness Loch Ness has a dedicated website <https://lochness360.com> There's a matching video on YouTube.

<https://lochness360.com/about/our-videos/>

The 'Go Visit Inverness Loch Ness' video is available to watch. You'll see just how important Loch Ness is to the marketing of the wider area. The video includes a friendly Highland Cow at Cameron's Tearoom and a dynamic shot of the Falls of Foyers. Go! Visit

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nn627h7_noQ

If you are running a tourism business in the area, you can include these links on your own website. They certainly put South Loch Ness 'on the map' and show that our side is... the best side with lots of interest.

A multiple day event is planned for May 2022. It includes three marathons, and ultra-marathon and a bicycle challenge.

There are more details at this link <https://lochness360.com/lochnesschallenge/volunteers-loch-ness-360-challenge-2020/>

Steven Watson,
Community Liaison Officer



POSITIVE RESPONSE TO LOCAL ACCESS RANGERS

As the visitor season comes to an end, we got in touch once again with our local Access Ranger, Tim Francis, to chat to him about the main aspects of his role and how he felt that the summer has gone for them.

'The role is an extremely varied one, but the main element is dealing with people, engaging both with visitors and communities to talk about the Outdoor Access Code, and responsible use & application of it in the areas they are visiting. Education is key. Many people visiting were not necessarily aware of how to behave responsibly. One of the most simple ways to assist with this was to increase the amount of advisory signage in damaged areas – this could be regarding fires, parking or raising awareness of environmentally fragile sites such as sand dunes, woodland or peaty ground.

We have been received wonderfully well by local communities. It's all about understanding what we are trying to do,

both by visitors and by the communities themselves – we've been welcomed with open arms, because they see the good that we are trying to do and the education that we are trying to get across, all in a positive way. It is important that we are able to identify the requirements for both visitors and communities alike, ensuring a mutual understanding and respect for both.

The role has not been without its challenges. Tourist numbers have been building up over the last 10-20 years or so, but this has become even more evident in the last two years due to the pandemic. This has led to increased damage of trees, the building of firepits, outdoor toileting, littering and also fly tipping. It has not just been visitors either, it is local people too. It has highlighted the requirement for increased responsibility from everyone.

We have spoken to nearly 12,000 people over the summer months, making them welcome but also highlighting their responsibilities to adhere to the Outdoor Access Code and protect the beautiful land around them. In general this interaction has been received positively, but as you can imagine, there have been a handful of times where this was not the case!

Along with visitor engagement, we have also been involved with land and path maintenance, litter picking (over the summer we have collectively gathered over 700 bags of litter across the Highlands), and highlighted problem areas so that work can be done on

finding longer term solutions. We have also worked collaboratively with community councils and other community partners, landowners, and other stakeholders such as NatureScot, Forestry & Land Scotland and The National Trust for Scotland to promote responsible land use.

Our work has definitely had a positive impact across the Highlands. Areas that were highlighted as 'Problem areas' 4 months ago are now being more responsibly used, they are cleaner and people are now more aware of their own responsibilities in maintaining the beautiful landscape around us.

There is still an awful lot to do, particularly in terms of education, but we are pleased with how we have been received over this season. The Highland Council have also recognised the role the Access Rangers have played, and have recently agreed to extend the Visitor Management Plan funding with a further investment of £1.5million into the 2022 season, which is excellent news!

More information on what the Access Rangers do can be found at: www.facebook.com/thcaccessrangers

https://www.highland.gov.uk/news/article/13955/15m_further_investment_in_visitor_management_approved?fbclid=IwAR005EA5sMM1wqcdc8bliv1BwUaJpg0l4z2uWOhhugU9gK58Z1MwuHbiFEQ

Caroline Tucker,
Project Co-ordinator

PROMOTING LOCAL WALKS

As part of the work on the Community Action Plan, one of the Action areas highlighted was that more could be done to draw attention to the vast number of options on our doorstep for walking, cycling, horse-riding and even skiing in the winter! Once the results of the Community Action Plan are out, work can begin on some of the points suggested. In the meantime, the Trust has put together a few suggestions of local paths and tracks for this newsletter, and we will be working with a number of stakeholders going forward to produce a page on the Community website dedicated to walks and cycle routes in our area. Please contact us if you would like to help us with this.

The first resource we would like to highlight is the South Loch Ness Access Map (pictured). This was put

together 5 years ago to highlight some of the tracks and paths available throughout the wider South Loch Ness area. More information can be found here -

<http://www.southlochnessaccess.org.uk>, and printed copies are available from Wildside. Listed on this map are a number of more challenging routes (some of which are also listed below), but we wanted to include some suggestions for all abilities, as listed here:

EASY:
Whitebridge to Upper Foyers via Dell (part of the South Loch Ness Trail) 'The Vennel' – Foyers Fire Station to Foyers via Fairyburn Whitebridge Plantation forestry tracks – options available for all abilities and cyclists

MEDIUM:
Farigaig Woods - [Fhttps://forestryandland.gov.scot/visit/farigaig](https://forestryandland.gov.scot/visit/farigaig)

The Fair Haired Lads Pass, Torness (this forms part of the South Loch Ness Trail & Trail of the 7 Lochs)

CHALLENGING:
Trail of the 7 Lochs
South Loch Ness Trail - https://www.highland.gov.uk/news/article/13955/15m_further_investment_in_visitor_management_approved?fbclid=IwAR005EA5sMM1wqcdc8bliv1BwUaJpg0I4z2uWOHhugU9gK58Z1MwuHbIFEQ

FOR CYCLISTS
This link might be helpful - Routes: South Loch Ness Trail (britishcycling.org.uk)

Another useful link for routes around the wider Loch Ness area is the Walk Highlands website - <https://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/lochness/lochness.shtml>

Caroline Tucker,
Project Co-ordinator



RECIPES

Cauliflower Cheese Soup

Serves 6

INGREDIENTS

Knob butter

1 large onion, finely chopped

1 large cauliflower, leaves trimmed and cut into florets (can use frozen)

1 potato, peeled and cut into chunks

700ml vegetable stock (from a cube is fine)

400ml milk

100g mature cheddar grated

METHOD

Heat the butter in a large saucepan and cook onion until softened, about 5 mins, stirring often.

Add the cauliflower, potato, stock, milk and seasoning.

Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat and leave to simmer for about 30 mins until the cauliflower is soft and the potato almost collapsing.

Whizz in a food processor or crush with a potato masher until you get a creamy, thick soup.

Top up with more milk to thin a little if serving in mugs. You can make ahead up to 2 days in advance, cool, cover and leave in the fridge until needed, or freeze for up to 1 month.

When ready to serve, warm through, ladle into mugs or bowls, top with the cheese and stir through. Serve with fresh crusty bread.

Pineapple & Coconut Cake

INGREDIENTS

CAKE

200g tinned crushed pineapple– reserve some pieces for decoration

110g unsalted butter (at room temperature), plus extra for greasing

110g caster sugar

2 large free-range eggs

250ml sour cream

200g self-raising flour, plus extra for dusting

¼ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

150g desiccated coconut

CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

150g butter

225g Full Fat Cream Cheese

1 tsp Coconut extract

1 tsp Vanilla extract

150g Icing sugar

TO DECORATE

175g Icing Sugar

METHOD

Preheat the oven to 180°C/gas 4.

Grease & line an 8”(20cm) baking tin

Finely chop the pineapple.

Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy, then beat in the eggs followed by the sour cream.

Sift in the flour, bicarbonate soda and a pinch of sea salt and fold through, then mix in the coconut and pineapple.

Pour into baking tin and bake for 1 hour to 1 hour 15 minutes, or until golden and a skewer comes out clean.

Cool slightly in the baking tin, then remove and leave to cool completely on a wire rack.

FROSTING

Put butter and cream cheese in a bowl and mix well.

Add coconut & vanilla extracts.

Mix in icing sugar, if mixture is too thick, add some pineapple juice ½ tsp at a time until the right consistency is obtained.

DECORATION

Spread frosting all over top and sides of the cake.

Sprinkle top & side of the cake with the reserved desiccated coconut.

Decorate top of the cake with the reserved pieces of pineapple.



NEW OWNER FOR LOCH NESS SHORES

The Camping and Caravanning Club is delighted to announce it is acquiring Loch Ness Shores.

The award-winning campsite, which is located directly on the shore of the world-famous loch, is privately owned by Lyn and Donald Forbes who have worked in partnership with the Club since 2013 as part of its network of franchised Club Sites.

Nathan Goodyear, Director of Property & Development for The Camping and Caravanning Club, said: "We are delighted to be acquiring Loch Ness Shores. It is a flagship campsite for the Club given it is located in such a famous and picturesque setting in the Scottish Highlands, and offers such excellent facilities for campers, caravanners and motorhomers. "Because the campsite has already been operated as a franchised Camping and Caravanning Club Site

for eight years, the transition will be seamless and we are very excited about building on Lyn and Donald's fantastic work.

"Lyn and Donald have invested much time, energy and passion into Loch Ness Shores to create a campsite with excellent on-site facilities that has continuously provided an exceptional camping experience. With that track record, we are really pleased Loch Ness Shores will continue to be a part of our Club Site network of more than 100 campsites around the UK."

The Camping and Caravanning Club and Lyn and Donald Forbes

NEW BUSINESS DIRECTORY IS NOW LIVE!

We are pleased to announce that our online Business Directory is now live, and we would like to welcome our first businesses (new listings are being added on a regular basis):

CAMERON'S TEA ROOM & FARM SHOP

FOYERS HOUSE & THE WEE DRAM

GILCHRIST BOILER SERVICES

INSPIRATION SCOTLAND

JULIE HARVEY MUSIC TUITION

MEG'S MINDFUL MOVEMENT

SCOTSHAVEN COMPLEMENTARY SERVICES

THE WEE HAVEN AT SCOTSHAVEN

TIM LUCAS FOREST MANAGEMENT

WATERFALL CAFE, GIFT & SOUVENIR SHOP

WILDSIDE HIGHLAND LODGES

WILLIAM FRASER HAULAGE

If you run a business in the Stratherrick and Foyers area, and you would like a listing, please contact Steven on clo@sfctrust.org.uk for more information. And please visit the Directory and support our local businesses! Directory | Stratherrick & Foyers Community Trust (www.stratherrickcommunity.org.uk)

REJECT THE CRUNCH

Reject the Crunch – Drew Hendry, MP Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch & Strathspey

About 85% of powers over social security are reserved to Westminster, including Universal credit. It's the UK Government's primary social security payment. I've talked a lot about it since becoming your MP in 2015 as it has never done the job of providing sufficient support for those who have been entitled to it, and Westminster's Department of Work and Pensions handling of it has been both chaotic and mean spirited, despite the best efforts of local DWP staff.

The Pandemic, however, has seen many more forced to claim, and the Tories were forced, early in 2020, to recognise what we all knew here, having endured it as a pilot area, that the rate it paid was simply too little to live on. Payments were increased by £20 per week. I, and many others, welcomed the recognition of the inadequacy of the payments.

Pre-Pandemic, around 50% of claimants were already below the poverty line. Struggling to feed families, pay rent, heat their homes, buy clothes for their kids. Nothing has changed since 2020, other than electricity, fuel and food costs have dramatically increased.

Despite this, for pure politics, Tory Chancellor, Rishi Sunak, is about to remove that £20 uplift all while his government are recruiting up to 15,000 new work coaches, as they're anticipating a significant spike in unemployment.

This isn't just an unemployment issue; again, almost half the people on Universal Credit are already in work.

A hundred established social groups, including Save the Children, Citizens Advice and Joseph Rowntree, have begged the UK government to cancel this reckless cut, of over £1000 per year, to hard-pressed families. The consequences will be devastating for them.

I'm working, across parties, to get the UK Government to scrap this cut. You can register your support to stop this cut at www.rejectthecrunch.com

Drew Hendry, MP Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch & Strathspey



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