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Killin News

Editorial

Killin is a beautiful place and a friendly community, but anyone moving here nowadays needs their own transport and, unless retired, a job to travel to or to be able to work over the internet. In the days when there were many farming communities around Killin, and transport was limited to farm traffic, the village was the centre for everything. There were shops of all kinds and craftsmen of all trades, so plenty of jobs. As the world changed, people could take buses or even a train and later their own cars to other towns which offered a wider variety of shops. Tradesmen could also travel to Killin and compete with locals. Killin shops offered less selection, so they gradually became fewer and fewer. Nowadays we have two gift shops and the pharmacy at one end of Main Street, and the Post Office / community centre and the Outdoor Shop at the other end. The only one in between is the very successful Reuse Shop. The Co-op, although much larger and improved, can only be found by those who know it's there. Tradesmen are still much needed but too few now, although there are vacancies for apprentices. Killin is a place people come to for holidays but there are now fewer hotels and an ever-increasing number of properties have been turned into holiday lets. Where are the jobs ? It is no wonder that many of our Ukranian friends have not found getting a job or accommodation easy and would therefore prefer to be located in a town. We are sorry to see them go and wish them success in settling elsewhere.

We also wish Russel and Brenda Moffat well in their retirement. They will be much missed.

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Photo Ron Allner

Killin New Year Fireworks and Festive Lights

I seem to recall that when I last wrote for the Killin News we were all enjoying a spell of fine warm weather. I wish we could say the same for our present weather. Warm it might be, dry it ain't!! By the time you read this article the festive season will be almost upon us and the New Year looming. That said we have managed to purchase festive lights for the length of our Main Street from the Killin Hotel to the Falls of Dochart Bridge, and the hope is that they will be lit by the end of November. They will bring some cheer to the village, I am sure.

As for our fund raising efforts I can report that the Killin calendars are selling well so if you are thinking of buying one then now is the time as they are limited in numbers. The sponsored cycle ride went ahead on the 10th September having been delayed a week so as not to clash with the Macmillan Charity Walk. I must thank them for having to delay it as the weather on the 3rd was grim. On the 10th however the weather was fabulous, warm, sunny and no wind. The turnout was a lot less than Ron and I had hoped for but for the 7 of us who took part it

was a great

event. Thanks to Rona Foubister, Jane Calder, Tony Brown, Tom Crooks, Paul Godzik and son Felix who joined me for a very enjoyable day. Thanks must also go to Mike, Lynn and family of the Courie Inn who provided well-earned refreshments at Callander. Funds from sponsored riders, together with sponsor money paid at the Post Office, totalled over £700 so our grateful thanks go to all those who made donations. Fundraising has been limited this year but as always if anyone would like to donate to the fireworks fund the bank details are:-Account Name: Killin New Year Fireworks Bank of Scotland Sort Code 80-22-60 Account number 23264460 Please don't forget to give your details when making a donation. Arrangements for the fireworks display are also now well advanced and we can look forward to a grand start to 2023 courtesy of Midnight Storm. It just remains for me and Ron to wish everyone a happy Hogmanay.

Killin Drama Club Pantomime

Members of Killin Drama Club are hard at work rehearsing their annual pantomime, Puss in Boots by Ben Crocker, in readiness for the productions on 19^{th} , 20^{th} and 21^{st} January in the McLaren Hall. Tickets are priced at £9.50 for adults, £8.50 OAP and £6.50 for a child. Those who enjoyed table seating last year can book a 5person table on Thursday evening only, at a total cost of £45.

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Developing a Cycle Friendly Killin

Work is ongoing and plans are in place to deliver a range of Cycling opportunities and infrastructure in Killin, including a pump track and trails, but help is required to make this generational opportunity come to fruition.

Killin Sports & Recreation Hub, Loch Lomond & Trossachs Countryside Trust, and Killin & Ardeonaig Community Development Trust (KAT) are working in partnership to progress actions outlined in the Killin Community Place Plan (2021-2031) to enhance the provision and quality of bike trails and associated infrastructure in the area.

But where do you start with such a large-scale project? KAT commissioned a feasibility study to be undertaken by Allan Jones Associates and this was published in May 2022 (please contact us for a copy). With 76 community survey responses and 40 school survey responses, support was unanimous for both the pump track (94%) and the trails (98%).

Furthermore, Breadalbane Park was identified as the preferred site for the pump track (picture 1). The trails will also offer a pathway and more accessible and signed network for locals and tourists alike (picture 2).

The Sports & Recreation Hub are now taking on the key action to create a steering group and apply for funding for the project. The sportscotland cycling facilities fund is running in conjunction with next years World Cycling Championships and the Killin project has been welcomed for a full application following an expression of interest. The application must be submitted by April 2023.

Having such developments is an incredibly exciting opportunity. However support is required to consider elements such as: maintenance, participation (cycling club or led rides), land permissions and additional funding.

Engagement has already started thanks to Jim Riach from the

Countryside Trust, who has created a meander route leaflet (available locally) and hosted a ride as well as co-hosted an engagement evening recently in November 8th (picture 3).

As the funding application progresses, we encourage and ask any keen cyclists or individuals who want to help with this project to attend monthly meetings at the sports & recreation hub. These will update on the application and address key challenges and considerations as the project develops.

The first one will be on Tuesday, December 6th at 7pm in the Sports & Recreation Hub (Sports Pavilion). Please get in touch to note your interest and provide any thoughts at: killinsportshub@gmail.com

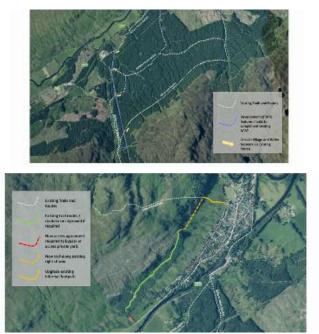


Jim Presenting at the most recent engagement meeting and out with locals on a meander cycle





Site 1, the preferred option for a pump track, alongside an example pump track in Livingston



Proposed trail network from the feasibility study

Killin Hogmanay Lantern Workshop

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Saturday 17th December 2022

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Last time we focused on letting you know about plans for our old Co-op – super news and don't you just love the new one, almost a year old! So, a quick update on progress: Conversations are ongoing to actually buy the building – these do seem to take quite a while, so bear with us. Exciting discussions are taking place to decide how to make the building work best for us all; renovations, what might go where, that sort of thing – we'll keep you posted.

Aside from the Co-op, there are so many initiatives KAT is working on to make Killin and Ardeonaig the best place to live and visit.

Re-use shop

Autumn has well and truly arrived and judging by the queues waiting for the shop to open, many of you will have noticed the cosy clothes hitting the rails and even a little bit of Christmas sparkle!

Why not pop in for a few Christmas decorations; you may even find the perfect Christmas gift for that special someone.

We've slightly reduced our opening hours with the season change, but we still want to be here for you; so, you'll still find us open seven days a week.

•	Mon-Fri 1-4pm
	Sat 12-4pm
•	Sun 11-2pm

Craft Sale

Our recent craft sale at the Old Mill was a great success, with sewing, crochet, knitting and even demonstrations on a loom! Don't miss the next one on December 3rd.

Community Fridge

This continues to be popular with regular donations from the Co-op; plus, Monica and Roman at Dall Lodge, local growers with excess produce, visitors with unused holiday goods, even plums from Breadalbane Park have all gone down a storm. As long as it's in date, sealed, has ingredients listed and looks good – we can take it!

RecyKillin tool library

This now has over 150 tools including a carpet cleaner, ideal for sprucing up the house before Christmas! Sign up anytime at

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As always, a huge "Thank you" to our fantastic team of volunteers including Jenny who keeps the flowers in front of the shop looking fabulous. And a "Great big thank you" to you, the Killin community for your excellent donations and great chat in the shop. We've been blown away by the support you've offered us since we opened on Main Street. We hope you've all grabbed an amazing bargain or two in return.

Old Mill

Another hugely important initiative for the Killin and Ardeonaig community. We are working with consultants to bring your ideas to life from the Community Place Plan and the Old Mill Community Consultation.

But this won't stop craft and heritage activities continuing to be held. If you have popped in recently, you might've seen the wheel turning (such a wonderful, mesmerising experience) and one of our resident weavers, working away, lost in their own spellbinding world (contact us to have a go!).

By the time you read this, there'll have been another storytelling session on 19 November; and remember, if you have tales to tell, let us know, we'd love to share it.

Don't miss our Make-your-own Christmas event on the 3rd December, alongside our craft sale – make your own, Xmas Stockings, gift wrappings, cards and tags and a plate for Santa! Raina@killincdt.co.uk

Youth Group

During the October break from school, KAT held a costume-making event for young people. Held in The Old Mill, this was a fun-filled, creative day looking at reusing and repurposing. This collaborative occasion brought together The Old Mill, Youth Group and Reuse shop projects to provide some holiday fun. Lots of young people came along to create costumes ready for Halloween, enjoying some ghostly games and a spooky inspired lunch. The imagination displayed was fantastic, with The Old Mill being the perfect venue. With the help from our volunteers, plus all the kind donations, a great day was had by all. Many thanks to everyone who attended and supported us on the day. Carla@Killincdt.co.uk

So much happening and this only scratches the surface! If you'd like to know more, or feel you can support the community by volunteering or joining KAT; please don't hesitate to get in touch Theresa@Killincdt.co.uk

Dates for your diary:

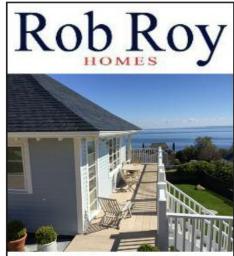
26th November – Reuse shop - Scouts Event, McLaren Hall. Hamper Raffle and brand-new Christmas gift sale!

3rd December – The Old Mill - Makeyour-own Christmas and Craft Sale

22nd - 29th December – Reuse shop closed so all volunteers can have a well-deserved holiday (Community Fridge opening hours to be confirmed!)

24 December – The Old Mill - Ancient, traditional re-bedding of St Fillan's Healing Stones, which were gifted in 777AD.

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Killin and Crianlarich Nurseries

Autumn Term

Killin and Crianlarich nurseries are engaging in a variety of learning projects this term.

The Killin 3-5 year old children have been focused on a play based learning approach through educator led provocations. Pirate Pete has returned to nursery to welcome our new starts with a pirate treasure hunt. Pirate Pete has sent the children a message via a QR code introducing the nursery children to technologies. The children also received a treasure map which has inspired our learners to read maps, learn about navigation and direction and identifying landmarks within our local community. The children have also been engaging with a variety of literacy experiences, by writing to Pirate Pete.

Killin and Crianlarich nurseries Christmas nativity preparations are well underway, children are engaging in a variety of expressive art experiences such as learning songs with actions, creating costumes, prop and scenery making. The nursery has invited the residents from the Retirement Home as we continue to reinforce the importance of our intergenerational links within our community. Ron Allner will be joining us at the



nativity to do this year's Christmas 'Elfies'. The nursery is also selling raffle tickets and taking donations for the retirement home Christmas hamper. The nursery teams would also like to express

our thanks to all our nursery parents for sharing their children's learning and experiences from home using the e-Learning Journals. This communication link gives all children the opportunity to share their experiences with educators and continue with their learning interests from home at nursery, strengthening our home to nursery links. Killin 0-3 children's rhyme time has been running successfully in the library on Tuesdays. This is an opendoor event and our children and educators have enjoyed meeting new families from the community.

A variety of Halloween experiences were offered to the Killin 0-3 children, whereby they had the opportunity to engage in carving and decorating pumpkins, decorating



Halloween biscuits and some children baked pumpkin cupcakes. Parents appointments have been well attended and it was lovely to have the opportunity to welcome parents back into the setting, which for some, was the first time.

At Crianlarich Nursery the children have been learning how to felt with Clare. They have been exploring different ways to bind the wool together and the children and staff created Halloween pumpkins and bats. This experience was perfect



for independent or small group exploration. Felt play provides an opportunity to develop skills such as listening to and following instructions, fine motor development, hand-eye coordination and manual dexterity, encouraging imaginative and creative thinking.

The mobile library bus has a regular visit from the Crianlarich nursery children and staff. The children are able to sit and look at books and select some to take back to the nursery which will support their current interests and extend their knowledge.

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Killin Youth Group

After another fantastic block of sessions and the October holidays over, Youth Group is back for another term. During the October holidays KAT held a Halloween Costume Making day. It was a fantastic day with so many good and creative designs on display. The



event was held in The Old Mill and young people were invited to come along and make costumes for Halloween, have lunch and play Halloween games. A huge thank you to everyone who took part. It was marvellous to see so many of you attend, to make your own costumes and show off your creative skills. Also a big thank you to all of the volunteers who came to help, especially those who dressed up!

With the nights getting colder and darker we are forced to hold our sessions inside. However, this hasn't stopped us enjoying our youth group sessions.





Falls of Dochart , Killin Tel : 01567 820508 www.thepresentshop.co.uk



We kicked off this block with a special guest from Youth Scotland. Laura visited us in Killin and gave a fantastic session on "Special Effects Make-Up", everything from cuts to zombie bites! It was unbelievably realistic, unfortunate that it was just after Halloween but next year we'll see some truly gruesome injuries on the doorsteps I'm sure.

Having Youth Scotland visit us also gave us the opportunity to start the conversation with the young people about creating a Youth Forum. A Youth Forum is an essential part of ensuring the youth services we are providing are "person led" and are created by and for the youth community of Killin and the



surrounding areas. Anyone interested in joining the Youth Forum please get in touch as your voice matters. At the moment our youth provision is up to S3. We would like to invite young people above this age to have their say and help us put provision in place for you and your peers. For the rest of our Block of sessions, this term we have planned: A Games Circuit (Mario Kart may feature!), T-Shirt Design and of course the ever popular I'm a Celebrity!

Our last session before Christmas will be on the 14th of December and as yet our young people have still to decide between a Christmas Party or Christmas Craft Making.



Youth group sessions have been run by CYP in partnership with KAT and supported by a group of local volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, no matter how little time you can give or you are interested in finding out more about joining the Youth Forum please get in touch.

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Jamie is currently attending University on a Thursday until April next year. This is has reduced her capacity, you may have to wait a bit longer to see her.

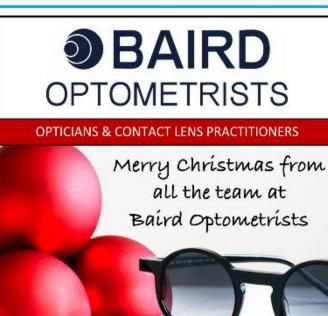
Routine blood tests, blood pressure and ECG's etc., can be booked with our Health Care Assistant, Ann Gilles.

As the colder months begin we are seeing an increased demand for appointments and you may have to wait longer to see a specific doctor.

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Killin Community Council KCC Report November 2022

Membership

The Community Council is pleased to report that we have co-opted two new, additional members. They are Helen Middleton and Frances Inglis. Helen is new to the village, and keen to help and get involved. Francis is a veteran attendee of most of our recent meetings. We warmly welcome them both and are confident they will prove to be significant assets to our merry band. We are also joined by Jane Calder as a 'stand-in' Minutes Secretary. Jane has only recently returned to the village after a long career with Save the Children, travelling the world's hotspots dealing with refugees and protecting the world's most vulnerable. We hope that Jane will be able to cope with the drama and excitement of Killin Community Council and remain 'standing-in' for quite a while yet!

Ukranian Refugees

It's not exactly been business as usual for the Community Council over the last few months. In early July the Killin Hotel received the first busload of Ukrainian refugees - the first of over a hundred to arrive in Killin. Many quickly moved on to sponsoring families or other accommodation, but around sixty settled in the hotel, and were assured they could stay until February, or even March. Efforts to recruit sponsors or find them local accommodation met with some success, but a nationwide shortage of both sponsors and accommodation saw this exodus slow to a trickle, and then, in mid-October, they were effectively given four weeks' notice to vacate the hotel.

Throughout these preceding months the local community rallied round magnificently, providing help and friendship, English language sessions, activities and outings. Volunteer helpers and tutors came from as far afield as Ardeonaig, Lochearnhead and Balquidder. Many of our guests found local employment. Their children settled in the local schools. Events were held to raise money for humanitarian relief in Ukraine. including a well-attended concert and ceilidh in the McLaren Hall to which the Ukrainians contributed both performances and food. But this arcadian life was always going to come to an end with the spring and the return of the hotel to its core business of providing food and accommodation to travellers and tourists. So, we continued our efforts to find suitable and sustainable local accommodation for those with jobs and those with children at school. Throughout all this we have benefitted enormously from the professionalism and dedication of our team of volunteers and local businesses and supporters

The sudden cancellation, by the Scottish government, of the hotel's contract, threw all our plans into disarray. Some of our guests were happy to move to a more urban location, particularly the young adults, but others were anxious and some distraught. While our guests were fearful of the immediate future, we were angry. The Scottish government's actions seemed arbitrary and illconceived. And so ensued an almost perfect media storm. Our community's outrage and resolve was reported in detail by most Scottish media outlets, including STV and the BBC. Within days, the government had backtracked, extending the contract to enable a more timely and phased withdrawal and relocation, and shelving plans to carry out similar evictions across Scotland. The Scottish government, of course, deny that this amounts to a Uturn, and they are guite right, a U-turn is a planned manoeuvre that can be carried out with some grace. This was more of a panicked reaction to circumstances it had simply lost control of.

For now, our guests know they have a little more time to make plans and preparations. Some may find local accommodation, others may relocate in time, while some may even return home in the spring as the Russian tide slowly but surely recedes from their lands. And our local community can be proud of itself, for providing a welcoming safe haven in time of need and for confronting and successfully challenging an irresponsible and capricious government when its actions were clearly unconscionable.

Other Business

The new year will also see the Community Council return to its core functions of measuring potholes and inspecting road markings, though we do, as I write, still have a couple of other topical pots on the boil. a) With winter coming we have applied for a couple of grants to provide warm spaces for local residents struggling

with heating costs. We await the outcome of these applications. b) We are proceeding, at a snail's pace admittedly, with our drive for top-up funding for the McLaren Hall back-up generator, which will not now be in place until next year, at the earliest. c) The other issue of concern to our community is the removal of NHS dental provision in Callander. The newly established Killin Dental Practice is still accepting NHS patients, but I have grave concerns about the future of this provision. In my email conversations with the Callander Practice and others I understand that dental provision under Scottish government funding practices is no longer feasible for most providers. The increase in operating costs and specialist services are no longer adequately supported by the 'Statement of Dental Renumeration', under which the Scottish government remunerates dental work in Scotland. It is therefore very likely that the Killin Dental Practice will soon be forced to follow Callander and go entirely private. The only possible response, I am informed, is for everyone affected to write directly to their MSP or to the First Minister expressing their concerns. This is a serious matter, affecting not only the most vulnerable, but our entire community and nation. We are not exactly renowned throughout the world for our perfectly aligned and gleamingly white teeth, but we don't want to be entirely toothless.

We took on the Scottish government once and won that battle. We can do so again.

Next Meeting

Our next Community Council meeting will be held in the Killin Primary School at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 10th January 2023. Members of the public are always welcome. Emails to communitycouncilkillin@gmail.com will be, as ever, be treated in confidence.

Onwards and upwards.

Andy Aitken



Strathfillan



Strathfillan Community Development Trust

Bike Skills Park

Sadly, we are having to say goodbye to Seona Anderson who is stepping down as the Bike Skills Park Project Officer due to family commitments. She has done a fabulous job in getting cycling going in the community, and we are now holding regular bike and cycling sessions with Crianlarich and Killin Primary schools, hosted by Ramsay MacFarlane from Trailcoach. We hope to continue these sessions into 2023, and plan to hold some family sessions over the Easter holidays.

Before she left, Seona secured funding to purchase refurbished bikes to loan to the local children and a maintenance station to help look after them. We are currently looking to secure more funding to employ a Cycling Officer, to continue the great work Seona has been doing in getting more kids enjoying cycling across Strathfillan. If you want to find out more then either get in touch with Kelly at the email below or visit our website:

https://www.strathfillancdt.org.uk/pr ojects/tyndrum-community-bikeskills-park

Wild Strathfillan Community Heritage Project

To find out more about this project please visit the Trust's website: https://www.strathfillancdt.org.uk/pr ojects/wild-strathfillan-communityheritage-project

If you are interested in getting involved with this project then please get in touch by emailing Kelly at kelly@strathfillancdt.org.uk

Strathfillan Seasonal Rangers

We have come to the end of our funding for this year's Seasonal Rangers. We would like to issue a massive thank you to Gavin Macnab who, pretty much single handedly, worked as a Ranger across Strathfillan from June to the beginning of October. He did a fantastic job keeping the litter down, dealing with fires, and speaking to 100s of visitors over the months, providing advice and information. We hope to secure funding for next year to employ rangers again. Ideally, we would like to employ two rangers as it's too much work for one person. If you are interested in becoming a ranger for the next tourist season, then please get in touch with Kelly at the contact email or pop into the Trust's office in Crianlarich Village Hall on Thursdays. Both full time and part time jobs are available. We would like to thank NatureScot for their funding for 2022.



'This project is supported by NatureScot, through the Better Places Green Recovery Fund'.

Strathfillan Community Woodlands

Llinos, our new Woodland Officer, has been working hard in her first few weeks, and is already doing a great job in clearing paths, sorting out drainage issues, servicing our equipment and investigating new conservation projects. She hopes to get some woodfuel days started over the coming months, so if you have a fire or stove this is your chance to get some affordable wood for the cold winter months – keep an eye on our Facebook page for details. If you would like to get involved in the woodlands or find out more, you can drop Llinos an email at llinos@strathfillancdt.org.uk

Strathfillan Community Garden



We have had help from Grassy-Ass (Cameron Dryburgh) and Duncan LeMay to build two more large outdoor raised beds, giving us now 8 outdoor beds and currently 2 indoor raised beds to offer to residents in the Strathfillan area. We have had reasonable take up for these but do still have a few left if anyone in the area is interested. We have a bed put aside for the children at the Crianlarich School and a small planter available for the Nurserv, who now visit monthly. The additional raised beds meant more moving of manure, so thanks again to Kevin Charnley (KC Garden Services) for his voluntary time to help us with his digger.

We have winter onions and cabbages in the indoor beds at the moment



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and are bringing on a number of other indoor plants and trees from seed (local), including spider plants and scots pines, with the help of Alan Maclennan. Our glut of green tomatoes was made use of by Ellen Cattenach from Glengarry who kindly made Green Tomato Chutney available for a donation in the Honesty Box. Keep an eye on the SCDT facebook page for updates. https://www.facebook.com/groups/2 495715407394997/

AGM

By the time this edition of the Killin News is out we will have held our AGM at Crianlarich Village Hall on Thursday, November 24th. We would like to thank Scotgold and Dawn Skelton for their presentations, and the Crianlarich Hotel and Crianlarich Stores for providing refreshments, and thanks to everyone who came along. We can let you know the new Trustees in the next issue.

Getting in touch

You can contact the Trust directly by emailing Kelly at

kelly@strathfillancdt.org.uk or phoning 07707044484. Kelly is now in the Trust Office in Crianlarich Village Hall every Thursday, 9am to 5pm if you want to drop by. For updates on projects and activities you can check out our Facebook Page, and for more information on our projects and what we do, have a look at our website: https://www.strathfillancdt.org.uk/home

Keeping strong and balanced at home

Continuing with our theme of exercises you can do in your own home with no equipment, this issue we bring you 'back of leg strengthener'. Although if you do





Find me on Facebook tel: 07585 227645 have an ankle weight it would make it more effective. Knee bends, last month, worked your quadriceps (front of thigh muscle), and this works the opposing muscles, the Hamstrings, which we need to use as 'brakes' when we bend down and go downstairs. You should 'feel' it in the back of the leg, below the buttock and if not, you may have not kept the bent knee behind the straight leg.

Back of leg strengthener

- Stand tall close to and holding your support (you don't want to feel wobbly for this one)

Feet hip width apart and knees soft
Brush the foot backwards along the floor then lift the heel slowly towards the bottom. (your bent knee should be 'behind' the supporting leg knee)
Lower the foot slowly

- Place the weight back over both feet to rest briefly

- Aim to lift for a slow count of 3 and lower for a slow count of 5 each time



- Repeat 2 times, eventually build up to 10 on one leg, then change legs.

Have a go and let us know how you get on – give us some feedback at dawn.skelton@laterlifetraining.co.uk or on the SCDT Facebook page.



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The Eco Club were busy harvesting the last of the school apples and donated them to the Community Fridge.





My book is called 'Now we have a Baby' and it is all about how to look after a baby. They need sleep and they need someone to play with. I would give this 10 out of 10.

Katie, P1

Our Class novel is 'Song of the River' by Gill Lewis. It's about reintroducing beavers to a village to stop it flooding. Cari is the main character and she loves nature. I would give this book 10 out of 10.

Georgia, P5

We have been reading 'A Kind of Spark' by Elle McNicoll. It is about a girl called Addie who lives in Juniper, near Edinburgh. She finds out that women in her village were accused of being witches and some were tortured and even hung. Addie tries to get a memorial for the witches but lots of people are against her! I would give this book 10 out of 10.

Reyss, P6



Ramsay from Trailcoach came to spend the day with Class 2 so we could learn about bicycle safety. He helped show us how to do a bike check (called the M check), we got to ride a mini bicycle and we went to the park and made ramps. It was brilliant fun and we got very dirty.



Primary 5 took part in an athletics competition at McLaren High School organised by Active Stirling. We did races, relays, speed bounce, obstacle courses, long jump, triple jump, javelin, high jump and medicine ball. We tried our best and it was great fun. We scored 214 points and won SILVER.

Jamie, Georgia, John and Mason





Lynn and Michael and the Courie Inn team would like to wish their friends and neighbours a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

Killin Prim

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ary School

In Class 1 our topic this term is Coastal Connections. We are learning about the importance of lighthouses. We read a story about Grace Darling and how she saved men from the SS Forfarshire. We wrote our own stories about her too.



Well done to Isla who was senior runner up of the Comrie Fireworks Poster competition. The judges really liked the colours chosen and the way the fireworks had been drawn, it showed lots of energy.

Zach, P3



The whole school took part in the Mini-London Marathon at the park. Every child ran 2.6 miles, 9 laps of the park! We had music and pom poms and we all cheered each other on. There were lots of red faces at the end but we felt very proud of ourselves.



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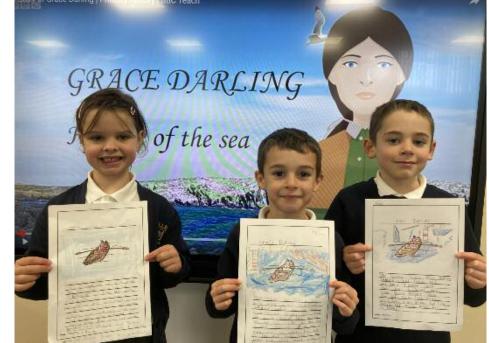
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Class 3 have been playing some Quidditch at the park while they've been learning about Witches and Wizards. It has been really good fun. Our topic in Class 3 is Witches and Wizards. We listened to the poem, 'Tam O' Shanter' by Robert Burns. We drew a story map then wrote the story in our own words. We really enjoyed writing about the ceilidh in the Old Alloway Kirk and learning about Tam and his poor wife, Kate. Leila and Annie, P6

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Killin Mountain Rescue Team

Since our last update in the October issue, the transition of leadership has continued, albeit at a slow and steady pace, whilst continuing to attend callouts, events and training. This year, to date, the team has responded to 36 incidents, 9 more than our last article. To provide a brief synopsis of what we have attended, they are broken down as follows:

· 26th September – a mountain biker suffered serious injuries in Kirkton

Glen, Balguhidder and Ambulance Service required assistance with evacuation of the casualty to a waiting heli-med.

· 30th September requested by Police to assist in searching for a missing person, who had left the Firbush area of South Loch Tay. As team were deploying, male was safely located in Killin.

· On the 7th, 8th, and 11th October, the team assisted in searches around the Callander area for a high risk missing person. • 7th October – called to Balquhidder to Kirkton Glen to assist in tracing and evacuating an exhausted walker. • 9th October – team contacted by Police in response to an incident that they believed to be on Ben Lui. After investigation, it transpired incident was outwith our team's area so incident passed to neighbouring team.

· 19th October - called to Ben A'an for a collapsed walker. As the team arrived at the carpark, the walker arrived having been assisted by passing walkers.

· 31st October – called to Sron Gharbh for a young walker who was exhausted and had collapsed. Given the condition of the casualty, the

Coastquard Helicopter was called to assist, and they uplifted the individual as the team were deploying and flew them directly to hospital.

In addition to the above callouts, the team have assisted with a number of events as follows:

· 2nd - 4th September: One team member attended SMR national Gorge Rigging training. · 23rd - 25th September: two

members attended SMR national



training and callouts, and character. For those selected, we will be asking them for a minimum attendance of 7 days and 7 evening trainings per year during their probation period, which will likely last 1-2years. We wish the new

skills, other

recruits the best of luck going forward.

As the year draws to a close, we would like to thank all those who support the team, in a variety of ways, from individual support from the local community, through to support of local businesses. The team would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful, prosperous New Year.

> Will Diamond Secretarv **Killin Mountain Rescue** Team



Advanced Rigging training. · 23rd - 25th September: One member attended and passed Casualty Care medical assessment. · 1st October: Team Leader represented SMR at fundraising event in Tyndrum.

· 26th October: Two members led Basic Life Support refresher for Callander Primary School staff. · 28th - 30th October: Six team members attended the SMR Training Conference in Aviemore.

Applicant selection day

Over the past 6 months or so, the trustees have received a number of applications to join the team. On Sunday 6th November, a number of the trustees and a few team members conducted a selection day with some of those applicants. Some



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Walk in the Park

Fiona McGregor, Health Walk Coordinator for the Loch Lomond & The Trossachs Countryside Trusts' Walk in the Park programme shares some updates since the last edition and some top tips for keeping healthy this Winter.

During Autumn the Countryside Trusts' Walk in the Park Killin group have in their pursuit of fresh air, fitness and fun harnessed even the wettest of Wednesdays, walking new and familiar routes and exploring places they may never have been before. One of those torrential days being when ten of our hardiest souls made it along to our walk at Glen Ogle. Exploring further afield we also enjoyed a lovely walk at Strathyre where we were warmly welcomed by the new owners of The Golden Larches for post walk refreshments, something we often like to do after a walk.



Jubilations were also in order as a special silver award was presented to Lynne Ferguson by our volunteer Walk Leader Fiona Boath, for achieving a whopping 100 walks. Well done Lynne!



Walk in the Park

All Group Walks Held in Killin

As we come into the colder season, getting out on a weekly health walk is even more important for our mental, social, and physical health. Meeting people for a natter, stretching the legs and being in the company of our trained Volunteer



Walk Leaders our walkers know they are in safe hands during times when there is more likelihood of slips and fall. To keep you active over Winter and help burn those extra Christmas calories our weekly Wednesday walking schedule takes us right into the New Year (please check for dates when we will be taking a short break).

In between our walks everyone is welcome to attend our weekly 'Strength & Balance' sessions every Wednesday from 2pm to 3pm in the Killin & Ardeonaig Parish Church. These simple exercises are perfect for keeping your muscles and joints supple. Some of our participants have found that with the help of these sessions they have become more confident to go out by themselves, giving them greater independence. As with our walking programme, if you have a health problem, please check with your GP first.

See you next Wednesday, normally McLaren Hall always at 10:20am for a Walk in the Park! Check our programme for more details.



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30 November	McLaren Hall Car Park	Loch Circuit/Old Railway	
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THE KILLIN CONNECTION

Red Hackled Springbok

Approaching Killin from the west, the first inhabitant one likely meets is the Highland soldier, rifle slung, back turned to the rumbling waters of the River Dochart. Silent, noble and ageless, he is one of the Lost Generation, a spectral reminder of the 135,000 Scots who perished in the First World War, twenty-seven of them local men. Strange then, that the same kilted soldier stands in the centre of Pretoria, a figure so unnatural against the canvas of palm trees and azure skies. Just as we commemorate our fallen this November, the people of that city will be honouring the sacrifices of the South African Scottish under the very same memorial. These men - South African citizens of Scottish heritage signed up in droves at the outbreak of war in 1914, fighting not in the dry subtropical climate of their settled homeland, but in the cold, filthy, waterlogged trenches of northern France. Call it a tale of two statues, yet the connection between this tiny village and the Rainbow Nation goes well beyond stone and mortar.



When the sculptor Alexander Carrick designed Killin's memorial in 1920, he was most certainly modelling from memory; just two years earlier he had served as a field gunner on the Western Front and seen his northern countryman, the 'kiltie', marching bravely up the line to the sound of war-pipes. Indeed, it was this personal

experience of the subject that made him the most sought-after memorial sculptor in Scotland. So revered was his work that the South African Regimental Association commissioned him to carve a replica of the Killin soldier for their own memorial in Burgers Park, Pretoria. By this time, the number of memorials in Britain had reached nearly 100,000, at a cost of "three millions of money" reported the Milngavie and Bearsden Herald. The South African Scottish had only one. Carrick's entry would make small amends for this injustice, as a central landmark in the city's oldest park.

The majority of the South African population had little reason to join Britain when the Great War began. Despite that, it mobilised its forces to secure German territories on the continent. Even then, its biggest enemy had been malaria, accounting for 75% of its casualties. The true 'baptism of fire' came when the Imperial Government asked South Africa to send troops to Europe in late 1915. Launched the following summer, the Battle of the Somme began with a week-long bombardment and ended four months later in silent, shattered desolation. As part of the initial offensive, the British Army had to capture the strategic village of Longueval, but to do so, Delville Wood - later Devil's Wood - needed taking first. The South Africans were given their orders: clear the wood and "hold it at all costs". So on the 14th July 1916, the 3000-strong South African Brigade (part of the 9th Scottish Division) marched into the small thicket of oak and birch and began driving out the defenders. Supporting them were their friendly rivals, the Black Watch, which was moving adjacent into southern Longueval. By mid-afternoon, the whole area had been cleared, save a strong pocket of resistance to the north-west of the village. But rather than secure the wood, the Brigade had formed a salient with only its south-western base in contact with British troops. Critically, the South Africans were bottlenecked into a square-mile area, with German guns fixed directly on their positions. Worse still, the tangled heap of broken trees left by British artillery made digging trenches nearly impossible. Delville Wood had become a death trap.

The Germans responded immediately, with a barrage so violent that the

wood literally "disintegrated", one survivor recalled. Four hundred shells a minute fell on the South Africans, who scrambled desperately for cover in shallow shell holes and burrows. The siege lasted five days, during which time the Brigade staved off several attacks from forces twice its number. By July 20th, the bloodied South Africans were pushed back to the south-western edge of the wood where they made their final stand. In a last ditch effort to reinforce the surrounded Springboks, a combined force of Highlanders, including Black Watch, counter-attacked and sent the enemy once again into retreat. The line held, but at a terrible cost.

Of the 3153 men who marched into Delville Wood on the morning of the 14th July, 143 limped out on the evening of the 20th. The South African Scottish alone lost 868 ranks - nearly 80% of its fighting capacity. In just a few days, the South African Army had suffered the heaviest casualties in its history. Nevertheless, as the battered remnant emerged from that wood, something remarkable happened. A guard of honour, accompanied by the shrill pipes of the Black Watch, led the survivors back to the British lines. The procession was guided by the African Brigade's Pipe Major, Sandy Grieve, himself an ex-Black Watch who had fought with the regiment against the Boers twenty years before. Despite being wounded in both cheeks, Grieve played so movingly that an onlooking general removed his cap and wept.

Thus formed a bond between the old Highland regiment and its martial offspring that still exists today. Since 1938, the Transvaal Regiment have worn the Black Watch's 'red hackle' on their khaki tam o' shanter as a symbol of South African and Scottish unity. It has been present at services in Johannesburg, Pretoria and most importantly, Delville Wood, where soldiers of both nationalities rest. When commemorating our own in Killin we too can reflect on this shared heritage. Among the twenty-seven names on the memorial, a quarter belong to the Black Watch; the others to Highland regiments which stood with South Africans at the Somme. It is them, more than figures of stone, that connects the histories of our respective people.

Michael Gardiner

Ukraine Benefit Concert

Benefit Concert and Ceilidh for Ukraine

In August, a group of local community volunteers organised a

benefit concert and ceilidh in support of humanitarian relief for Ukraine. We'd all been working closely with the Ukrainian community and had established close friendships with our guests. We were soon joined by enthusiastic and committed participants from that community and the planning and preparation went ahead in earnest. Posters and tickets were designed by the Killin primary school children and the event was scheduled for 24th September.

We were unsure of the numbers that would attend and thought that we might get between 150 and 200. As the evening approached, we were



gaining in confidence. Katy at the Post Office reported good sales of advance tickets and promoting it on the Community Facebook Page meant that it became widely known. Bunting and balloons were purchased with the help of funds from the Killin Highland Games committee and the

hall was decorated with much help from our Ukrainian friends. Scottish stovies and Ukrainian borsht with pancakes and dumplings made for a veritable feast.

singing Ukrainian songs. A truly international festival of music and song and a lovely presentation from Anfisa that finished with a very touching invitation for Killin friends

to visit Ukraine when the war is over. Thereafter, Andy and Audrey from the Loch Tay Steamers performed a set and the evening's entertainment culminated with the "Norman's Law" ceilidh band who had everyone dancing the night away.

In the end we had some 300 people attending, making it a highly successful and memorable occasion. We'd like

to thank all the volunteers who helped, the local businesses and others who donated food and raffle prizes and everyone who came. We raised a very respectable sum of £2,116 for the Disasters Emergency Committee in support of Ukraine. A great night and a great result.

Jane Calder

youth rock groups, the NoMarcs and the Junior NoMarcs, both ably organised by Marc Fallon, and marking the beginning of a really special night. A Ukrainian singer, Anna, was followed by David a Ukrainian accordionist (based in Aberfeldy)

When the doors opened on 24th, the

all tables and chairs were filled. The

evening began with the two local

hall filled up quickly to the point that

followed by his host who sang Gaelic songs. Then we had a very accomplished, if only recently formed, choir of Ukrainian women and children wearing a colourful mix of traditional Ukrainian dress and Scottish kilts

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Remembrance Memorial Service





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determines what the food chain consists of and the combination of invertebrates coupled with other factors will indicate how healthy the fish population is.

This is year three of the five sites on the River Lochay survey, instigated by the Tay Ghillies Association. It is important to understand how the data is established and comparisons made. Riparian owners and anglers have a mutual interest in knowing how the survey works and the information scientifically analysed. The full co-operation of the riparian owners in Glen Lochay is very much appreciated by all involved in this worthwhile project.



The Benchmark Survey sets up the base line for each location. Each Spring and Autumn a follow-on survey, provides a comparison to the original. The evidence has already produced well known species such as Mayfly Nymphs on each site, but only one Dragon Fly Nymph was found on the furthest up stream site. The interest in being involved is learning to identify the most prolific species and finding out about others. The interpretation of the increasing data indicates so many other factors. Water quality and chemical presence, flow rate, tree cover, and nature of the river bed. The end result is what can be advised to start lobbying to improving the river.

This is very much an educational exercise and one of the top conditions is safety, the Autumn survey was delayed two weeks due to water flow speed and depth.

Anyone interested can get in touch and perhaps come and observe the Spring survey in 2023.

> Alex Stewart TGA Member







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You Wouldn't Beaver-lieve it!

In the last issue of Killin News I said that beaver evidence had appeared by us. Since then, this has rather escalated. The pond inside the garden was overflowing one morning and there was not the usual sound of water running out to the burn. The reason was that a large mound of nibbled off pond plants was covering the out pipe. On removing this we found that some enterprising hydro engineer had blocked up the outlet with the plants, a log of wood and a plastic duck. Since there has not been much evidence of activities lately, we hope that the next flush of rainwater encouraged him back to his friends and relations on the loch shore. A distant set of Canadian relations are doing more damage in the Arctic where their dams are contributing to the loss of permafrost.

Badgers are also making their clawwork felt as they rip up local lawns looking for succulent snacks. Some of this is due to the great increase in their numbers countrywide but some also due to some residents feeding them in their gardens. In some areas at least, these locals have not begun the grisly practice of digging up parts of graveyards and leaving the bones in local gardens, thus rendering them crime scenes as they have done in England.

A creature which may cause less damage is the Scottish wild cat which is soon to be released into the cairngorms from a breeding programme the Highland Wildlife Park. They are one of the world's most endangered species with only an estimated 100 left in the wild. Hopefully this project will work but with the reduction of wild habitat and the number of feral domestic cats it is in danger of failure. Capercaillies are also in danger of extinction and their main remaining stronghold is in the Cairngorm area but numbers have been dropping not increasing on the RSPB reserve. Research indicated that control of foxes, crows and pine martins is crucial.

A wilder place, but probably with insufficient trees, is the far North. Always a sparsely populated area it is now almost uninhabited. Even the deer are few and far between. The Crofters' Federation are pushing for an increase in crofted land as this is a much better use of land by more people. Supposedly to help share out land, the government is hoping to implement a new land reform act which will limit the land held by an owner to 3,000 hectares. This takes no account of the land needed to make a hill farm or a shooting estate viable. It is claimed by many that this will endanger many environmental projects such as peat restoration. It also must be noted that the government has recently purchased Glenprosen for £25million (and we thought that there was no money?) in order to plant trees and has already put four people out of work.

On a brighter note, the glacier on Mount Kilimanjaro is still there despite predictions that it would be well gone by now. The main glacier in Glacier Bay in Alaska is still very much there despite warnings that it would be gone by 2020 and the signs to this effect have been taken down! Our friends the foxes have also been giving us good news. A local recovery truck driver recently saw a fox at the roadside near The Toll which was

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Tim Frost



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Biological recording on BEN LAWERS NNR

Biological recording is fundamental to the Trust's management of **BEN LAWERS NNR**, but why is it so important?



Ben Lawers NNR is nationally recognised for its plant life, especially for rare species growing at high altitude. Its diverse plant communities provide the basis for thriving mountain ecosystems from invertebrates to large mammals - the reason for purchase by the National Trust for Scotland.

The area's renown grew as early botanists started recording unusual species. The accumulation of records pointed to a significant concentration of plants adapted to the harsh conditions at high altitudes. Recognition of the significance of the enormous variety eventually led to the various designations – national and international- aimed at affording protection to the site.

Even today, despite the reserve being thoroughly scrutinised by botanists, new plant species are still occasionally recorded. This year Irish Scaly Male-fern *Dryopteris kerryensis* was identified by visiting experts from the British Pteridological Society, this



being the first Scottish record, and Twinflower Linnea borealis was refound by chance after a gap of almost two hundred years. These are invaluable records which further knowledge of the property. Seasonal ranger James noticed a strange looking orchid, which turned out not to be a rare hybrid, but had the experts scratching their heads. Apparently it was just an aberrant Early-purple Orchid Orchis mascula.

Sightings of previously unrecorded invertebrates are more common, but equally exciting. The list of solitary bees present

has increased following targeted observations of suitable sites within recovering habitats. Other records are fortuitous such as moths like the Yarrow Plume *Gillmeria pallidactyla* spotted on a guided walk and Mother Shipton *Callistege mi*. A vital part of the Trust's work is detailed monitoring of the populations of the rarest species, which it is our aim to conserve. This provides a health check which informs management to safeguard them. Periodic repetition over 40



years has shown that, whilst the populations of some species have remained stable, others have declined alarmingly. Our pioneering and exemplary restoration of montane willow scrub was triggered by detailed monitoring which highlighted that the component species were declining towards local extinction.

Overall numbers of several of our rarest plants Snow Pearlwort Sagina nivalis, Drooping Saxifrage Saxifraga cernua and Mountain Sandwort Sabulina rubella, all adapted to the harsh environments at high altitudes, have decreased alarmingly over the last 30 years. This is likely to be attributable to climate change so seeds (or bulbils in the case of the saxifrage) have been collected and trials are beginning at University of Dundee Botanic Gardens to try and establish populations which can be studied to learn more about the factors which are affecting them in the wild.

Monitoring of mosses and liverworts which grow in areas with formerly late lying snowbeds also points to the negative effects of a changing climate.

Other monitoring contributes to larger, often national, datasets such as the long running Butterfly



Monitoring Scheme. A weekly transect is walked, weather permitting, focussed on the flight season of the Mountain Ringlet *Erebia epiphron* and breeding success of raptors is reported through the Scottish Raptor Monitoring Scheme.



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Local Planning Applications

National Park

22 Sep 2022

Proposal: Change of Use from Class 9 (Houses) to Class 7 (Hotels and Hostels) (retrospective) Location: Clifton Cottage Clifton Road Tyndrum Crianlarich Applicant: Mr Thomas Edgar Application Type: Decision: Current

27 Sep 2022

Proposal: Proposed part change of use from commercial to residential and installation of 3no holiday pods to rear garden (former garden centre) Location: Fernbank Main Street Killin Applicant: Mr J Hannah Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission Decision: Current

28 Sep 2022

Proposal: Change in the use of land from garden grounds for the siting of 1 no. lodge (for holiday use) Location: Pennycross 37 Manse Road Killin

Applicant: Mr Douglas McRobbie Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission Decision: Current

29 Sep 2022

Proposal: Upgrading of existing porch Location: Glengarry House Main Street Killin Applicant: Mr Paul Buddington Application Type: Listed Building Consent Decision: Current

03 Oct 2022

Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to rear Location: Rose Cottage Main Street Killin Applicant: Mr & Mrs Calder George & Jane Calder Application Type: Householder Planning Permission Decision: Current

07 Oct 2022

Proposal: Retention of 268m of temporary stone access track (approved under 2021/0097/DET) on land west of Acharn Biomass Power Station, and formation of new hardstanding for maintenance work Location: Land To South West Of Craignavie Craignavie Road Killin Stirling

Applicant: Mr Daniel Thomas Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission Decision: Current

Perth & Kinross Council

30 Sep 2022

Proposal: Erection of a dwellinghouse and carport, formation of vehicular access and road, landscaping, drainage and associated works Location: Land 500 Metres North East Of Cragganester Steading Lawers Applicant: Mr A Nelson Application Type: planning permission local Decision: Awaiting decision

Stirling Council

07 Sep 2022

Proposal: Erection of Water Source Heat Pump and Associated infrastructure; erection of external plant store; erection of 38 solar panels on main building and external alterations to main building Location: Firbush Point Field Centre Ardeonaig Applicant: The University Of Edinburgh Application Type: Full Decision: Awaiting decision

16 Sep 2022

Proposal: New 33kV Overhead Line comprising the diversion of 33kV overhead line Location: Lochay Power Station Killin Applicant: Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution Application Type: Statutory Notification Decision: Awaiting decision

30 Sep 2022

Proposal: Erection of replacement dwellinghouse and ancillary annex building Location: Tigh Na Craig Killin Applicant: Mr Robert Johnston Application Type: Full Decision: Awaiting decision

11 Oct 2022

Proposal: Erection of a recreational hut and replacement jetty for use by fishing and sailing club Location: Land 1280M East Of Firbush Point Field Centre Killin Applicant: Ms Ilse Mikula Application Type: Full Decision: Awaiting decision

28 Oct 2022

Proposal: Battery electricity storage project of 43 MW Location: Land To East Of Killin Switching Station Killin Applicant: Boreland Energy Ltd Application Type: Proposal of Application Notice Decision: Awaiting decision

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Cycling Meanders around Killin

Jim Riach of the Loch Lomond & The Trossachs Countryside Trust has supported several community groups to achieve Cycling Friendly awards from Cycling Scotland and helped capture some of their favourite short local rides.

Killin is a great starting point for cycling, with a choice of shops and places to eat and a vast network of routes and trails to explore such as the Lochs and Glens Way, gravel trails and quiet roads.

Working with the Cycling Friendly Communities of Drymen, Aberfoyle, Callander and Killin, we have pulled together a collection of favourite short cycling meanders, all starting from the heart of each community. The meanders are designed to be short sociable rides, to be enjoyed in the company of friends and family and ridden in everyday clothes. They often involve a café stop at the beginning, end or in the middle, and take in quiet roads, trails and cycle paths. These rides help us discover some hidden treasures, connect with nature, experience low carbon, independent travel, and enjoy some great, interesting company. Some guided rides around Killin on the meander routes are planned for the springtime.

Cycling has something to offer to everyone, allowing us to travel through nature and with nature, helping to mainstream low-carbon lifestyles and to have meaningful climate conversations with our peers. It can provide independent travel, adventure, fitness, health and social opportunities, the choice is yours. Pick up your copy of the Killin Meanders leaflet at the Old Watermill or the Outdoor shop or explore online here https://trustinthepark.org/tredactive-travel/cycling-routes/cycling-m eanders/killin/

A Cycle in the Park Welcome



Not only are our communities becoming more *Cycling Friendly* but many businesses within the

communities are *Welcoming Cyclists*, because it is good for business and good for the environment. You will find many businesses are close to secure parking areas, may have an ebike charging point, maybe a repair stand and pump, and many will provide free water bottle top-ups. See our website for locations throughout the Park at https://bit.ly/34YBaw7 We are currently working on a new business toolkit to support more businesses realise the benefits of more cycling - more details soon from Trust in the Park.

Exploring Further

Trust in the Park Visit our website at http://trustinthepark.org/tred-activetravel to plan your own #cyclingmeanders or #cycleinthepark and make sure you share on Instagram @trustinthepark or Facebook @trustinthepark

Our Love e-bike map is a great starting point to explore the Trossachs, or try some of our MTB and gravel routes, or road and touring routes for a tougher challenge.

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Lodge Breadalbane St. Fillans No.815

The members of Lodge 815 have been working hard this past summer maintaining the old cemetery behind The Killin Hotel, cutting the grass and tidying up old deadwood etc.

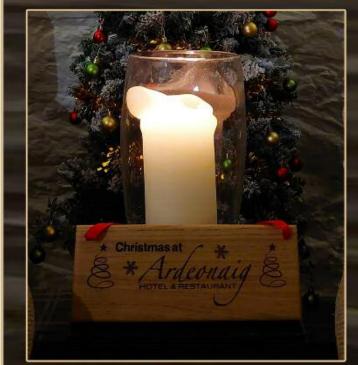
The main aim of Freemasons within the community is to make a difference by fundraising, and the proceeds are distributed locally between good causes. We need the support of the community to achieve this, so please support us in our fundraising efforts, especially at the New Years Dance on the 1st January. We have again booked the brilliant Robert and Duncan Black Ceilidh Dance Band, and all profits will be distributed to good causes within Killin, and local communities. Although we have just started back, we have already made donations to the Lantern Parade, the Crainlarich and Killin Nursery Schools, the lights on the bridge, the Christmas lights and many others.

Freemasons throughout Scotland have raised \pounds 1,100,000 and presented it to Prostate Scotland. Much of this came from their personal donations.

All the members of Lodge 815 wish everyone a Happy Christmas and hope to see you at the New Years Dance.



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Killin Retirement Home Staff

Hazel Mathewson and Stephanie Cunningham, both senior carers at the home, graduated at University of Highlands and Islands at Perth by completing their PDA in medications.

It's great to highlight the career pathway within care homes vocationally.

The whole team and residents are very proud of both.

Graduation was 6th October at Perth Concert Hall.





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Killin and District Volunteer Car Scheme

October turned out to be the busiest month the car scheme has ever had for numbers of journeys carried out, with a total of 40 being undertaken. We were pleased to be able fulfil all requests and would like to thank the volunteer drivers for all of their continued contribution to the scheme. The personal support and time drivers volunteer for each trip is fantastic and cannot be equalled by any other public or private service.

We were very fortunate to receive funding from The Community Lottery Fund of just over £8,000 which means we can keep going well into 2023. We very much appreciate this as without financial support like this and your donations we would not be

able to keep our fares low. We have recently produced a podcast, with the help of Givey, a fundraising platform, which can be accessed by putting https://open.spotify.com/episode/5t FPd89q8Wn4yKudS5EXKU into your internet browser.

We are able to use this to help us with fundraising as well as advertising the car scheme.

To contact the car scheme call 07988280743 Alicja Fraser



Founded in 1982, 40 years ago, there are now more than 1,000 U3A groups across the UK. U3A members come together to learn, meet new people and have fun within a variety of interest groups. At Callander and West Perthshire U3A, a range of activities is on offer, from Ancient History to Scottish Country Dancing, from Current Affairs to Rock Music. Annual membership costs only £10 and you

can attend as many groups as you wish for that sum. If you are retired or semi-retired, U3A may be just what you are looking for. Our monthly online 'Chatterbox' keeps members up to date. You may have knowledge or skills you wish to share with others. It's all about taking part, which reflects the U3A motto 'learn, laugh, live.' The U3A movement also provides a schedule of online events, which can connect you with other learners, wherever you are. Have a look at the Callander and West Perthshire U3A website for further details. It's not too late to join and you would be made most welcome.

2023 Calendars

The Killin 2023 calendars are now available from the Post Office, The Studio, Escape in Killin and the Bridge End Mill.

The prices are the same as last year. All profits go towards the New Years Eve Firework display.

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Infinityblu

An expanding Perthshire dental group has opened a brand-new £300,000 practice in Killin, finally giving villagers access to local dentistry for the first time. For years, residents have had to make round trips of up to 100 miles to attend practices in locations such as Crieff, Callander, Oban and even Fort William due to the lack of a service in the Perthshire village. The opening of Infinityblu Dental Care and Implant Clinic's practice has been warmly welcomed, with new patients forming a queue along Main Street to register on Opening Day.

Such has been the demand, patients have registered from postal addresses including Oban, Fort William, Glencoe and Tyndrum, with both NHS and private patients being enlisted.

Infinityblu was founded by a Scottish Young Dentist of the Year, Chris Barrowman, in Pitlochry in 2007 and has undergone steady growth in the region, and beyond, over the last 15 years.

However, the opening of the practice in Killin also ends a long, unexpected wait for the company.

Chris Barrowman purchased the village's former pound shop at



auction over 18 months ago, with the intention of having the architect designed 2-surgery practice up and running well before now. Covid restrictions and planning delays meant all parties had to be patient, but the Infinityblu team are finally in place and enjoying their new environment in the stunning location of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park near the Falls of Dochart.

"The Community have been amazing," said Chris Barrowman, who owns a further 5 dental practices in the county in the villages of Pitlochry, Dunkeld, Crieff, Alyth and Auchterarder.

"There were queues down the street on day one for new patients registering, which was nice to see. There has not been a dentist in the area for a long time, and to bring this to Killin and the community, cuts downs significantly the distance people need to travel to get their dental care.

"We knew there was a gap in provision of these services. The dental practice has been incredibly popular, and the community support has blown the whole team away.

"The fact we are opening as an NHS practice in the current NHS crisis, has ticked a lot of boxes too for Infinityblu, and it's great to see that people have supported us and we can give something back."

Infinityblu recently completed a £2m investment in its portfolio which includes 9 practices in four regions of Scotland.

To date, over 50 000 patients are registered on their lists, with further acquisitions planned.

From establishing the company 15 years ago, Infinityblu now employs 25 dentists, 5 hygienists/therapists and a further 100 staff. As well as Perthshire, the Infinityblu

brand extends to sites in Callander in Stirlingshire, and Duns and Peebles in the Scottish Borders.





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BREADALBANE HERITAGE SOCIETY BREADALBANE OSCR FORTHCOMING WINTER TALKS Friday 20th January 2023

Culloden Presented on Zoom by Caitlin Greig, **NTS Culloden**

Friday 17th February 2023



Regeneration Presented on Zoom by Andrew Painting, **Conservation Officer** at NTS Mar Lodge

Friday 17th March 2023

Old Ways, New Roads

Presented by Christopher Dingwall.



The winter talks are held in the Breadalbane Community Campus Aberfeldy, commencing at 7.30 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Scottish Wildlife Trust

Pitlochry and Highland Perthshire Branch The next meeting will be on Monday 12th December at 7.30pm in the Tryst Hall, Church of Scotland, Pitlochry. The speaker will be Andrew Barbour, owner of the Bonskeld Estate at Fincastle, who will talk on Farming and Trees (Agroforestry). Everyone is very welcome, there is no charge. Suggested donations £2 for members, £3 for non members.

For further information, contact Tim Fison, or Mark Aquilina

Breadalbane Heritage Society

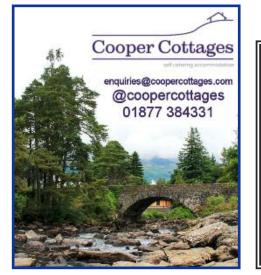
After celebrating the 60th anniversary of its founding with a grand party in November, Breadalbane Heritage Society takes a break in December and resumes its monthly meetings in January. Note that, given the inclement weather at this time of year, the meetings for January and February will be on Zoom.

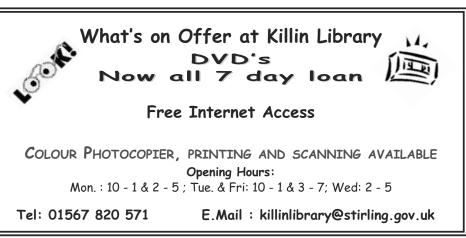
20th January: 'Culloden' presented on Zoom by Caitlin Greig, Visitor Services Supervisor at the National Trust for Scotland Culloden Battlefield Visitor Centre. The talk will include the work that the NTS is doing to conserve the landscape and the battle itself.

17th February: 'Mar Lodge Estate Regeneration' presented on Zoom by Andrew Painting, Ecologist and Conservation Officer at the National Trust for Scotland's Mar Lodge Estate. For the last 25 years, the NTS has been at the forefront of conservation and regeneration of landscape, covering woodland, peatland and hill country restoration, and raptor monitoring at their Mar Lodge Estate. Andrew will introduce us to the wide range of conservation work he is involved with at the estate. 17th March: 'Old Ways and New Roads : Roads, Bridges, Landscapes and New Towns on the Highland Circuit, 1720 – 1832' presented in person at the Breadalbane Community Campus in Aberfeldy by Christopher Dingwall, an independent landscape historian and heritage consultant and currently vice-chairman of Scotland's Garden and Landscape heritage. His talk will look at the development of transport in the Highlands of Scotland between the building of the first military roads in the 1720s and the arrival of railways in the 1830s, and the impact this had on the Highland landscape. It involved building bridges, diverting roads and establishing new settlements along the route taken by the increasing number of tourists following a circuit through the Southern Highlands. The speaker will pay particular attention to the impact of these developments on the Taymouth Castle estate.

The BHS's website features a video of local scenes of interest, and provides up-to-date information about talks and activities, events, publications, projects including maintenance of the Killiehassie private burial ground in Strathtay, and services such as assistance with family history research. Recordings of all the talks for 2020-March 2022 are now available on this site.

Updated information on events and talks will be posted on the BHS website https://breadalbane-heritage.org.uk To get the link enabling you to join the Zoom talks, and for any enquiries, please email bhsaberfeldy@gmail.com





Crianlarich Primary School

Community Garden

A group volunteered to go to the community polytunnel and they were

enjoying our monthly visits.

digging for potatoes. We are really



War Memorial

We weeded and cleaned up around the War Memorial in Crianlarich. On Friday 11th November for Remembrance Day we made poppies and put them in the soil. We observed the 2 minute silence at 11am and Mr Waugh read a poem called `why do we wear a Poppy?'





Bike Skills Day

On the 10th November Ramsay from Trailcoach came for a second bike lesson, it was lots of fun. Thank you to Strathfillan Community Development Trust for funding the sessions.

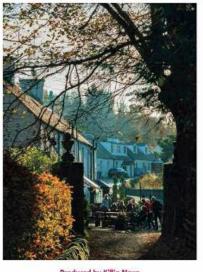


Class One outdoor area Class One have developed a new outdoor learning area. They will be using it for lots of lessons and fun activities. Erin & Finlay, House Captains





Killin and District Phone Book



Produced by Killin News

The new 2022 Killin & District Phone Book is now available at MacGregors and Killin Library. Cost is £3

Killin Heritage Society

The next meeting of the Society will be on Sunday 11 December at 2.00pm in NTS Lynedoch. The meeting arranged for 27 November has been postponed to the end of January as the speaker is no longer available. On 11 December Duncan Mcnab will talk about life in the Moirlanich longhouse. His father Pat lived in the house as a boy when Tom Proctor was injured and needed help with the sheep.







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Construction works continue on SSEN Transmission's Killin VISTA project which will see a total of 7.8km of overhead line removed, including 32 steel lattice towers, between Killin substation and Lix Toll.

Safety is always our first priority at SSEN Transmission and with this in mind, we ask that you please remain vigilant of signage or direction around the construction works and do not enter our working areas. Users of the access tracks are asked to obey signage and are reminded that large vehicles and construction traffic are also using the tracks.

Progress on site

Following the successful completion of the cable duct installation works that were being carried out on the A827 and Glen Lochay Road at the North of the village over the summer both sections of road have now been fully reinstated.

We have also completed all of the remaining cable ducting and the installation, jointing and testing of each of the four new cable circuits with three of them now energised and in service. Works to install all the new electrical plant and equipment in Killin substation have made good progress and are nearing completion.

Upcoming works

After a short delay surrounding outages, the final power circuit is now scheduled for energisation in December 2022.

As well as the final circuit energisation, quarter 4 of 2022 will see the commencement of works to remove the overhead line towers and access tracks with final reinstatement and site demobilisation by the end of Quarter 1 of 2023.

Festive period

Site closure dates for the festive period will be:

23rd December 2022 – 3rd January 2023

Although the site will be closed for all construction workers during this period, security will remain in place.

ssentransmission.co.uk

SSEN Community

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Community Liaison Manager:

Louise Anderson Lead Community Liaison Manager

SSEN Transmission 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 3GH

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2nd Killin & District Scout Group Stirling & Trossachs

2nd Killin & District Beavers

This term at Beavers we've been busy working on our "My skills" badge – this includes a whole variety of different skills that we've had to try our hand at! One of the clauses is problem solving missions – we had a great night in the park doing a wide game following clues and collecting letters to spell out a word. We also did a photo trail around the village trying to find the places which had been photographed very close up such as road signs – this really got our brains working and observational skills tested out!

We re-inforced our learning on fire lighting and how to safely cook food around a fire. That evening we cooked s'mores and the same evening that was a challenge on bake off – they must have copied us! We also learnt a new song about a dancing "penguin that came to tea" that night – we're meant to have learnt it and be able to sing it, so perhaps a bit more practice is required. That same night we also tested our navigation in the dark using a piece of rope to guide us round an obstacle course blindfolded. Returning inside to McLaren Hall meant we could safely do our popular "games in the dark night" with lots of games in the dark with glow sticks! We're looking forward to some more sessions learning new and improving

existing skills over the coming weeks with machines to be invented, some drama to get stuck into and possibly some festive cake decorating too! Beavers aged 6&7; they meet in Killin on alternate Tuesdays from 6-7pm. If you'd like your child to join us, please e-mail killinbeavers@yahoo.co.uk

> Laura Bathgate Beaver Leader 07708216065







2nd Killin & District Cubs 1st November 2022: the cubs

scouts and leaders were feeling sad as we would have been meeting back again after the half term.

However, the team have had to pause Cub meetings for this term. This is to allow the team to take the opportunity to seek an extra leader and network of helpers to ensure Cubs can meet in accordance with the Scout Associations guidelines. We would appreciate if you or someone you know would like to join our scouting team please get in touch through 2nd Killin & District Scout Group Facebook page or via www.scouts.org.uk/volunteer 2ndkillincubs@gmail.com

2nd Killin & District Scouts Executive Group

After many unsuccessful appeals for new leaders to join our Scouting team, the group now find themselves in the truly distressing situation of having **two sections facing closure if additional leaders do not come forward.**

This is such a shame as in March'23 2nd Killin & District Scout group sections will celebrate their 10th Birthdays.

If you'd like to know more please email f2ndkdsg@gmail.com or complete enquiry form www.scouts.org.uk/volunteer/ volunteer-enquiry-form

2nd Killin & District Scouts

Scouts

On the 25/10/22 2nd Killin & District Scout Group met with Stirling & Trossachs District team, the heartbreaking decision to suspend the Scout section until a new leadership team can be formed (hopefully before August'23).

If you'd like to know more about becoming a Scout Leader, please get in touch via 2nd Killin & District Scout Group Facebook page or the Scout Association at

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We are very sorry, but due to increased printing and postal costs, we have had to increase the UK subscription fee to £20.



New online radio station for Killin and the National Park area

An exciting new venture has started in Killin to provide a new Community Radio Service. It's called Trossachs Radio and is targeted to serve the people who live and work in or visit the area of Scotland's National Park. The total service area is planned to include Killin and Tyndrum in the north, Arrochar in the west, Kilmun, Luss and Balloch in the south and to Aberfoyle and Callander in the east.

Ed Cullum is leading the venture to run the radio station with Lindsay Aitchison who both live in Killin. They are currently looking for volunteers to support the station and will provide training to those who wish to present regular programmes. Volunteers can even produce and present programmes from home. If you are interested, you can contact Ed and Lindsay at studio@trossachsradio.com or call the listener line on 0141 628 6295.

The primary focus of the station is to provide important news and information to communities in the area along with music and entertainment. Local news, what's happening in the area and urgent weather and flood warnings will be a staple diet of the station's output. A Scottish politics show is on air each week and a regular country music show is broadcast on Friday evenings by Dina Andrews (alias the "Pink Cowgirl") who lives in Callander. Ed also presents the "Sunday Edition" from 10 am on Sundays and later there is a half hour children's programme with "Barney".

The station is already available on smart speakers and multiple apps that can be downloaded from Google or Apple stores (including "Deezer" and "My Tuner"). There is also a web site https://trossachsradio.com where a link is provided to listen to the station.

Ed Cullum

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What's On In Killin And District Regular Activities

<u>Monday</u>

- Gentle Yoga, 8.05-9.05pm Community Rooms
- Adult Badminton, 7-9pm, McLaren Hall
- Junior Badminton, 6pm, Crianlarich Hall
- Bridge, 7.15-9pm, Killin Hotel, contact Marion 829027
- Indoor Bowls, 7.30pm, Lesser Hall (winter months only)
- Outdoor Green Bowls, 6.30pm, Bowling green (summer only)

<u>Tuesday</u>

- Bee Creative, 10am-12pm, Community Rooms
- U3A Art, 2-4pm, currently being held in Lochearnhead Hall
- Beavers, 6-7pm, Lesser Hall (every other Tuesday)
- Tuesday Club, 2-4pm, Community Rooms
- CAB drop-in session, every 2nd Tuesday: 1pm-3pm, Killin Library

<u>Wednesday</u>

- Walk in the Park, 10.20
- Strength & Balance, 2-3pm, Killin Parish Church
- U3A French, 2.30-4pm, online
- Highland Hustle, 6.30-7.15pm, zoom
- Youth Club Wednesdays (Fortnightly), P6/7 6-7pm S1-3 7.30-8.30pm [Sign-Ups: alasdair@cyp.org.uk]
- Pilates 6.45pm and 7.45pm, Community Rooms. Booking essential on 07866 018629
- Multi-Sports Session -Wednesdays (Fortnightly), P5-7 5-6pm, S1-3 6-7pm [sign-ups: mckennac@activestirling.org.uk]

<u>Thursday</u>

 Running Club, 6pm, Acharn Forest carpark

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3rd Dec	10th Dec
17 Dec	24th Dec
31 Dec	7th Jan
14th Jan	21st Jan
28th Jan	4th Feb
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Red = no bin collection Grey = grey bin + blue bin Brown = brown bin + blue box Green = brown bin + green bin • SWI, 7.30pm (1st Thursday of month, Lesser McLaren Hall)

<u>Friday</u>

- Pilates, 9am and 10 am, Community Rooms. Booking essential on 07866 018629
- Yoga, 10.15 11.30 McLean Hall, Fearnan.
- Old Mill Talk & Tour event, 11.30-12pm

<u>Saturday</u>

• Football in the Park, 12-17 years, 12-2pm

Sunday

- Football in the Park, 8-11 years, Check for times with Andy.
- Killin Gun Club, 3rd Sun of month March-December. Contact Stuart Ogston 07999 510014 Henry Paterson 01567 820354

Church Services

• Parish Church -Festive Services

- Sunday 4th December -Christingle service
- Sunday 11th Christmas communion with Jeff McCormick
- Sunday 18th Christmas family service with nativity
- Saturday 24th December Mince pies and mulled wine @ 6pm
- Sunday 25th December -Christmas day service
- Episcopal Church
- See www.strathearn-episcopalchurches.co.uk for details
- Roman Catholic Church
- Saturday Mass 3pm 1st Saturday of the month
- Services held in the Tin Church. • Regular Sunday Mass in
 - Callander at 11:30am.

Recycling Centres

Callander

Monday-Friday: 5pm-7.30pm Saturday: 10am-1.30pm Sunday: Closed

> Aberfeldy Tuesday and Thurday 9am-7pm Saturday and Sunday 10am-5pm

Crieff Broich Road, North Forr All Year Monday–Friday 9am–7pm Saturday & Sunday 9am–5pm

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Killin	Library
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Books, DVDs, dog waste bags and hearing aid batteries.

Monday	10-1pm 2-5pm	
Tuesday	10-1pm 3-7pm	
Wednesday	2-5pm	
Thursday	Closed	
Friday	10-1pm 3-7pm	
Saturday	Closed	

Mobile Libraries

Please see the council websites for any updates.

Crianlarich

Check with Stirling Council **Tyndrum** Check with Stirling Council

Glen Lochay/Ardeonaig Fortnightly Mondays Dec 5th,19th Jan 16th, 30th Glen Lochay 11.45-12.30 Ardeonaig 14.00-14.45

Perth and Kinross Fortnightly Tuesday Dec 6th, 20th, Jan 3rd, 17th Tombreck 16.40-17.00

We wish each and every one of our customers a very Merry Christmas



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