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Judy Forster



All of us at the Killin News were shocked to hear about Judy Forster's passing recently. She was involved with the magazine for many years. She kept in touch with all our advertisers, took care of postal subscriptions and supplied numerous cakes for the production team, to name but a few of her roles.

And the Killin News was just one of the causes close to her heart. Other organisations, including Cancer Research, where she was until recently heavily involved with fundraising, will also feel the loss.

Always cheerful and smiling, always interested in other people, she was an inspiration to us all.

A sad day for the village.

Victory in Europe 80th Anniversary celebration



Children from Class 3 at Killin Primary School celebrated VE Day on 8th May with a picnic at the War Memorial. They held a two-minute silence, and some of the children read poetry. Thank you to Marios who provided some refreshments on our way home.

Killin Youth



Youth group are making the most of the weather, getting out and about and having some outdoor sessions at last!

We have been making great use of the MUGA pitch at the pavilion and have had some walks to the head of the loch for a paddle. Amongst other things we have had some great sessions recently like diamond art, slime making, nerf wars, football, Easter scavenger hunt, dodgeball and circus skills.

The senior group have been taking part in a rural safety initiative led by PC Leggett and PC Frickleton called "Towing the Line". This initiative uses local groups such as Killin Breadalbane Angling Club and local land estates to teach rural skills and introduce the kids to new hobbies and activities. To add to this the intention is to use first responder groups locally such as the fire service, mountain rescue and police to teach and guide on the aspects of personal safety and safe practices when enjoying our rural setting. We are delighted and very appreciative to have this support and thank

everyone involved. Towing the Line will run through to October and kicked off recently with fly fishing. Stephen Hay and Donald McClarty have been teaching the art of fly-fishing and its many aspects, working towards a summer fishing trip as part of the summer programme in collaboration.

Our attention now turns to the summer holidays, and we are getting ready for the summer activities programme. This year we have activities planned for all of July with something for everyone, some old favourites like Zorb football and canoeing and some new activities added in. Registration is essential and spaces are limited but the activities are all free to attend with lunch and snacks provided. Registration will open on 1st June and as per previous years the summer activities programme is open to children going into primary 6 after the summer holidays.

If you would like to find out more about the project, please contact: carla@killincdt.co.uk

Carla Finlay
Project Manager Youth and Sport
(KAT)

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Killin Mountain Rescue Team

Callout Summary

It has been a relatively quiet period for callouts with the fine and settled weather reducing the likelihood of mishaps occurring. One specific callout of note was for 2

seen us partaking in on the River Dochart. This is a good example of how we are training new members, but then subsequently working through potential problems we could encounter to formulate a safe system



hillwalkers, who had come off-route and become cragfast within dangerous ground on Ben Lui. A coastguard helicopter was utilised to ferry members up the hill including picking up Callander members from the helicopter refuelling site in Killin due to traffic issues between Tyndrum and Crianlarich. What seemed from the initial briefing to be a relatively straightforward incident was more complicated and time consuming than hoped. Whilst safety roping the casualties downhill, loose rocks were dislodged with the casualty receiving a minor cut to his head. But it also led to one member of the team receiving two fractured toes from a rock falling on his foot. This incident goes to illustrate the risks that our hills can throw up and especially so for ourselves when we are operating in ground that walkers should not be in. Our member is recovering well.

Training

To ensure we remain safe in difficult situations and terrain, training is essential to keep our skills up-to-speed and that information is shared to all members. As we progress into the summer months, the training we undertake changes with water awareness and crossing moving water which some of you will have

of working. We have also undertaken line search and casualty recovery training in numerous terrain from woodland to



open hillside. Furthermore, we are beginning the process of doing Driver Familiarisation training for all members to ensure we are also safe when driving our team vehicles. This is primarily focused around defensive driving and weeding out bad habits.

Current members have stated how useful this has been including becoming familiar with the differences between the vehicles we have.

Killin 10K Sponsorship Opportunity

We have been fortunate enough to have assisted with the Killin 10K from the very start and are not surprised at how successful an event it has become. This year we have been offered 5 places in the Killin 10K for people to fundraise on behalf of the team. We are asking for a minimum of £130 to be raised to gain one of these places. If you would be interested in fundraising for the team and gaining one of these places just contact me via the email below. In addition, we would always be happy for people to

fundraise for the team at any event you would be completing. Every little bit helps and we would always love to offer our thanks and best wishes if you do.

If you do have any questions or queries, do please contact the team via email at:

secretary@killinmountainrescue.scot

Stephen Rawlinson
Secretary

Killin Mountain Rescue Team

Steamship Sir Walter Scott Named Flagship of the Year

The historic Steamship Sir Walter Scott has been named the **Flagship of the Year 2025** by National Historic Ships UK, a prestigious accolade recognising excellence in maritime conservation.

The honour coincides the Steamship's 125th anniversary year. As part of the award, she will proudly fly a special Flagship pennant and display an historic Flagship of the Year 2025 plaque throughout her sailing season on Loch Katrine.

Delighted by the recognition, Managing Director Gordon Allan paid tribute to the Steamship's dedicated team at Loch Katrine:

"This is a great boost for the charitable trust that for the past 20 years has looked after the steamer, and for all the engineers, crew, and support staff who keep her sailing and in pristine condition. 125 years on from her launch, it's a great accolade for this much-loved Steamship, enjoyed by the many



thousands of visitors who step aboard each year."

The award adds to the excitement at Loch Katrine ahead of a special Steamboat Festival taking place from 6th–8th June to mark the 125th anniversary. The event will feature a flotilla of smaller steamers, special cruises, and family-friendly activities onshore at Trossachs Pier.

In presenting the award, National Historic Ships UK praised the Steamship for her enduring service—operating three passenger cruises daily on Loch Katrine—her cultural significance in celebrating the legacy of Sir Walter Scott, and the remarkable fact that she is still powered by her original triple-expansion steam engine after 125 years.

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Gardening



The children have been spending the lovely sunny days developing our garden area. Through consultation, the children chose what flowers and vegetables they would like to have growing in our garden. The children will be developing their knowledge and skills while tending to and caring for them as they grow.

See if you can identify the following growing in our garden...



After spotting a bird's nest in the eaves of the nursery roof, the children have also made bird feeders to ensure the birds would have plenty to eat.

Play on Pedals

A group of children at Killin nursery have been given the opportunity to participate in the Play on Pedals programme, an early years cycling training programme developed in partnership with Cycling UK, Cycling Scotland and Play Scotland.

Play on Pedals aims to give children the opportunity to develop their independence, gross motor movements, social skills and supports children to maintain a healthy lifestyle through fun, safe and engaging games and experiences.

As a result of a funding bid, the nursery was kindly gifted a balance bike and a helmet to support the delivery of Play on Pedals.

The children have been learning the different parts of a balance bike and their functions, how to maintain and look after a balance bike as well as how to stay safe by wearing a helmet and assessing their surroundings before each session to identify and remove any potential risks.

Through group discussions, the children have identified their favourite sessions to take part in, such as 'Sea of Sharks' and 'Walk the Plank' which they have taken part in numerous times since the start of the programme.



Transition to Primary School

We are in the midst of our transition programme that supports our children to build relationships with staff and become familiar with the school environment before starting Primary 1 in August.

The children continue to regularly take part in a range of experiences such as Read Write Inc – a programme designed to support children in developing reading fluency and comprehension, spell and write with confidence and learn to articulate their ideas and understanding.



'Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning.'
—Mr Rogers

The children all have buddies from Primary 6 who will support them throughout their time in Primary 1. To help develop their buddy relationships there are plenty of opportunities to play in the playground together, share story times and golden time together.



Stay, Play and Blether Away



Our Stay, play and blether away group continues to be well received in the community. It's a fantastic opportunity to meet other families, enjoy a cuppa and have a chat. Please feel free to join us on the following dates:-

Thursday 29th May, 2-3pm : Stay, Play and Blether Away, Play Park special!

Thursday 12th June, 2-3pm : School hall

Thursday 26th June, 2-3pm : School hall with special visitor Eileen Claffey, Family Support Worker

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Killin Music Fest 2025

After much consideration, we have made the difficult decision to postpone our festival originally scheduled for June 2025. As much as we'd love to bring you another incredible weekend this year, the past 12 months have been a challenge for our small, passionate team. Without the spare voluntary time to lay the proper groundwork, if we blindly went ahead now we'd risk delivering something that doesn't meet the high standards we always strive for – and that's just not how we do things!

Another big factor has been the shift in ticket-buying habits. In



2023, three-quarters of our tickets were sold in the last 12 weeks before the event, with one-third in the final two weeks. This also ranked as the highest grossing event we've run, and one of the highest attended. While we love the buzz of last-minute excitement, it makes planning (and

sleeping at night) a bit trickier!

The good news? We're already kicking off preparations for Killin Music Fest 2026, giving ourselves the time, space, and energy to make it our best festival yet. By taking this step back now, we can move forward with a fresh approach that ensures the event remains something truly special.

Thank you for sticking with us. Our team's passion for Killin Music Fest still

burns brighter than ever, readying ourselves for June 2026. We love this festival, and we love this community. We'll be sharing updates soon – in the meantime, keep supporting live music!



A roundup from 'Walk in the Park', one of the best health walk programmes in Scotland!
Come and join Loch Lomond and The Trossachs Countryside Trusts' Killin 'Walk in the Park' volunteer led health-walks every Wednesday at 10:20am.

Our Walk in the Park Health Walks and Strength and Balance sessions had some wonderful spring walks, made all the better with glorious weather.

Innis Bhuidhe



In April the group were treated to a private tour of Innis Bhuidhe and the Clan McNab's burial ground by Duncan McLarty, the warden of Innis Bhuidhe. Everyone enjoyed learning the history of the area which was originally an iron fort dating back 2400 years. The area was very peaceful, enclosed by tall Scots pine and surrounded by the River Dochart. Walking back to the village through Kinnell estate, we got another view of the wonderful island.

Loch Katrine



The sun shone for participants from our walking and Strength and Balance groups who headed to the shores of Loch Katrine in May, enjoying the perfect walking conditions and soaking up the stunning views. The group were lucky to have the chance for a sail on Sir Walter Scott, which celebrates its 125th anniversary this year. A great day made even more special by Emilie being given special permission to take the ship's wheel and the group surviving to tell the tale. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our wellbeing activities.

Weekly Strength & Balance Sessions

In between our health-walks, or just by themselves, join us for our weekly sessions in a safe environment. Led by our volunteers, strength and balance exercises focus on building strength, improving balance and mobility, which may help build confidence. Stay for a cuppa and chat afterwards.

Wednesday's, 2-3pm, Killin & Ardeonaig Parish Church - weekly

We also like to end our sessions with tea and coffee, as the social element of our sessions is equally important.

Thursday's 2-3pm, Crianlarich Village Hall - weekly


In partnership with the Strathfillan Community Development Trust our Crianlarich sessions are weekly with participants invited to stay for a cuppa afterwards.

Our sessions are FREE with no need to book (although donations are appreciated no matter how small).



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Celebrations galore!

In April our team took the plunge to become Kiltwalk heroes for the day raising vital funds with every penny of that to be used towards all our six health walk groups – thank you to everyone for your kind generosity and encouragement.

To another kind of hero, we finish this month's update with a lovely story in congratulating 'Nature Hero' *Fiona Boath* an inspirational lady from Killin who uses her love of nature and knowledge of the local area to support mental health and wellbeing in her community through our 'Walk in the Park' health walk programme.

The recognition comes as part of the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park authority campaign *Nature Connections* which aims at encouraging people from all walks of life to form deeper, more personal connections with nature. Fiona's leadership in planting memorial trees also shows how nature can bring comfort and connection even during life's most difficult moments and reminding us how deeply we all belong to this landscape.



Walk in the Park, Killin health walk, planting trees to absent friends.

Got a question? Get in touch

For further information about any of our activities or volunteering opportunities please drop an email to Fiona@trustinthepark.org or call on 07843 842323

Alternatively, please visit our website at www.trustinthepark.org for more details.



Know your bells - Join us and get *In Step with Nature!*

The sight of a Bluebell wood can lift our spirits and give us a mental and physical boost. Around half the Bluebells in the world are found in the UK. Also known as Wild Hyacinths they thrive in broad-leaved woodlands where the trees grow far enough apart for light to reach the ground.

Bluebells are very slow to establish, it can take 7 years from seed to flower and are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

If you are out on a walk, please don't pick them but take some photos whilst taking the time to identify the difference between your Spanish Bluebell, Harebell and The Scottish (British) Bluebell.



Scottish Bluebell



Harebell



Spanish Bluebell

Weekly and evening walks – coming up in June!

Take the plunge in June and make walking and moving more, a regular thing. We have some super walks coming up this month which enjoy the benefits of walking in nature and exploring your local landscape. Great news too, all our walks are suitable for all abilities, and for those living with dementia and their carers - just ask us for more details.

Meeting at the Sports Pavilion and Recreation hub (and Monemore, see below) join us every Wednesday at 10.20am, come rain, shine, snow or a touch of frost (hopefully not at this time of the year). Great news too, our fortnightly Monday evening walks are back at 6.50pm for a 7pm start also meeting at the Sports Pavilion. Here's what we've got instore for you in June:

- Monday 2 June 6.50pm – Evening Walk, Meet Sports Pavilion
- Wednesday 4 June 10.20am – Meet Sports Pavilion – Head of Loch Tay (D/F)
- Wednesday 4 June - All Group Walk - Balloch - 10.15am (all abilities routes, for anyone fancying a change of scenery – please get in touch.)
- Wednesday 11 June 10.20am – Meet Sports Pavilion – Tyndrum – Achtertyre circuit (CS/D/F)
- Monday 16 June 6.50pm – Evening Walk, Meet Sports Pavilion
- Wednesday 18 June 10.20am – Meet at Monemore – Kinnell Estate (DF)
- Wednesday 25 June 10.20am – Meet Sports Pavilion – Glen Lochay (Pavilion afterwards for refreshments) (CS/DF)
- Monday 30 June 6.50pm – Evening Walk, Meet Sports Pavilion

(*D/F symbolises a dementia friendly route/CS symbolises a car share – contact Fiona@trustinthepark.org for details).



Strathfillan Community Development Trust

Crianlarich Community Garden

The Garden is looking great, and we have space to accommodate lots of new gardeners. If you'd like to take on a bed or would like to get involved in some capacity, please get in touch with sheona@strathfillancdt.org.uk. We have a range of new information leaflets and growing guides, so even if you've little experience in the garden, you will be able to get involved!

Crianlarich Swing Park

Thanks to Stirling Council, Crianlarich now has a revamped swing park. They have replaced the old rotten wooden fence with a new metal one and put in a new set of swings in place of the flat ones. These improvements are very welcome, and we would like to thank James Aikman, Projects Officer with Stirling Council's Environment & Place Department and his team of workers.



Saplings

We have begun organising the activities for our summer Saplings sessions. The sessions will run over the summer holidays beginning the week of Monday 7th of July. Thanks to funding from the National Lottery all sessions are free. Posters will be going up soon and booking forms will be made available via the school and from sheona@strathfillancdt.org.uk. We look forward to another successful summer!



Community Rangers

As you know, the Trust unfortunately could not secure funding for our Community Ranger programme this year and sadly some visitors to the Strath are up to their old tricks. Rubbish, gold panning damage,

irresponsible wildfires and wild camping without thought to the environment are now weekly occurrences as the busy season has arrived.

With the exceptionally dry weather we've had, the risk from irresponsible campfires is extremely high. Unfortunately, we had a reminder of the consequences after a campfire accidentally set the cattle creep ablaze. Thanks to the efforts of our local fire service, the fire was contained relatively quickly. However significant damage was already done.



Without the regular presence of our Community Rangers, we fear that we will see more events like this throughout the summer season. We don't receive frequent visits from National Park Rangers at this end of the park, and without any ranger presence there is no effective means of combatting such behaviour. We ask that the community remains vigilant to such issues, and if you can, please help us stay on top of this by reporting incidents in our WhatsApp channel or by emailing office@strathfillancdt.org.uk

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Tyndrum Community Consultation

Thanks to all the residents who came along to our Community Consultation on the 28th of March. We had a great turn out and some good discussions were had. The Trust always appreciates having the opportunity to speak to the community and we're now working on some of the issues raised, as a follow-up to the consultation.

If you couldn't make it on the day, or have some further questions or queries, then please feel free to drop us an email anytime to ellen@strathfillancdt.org.uk or euan@strathfillancdt.org.uk

Woodlands

A big thank you to all the volunteers who braved the rain to help us plant 130 trees in the Tyndrum Community Woodland!



The trees were delivered to us last year by the Trustinthepark and had been waiting to be planted ever since. We had a mix of species, including English Oak, Hazel, Blackthorn, Hawthorn, Aspen, Grey Willow, & Wild Apple. We also had 20 very young Scots Pine saplings donated by David Price (thanks David!). We decided to plant them in an area which has previously been open grazing ground, so hopefully this is the very start of re-introducing some native woodland species in this area.

A special thanks to both Tim and Sharon for helping organise the day and for keeping everyone on task!



Strathfillan Angling Association

The SAA had a general maintenance day at the end of April, to cut back some vegetation along the banks of the Fillan and shore up some of the stream crossings. We also carted over the timber for Ian McPherson's next bridge crossing, which has now been constructed (thanks again Ian!). A big thank you to David Walker, and his young pup Cooper, for coming all the way from Balloch to lend a hand!



The next meet-up day is scheduled for the 1st of June. If you are available, and have time to lend a hand, please get in touch with Colin McGeoch via sheona@strathfillancdt.org.uk

The new seasons permits and maps are available from Crianlarich Stores, the Rod & Reel, the Crianlarich Hotel and the Green Welly Stop. Fishing can also be booked online via the Fishpal website www.Fishpal.com/Scotland/Tay/StrathfillanAA/?dom=tay. The updated map for 2025 is available on our website at



<https://www.strathfillancdt.org.uk/projects/fishing-in-strathfillan>.

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www.facebook.com/Strathfillanfishing
Membership for the season remains at £50. If you fancy becoming a member, drop us a message and we can send you a form. It can be done by post or by email, whichever you prefer. Day ticket permits are £10 per day for adults and £8 for OAPs. It may be beneficial to take out a membership as you get your money back after fishing more than 5 days. As always, thank you to Colin McGeoch for chairing and steering the Strathfillan Angling Association.

Wild Strathfillan

Thank you to Sharon for organising a Bat Walk and Talk in Crianlarich on the 29th of April. The walk was very well attended, by both local residents and some visitors to the area. If you would like to get involved with outdoor nature focussed events like this, then please get in touch with Sharon@trustinthepark.org.

Indoor bowls

We meet on Tuesday evenings in the Crianlarich Village Hall at 7.30pm and costs £4 per person. We have a good attendance, but we are always on the lookout for new members so please come along and give it a shot!

Membership

We are always on the lookout for new members to join the Trust, at any time of the year. There are two levels of membership, Ordinary and Associate, which allow anyone to become a member no matter where you live. It is free to join, and further information can be found on our website www.strathfillancdt.org.uk or by contacting us via email at office@strathfillancdt.org.uk.

Strength and Balance Classes

Are you interested in getting active? Or are you looking for an opportunity to socialise within the community? Come and join us at our local Strength and Balance classes in Crianlarich Village Hall. We meet on Thursday afternoons between 2 – 3

pm, followed by tea and biscuits. Our sessions are FREE (although donations no matter how small kindly accepted) with no need to book! Everyone is welcome and if you need help to get here, please contact Sheona or Dawn at the Trust to arrange a lift. We look forward to seeing you! If you would like further information on the classes, you can contact Fiona@trustinthepark.org from Trust in the Park or Sheona@strathfillancdt.org.uk

Keeping strong and balanced at home

The focus on home exercise this month is strength. This exercise will strengthen the muscles around the knee, helping with arthritis and keeping the joint well protected. You can do this one while you are watching TV or while having breakfast. Ideally do a brief one-minute march on the spot to warm up the muscles first. Try not to hold your breath while you lift the leg.

Front knee strengthener

Sit back in the chair with your back supported and your feet under your knees.



Lift the ankle slowly and straighten (but do not lock out) your knee. Raise the whole leg another inch or so so you really feel the weight of the leg and hold for a slow count of 3. Lower the foot slowly while bending the knee again. Repeat up to 10 times on one leg then change legs. If you have ankle weights, start with 5 times each leg and progress to more over time. Have a go and let us know how you get on – give us some feedback at dawn@strathfillancdt.org.uk or on the SCDT Facebook page.

Message from the Killin Parent Partnership

Our latest KPP meeting was held in February and a productive meeting was had. A Quiz Night was held at the hotel on 27th March and we raised £340.

Currently we are busy organising the annual Duck Race, which will be held on Saturday 31st May, details coming soon! Please have change handy to buy a duck, which will be on sale at the usual spots around the village.

We are looking forward to the summer when the school celebrates its 65th birthday, and the KPP hopes to help organise refreshments, raffle/tombola to help with festivities.

We were very concerned to understand that P5 swimming lessons have been cut, not least the particular impact this has on children living rurally close to open water. We have written to the Schools, Learning & Education department at Stirling Council and would encourage families to also raise their concerns against these cuts.

Finally, we are delighted to have expanded the KPP recently, and welcome; Tina, Jeremy, Allana, Dee, Lisa, Paul, Ruth, Chris and Kayleigh! It is wonderful to have some fresh ideas and hands on deck! KPP Office Bearers; Fiona Syme, Kimberley Crooks, Pauline McCaig & Leanne Coyle

Leanne Coyle, KPP Secretary



All staff and pupils would like to wish Mrs Lafferty all the best in her new adventures. We will all miss you. xxx



Well done to our runners at the Mini-Stuc Race in Strathyre.



P6 spent the day completing their Bikeability Level 2, learning how to stay safe on the roads and look after their bikes.



The whole school enjoyed taking part in a cycle in Breadalbane Park.



Thank you to everyone who sponsored us this year. So far, the total is just over £400.



To celebrate our 65th, the pupils have designed a lovely tote bag. These are available to purchase; 1 for £6 or 2 for £10 and the children will be selling them, outside the school, at break and lunchtime.





Spring is here!

Class 3 spent a morning with Donald at Inchbuie, learning about the history of the Clan MacNab in Killin.



Thank you to the KPP for purchasing our new home reading books. They are bright and help us learn along with the books in school. **Jasper P2.**

We planted some magic beans at school. We are waiting to see what happens when they start to grow!
Tommy, P2.



On Friday 21st March, Killin PS hosted all 11 McLaren cluster primary schools for a running event. Combined, there was over 180 children from P4-P7 taking part. Thank you to all who came to support and cheer us on.



Euan took part in the SmartSTEMs event held at Morrison's Academy. He had a fantastic day, with two inspiring speakers at the start and end and a full three hours of hands on STEM experiences. He won the prize for the tallest, most earthquake proof structure! He had 10 minutes to build a structure on jelly with marshmallows and cocktail sticks! He was thrilled to win an Earth Science kit!



Thank you to Chris and the Furbush team for hosting the 1st of 4 sailing sessions this term, and for their ongoing support of the school.



Thank you to Killin Golf Club for giving Class 2 and 3 a taster in golf.

Please can you help the Killin Community Bus?



Could you spare an hour or less of your time each month? The Killin Community Bus is looking for new members who could help with some vacant roles.

We are in need of volunteers for the following positions:

- Chairperson: main duties involve leading the quarterly meetings and preparing an agenda.
- Social media editor: post regular updates on our Facebook page and share promotional posts to raise awareness about the bus.
- Secretary: take notes of discussion and action points at quarterly meetings and share by email with the group.

Please get in touch by email killinbus@gmail.com for more details or to express interest.

Killin Community Bus

Scottish Wildlife Trust Callander Fund-Raiser 5 July

The Callander local group of the Scottish Wildlife Trust will be holding its annual fund-raising event on Saturday 5 July, 10am-4pm in Ancaster Square Callander. We plan to have a 'Bottle Stall', locally grown hardy plants for sale and miscellanea including home-made jam. All profits are donated to Scottish wildlife conservation projects.

If you are able to donate a prize for the stall, a box will be in the Visitor Information Centre from ~10 days before the event. Plants would be welcome on the day, potted and labelled please and of course help to set up and sell on the day would be much appreciated – contact me via our website page

<https://scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/local-group/callander/>

Don't forget that if you live in Killin, Lochearnhead and Strathyre, you can come to Callander on the C60 bus, timetable on the QR code below. The more people that use it, the more likely it is to continue running after 2026. Make a day of it, win a prize, buy some plants then have lunch or afternoon tea in one of Callander's many cafes or pubs, you won't be driving after all !

Lesley Hawkins



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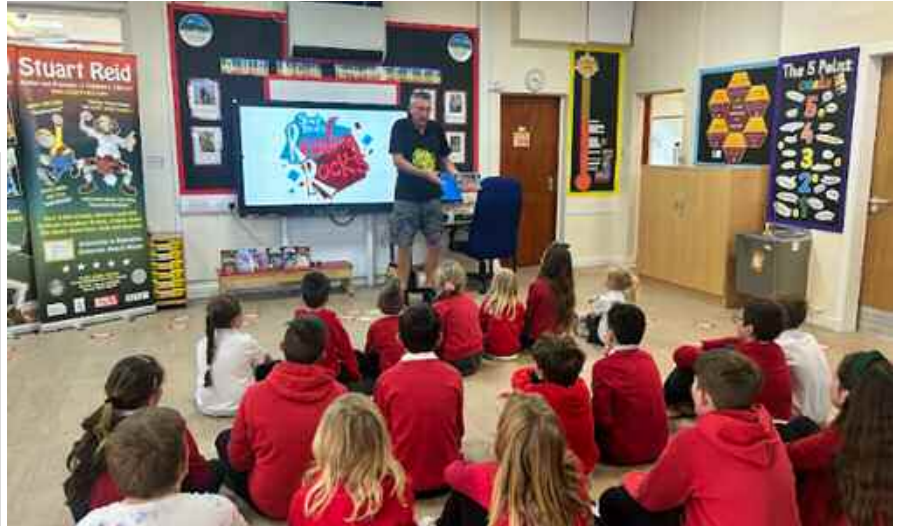




Crianlarich Primary School

Author visit

Stuart Reid, author of books such as 'Gorgeous George and the Giant Geriatric Generator', came in and showed us a lot of his books that he has written. During the session, we acted out some of the chapters from his book, we talked about what makes a good story like: avoid using 'once upon a time' and gave us some good openers to use. We used what we learnt to write the opening of our own story for homework.



Safari Park

It was a sunny day when Class 1 went to the Safari Park. We saw elephants, lemurs, lions and newly born monkeys. We also went on Hector the Train which was super fast! Class 1 are going to write an account about their trip this term.

Sponsored walk

We joined Killin primary school for our sponsored walk. We walked just over 10 kilometres around Killin. We stopped at Boreland Estate where they kindly offered us water and some fruit. We had lots of fun making new friends in the sunshine.



Playground

Over the Easter holidays, our playground was painted with different play areas and tools for our learning. Some of the designs that have been painted include: A football pitch, a one-hundred square, a hopscotch and shapes to line up on. We have also bought some new toys, such as: a swing ball set and new basketball hoops. The whole school has been enjoying using our 'new' playground. A big thanks to Fiona Ramsay, Tristan MacLennan and Josh Dryburgh for their help to improve our playground!

Heritage projects at the Old Mill

We are busy getting everything for the opening a community archive and collection at the Old Mill. We are very privileged to have the help of Scottish Community Archives and the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs Countryside Trust in achieving this. The team is also training volunteers to help with our archiving. Please do come and get involved. It will be interesting to go through and catalogue all the old photos, documents and objects we come across as we start to (slowly!) open the floodgates to items people want to put in the archive!

We also welcome people with an interest in heritage and an ability to blather away to folk to come along and volunteer at the Mill anytime we are open (currently Tuesdays and Sundays 11am to 4pm and Wednesdays to Saturdays 10am to 5pm. We have a file on the Mill and St Fillan which you can draw your info from, though all additional knowledge is very welcome! We also have a Heritage Reference Group who help with info for exhibitions, which all are welcome to join.

We have just been assigned two students from the University of Stirling to work with us. One will be helping us develop our archive and to finalise the paperwork, and the other is developing an exhibition with Ronnie Black from the Dewar Project (www.dewarproject.com) to develop an Old Mill exhibition on the Battle of Sròn a'Chlachain showing next year.

Drop me an email (raina@killincdt.co.uk) if you are interested in any of the above, or if you would like to go on our new Heritage Mailing List, for monthly updates on our heritage programme. I am usually working at the Old Mill on Tuesdays, so that is a good day to pop in for a chat. You can also keep up to date on what we are doing via www.facebook.com/OldMill.KAT

Start-up Stirling and CAB drop-in Thursday mornings at Fassiefern

We are starting to get bookings from people using the business and learning hub. We have Start-up Stirling & CAB using it every Thursday 10.30am to 11.45am, before the Warm Hub, so pop in to see them.

We have two young people from McLaren High School coming to do some work experience with KAT in

June. This is part of our project to support young people under 25 into work. Once we have funding in place, we will open this up to school leavers.

Our shop unit for rent is still available - please get in touch with Theresa on theresa@killincdt.co.uk or phone 01567 230040 for more information.

St Fillan's Church

A community consultation meeting has been arranged with The Episcopal Church, Comrie Croft and KAT for Monday, June 2, at the Tin Church. This will be a drop-in from 4pm to 5pm where you can speak to us and record your answer to some of our questions, followed by a meeting between 5pm to 6pm, where each of the above will give a presentation about the project with a Q&A. There will be further time between 6pm to 6.30pm to ask questions individually and give feedback.

We hope you will be able to make this event as we are keen that you hear about the project directly from the partnership, join the conversation and hear how you can be involved as the project progresses.

The Reuse Shop

We are very grateful to anyone who donates to us because it helps us achieve our aims of generating an income to support KAT activities, preventing a large number of items from going to landfill and providing a fun and affordable shopping experience - and we couldn't do that without you lovely lot turning out your wardrobes and cupboards and bringing them to us.

However, we do need to make sure the stockroom is a safe and nice place for our volunteers to work and so, at times, we do have to restrict the amount we take in.

With that in mind, we are trialling a two bag/box limit per person, unless by prior arrangement. This should mean that if you turn up on the off-chance with your two bags/boxes we shouldn't have to turn anyone away. If you have larger items or more than the limit, please call the shop on 01567 230041 during opening hours or email rachel@killincdt.co.uk to check what our situation is. There will also be a chalkboard in the window updating people on what we are or are not taking and regular posts on Facebook - The Reuse Shop Killin.

While we're talking about donations, there is a full list of the items that we

cannot take available in the shop and a pinned post on Facebook.

The Community Fridge

Over the past year, the Community Fridge has redistributed 3541.2kg of food. This has been primarily from the Co-op, with some donations from individuals and local small businesses. We have shifted from morning to evening collections since moving to the new shop, enabling us to collect items with a "use by" date that can be frozen, such as ready meals - a freezer was donated for this purpose. Thanks to funding from Hubbub, the Community Fridge network, we will be running a series of workshops in the summer based around recipes using ingredients often found in the community fridge. Look out for more details coming soon on our Facebook page.

The Tool Library

There are now at least 200 items available for hire from the Tool Library, including our latest equipment - a metal, voltage and stud detector, six-inch fence post auger and soft-grip fencing pliers, cordless hedge trimmer, 25m cable reel, compact mitre saw stand, 150kg capacity interlocking plastic dolly, furniture mover/lifter tool, and the much-requested upholstery/ carpet cleaner. The Tool Library is open on Tuesdays 2pm to 3pm and Saturdays midday to 1pm. Membership is £10 per year. To join, view the catalogue and to book an item, head to recykillin.myturn.com

We are always looking for more volunteers to help us expand our services and opening hours at RecyKillin. If you are interested in joining our team please email rachel@killincdt.co.uk

Youth Group

The Youth Group have been making the most of warm weather to enjoy outside activities, and have also taken part in rural safety initiative 'Towing the Line'. For more about what they have been up to, read the full report on page

Want to know more about KAT?

You can find out more about each of the KAT projects, the trust's longer-term plans and everyone who contributes tirelessly to support our community, on our website www.killincdt.co.uk

Rachel Horner

Community Documentary Update

Our community documentary project is gaining significant momentum as we continue to capture the stories that make Killin unique. With six interview sessions completed and around thirty more currently scheduled, we're building a comprehensive portrait of local life in 2025.

The numbers speak for themselves - over 54 hours of footage collected so far, filling nearly 2.5 terabytes of storage space, and we're only one-third through our year.

This project serves two vital purposes: showcasing the diverse perspectives within our community today and creating a valuable historical archive for future generations. Each interview adds depth to our understanding of Killin's heritage, capturing viewpoints, facts, and memories from community members.

We extend our sincere thanks to all our interviewees for sharing their stories and perspectives. Every voice contributes a unique vibrant thread to the fabric of our shared history. Without exception, each participant has contributed something



meaningful to this growing project.

Importantly, our interview series will continue even after this year's documentary is completed. We are committed to recording and preserving our community's stories and historical facts for future generations, building an ever-growing archive of Killin's rich heritage.

We're keen to document upcoming community events from planning through execution. If you're organising any local gatherings, events, or celebrations, please let us know in advance. We may be able to capture not just the event itself, but the story behind it - the

preparation, the people who make it happen, and the purpose it serves in our community.



Stay tuned to our Facebook page for updates and snippets from these wonderful conversations, and previews of our documentary as it nears completion. Want to be featured or know someone with a story worth telling? Drop us a message through Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/KillinMediaTeam/>

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Killin Firefighters Charity Car Wash

The crew at Killin Fire Station organised a car wash for [@firefighters999](#) charity on Saturday the 19th of April.



McLaren Hall Fundraiser

A car boot / table top sale and soup lunch were also held on Saturday the 19th of April to raise funds for the improvement of the McLaren Hall.





The Killin community hub continues to be a popular place to be on a Thursday.

Held in the Pavilion between 12:30 & 2:30 pm every Thursday, this is a chance to get together and enjoy a free light lunch in good company.

It's open to everyone and Citizens Advice advisors regularly attend to help with any issues with benefits, housing or energy costs etc.

The community hub is a great place to go to catch up with friends old and new.

Pop in anytime between 12:30 and 2:30 pm.

Gail and her volunteer helpers look forward to welcoming you every Thursday.

Breadalbane Heritage Society

The Breadalbane Heritage Society will resume its monthly illustrated talks in September at the Breadalbane Community Campus in Aberfeldy. From May until August its members enjoy a series of local excursions, culminating in a three-day visit to a different region of Scotland to explore its heritage.

The BHS's website <https://breadalbane-heritage.org.uk/> features a video of local scenes of interest, and provides up-to-date information about talks and activities, events and publications.

Ongoing society projects include :-

- a) the maintenance of the Killiehassie private burial ground in Strathtay
- b) the recent publication, in association with the Aberfeldy Museum Group, of an illustrated leaflet, *The Aberfeldy and Weem Heritage Trail*, with a trail map and information on the many places of interest in the area.

QR codes with information at each of these sites are currently being installed.

In May the BHS sponsored prizes for the best work submitted by students of the Breadalbane Academy following an all-day trip to local places of historical interest.

The BHS also provides a free service of assistance with family history research.

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Killin Community Council Meeting

AGM

The AGM of the Killin Community Council was held on Tuesday 6th May. The existing office bearers were all re-elected. Andy Aitken was elected as Chair, Pamela Farquharson as Treasurer, Susan McRobbie as Planning Officer, and Charlie Grant as Vice-chair. The other members of the Community Council are Stewart Inglis, Toni Dowling, Frances Inglis and Jill Lawrence.

Council Tax & Services

There will be a Council Tax rise of 8.8%, as part of a range of measures designed to help bring the Council's income back into line with expenditure. There will also be a doubling of Council Tax for second homes and some empty properties. The public consultation on a 'Tourist Tax', has closed and we may see a rate of anything from 1-5% levied on all overnight stays. How this will be administered or collected has not yet been decided. Despite these measures, the Council will still be in significant deficit, and some further cuts to services may be required. The Libraries consultation has also

now closed and we may see a slight reduction in opening hours and overall service in our own local library. While these tax increases will doubtless be painful for many, the services they fund are essential for the overall wellbeing of our community. And let us not forget that they come on the back of a 'council tax freeze' of nearly two decades. Help and advice is available for those in financial difficulties from Citizen's Advice at the Sports Pavilion on a Thursday afternoon. The Killin Medical Practice also has a welfare advice service by appointment once a month.

Old Railway Path

As detailed in the last edition of the Killin News, the Community Council had been awarded £100,000 from SSE's Hydro Fund towards the restoration of the old railway track running from the station car park to the head of Loch Tay. Taymouth Castle have kindly donated £500 to help us towards our target of £132,000 overall. We will be spending the next few months seeking donations and funding wherever we can find it. If you are interested in helping us raise funds

or making a donation, please email us at the address below. This project will be of benefit to locals and tourists alike, and will benefit our village in a range of ways.

Roads

Our village now has its new speed limit signs, new yellow lines, and the McLaren Hall car park has been ingeniously reconfigured so that, while the available space remains the same, the available parking places have been reduced by about 50%. Amazing.

Minute Secretary

We are still looking for a Minute Secretary to attend meetings and take the minutes. This is a paid position and will be remunerated at £50 per meeting. Anyone interested should email communitycouncilkillin@gmail.com for further information.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held in the Lesser Maclaren Hall at 7.00pm on the 1st July 2025. All welcome.

Andy Aitken



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Changing Places Toilet

6½ years after the journey began, we proudly announce that a Changing Places Toilet officially opened on 13 May 2025, at The Green Welly Stop in Tyndrum.

What is a Changing Places Toilet, and why is it important?

Changing Places Toilets (CPT) are fully accessible toilets designed for people who need extra support to use the bathroom safely and with dignity.

They are essential for over 240,000 disabled people in the UK, including those with profound and multiple learning disabilities, muscle-wasting conditions, cerebral palsy, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis, and those who have experienced serious injuries or strokes.

Some older people also rely on them. Standard accessible toilets work for some disabled people—but not for everyone.

Changing Places toilets provide the additional space and specialist equipment needed, such as:

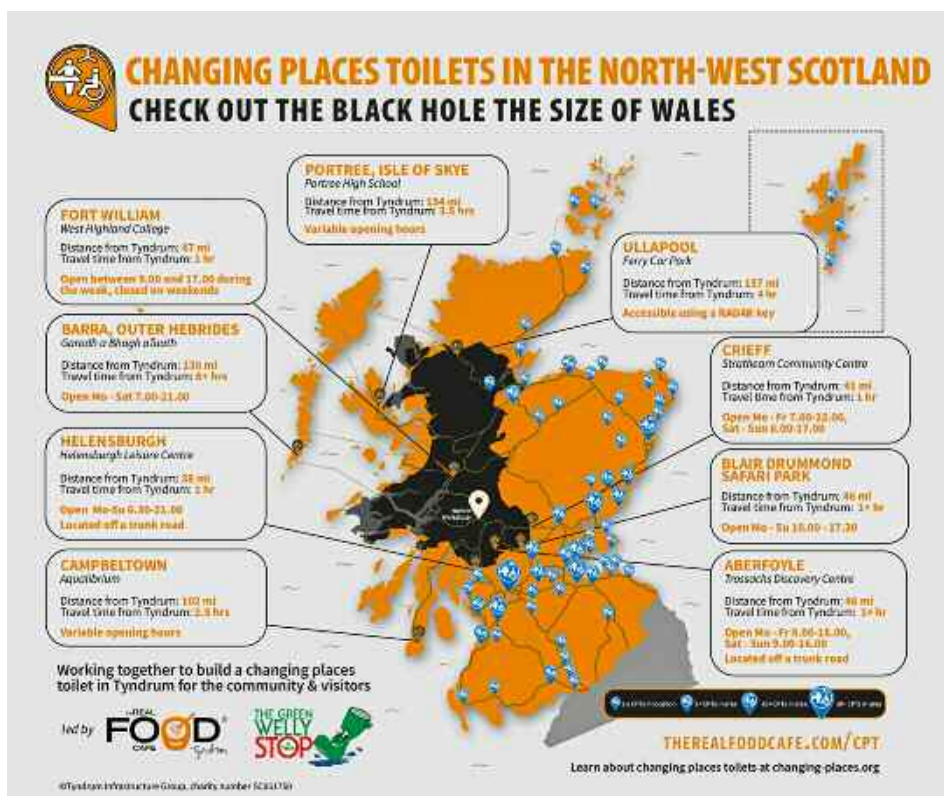
- A height-adjustable changing bench and sink
- A ceiling hoist system
- A shower and modesty screen with enough space for a wheelchair user and up to two carers

With medical advances and a growing population living longer, more people than ever need access to these facilities. Yet, there are still not enough available particularly throughout rural Scotland. Without them, many families and carers are unable to go out and take part in everyday activities and explore the country in a manner that others may take for granted. Changing Places toilets offer a safe, hygienic, and dignified solution—making inclusion possible.

Why Tyndrum?

Geographically, Tyndrum is a busy travel hub sitting in the middle of a black hole larger than the size of Wales when it comes to the provision of a Changing Places Toilet.

The addition of this facility opens the possibility of day trips to the north end of the National Park for people living in the central belt. It means those travelling further afield to and from the West Coast and the islands can travel with dignity, and finally it offers locals the opportunity to enjoy some shopping and have a meal in Tyndrum.



Personally, I am delighted that we have succeeded in making this a reality, because I know firsthand what a huge positive difference it will make to people's lives.

When my Dad became ill with a degenerative neurological disease, I learned very quickly about the challenges faced by those with complex needs, and the impact on their families and careers.

It's been a long and frustrating journey, but the result is worth it because it will be life enhancing for those who need it.

The journey started at an Accessible Tourism Workshop organised by The Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park which I attended on 1 November 2018, a couple years after Dad died. This informed and galvanised me to start the quest to build a CPT in Tyndrum.

A lack of awareness and knowledge about CPTs was the first hurdle to overcome, but here the Killin News and social media helped spread the word and create a breakthrough with the next challenge which was finding the land.

Securing a site was a significant issue because of the lack of any publicly owned land or existing infrastructure in Tyndrum, but when The Green Welly Stop came forward and offered to get involved with a suggested location on their land, this

was a game changer.

In 2020, I set up The Tyndrum Infrastructure Group, an OSCR registered charity, as a vehicle to manage this project and recruited a board of first-class volunteer Trustees.

Naively, I thought the funding would be straight forward after the difficulties of finding a plot, because of a manifesto pledge made by the Scottish Government in 2021, but it was not to be.

So the journey to build it continued, the search for the money involved thousands of emails, countless meetings, a public consultation and petition, throughout which we were spurred on by the support of some fantastic charities, individuals and organisations. Eventually, we succeeded in securing a grant large enough to build the facility which came via Stirling Council from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

This project demonstrates people power in action. It's about collaboration and relentless, focused, teamwork in the pursuit of a common goal.

It would not have happened without the input, advice, and sheer hard work of the following people: This list is not exhaustive, but these people were all crucial in making it happen.

et - Tyndrum



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I offer my sincere thanks to everyone
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Sarah Heward

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Further new build developments are being planned for Killearn, Balmaha and Tyndrum. Please let us know if you want to live in a village that is not listed above. Information on local housing need and demand helps us to plan.

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1943-2025

Annie was born on 19th February 1943, to Alec and Joana Murray, in a tiny crofting community called North Tolsta on the Isle of Lewis. She was the oldest of six children. Her siblings were, Ishbel, Donald, DA, Iain and Marjory and she wore the badge of oldest sister with pride keeping in regular contact with them all, throughout her life. Growing up in North Tolsta she spent a lot of time with her grandparents and shared happy memories of taking the cattle out to the shieling, and bringing home the peats.

At 16, Annie left the Island and came to Oban to work in the hotels. She met Duncan, her husband to be, when working at the Lochearnhead Hotel. However, she wasn't sure he was the man for her at this point. It was only when she came back to Lochearnhead after a spell working as a 'clippie' on the buses in Stornoway that she gave into his charms.

Annie and Duncan were married in 1965 and settled in Killin where they had 2 children – James and Johanna. Annie continued to work in hotels and she and Duncan always put James and Johanna first, ensuring that they never wanted for anything.

Although Annie and Duncan were happy in Killin, in common with many other islanders, Tolsta was always 'home' and Annie went home every year. When home she would do the rounds, visiting all of her relatives and friends, always making sure that she was in touch with the latest news. Connecting with people was really important to Annie.

In Tolsta and in Killin, Annie knew everyone and knew everything about everyone (or at least it seemed that way). Any trip to the shops would need extra time for all the stops to chat to people on the way. Annie immersed herself in Killin life and was an active member of the community. As well as the SWRI she was a church elder, a Brownie leader, was on the Lochearnhead Games

committee and laterally took Gaelic classes.

When Annie joined the SWRI she quickly earned a reputation for her home baking. Her pancakes were legendary and regularly won first prize at the Killin Show which brought her immense pride. She would regularly bake for older people in the village, always interested in and looking out for neighbours and



friends, putting others needs above her own. Annie's kindness and generosity were unsurpassed.

Annie's soup and clootie dumpling were regular fare at the annual New Year's Dance in the Masonic Hall. She loved being in the kitchen and being part of all the fun and getting the 'crack'.

When James and Johanna started bringing friends up to the dance in their teenage years, Annie would cook full breakfasts for everyone who had slept overnight (usually on the living-room floor). Annie loved nothing more than having a full house.

No-one ever left Annie MacNee's house hungry. If she knew visitors

were coming there would always be a stack of fresh home baking with plenty of leftovers to allow for 'food parcels' to be taken home.

Annie never lost the Gaelic although apart from the regular calls home to her brothers and sisters, this was most regularly heard when she was shouting at the cat to get out of the house! Unsuspecting visitors were often amazed to hear her launch into her native language which caused her great amusement.

Annie was born to be a granny. She was thrilled when Naomi came along, followed by Lewis, Finlay, Morna and Sean, then great-grandson Tommy. Annie was incredibly proud of all her grandchildren and what they had achieved. Her face lit up when they walked in the front door to visit. They all have their own happy memories of time spent with their granny. Whether taking trips on the train to Glasgow from Crianlarich, baking pancakes, watching TV programmes that Mum and Dad didn't allow, or going out for lunch and her coming home with half a cheese toastie in her handbag.

She was known to her grandchildren as Granny or Granny Pancakes and to others in the village as Granny Annie. There was nothing else in this world that brought her more joy than her grandchildren. They are her beautiful legacy.

Annie was many things to many people. She was a loving mum, granny and great granny. She was a caring sister and auntie. She was a loyal friend, neighbour and colleague. She was good and she was kind. She was salt of the earth. She was loved so very much and we will all miss her.

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Duration: 3 hours

Cost: adults £10, children £5

Bring: walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing.

Meet: 1.30pm Ben Lawers NNR car park.

Wednesday 2nd July and 30th July : **Flora and fauna of the hillside**

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Tuesday 8th & 22nd July: **A kids-eye view of Ben Lawers**

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Duration: 2 hours

Cost: adults £2.50, children £5, family £12.50. Adults must be accompanied by a child (and vice versa).

Bring: Wellies and waterproofs.

Meet: 10.30 am Ben Lawers NNR car park.

Friday 11th & 18th of July: **Mountain Flowers**

On this high-level guided walk we aim to see some of the arctic-alpine plants for which these hills are famous. The ascent and descent require a reasonable level of fitness and we will encounter some steep ground.

Duration: 8 hours

Cost: £35

Bring: walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing, packed lunch and drink.

Meet: 9.00am Ben Lawers NNR car park. Booking is essential.

Wednesday 16th July: **Hillside safari**

Enjoy a walk beside the picturesque Edramucky Burn, experience the rich flora of the lower slopes of this famous nature reserve and the varied wildlife flourishing in restored native plant communities.

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Bring: walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing.

Meet: 1.30pm Ben Lawers NNR car park.

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Izzi, one of our volunteers with the water lance

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This year we are concentrating on basic crops and have planted lots of potatoes of different varieties, including Arran Victory, Charlotte, Kerr's Pink and Cara. We have also sown parsnips, carrots, beetroot, Swiss chard, peas and beans and a variety of salads. In June we will be planting out our leeks and brassicas, cabbages and kale etc.

The weather this spring has been great for working in the garden, preparing beds and spreading compost. Although with the lack of rain we must keep up with the watering!

Our produce will be sold in the Tombreck Farm Shop (six miles out of Killin on the north Lochayside road A827) and MacGregors Community Hub, and we hope that you will continue to support us.

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Last term our Beavers completed their cooking badge. This proved to be great fun with lots of treats enjoyed along the way – both savoury and sweet! They also finished off the My World Challenge badge, thinking about various aspects of the world around us, from our local community and the environment here in Killin to Beavers in other countries.

We've been loving the good weather that spring has brought along and the newly cleaned astro-turf area at the sports pavilion. The parachute never fails to make a great games night with highlights including a game of cat and mouse under and on top of the parachute! We are now working on our navigation badge and have been learning about maps and compasses. The beavers used the maps to find Killin, played a game with the cardinal points of the compass and even some map symbol bingo! We'll hopefully learn some more skills and put them into practice over the next few sessions.

Beaver Scouts are aged 6&7, they meet 6-7pm in Killin on alternate Tuesdays. We have space so if you'd like your child to join us please e-mail killinbeavers@yahoo.co.uk



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Frost Report

Rural Idyll ?

Looking around our countryside we see that it is so beautiful. My wife maintains that the view along Loch Tay coming from Kenmore on the Ardeonaig road, just about at Margbeg, is the best view in the world.

Life is a little different today from Constable's Haywain painting where the romance is shown but none of the drudgery and misery of the farm labourers' lives.

Similarly, today our picture postcard views do not, regrettably, portray the current threats to rural life. In Ardeonaig we have a thriving community spirit for example, but what will happen if all the farms and farmers disappear? What will there be? Probably a few oldies like me and a bigger rash of holiday and second homes. Oh! and a lot of trees.

I don't want to depress you, but hasn't the time come to have a rethink. A recent article by Andrew Conon in the farming section of the Courier sets out the political problems. Inheritance tax, often a lack of Scottish/British produce in supermarkets, misleading farm labelling and the devaluing of food by extreme marketing offers.

May this not be a good time to rethink as we celebrate the 80th anniversary of V.E. day when the land girls had thoughts of going home and everyone was proud of having been able to feed the country through the war years. When my age group was growing up in the years that followed, we looked forward to June when we would see the first strawberries of the season as imports were not on the go. And avocados? We survived without them.

Unfortunately, the world's politically unstable situation also makes it necessary to rethink our reliance on imports.

The tree invasion is so ill thought out. Not only are they taking over farmland but their legacy of ugly piles of rotting wood and the dry brush of bracken encourages more

wildfires. These not only add more carbon to the atmosphere, but we will soon need more firefighters in rural areas. Oh, we can't because no able-bodied folk will be living in the countryside any more. The oldies etc still left will probably all be ill from Lyme disease from the increased tick population in the brush!

Alongside the tree invasion is that of the rewilders. Lovely idea but shame about the reality. It now has to be recognised that sea eagles take lambs, there is photographic evidence. The same with badgers. They are all lovely creatures but there has to be a balance.

On Benbecula the hedgehog population has expanded so much that there is fear for the eggs of ground nesting birds. Why are Mrs. Tiggywinkle and co. so successful? Wait! Are there any badgers on Benbecula? No! So I wonder if there is a connection? The plan is to round them up and bring them to the mainland. The rewilders could introduce badgers to the island to control them but no, wait, they would eat the eggs too.

Deer culls are needed to protect grazing (and trees) but some landowners are not adhering to cull advice and Loch Choire in Sutherland has been the first to be issued with a Deer Act section 8 and have numbers forcibly reduced. You'll never guess- acres of trees have been planted and the absentee owner gets a 'financial incentive' for this. It was a wild and remote area of open hill and moorland with its accompanying wildlife which has been changed for ever. And, incidentally, where we once lived.

But amongst the gloom there is the natural world to cheer us up. We need to be positive like one of our resident cock pheasant who is still parading around defending his realm although fighting has caused him to lose all his tail and neck feathers.

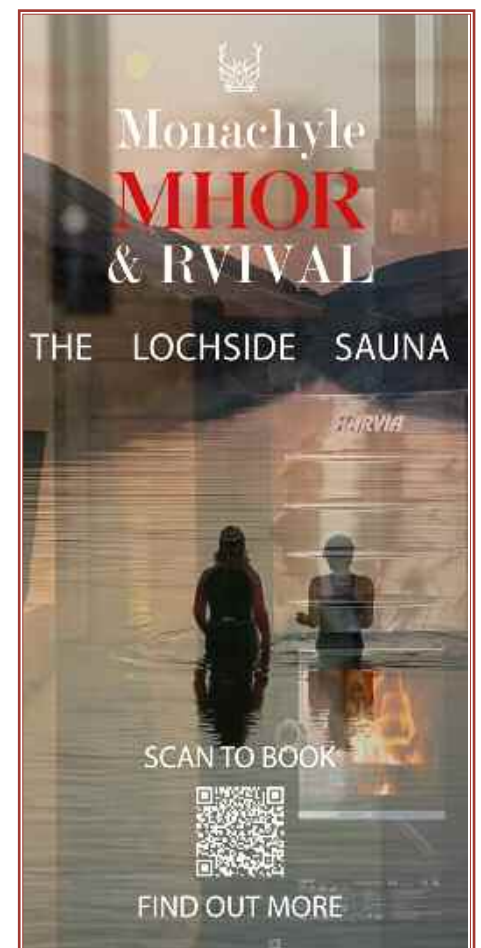
It is said that the best thing for our wellbeing is being in nature. Easy to believe as the Spring once again brings the migrant birds. We had a blackbird nest fledge and leave home in the middle of April, but the martins and swallows didn't return to us till the beginning of May, much

later than reports from the village. The martins haven't nested with us for a couple of years but seemed interested this time. But they are not about today so maybe we are abandoned again. The local ospreys are not yet so visible this year but are here. Friends at Ardtalnaig were treated to a low fly past by them.

If being in nature doesn't do enough for you then you may need a glass of beer or whisky but get it now as once all those grain fields are planted up with frozen trees (true, this is being piloted) there will be no grain for alcohol. Maybe 'Grassmen' hoodies should have the slogan 'No Farmers No booze'? may attract the politicians more than their current 'No farmers No food'

Mr. Beaver would like to add that eating trees definitely makes you add to methane pollution. See his You Tube video where he hops out of the river to 'break wind.'

Tim Frost



Lochay Transformer Replacement Newsletter

June 2025

The construction of a new substation compound, including building to house indoor equipment as part of SSEN Transmission's 132kV transformer replacement project adjacent to Lochay Power Station continues to make progress.

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Progress on site

Our construction works are continuing to make good progress. The perimeter fence is now in place and the freestanding wall under construction. Underground cables have started to be laid, and internal fit out of the control building is nearing completion. Extensive earthing of the site has been ongoing.



Upcoming works

Once the final set of underground cable ducts have been installed Global our civil works contractor will complete any final works, which will include laying the road and clearing away the construction materials. Landscaping has been postponed until a more appropriate time of year for planting.

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

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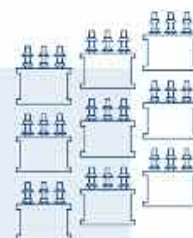
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Applicant: Mr A Watson
Application Type: Householder
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Decision: Current

10 Apr 2025

Proposal: Tree works within a conservation area - reduce 1no beech tree not to exceed 30%
Location: Craigbuie Main Street Killin
Applicant: Mr Alan Fernie
Application Type: Tree works application
Decision: No Objections

01 Apr 2025

Proposal: Installation of street furniture, upgrade and alterations to car park and access, erection of fencing, and upgrade works to paths
Location: Falls Of Falloch Car Park A82 Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr Murray McKellar
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Current

31 Mar 2025

Proposal: Replacement of roof covering, rainwater goods, and lead capping of gables skewes
Location: Strathfillan Church Strathfillan Church Road Tyndrum Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr Stephen Jessup
Application Type: Listed Building Consent
Decision: Current

Perth & Kinross Council

14 Mar 2025

Proposal: Installation of air source heat pump
Location: The Big Shed Tombreck Lawers
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Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Awaiting decision

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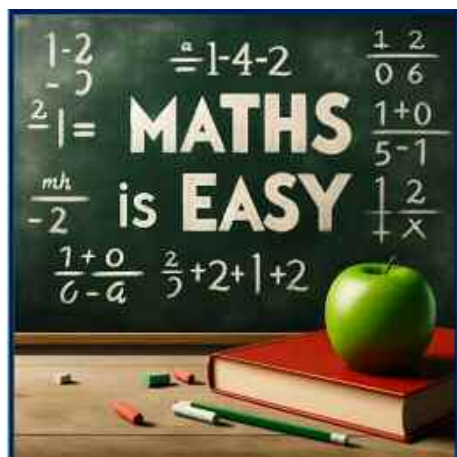
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Proposal: Change of use of land for siting of mobile coffee trailer
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Applicant: Mrs Sandra Taylor
Application Type: Full
Decision: Awaiting decision

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Can you believe we're just a few weeks away from the longest day? It's always a day for celebration at Dùn Coillich Community Land and this year we'll be making the most of it not just with our annual barbeque but a bioblitz!

Saturday 21st June is a date for your diary if you fancy coming along to help us identify as many species as



Highland Perthshire Community Land Trust

we can in one day. Guided by experts, we'll be bird watching, botanising and butterfly hunting with a bit of pond dipping on the side...

We'll round off the event with our annual midsummer barbeque, chance to meet old friends, make new ones and enjoy good food and conversation in the surroundings of this beautiful, regenerating landscape.

Bioblitz activities will kick off at 10.00am with the barbeque firing up at 2.00pm. Keep an eye on our Facebook Group for updates, and visit the What's On page of our website www.duncoillich.org to find out where we are, what we do and more about our summer events programme!

Stop press: there's still chance to sign up for 'Evolution and Adaptation - The Struggle for Existence' on Saturday 7th June. Led by trustee Richard Paul, we will be using plants and animals encountered on a walk across Dùn Coillich as triggers for discussing specific survival techniques that have evolved in each species.

Booking is essential via Eventbrite and places are limited, please use the QR code below. All of our events are free for members of Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust, the suggested donation for non-members is £5.



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Community Enterprise Grant 2025/26

We are pleased to announce the launch of a new grants programme –
The Community Enterprise Grant 2025/26.

This is a revenue fund intended to empower community-led
organisations to explore and develop sustainable, community enterprise
initiatives that encourage local economic resilience in order to invest in
quality community places and assets, and enhance the quality of
community wellbeing.

The fund is part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and is intended for
community organisations who can develop new or enhance existing
enterprising activities creating sustainable enterprising initiatives,
which generate income streams, benefit the community as a whole,
and create opportunities for individuals living and working within it.

The deadline date to submit applications is **12 noon on Friday 6 June 2025.**

Details with application form and all relevant documentation is at the
QR code below.

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What's On In Killin And District

Regular Activities

Coming Soon !

Monday

- 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)

Tuesday

- 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
- Pilates 5.30pm and 6.30pm, Community Rooms, booking required on 07866 018629
- Aikido 7:30-9 Adults/Young people from 16 years.
- Aikido 6-6.45 aged 5 to 8, 6:45 - 7.30 aged 9 to 15.

Wednesday

- Walk in the Park, 10.20, refer to schedule for locations
- Strength & Balance, 2-3pm, Killin & Ardeonig Church Hall
- Highland Hustle, 6.30-7.15pm, McLaren Hall
- Youth Club, P6/7 5.45-7.15pm S1-3 7.30-9.00pm [Sign-Ups: alasdair@cyp.org.uk]
- Multi-Sports Session - Wednesdays (Fortnightly), P5-7 5-6pm, S1-3 6-7pm [sign-ups: mckennac@activestirling.org.uk]
- Killin Comm Choir, 7.30pm-9pm, Killin Church

Thursday

- Running Club, 6pm, Acharn Forest carpark
- Killin Community Hub, 12.30-2.30 Sports Pavilion
- CAB drop-in session 12.30-2.30, Killin Sports Pavilion
- Golf Club - Junior Coaching Session, 6.30-8 pm. 8-16 years.

May to September

- SWI, 7.30pm (1st Thursday of month, Community Rooms)

Friday

- Pilates, 9am, 10am and 11am Community Rooms. Booking essential on 07866 018629
- Yoga, 10.15 - 11.30 McLean Hall, Fearnan.

Saturday

- 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 Iain Lowther 07468245239 Henry Paterson 01567 820354

June

- 2 Community consultation meeting St Fillan's Church 4pm-5pm p9
- 6-8 Steamboat Festival p7
- 7 Evolution and adaption-The struggle for existence walk Dun Coillich p37
- Ben Lawers guided walks p30
- 12 June Stay Play Blether Away p9
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- Youth Group Project summer activities p4
- 1 Killin Community Council meeting p23
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Church Services

- **Killin & Ardeonaig Parish Church**
- **1st Sunday of the month**
10:00am Sunday worship including Sunday School
- **2nd Sunday of the month**
10:00 Sunday worship including communion
- **3rd Sunday of the month**
10:00am Cafe Church including Sunday School
- **4th Sunday of the month**
10:00am Sunday worship
- **5th Sunday of the month**
10:00am Sunday worship
- **Episcopal Church**
- See www.strathearn-episcopal-churches.co.uk for details
- **Roman Catholic Church**
- Sunday Mass in Callander at 11:30am

Killin Library

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

Which bin? Tues/Wed

3 Jun

1 Jul

10 Jun 11 Jun

8 Jul 9 Jul

17 Jun

15 Jul

24 Jun 25 Jun

22 July 23 Jul

Green=green bin

Blue=blue bin

Brown=brown bin

Grey=grey bin Red=glass box

Recycling Centres

Callander

Booking Reference Required

Monday-Friday: 5pm-7.30pm

Saturday: 10am-1.30pm

Sunday: Closed

Aberfeldy

Tuesday and Thursday

9am-6-45pm

Saturday and Sunday

10am-4-45pm

Crieff

Broich Road, North Forr

All Year

Thursday-Monday 9am-4pm

Closed Tues & Wed

Mobile Libraries

Please see the council websites for any updates.

Crianlarich/Tyndrum

Fortnightly Friday

6th-20th June 4th-18th July

Crianlarich

School 10:45-11:30

Glenfalloch Rd 11:40-12:00

Willow Square 12:05-12:25

Tyndrum

Green Welly 13:40-14:10

Mansefield 14:15-14:45

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Tombreck 16.10-16.30

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