

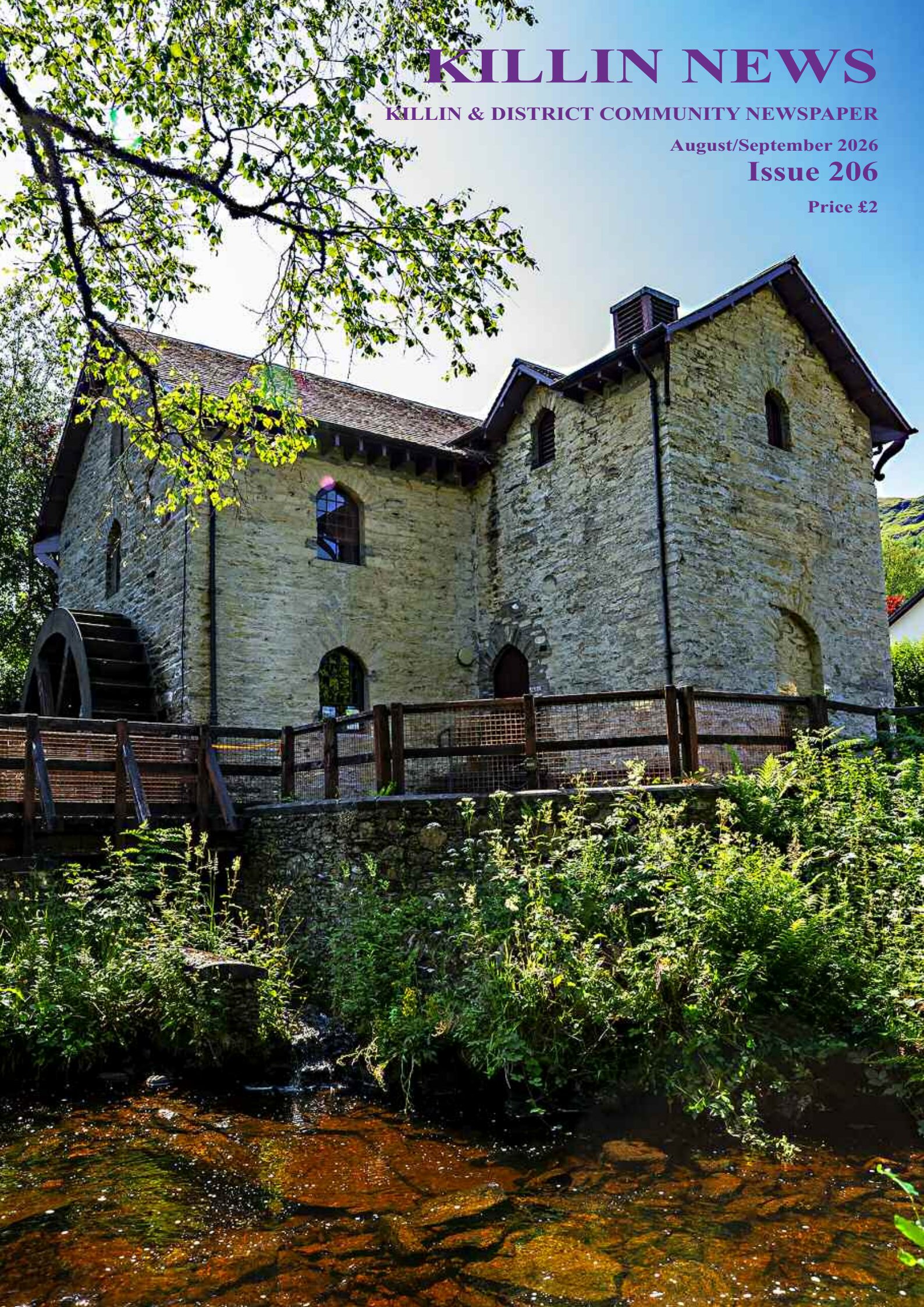
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The Old Mill
Photo Ron Allner

Killin News – Can You Help?

When the Killin News started in 1981, life was much more leisurely. The first edition was just 4 pages, black and white and was produced on typewriters in someone's house. Nowadays everything is computerized and the magazine is 36-40 pages and full colour. What has remained the same is that the magazine is still produced by volunteers who are prepared to put time and energy in to its production and distribution.

Briefly, the magazine is produced every two months and the process we follow at the moment is:

All members of the Production Committee watch out for material which we could use, and try to persuade event organisers to write a few words about their event. To cover our costs (office rental, printing, IT equipment and software), advertising is sought by two of the team (very successfully we might add!), and these are put into the necessary format by two others. Many of the items nowadays come in by email which needs checking, replies sent where required and the items sorted. We also spend quite a bit of time chasing for articles (thanks to all who respond promptly!)

Articles and images are edited before and during the production period, usually lasting 3 days. Six of the team are able to use the publishing software, but most of us can only spare one or two days, so the responsibility is shared, with three working each day.

Proof reading is carried out towards the end of production and any corrections and rearranging are made before the magazine is sent to the printers.

Distribution is done by volunteers, and subscription copies are mailed by the production team. We then all have a break before starting again 6 weeks later!

However, people nowadays aren't always able to give as much time as they would like and cannot always guarantee to be available. Sadly, we have a number of people on the team who, for various reasons, may not be able to continue for much longer. Would you be able and willing to help?

We are also looking at significant expenditure for new IT equipment and software in the next 12 months. We on the committee would like the magazine to continue, but we need help. Also, with the rise of social media, especially the Killin Community Facebook pages, is the Killin News still relevant in today's online world? Some people have asked us why we still produce the paper magazine when everything is online. Do you agree?

Any ideas or suggestions are welcome, and if you feel that you could help in any capacity (full training would be given!), please speak to one of the Production Committee (names are on Page 2) or email us at editorial@killinnews.co.uk.

Killin News is your magazine, and we need your help to keep it running.



Killin & District Volunteer Car Scheme Can You Help ?

For those who are new to the village: the Killin and District Volunteer Car Scheme is an essential service, that aims to take residents of Killin and surrounding area to medical and other appointments. We have a small group of drivers willing to give up some of their time to provide that service, using their own cars.

As we are about to lose a couple of drivers due to them moving away from the village, we would urge you to think about whether you could possibly take their place. It really is a rewarding job, as the existing drivers will testify. You don't have to commit to more than you want to, and you get financial compensation in line with government rules.

The more drivers we have, the fewer trips each individual has to make. And also: the more drivers we have, the more chance of meeting all the requests.

If you think you can help, please get in touch with Don Fraser on 07400 621000



Killin Music Fest sells out for 2026 return

Over 600 people packed the McLaren Hall for a sold out Killin Music Fest on Saturday 20 June 2026, followed by a free community day on the Sunday.

Killin Music Fest returned on Saturday 20 June for the first time since 2023, selling out and drawing over 600 people in attendance. Beth Malcolm opened the night, Ruairidh Gray brought Gaelic song to the stage, Mad Ferret Band lit up the early evening, Project Smok delivered their blend of trad and electronica, and Copper Lungs turned up the energy ahead of headliner Cammy Barnes closing out the show.

Sunday 21 June was free and open to everyone. The Doune Pipe Band led the way down the Main Street, the Aberfeldy Gaelic Choir sang, and youngsters took to the stage, followed by a lively shinty match and



Allana, Tina, Jillian, Iain



Tyree MacKenzie

said:
"Seeing the McLaren Hall sold out again with so many happy faces means everything to the team. Around 40 volunteers ran everything from artist welcome packs to bar orders to stacking chairs at the end of the night, all their energy and time given freely. This event doesn't exist without them. It's also great to see the hall building a reputation of its own too. Artists like Beluga Lagoon, Peat & Diesel and Mánran are bringing their own tours here because they know a Killin audience turns up, brings their energy, and the numbers work."



Cammy Barnes



Ruaridh Gray

Gaelic singing workshop. Around 40 volunteers from the village were involved in building and running the event. The festival returned after a three year break during which several committee members welcomed new babies. The 2026 event was a deliberate one night return at the team's current capacity.

The festival brought real spend into the village too. The post event visitor survey puts the local economic impact of the one night event at more than £55,000.

Festival Director Gregor MacKenzie

A limited amount of official festival merchandise is still available, and a full photo library from both days is now live at killinmusicfest.com

The next festival is already in the diary for the third weekend of June 2027.

Photos : Goode Photography



Project Smok



Mary and Allan



Killin Medical Practice

Helping You with Hospital Appointments

We are often asked if we can check hospital appointment details on behalf of patients. While we are always happy to help where we can, we access the same hospital appointments service that patients use themselves and do not have a quicker route to this information. If you are looking for details of your appointment, we would kindly ask that you contact the hospital appointments department directly, as they will be able to provide the most up-to-date information.

A Quick Reminder About Repeat Prescriptions

When requesting your repeat medication, please include the names of all the medication you need. This helps us process requests safely and efficiently. We would also be grateful if only one person's medication is requested per telephone message. Thank you for your help and understanding.

Could You Join Our Patient Participation Group?

Our Patient Participation Group (PPG) recently met to discuss ways of supporting the practice and improving services for our community. Unfortunately, attendance was lower than we had hoped, and we would love to welcome some new faces. The PPG has been responsible for some fantastic initiatives over the years and continues to provide a valuable link between patients and the practice. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Linda Frost on 01567 820512 for details of future meetings.

Volunteer Drivers Urgently Needed

One of the key issues raised at the recent PPG meeting was the need for more volunteer drivers. The Volunteer Driver Scheme provides an invaluable service for people living in Killin, Crianlarich and Tyndrum, helping residents attend important health appointments when transport can be difficult. This wonderful community initiative was originally developed through the PPG and continues to make a real difference to local people. Contact 07988 280743 or email kdvcscheme@gmail.com if you are able to help.

Welfare Rights and Advice Service

Did you know that Welfare Rights and Advice Services visit the practice every other Tuesday? The team can offer advice and support on a wide range of issues and can help ensure you are receiving all the benefits and financial assistance you may be entitled to. Appointments can be arranged through the practice, and the service is completely confidential. We are very fortunate to have this service available locally and would encourage anyone who feels they may benefit from advice or support to get in touch.

From everyone at Killin Medical Practice, thank you for your continued support. Working together helps us maintain and improve services for our community.

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LUNCHTIME REMINDER

Our pharmacist's lunch break is usually between 12.30-1.30pm. If they are not on the premises at this time we will not be able to hand out your prescription or sell certain medicines so please avoid this time if that is the purpose of your visit.



Davidsons Chemists, Myrtle Grove, Main Street, Killin Tel: 01567 829006 killin@wdavidson.co.uk



Killin Mountain Rescue Team

Callouts Update

We have had a busy period over the last few months which has at times put a strain on our members. These included assisting Tayside MRT with a missing person on the Lawers range in May. Members searched from the evening into the early morning, with subsequent members assisting the search the next morning whereby a body was found in the area of Cat Gully on An Stuc. This was a multi-agency search with the Coastguard Helicopters and Fixed Wing aircraft helping in the search.

We also were called a few days later to assist in the search and recovery of a 16 year Old male at Bracklinn Falls in Callander. We worked closely with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to assist in gaining access to the gorge for them to undertake their water rescue and subsequent body recovery. We then assisted in safely transferring the casualty from the gorge and woods to an ambulance back at the roadside.



proper search and rescue.

We can also confirm that we now have 5 new Full Team members. They have already been a great asset to the Team in our recent busy spell.

Fundraising

We are always delighted when people want to fundraise for ourselves. Sometimes this is from a place of grief, for others it is setting a challenge for an event and giving them the drive to finish.

But all readers of the Killin News can assist in fundraising for the Team by using the Easy Fundraising website and phone app when making purchases online. Simply go to their website and search for ourselves.

We are also deeply indebted to those businesses who hold our collection cans and assist where they can. Even in the age of a cashless culture, a substantial amount is still raised.

Killin 10K Sponsorship

We still have a few places in the Killin 10K for people to fundraise on behalf of the team. Last year 3 runners collectively raised over £1000. It made supporting the event even more special. We are again asking for a minimum of £150 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 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.

Contact

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



These two rescues do have an effect on our members but we are well supported with emotional and psychological support. There is comfort at least in the fact that we can assist in bringing a loved one home in a timely manner. We send our condolences to the family and friends of Adam and Charlie.

In addition we have also had callouts to Ben A'an, Ben Ledi and Sron a'Chlachain all assisted by HM Coastguard.

Training and Members Update

In addition to our callouts we also undertook training which included a Joint Search and Rescue exercise on Ben Challum with Arrochar, Oban and Police Scotland (West) MR teams. This was the first time in decades that we have all trained together, if not potentially ever! We have good working relationships with both Teams so it was a great opportunity to work with them. It was a wet day on the hills but certainly it felt like a



Breadalbane Heritage Society

2026-27 PROGRAMME

WINTER TALKS



Friday 18th September 2026
 40 years of monitoring rare arctic plants on Ben Lawers
NNR: Dan Watson, NTS Senior Nature Conservation Officer

Friday 16th October 2026
Breadalbane Geology and Resultant Landscapes:
 Martin Smith, Highland Geological Society

Friday 20th November 2026
Wild Pines: In search of Breadalbane's Lost Woodlands:
 Andrew Painting, National Trust for Scotland

Friday 15th January 2027 (by Zoom)
NTS Castles in Aberdeenshire (Deeside and Donside areas):
 John Lemon, NTS Visitor Services Supervisor at Craiglevar Castle

Friday 19th February 2027 (by Zoom)
Finding Historic Perth, linked with a summer visit:
 David Bowler, Director of Alder Archaeology Ltd, Perth

Friday 19th March 2027
18th Century Atholl Female Song-maker:
 Dr. Michael Byrne, Glasgow University School of Humanities

All talks 'in person' and by Zoom start at 7.15 p.m.
 Breadalbane Community Campus, Aberfeldy: Doors open at 7.00 p.m.
Admission: No charge for Society Members; Visitors — £5.00
For details of the Zoom talks, contact Ian at bhsaberfeldy@gmail.com
 Breadalbane Heritage Society, Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, SC049382



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 light lunch in good company.

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

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Dun Coillich

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Dun Coillich is a community owned landscape regeneration and rural skills training project in Glen Goulandie. Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust owns and manages the land for the benefit of wildlife and the local community.

Volunteering

Our Tuesday volunteers have been busy working on the walking trails, clearing vegetation, ditching and building new sections of boardwalk. They have also been working on clearing bracken from around trees planted on the eastern slope of the Dun. New volunteers are always welcome!

Education

We welcome school groups and youth organisations at Dun Coillich and have delivered 10 education sessions so far this year, including tree planting days with Pitlochry High School S1's and their junior rangers. The rural skills pupils from Breadalbane have been out as have the geography classes. We have hosted Pitlochry Scouts for an overnight hammock camp and the Venture Scouts for an evening ramble learning about endangered species. We also hosted a group from George Watson School. Do contact us if you know of a group that might like to visit to enjoy and learn about Dun Coillich.

Forthcoming events

- **Ecosystem Restoration at Dun Coillich; is it working? Saturday 16 August**

Willie McGhee (Forest Manager and native woodland expert) will lead a guided walk to discuss the positive changes at Dun Coillich over the last 20 years. He will consider what future habitats could look like and what

role human interference might play in managing change.

- **An Introduction to Lichens – Saturday 5 Sept**

Join avid lichen enthusiast and nature guide Caleb Wellock as he uncovers the wonderful world of lichens growing on the rocks and trees of Dun Coillich. These incredible living things come in all sorts of shapes, sizes and colours, can survive in arctic conditions and even in space. They can even teach us about community and working together.

Events are free for HPCLT members, and we suggest a donation of £5 from non-members. Please book at www.eventbrite.com/cc/dun-coillich-summer-events-2026-4834330

More info available from www.duncoillich.org/whats-on/

Get involved!

There are many ways to get involved :

Visiting – to walk our well-marked network of footpaths and spot wildlife

Membership – costs £20 a year; our members become part of our community.

Further details at www.duncoillich.org/support-us-2025/

Volunteering – every Tuesday we enjoy time outdoors doing something practical.

Become a trustee – to help steer the work of HPCLT among a friendly group of fellow board members.

More information

Visit our website www.duncoillich.org to find out more about where we are and what we do or follow our Facebook Group (Dun Coillich Community Land) for regular updates.

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Killin Highland Games 2026

No Scotland, No party.

KILLIN - While the party in the Americas may have stopped, the next big party is right here at the Killin Highland Games on Wednesday 5th August. As one of the most popular events in the games calendar, this is a day built on community spirit and genuine athletic grit, where visitors are welcome but local tradition takes centre stage.



The Day's Order

For those planning their afternoon around the ring, the field at Breadalbane Park (FK21 8UT) will play host to a traditional schedule of heavy events, dancing, and music:

- **The Traditional Events:** The arena will showcase classic tests of strength and skill, including Caber Tossing, Shot Putt, and the Weight over the bar. Doors open 10am.
- **Highland Dancing & Piping:** Formal competitions will run throughout the day, highlighting the very best in traditional music and movement.
- **The Parade (1:00pm):** The Doune Pipe band will be heading the parade alongside Jamie Macnab of Macnab. The procession will march from 1pm across the bridge spanning the incredible Falls of Dochart and straight into the park.
- **The Hill Race:** A brutal test of endurance, the tough hill race up and down the Sròn a'Chlachain is a challenging race that regularly draws a strong field of international competitors to challenge our local runners.

Park Entry and Details

The committee would like to thank the volunteers who lead and support this local endeavour. To keep things moving smoothly at the gates, please note the admission details below.

Gate Notice: Entry and parking operate on a cash basis. Please come prepared to help us keep the queues moving.

- Adults: £8
- Concessions (Child / OAP): £5 (Under 5s free)
- Field Parking: £2 (Please follow the stewards' directions on arrival)

Local food vendors and trade stalls will line the park perimeter throughout the day. Whether you are coming to back a specific competitor, a visitor or simply to catch up with neighbours and listen to music in the beer tent, we will be ready. This year's Chair, Gregor Gillies says 'Whether you are local or a visitor, we look forward to giving you a warm welcome'.

Contact Information: For competitor registration, or general enquiries, please visit the official committee website at killingames.co.uk and follow the games on Facebook @killingames.



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Further new build developments are being planned for 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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Still Game Stars Head to Killin

Mark Cox and Jane McCarry, best recognised as Tam and Isa from BBC and Netflix's *Still Game*, are heading to the McLaren Hall in Killin on Friday 2nd October with their touring production, *An Evening with Still Game's Mark & Jane*.

This intimate show promises fans an opportunity to get up close and personal with the pair that have established themselves as household names. Promising a night of fun and laughter, Mark and Jane will delve into the lives of their beloved TV characters. Having entertained audiences for 62 episodes across 21 years, the Craiglange legends will share stories and secrets from their time on the award-winning show and their individual careers. Audiences will even get the chance to ask their own questions during a Q&A segment.

Mark, who is also known for his appearances on *Chewin' The Fat*, said ahead of the show, *"These evenings are always a great laugh, both for audiences and us on stage. It's always a pleasure to meet the fans of Still Game, who come loaded with great questions, and we can't wait to meet the lovely people of Killin."*



Whilst Jane McCarry, who also starred in *Rab C Nesbitt* and children's TV show *Me Too!*, commented, *"Mark and I have been having a blast on this tour. Still Game played such a huge role in our lives and to share stories and secrets from our time on the show with so many fans is really humbling."*

Friday 2nd October,
McLaren Hall, Main Street,
Killin, FK21 8UW

Tickets start from £23 (VIP Meet and Greet tickets available)
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MacGregor's Community Store

MacGregor's community store continues to be busily improving our offering and covering as many different 'departments' as we can. We have now fully opened our Zero Waste section to great enthusiasm from aficionados, so do give us a try for dry staples like porridge oats or, at the other end of the spectrum, treats for your dog or washing up liquid. We are still your go-to for newspapers, magazines, comics and puzzle books.

We're also here for your hammer, nails, masking tape or saw; gifts and snacks all week. We have a 'free-from' section too. Don't forget the yummy Wild Hearth bakery and fresh fruit and veg which are causing quite a traffic jam in the vicinity on a Friday morning.

Post Office news – Lloyds Bank group have reconsidered their earlier decision to remove cheque deposit facilities, so if you are a Lloyds or Bank of Scotland customer you will again have that facility very soon at your local Post Office in Killin.



Also in Post Office news – did you know that you can make donations to some charities via your local Post Office? For instance, the Venezuela Earthquake Appeal from the

Disasters Emergency Committee can be donated to over our counter. Of course you can also do all the usual things like take out travel money, or regular cash, etc.

MacGregor's is open every day from 8am – 2pm and we will be at the Killin Agricultural Show on 15 August. Please come and say hi.

Oh, and before we forget ... Chilli Jam is back in stock!

Finally, one big ask – please, please, please would you consider volunteering some of your time and skills to help your Community shop? Once, twice, regularly, we will be very grateful and provide tea and coffee too. Have an informal chat with any member of staff or committee, please?

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Strathfillan Community Development Trust

Strathfillan Community Rangers

The Trust are delighted to have secured some limited funding for the Strathfillan Community Rangers (better late than never)! We welcome back Gavin Macnab to the role and are delighted to have Lynne Mackay officially join the team. Lynne has been working hard all summer, on a voluntary basis, supporting and keeping our Woodland Officer in check (her husband Jimmy!).

As usual, you'll see the Community Rangers out and about talking to visitors to encourage responsible access & visitation, checking fishing permits on the Fillan and gold panning permits in the Tyndrum Community Woodland, while removing litter and maintaining the most popular areas across our beautiful strath.



We are extremely thankful to the Wild Strathfillan project and the National Lottery Heritage Fund for awarding funding this year to our Community Ranger programme. If you need to get in touch with the rangers, please contact rangers@strathfillancdt.org.uk. If you need to report any incidents of damage, fly-tipping or irresponsible visitation, then please report it to the Keep Strathfillan Tidy chat by scanning the QR code.



Woodlands

SCDT were delighted to host a wonderful group of visiting students from the Tyndrum Community Woodland! The group, led by Dr Elizabeth Shay, were at the end of their 2-week study trip to Scotland when they decided to hop off the train at Tyndrum to visit our community woodland.

A fantastic day was had as the group discussed the many aspects of owning and managing a community woodland. The students had been travelling across the country, visiting several organisations involved in community land ownership and management. We thoroughly enjoyed talking with them all and we hope they had a great time in Scotland.

The group also made a fantastic donation to the Trust, and we can't thank them enough for their support! A big thank you to Meg & Heather from Community Land Scotland for organising, and for joining us on the day. And finally, thank you to the Tyndrum Inn for the lovely lunch provided which was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

If you have any questions on anything going on in the woodlands, please drop an email to euan@strathfillancdt.org.uk

Crianlarich Community Garden

The construction of our new community garden gazebo and outdoor classroom has been completed, and doesn't it look fantastic?



We hope you've all had a chance to get to the community garden for a look, and hopefully we'll have some nicer days over the rest of the summer to enjoy sitting out. We look forward to welcoming our local primary school children to the outdoor classroom once the summer holidays are over. A big thanks to A&J Palmer for doing a wonderful job! As with the Community Rangers, the gazebo was funded through the National Lottery Heritage Fund and was delivered as part of the Wild Strathfillan Project. A big thanks to the National Lottery for helping us improve our much-loved community garden. All of the raised beds have been

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allocated and are under cultivation. We wish everyone a successful season. If you would like to have your name added to the waiting list for a bed, or if you have any questions, please contact Sheona at sheona@strathfillancdt.org.uk



Strathfillan Angling Association

The SAA have decided to keep permit prices level with the previous season. Permits and maps for 2026 are available from the usual places - Crianlarich Stores and the Green Welly Stop. Online permits and day passes are now exclusively booked through our website

www.strathfillancdt.org.uk/projects/fishing-in-strathfillan

The updated map for 2026 is also available on our website. Follow us on Facebook and share any photos of your catch and our lovely area

www.facebook.com/Strathfillanfishing

As always, thank you to Colin McGeoch for chairing and steering the Strathfillan Angling Association.

Saplings 2026

This year we ran four Saplings activity sessions, all of which were well attended. We would like to thank all of our activity providers for making the Saplings programme a success, and Stirling Council's

Community Grants Scheme for their support.

If you have any suggestions for a suitable activity or would like to be added to our mailing list, then please get in touch with Sheona via email sheona@strathfillancdt.org.uk

Strength & Balance Classes

Our Strength and Balance class meets every Thursday in the Committee Room at Crianlarich Village Hall at 2pm, and we follow every class with tea and biscuits, or sometimes homemade cakes! Our classes continue to be well attended, and we thank everyone for taking the time to come to class.

Strength & Balance classes are part of the Walk in the Park project, and we are grateful to the Loch Lomond and Trossachs Countryside Trust for their continued support and to Fiona and Diane for managing and supporting in the delivery of the classes. We are always on the lookout for new members to join us and for volunteers to help run the classes. If you would like more information, then please get in touch with either Fiona at Fiona@trustinthepark.org or Sheona at sheona@strathfillancdt.org.uk

Keeping strong and balanced at home

The focus on home exercise this month is balance. This exercise will help your stability if you lose your balance and must step backwards to correct yourself. It will help you feel more stable when you have to step backwards out the way of someone in the Recycle Shop!

Backwards walking

Stand side on to your support, this could be a wall, or a kitchen worktop

- Walk backwards up to 10 steps, start with smaller steps and lengthen (check there is nothing behind you and try to just keep looking forward)
- Keep the back tall and look straight ahead throughout the exercise
- Use a toe through to heel action
- Keep the pace steady and controlled
- Repeat the other way

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.





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A Message from the Killin Parent Partnership

The Killin Parent Partnership Annual Duck Race raised a record-breaking amount this year. Held on Sunday May 31st, the event took in just over £2000, almost a thousand more than usual. This was in the main thanks to local businesses who coughed up for one of our new corporate flamingos or unicorns – which raced alongside our 600 wee yellow ducks. Twenty Killin businesses took part meaning the kids of Killin Primary will feel the benefit of an extra £800 this year. Class 1 will be treated to new play equipment, Primary 7s will enjoy a trip to Dalguise, while the whole school can get cooking in the new pupil kitchen. The Killin Parent Partnership would like to thank The Fire Brigade, the home bakers, the Angling Club and the kayakers and paddle boarders who caught all the ducks, flamingos and unicorns. A great day was had by all.



Class 1 Winners



Class 2 Winners



Thank you to everyone who came to our 'Canada Share the Learning Event'. It was a great opportunity to show you what we have learned about the geography, culture, wildlife and people of Canada.



Class 3 Winners



Class 3 came first overall in the Stirling and Clacks Sumdog Maths competition. With 133 classes taking part, it was a great team effort.



Pride of the School Winner

Congratulations to our prize winners this year!

Progress in Literacy

Class 1 Innes Crooks
Class 2 Alyssa Dow Akol
Class 3 Felix Rawlinson

Progress in Numeracy

Class 1 Emilia Dow Akol
Class 2 Amber Campbell
Class 3 Alanna Higginson

School Values Award

Class 1 Zara Kelloe
Class 2 Isla Hoad
Class 3 Euan Bellas

Pride of the School Award

Murron Waugh

House Sports Points Winner

Lochay

Overall House Points Winner

Dochart



Thank you to the Firbush team for providing sailing lessons on Loch Tay.



Class 2 and 3 spent the morning at Killin Golf Club learning new golf skills. Thanks to Peter, Douglas and Mons.



Primary 3 & 4 had a great morning at the Head of the Loch with Millie from the Scottish National Trust teaching us about tree identification and Sharon from Wild Strathfillian showing us all about eco systems!



P7 spent a lovely afternoon learning new skills on the Lochay River. Many thanks to KBAC for giving up your time.



For the past two years, Class 3 have been writing to the children of Chingale School in Malawi to promote reading in English. They have learned a lot about the country including some of its history, culture, language and wildlife. Well done to you all.



Primary 5 and 6 had a fantastic outing to the Royal Highland Show!



P7 Leavers 2026



During Mrs Simpson's art club sessions, the children created Keith Haring style paintings! You can admire these when you are walking down the main street.



Summer Activities Begin at Ben Lawers NNR

It's been a busy time at Ben Lawers with a variety of conservation and community activities.

Green team meet-up

The rangers at Ben Lawers have been kept busy during the fortnightly Killin Green Team meet-ups. Together, the group has been hunting for minibeasts in ponds, deadwood and wildflower meadows, discovering the wonderful world of pollinators and impressive bird migrations, and planting sunflowers to grow tall in gardens across the village.

It's been a blast exploring the local area, learning about nature, playing lots of games, and occasionally getting a little soggy and mucky in the rain. Some of our exciting wildlife finds have included a field vole, a huge sawfly, an ant nest and more!



Hi Ho, Hi Ho, A Planting we will go!

Volunteers

Our team are lucky to have had the support of volunteers from a few different organisations, helping us to carry out practical work on the reserve. The combined efforts from our monthly volunteer days, rural skills trainees from Killin and Ardeonaig Community Development Trust and a Conservation Volunteers International Programme group have meant we've been able to achieve a huge amount of work over the last couple of months. So far, we have:

- Removed old fencing from the lower slopes of Ben Lawers.
- Monitored and tree-guarded native crab apple trees planted as part of a wider project to bolster populations.
- Planted native broadleaf trees in enclosure areas, contributing to mountain woodland restoration.
- Woodland management, cutting down branches to open up the tree canopy and maintain paths.

A big thank you to all the volunteers. We hope they all enjoyed their days at Ben Lawers NNR.



Poplar Hawk Moth

Species

The whole team, but especially Seasonal Ecologist Polly, have been closely monitoring flora and fauna on the reserve. In May, we surveyed for Ring Ouzel on the crags and summits of the reserve. We do this every five years to check on the

populations. It looks like the populations have remained steady here since the last count, which is brilliant news.

Polly has also been monitoring the pearl-bordered fritillaries. This butterfly is in decline in both abundance and distribution, but our population in a well-established location still seems to be doing well. Another species is the Mountain Plume. The larvae (caterpillars) were found on its foodplant, mossy saxifrage, during surveys this year. It's great to know that this rare species is still on the reserve.

Projects

At the end of June, we had a couple of days airlifting footpath and fencing materials onto the hills to help us carry out essential maintenance over the next few months. With many of our visitors being hillwalkers, making sure our footpaths are fit for purpose is a priority so that we prevent unnecessary damage or erosion to the mountains.

If you've been to Ben Lawers recently, you might have noticed some new faces helping us out with some conservation grazing. After a successful season last year, we've welcomed back a herd of cattle to help manage grazing on the lower slopes of the mountain. We're using NoFence collars, a new technology which allows us to target areas for grazing and trampling without the need for physical fences across the landscape. This way, we can promote natural regeneration of woodlands, heath and peatland.

Visitors

Ben Lawers has recently hosted two groups of upland land managers and policymakers from England and Wales. The site visits were focused on knowledge exchange and learning about the pioneering work done here at the reserve on mountain woodland restoration. It's great to know that our lessons learned over the last 30 years can contribute to future projects establishing more of this rare habitat.

We are able to continue to care for this incredibly special place thanks to the members, donors and volunteers who support our charity at the National Trust for Scotland - thank you.

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Thank You



I just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who supported my West Highland Way race fundraising and offered messages of support!
I completed the 96 mile race in just under 34 hours and to date have raised over £1300 for Scottish Mountain Rescue, Davidsons Chemist Charity for 2026. A thanks also to Angus Kay who ran from Tyndrum to Glencoe with me!

Laura Carmichael

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Killin Charity Tractor Run

On Sunday 31st of May we held our charity tractor run this year in aid of Glasgow Children's Hospital - Schiehallion Ward.

24 tractors took part leaving Kinnell Farm travelling to Loch Lyon via Glen Lochay.

A well earned picnic was enjoyed in the shed at the head of the loch before returning to Kinnell for refreshments and raffle.

£1100 was raised and gifted to the charity. Many thanks to Auch Estate for access up the loch and use of the shed. Thanks to the Dowling family once again for letting us use the premises and to the team of helpers and participants.

This year marked our 20th year of fundraising and so I would like to thank everyone involved over the years for all your donations and contributions. Well done!

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Killin Golf Club



Senior Strokeplay Open: Wednesday 13 May

Magic 2's

Allan McHenery (Killin), Roy Smith (Killin), Henry Gray (Glasgow), John Plunkett (Glencruitten), Sheila Aitken (Killin), Graeme Courtney (St Fillans), Grant Mowat (Grange & Broughty), Douglas McRobbie (Killin) x2, Drew McGregor (Stirling) x2, Gary McCrorie (St Fillans), Terry Robb (Tulliallan)

Nearest the Pin

Gents: Douglas McRobbie (Killin)

Ladies: void

In 2: Henry Gray (Glasgow)

Gents

1. Allan McHenery (Killin) 62
2. James Richie (Dunblane New) 66 BIH
3. Graeme Courtney (St Fillans) 66

Ladies

1. Mhairi Carruthers (Kyles of Bute) 67 BIH
2. Kay Dowling (Killin) 67 BIH
3. Lisa Hamilton (St Fillans) 67

Kiltyrie Trophy (Handicap winner): Allan McHenery (Killin) (62)

Mactaggart Trophy (Best Local h/cap 15 +): Allan McHenery (62)

Lix Toll Trophy (Best Local h/cap 1 - 14): Douglas McRobbie 71



Douglas McRobbie

Mixed Open: Saturday 13 June

Magic 2's

Sheila Aitken (Killin) & Colin Woods (Balfron) x 2
Rena Ritchie (Dalmally) & Lewis King (Lochore Meadows)
Christine & Stuart Cameron (Glencruitten)
Kay Dowling & Paul Melia (Killin)
Lesley Millar (Kenmore) & Billy Neill (Killin)

Nearest Pin

In 2 (6th & 15th) : Caroline Henderson (Aberfeldy) & Gordon Aitken (Killin)

In 3 (9th & 18th) :Athena Avratidis (Canmore) & Thomas Cross (Pitreavie)

Handicap

1. Kay Dowling & Paul Melia(Killin) 63
2. Audrey Weaver & Peter Nettleton (Killin) 64
3. Hilary Wheeler & Kenny Aitken (Killin) 65

Scratch

1. Sheila Aitken (Killin) & Colin Woods (Balfron) 76
2. Laura Aitken (Killin) & Andrew Conlon (Malahide) 77
3. Caroline Henderson (Aberfeldy) & Gordon Aitken (Killin)79

Bill Mitchell Salver (Best Killin): Kay Dowling & Paul Melia (Killin) 63

McRobert Thistle Cup (Best Overall Handicap): Kay Dowling & Paul Melia (Killin) 63

Glen Ogle Trophy (Best Overall Scratch) :Sheila Aitken (Killin) & Colin Woods (Balfron) 76



Sheila & Colin, with Mons



Kay & Paul, with Mons

Congratulations



Dan and Eleanor are extremely proud of Fred and Ella, who graduated this year with a BA (Hons) in Film from Napier University.

Tombreck Market Garden



The garden is bursting into life with all the sunny weather. We have had more volunteers who have been helping to keep the weeds at bay and make the final vegetable sowings. Next we will be moving the focus of our attention from weeding to harvesting. Currently available are salad bags, Swiss chard, kale, cucumbers, courgettes, baby beetroot, baby carrots, peas and beans.

We grow without the use of chemicals or artificial fertiliser, using mostly hand tools. Our produce is sold in the Tombreck Farm Shop (six miles out of Killin on the A827 north Loch Tay side road) and MacGregors Community Hub.

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Killin Media Team

The Killin Media Team are deep in the edit of the 2025 video, shaping 120 hours of footage into 90 minutes of a meaningful story, which will be no mean feat! Voiceovers are still to be recorded. A few final interviews are still to be filmed, but we are well on our way.

Here's the scale of the cut. Ninety minutes is 1.25% of everything we shot. This does mean that almost 99% of the footage will never reach the final cut. More than 60 people were recorded and so, if we gave each one just 90 seconds, we'd be filling the entire film, with no room for community events, for music, and for the village itself and its surroundings.

We filmed more than 60 events. Just ninety seconds each and the runtime is gone! However, none of our footage will be lost. Everything we have to cut will be held safe in our archive, held for the future, for history, for whatever we need it for next.

We're working towards confirming a premiere date once the edit firms up. More to be announced via social and print media. In the meantime, subscribe on YouTube to stay in the loop

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Sensory Garden



In mid June, volunteers worked hard digging and planting over 500 plants in the new Sensory Garden located by the Sports Pavilion. Thanks to all the volunteers, and to Davy Fettes and Derek Hamilton for their hard work bringing this project to fruition. Thanks also to the River Inn for financial assistance towards building and maintenance.



Killin Firefighters Charity Car Wash



Killin Firefighters held their annual car wash in aid of local charities on 16th May. At the same time in the McLaren Hall a table top sale took place.





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This summer, our Killin Walk in the Park group has enjoyed exploring some of their favourite local routes and beyond, taking in the beautiful scenery and spending time together outdoors. The opportunity to socialise and connect with others remains an important part of our activities, as reflected in our recent Walk participation survey, where 90% of participants reported an improvement in their social wellbeing since joining Walk in the Park.

In July, we were delighted to host our Big Fit Walk in Killin, with over 60 participants joining us for a fun, interactive and sociable community walk including a special heritage walk hosted by Mons, exploring Finlarig Castle. It was wonderful to see so many people coming together to enjoy being active, meet new people and celebrate the benefits of walking for health and wellbeing. One visiting participant noted 'The walk was a great success, enhanced by the sunshine. The walk was interesting and informative, and the warm welcome, delicious food and drink supplied by our hosts was very much appreciated.'

If you didn't manage to make the event don't worry, you can join us for our weekly walks! We meet every Wednesday at 10.20am, either at the Sports Pavilion and Recreation Hub or Monemore – see details below. We always welcome new faces and look forward to walking with you.

- 05 Aug – No walk due to the Highland Games
- 12 Aug – Meet Sports Pavillion – Pier Road/Finlarig Castle (DF)
- 19 Aug – Meet Sports Pavillion – Glen Lochay (CS/DF)
- 26 Aug – Meet Monemore – Kinnel Estate (DF)
- 02 Sep – Meet Sports Pavillion – Glen Ogle (CS/DF)
- 09 Sep – Meet Sports Pavillion – Head of Loch Tay (DF)
- 16 Sep – Meet Monemore – Acharn Railway (DF)
- 23 Sep – Meet Monemore – Cragnavie Road from forestry (CS/DF)
- 30 Sep – Meet Sports Pavillion – Tyndrum (CS/DF)



Killin Big Fit Walk – permission granted @Trust in the Park

Evening Walks in Killin

Our evening walks have also been proving very popular this year. Taking full advantage of the lighter nights, they are a great opportunity to enjoy a leisurely stroll, a chat, and the beauty of the changing seasons. During June, our walkers enjoyed experiencing the summer solstice and making the most of the extended daylight hours. While the nights are now beginning to draw in again (but happening oh so very slowly), it still gives us plenty more opportunities to enjoy our evenings outdoors until we take a break at the end of September. Our fortnightly evening walk meets at 6.50pm for a 7.00pm start at the Sports Pavilion, with optional refreshments afterwards – everyone's welcome.

Killin Strength and Balance

We were delighted to celebrate the 10th anniversary of our Killin Strength and Balance group with a special day trip to Loch Katrine. The group enjoyed a sail aboard the Sir Walter Scott followed by lunch at the Steamship Café. Although the weather was far from ideal, spirits remained high and everyone had a wonderful time together, with one participant summing up the day perfectly: "It was wet, atmospheric, but a lovely time was had laughing amongst friends."

WILD STRATHFILLAN COMMUNITY UPDATE

August 2026



What do you think of Wild Strathfillan?

For the last couple of years, Wild Strathfillan has been working across Strathfillan and Killin. The initiative brings people together to care for the landscapes around your communities - helping wildlife and nature to thrive and supporting local livelihoods.

18 months ago, an organisation called Outside the Box collected the views of local people on the work and activities of Wild Strathfillan and the long-term difference it will make. Now, they are looking to collect local views again to find out if they have changed.

Please share your views - scan the QR code to access a survey. It should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. Copies of the survey are also available by email or via a phone call.

For more information about the survey please contact Christine. Her email is Christine@otbds.org and her phone number is 07936 330765. More information about Outside the Box can be found at <https://otbds.org>.



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Falls Prevention Week 2026 is 22–26 September across the UK. The campaign emphasizes that falls are not an inevitable part of ageing and that simple, everyday actions can significantly reduce the risk of falling. One such action that can help prevent falls and injuries is to maintain our strength and balance. Strength and Balance exercises focus on building strength, improving balance and mobility which may help build confidence and improve our overall wellbeing.

These gentle exercises are suitable for all abilities - come along and enjoy moving with others in your community! The sessions are always welcoming, fun and a great opportunity to socialise with others. Join us for free (although donations are greatly accepted) with no need to book - just turn up!

- Wednesday's, 2-3pm, Killin & Ardeonaig Parish Church - weekly
- Thursday's 2-3pm, Crianlarich Village Hall - weekly

The popular sessions support people's mobility, confidence and their physical, mental and social wellbeing. From our 2026 Strength and Balance participation survey 91% advised they felt an improvement in their physical wellbeing and 6 out of 10 said they were more confident moving around since attending a session.

Movement Together activities are supported with thanks to funding from: The National Lottery Community Fund Awards for All, Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority, Scottish Forestry, Walking Scotland and The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Thank you to everyone who supports our activities. Our 2026 participation survey shows that 100% of participants would recommend them. To find out more, we'd love to hear from you - just drop us an email at fiona@trustinthepark.org or call Fiona on 07843 842323 (Monday to Thursday).



Meet Fig the new Operations Manager



I'm Fig and I am the new Operations Manager here at KAT. I started here back in April and have been working in the background getting to know the team and learn about KAT. Firstly, a little about me. We moved up to the area about 3 years ago to be closer to family and be able to live in a place we have visited numerous times on holiday. I spent most of my career working in the healthcare IT industry and was fortunate that this took me across Europe and the US, where I got to meet some very interesting people and learn about the various healthcare systems whilst working for the likes of Intel, Dell and GE. More recently I was running my own business consultancy specialising in business development. I am looking forward to being able to bring some of my skills and experiences to KAT. You will hopefully recognise my face as I have worked in both MacGregors and the Outdoor shop since moving to the area.

The main responsibility of my job is to manage KAT on behalf of the board, focus on the longer-term strategy and be the advocate of KAT within the community. This is a really exciting and interesting role and I am enjoying being able to get stuck in. I look forward to getting to know more of the local community and

meeting the great people that live here.

Please feel free to contact me on fig@killincdt.co.uk or pop into the office.

KAT update

As usual the team have been busy at work and doing some amazing things. There are too many to mention so have tried to pull together the highlights.

Fassiefern

The eagle eyed amongst you will have seen that it's been all change at Fassiefern, with the staff office now being at the front of the building, making it more accessible for the community and a better place to work for the team.

We are relocating the business & learning hub into the old office space and once the work has finished the space will be available to hire either by organisations or individuals looking for a private desk. We have full video conferencing and multimedia facilities for online meetings and presentations. If you would like more details, please contact kat@killincdt.co.uk or pop in and speak to one of the team. We are also looking for trades people such as electricians, plumbers, builders to help us maintain Fassiefern and the Old Mill. If you would be interested in quoting for the work or would like to know more, please contact us at kat@killincdt.co.uk

One of the most rewarding parts of working at KAT is being able to offer local employment opportunities. We have recently hired a supervisor for the Reuse shop and two sessional workers for the Youth Group. This takes the total KAT team to 14 members of staff.

I would also like to thank the many volunteers who give up their time to help in many ways across KAT. We are truly grateful. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills, gain confidence and be part of the community.

If you would like to get involved as a volunteer, please feel free to contact us at kat@killincdt.co.uk or pop into the office to speak to one of the team.

Youth Project

The summer programme is about to start with 2 whole weeks of fun planned. Free activities with lunch and snacks provided. Open to kids leaving P4 at the end of term up to S4. Registration is essential so for more details please contact carla@killincdt.co.uk



Reuse Shop

The Reuse Shop is undergoing a full transformation led by Rachel and the team. They have increased the size of the shop and are now able to accept small items of furniture by appointment only. The team have lots of ideas to keep improving the shop so please do pop in and look around. To keep up to date with what's going at the Reuse shop make sure you are following them on Facebook.

Old Mill



The Maker's Market is open

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Tues 11 - 4

Weds 10 - 5

Thurs 10 - 5

Fri 10 - 5

Sat 10 - 5

Sun 11 - 4

and is full of amazing crafts from local artists.

Raina and the team have also arranged some interesting exhibitions and workshops such as the Under a Faol Moon which included Wolf Stories and Clarsach immersion, and the meet the author and book launch by herbal storyteller Amanda Edmiston.

To keep up to date with what's going at the Old Mill make sure you are following them on Facebook.

Summary of some of our other key projects :-

Community Garden

KAT has enjoyed working in partnership with the Sports & Recreation Hub to create an amazing space for everyone to enjoy. So much has progressed in the last few months. The raised beds are being used by groups and individuals and are looking, (and smelling) brilliant. The sensory garden was planted up the last weekend in June, and once the plants have settled in, this area will look and smell even more amazing. Well done to the Sports & Recreation Hub for all their hard work, you have done Killin proud. KAT's involvement in this project is now finished and we would like to thank our funders for the project. These were the National Lottery Heritage Fund through the Loch Lomond & Trossachs Countryside Trust (Wild Strathfillan Project) and Forth Environment Link (FEL).

Killin & District Voluntary Car Scheme

KAT has been working closely with the volunteers of the Voluntary Car Scheme so we can have a smooth handover to ensure it can continue without any hitches to users. There has been lots going on in the background to make this happen, as we ensure our policies reflect the needs of the project, that the volunteer drivers are all covered by PVG with KAT and incorporate the existing systems into KAT. We are hoping to fully take on the scheme at the end of July and are pleased that all the current volunteers are staying with us to continue to take the bookings and drive, so hopefully it will be a smooth transition.

Tin Church

We are continuing to work with the Church and the business consultants to enable everyone to decide on the future of the building.

Railway Path Upgrade

The works for this project went out to tender at the end of May and we are in the process of selecting a preferred bidder. By the time this is printed we should be in the process of starting work on the footpath and will post updates on Facebook to ensure people are aware of when the work will start and which part of the path will need to be closed. We will be working closely with the preferred contractor to also put notices on the pathway to let people know what is happening when.

Employability

We now have a good group of regular young people who are very keen on learning about different aspects of Rural Skills. A few have been with us from the start, though we have had more join us. Since May we have had two different sessions on fencing, one putting up a deer fence with Strathfillan Community Development Trust and the other taking down fencing with National Trust for Scotland on Ben Lawers. We have a few sessions organised from the end of August with the Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park Rangers, one with Tombreck Farm to learn about market gardening. We are also talking to Auchlyne Estates about hosting a session with them.



If you are 14 years to 25 years, whether at school or left and interested in coming to a session, get in touch with Andrei on andrei@killincdt.co.uk

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Tuesday- 28/07/26 - Crafts, Games and Sports
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Thursday- 30/07/26 - Safari Park
Friday- 31/07/26 - End of Summer Party

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contact: carla@killincdt.co.uk

2nd Killin & District Scout Group Stirling & Trossachs



Beavers had a great finish to our summer term despite it trying its best to rain us off our outside plans!

We've been focusing on the summer of sport with some football and commonwealth games themed activities, as well as trying out our skills for both sports!

We've also been enjoying our new raised bed, where we planted potatoes and were excited to see the first shoots breaking through the soil!

We finished the term with our traditional fire and s'mores after a chance to play at the park together!

After the summer we will hope to make the most of the continued night lights and are looking forward to harvesting our potatoes.

Beaver Scouts are aged 6 & 7, and they meet 6-7pm in Killin on alternate Tuesdays. We will have some space if your child would like to join us after the summer holidays please e-mail

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Frost Report

All the World's a Nursery.

At least that is how it seems at the moment and has done for the last couple of months. It's a wonder how the adults survive the hours of busy parenting at this time of year. From about four in the morning newly fledged siskins, nuthatches (always outstandingly smart in their new plumage like a royal footman), inquisitive bluetits and rowdy sparrows line up asking for breakfast. The harassed parents fill unending open beaks with bugs that they have obligingly lifted from the garden.

The usual squirrels become less frequent as they will, I assume, be rearing young. There are certainly some young again this year emerging from the nearby beech woods. How they know the way or even that free food is available here is a mystery. They never make their first appearances with an adult. Maybe they have a session at squirrel school on local amenities and map reading. Usually, the newbies come alone as red squirrels seem to appreciate their own space. When two do come together we assume that they are siblings. Two such characters have entertained us daily this year. Our Ant and Dec have to learn that trees and wooden poles are a cinch to climb but metal ones are harder and often result in a sliding descent. Conservatory windows and windowsills are also attempted, fallen off and then they try again...and again. The scraping sound of Ant and or Dec's claws on the bedroom windowsill at 4 am is a sign of the season. Hopefully they will have gained in experience by the Winter. Squirrel pox has been identified near Alloa and it is to be hoped that it doesn't spread.

And so the parenting continues through the day. Fledgelings finding any available space to perch and wait. The perches are not always the most suitable. Swirling round on a lupin flower may be fun but Mum or Dad can't perch to feed. The top rail of a lattice is a sparrow favourite

with often a dozen or more fluffballs waiting. Are they all the same family? Do the parents know whose 'child' is whose?

Although we have such a nursery, we seldom find the nests. Presumably they are regular nests in regular bushes, trees etc. But you never know. In Europe blue tits, crows and house sparrows have been noticed adding cigarette butts to their nesting materials. It is thought that this probably kills bugs and provides insulation but no research has been carried out to establish whether the youngsters have a particularly gruff voice.

Some young crows in a nearby field had a surprise when they were set upon by two nesting gulls. A large oak had broken off in a storm and provided Mrs. Gull with her dream location. They have spent weeks noisily staving off the crows, it's a bit reminiscent of being at Whitby, but seem to have forgotten to actually

Speaking of turbines, almost two million trees have been felled in Scotland so far to make way for turbines. I thought that trees were king. Maybe that pheasant was staging a protest. Bureaucrats admit that windfarm plans may destroy nationally recognised sites and damage biodiversity. And trees; to fence or not to fence, that is the question. In many cases new plantations are deer fenced at great cost to avoid the deer from nibbling the saplings. In other cases, there is no fencing in known deer habitats but the majority of the trees flourish. Would the small loss of a few saplings be outweighed by the cost of fencing?

Another bird not concentrating on the task in hand is a pesky parakeet in Inverness, which is pulling rubber from around car windows. This is an escaped and introduced species! One man put a fake snake on his windscreen and the parakeet has not returned. So the problem would not occur in parts of Florida where Burmese pythons, presumably from an escaped pet, are becoming a menace. Four tons of them have been removed. Obviously animals removed can be measured in tons? I wonder how many beavers to the ton.

Eventually the busy summer days quieten down and the cool evening air is just punctuated by the dull thuds of young macho woodpeckers banging into the window. A

whole new meaning to being hard-headed.

Mr. Fox has gone quiet, he's on holiday. I think he's gone to Turkey to get his teeth done. In his absence Mr. Badger has been very naughty paying a nocturnal visit to a fisherman's tent and biting the owners nose causing a visit to A and E for 11 stitches.



rear young.

Near Dunbar a company delayed installing a £50 million turbine for several weeks to protect a pheasant's nest. Eggs were successfully laid but then eaten by a badger.

Some species co-parent to spread the workload but you won't catch a male pheasant or a mallard drake on that. They seem to wander about in macho groups as if waiting for the birdie pubs to open. I wonder if they will ever evolve out of the 1950s.

Killin Community Council Report

C60 Bus

We are pleased to report that the C60 bus service, which had been running on a trial basis, has now been made permanent. This coincides with a roll-out of limited services across rural Stirling, and will enable long-term strategic plans to be developed. We look forward to an enhancement of the C60 service and, possibly, the S60.

Traffic

There was a discussion about traffic issues on the Dochart Bridge. There has been a lot of comment about this recently, including numerous posts on Facebook. The proposal for traffic lights, mainly

raised on Facebook, was discussed extensively. It was reported that traffic lights had been tried in the past, and had proved unsuccessful. One of the problems was the number of visitors on the bridge during the peak summer months, which can slow traffic to a crawl. Traffic lights would require uninterrupted flows of traffic across the bridge to be successful. Those in attendance – KCC members and members of the public – agreed unanimously that the current system of giving way to traffic already on the bridge was the best option available, and that making these signs permanent and raised on posts to be more visible would be beneficial. There was also

a suggestion that white 'give way' lines at either end of the bridge would help.

Resilience Plan

The community Resilience Plan was updated and approved by the Community Council with only a few amendments. The plan summary is included below.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Killin Community Council will be held in the Lesser McLaren Hall on Tuesday 1st September at 7.00pm. Email: communitycouncilkillin@gmail.com

Andy Aitken

Killin Community Resilience Plan

The Killin Community Resilience Plan aims to cater for all emergencies that could develop within the community of Killin. The Killin Community Council has overall responsibility for the plan. The name of the team will be the **"Killin Resilience Team"** with representatives from the Community Council and other key contacts and volunteers recruited from within the local area. Escalation procedures are contained within the plan to cope with any unforeseen emergencies that may arise. The Plan covers the following considered emergency situations:

- Flooding Risk or Land Slip
- Severe Meteorological weather condition including Snow or Storm with village shut off.
- Vehicle Accident emergency cover – Including periods of longer-term road closure
- Sporting or leisure activity related incident
- Missing person Search if requested by Police
- Fire, Explosion, Chemical pollution affecting the village or its assets
- Long term power cut or short term cut in severe weather
- Loss of communications – internet and phone
- Any other major incident not mentioned above where people may be at risk

Aim

To facilitate co-ordinated joint working with Stirling Council and Emergency Services in response to any major situation arising due to severe weather or other unexpected event affecting the Community of Killin residents or assets. This document also serves those in temporary residency in the village or in transit during any specific Emergency situation.

Initial Contact

Notification of an incident can come from a variety of sources, e.g., the emergency services, Stirling Council, the local community or from social media. Some verification of the seriousness of any incident may be quickly required.

Initial contact will be made to **the first name on the list. If they are not reachable after two attempts** the next person the next person should be called to initiate the process following the key community contacts listed below:

The Key Community Contacts provide a vital link between the community and other organisations planning for and responding to a severe incident and to provide the focal point for the community response. The four members of the Killin Community Council Resilience Team should be the principal initial contacts. Should one or more be absent the remaining Resilience Team members will allocate responsibilities among themselves or with help from the other members on the Key Contacts list.

Killin Community Resilience Plan (continued)

Key Killin Contacts

Key Contact	Name	Contact Details
1	Andy Aitken (KCC Resilience Team)	Clematis Cottage, Main Street, Killin 0779-669-1261
2	Stewart Inglis (KCC Resilience Team)/KMRT member	The School House, Main Street, Killin 07788 627703
3	Charlie Grant (KCC Resilience Team)	Beechcroft, Main Street, Killin 01567 820342/ 07768 333792
4	Susan McRobbie (KCC resilience Team)/District Nurse	Pennycross, Manse Road, Killin 01567 820374/ 07979 697116
5	David Fettes (LLTNP representative)	Station House, Main Street, Killin 01567 820671/ 07909 807271
6	Anthony Dowling Fire and Rescue Service	Kinnell House, Kinnell Estate, Killin 07792 230477
7	Michael McLaren Ambulance Service	Creagan More, High Creagan, Killin 07771 516671
8	Frances Inglis (KCC member)	10 Lyon Villas 07773 271296
9	Wendy Simpson (KCC member)	1a Ballechroisk 07958 316059

Rural Area Contacts

Contact	Name	Contact Details
1	Bridget Saddler	Dioladair Ardeonaig 07739 386296
2	Willie Taylor -	Dall Farm, Ardeonaig 01567 820432/ 07920 579136
3	Stewart Christie	Auchlyne Farm 01567 820432/ 07760 430373
4	Katy Foster	Glenlochay School, Glen Lochay 01567 820870
5	Andrew Baker	Glenoglehead 07485 098632

The Emergency Plan will never replace the need to contact Emergency Services through 999 – Police, Fire, Ambulance or Mountain Rescue or lesser non-life-threatening notification to the police through 101

Emergency Contacts

Service / Role	Telephone Number	Website/email
Emergency Services	999	N/A
Stirling Council	0845 277 7000	http://www.stirling.gov.uk/ info@stirling.gov.uk
Police HQ	101	
NHS direct	111	
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service	0131 344 5200	http://www.firescotland.gov.uk
SEPA Floodline	0845 9881188	http://www.sepa.org.uk/flooding.aspx
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Chrissie Fenton – A Celebration

Born in Sheriffmuir on 31 May 1929, Chrissie was the youngest daughter of Isaac and Flora Campbell. When Chrissie was just one year old, Isaac's work brought the family to Killin — a village she would proudly call home for the next 95 years and which remained at the very heart of her life.

In January 1956, Chrissie married the love of her life, Len, and later that year they welcomed their daughter, Helen. Although work took the family to Loch Awe for a few years, they returned to Killin in 1961 when Helen was ready to start school. From that moment on, Killin was once again home in every sense of the word.

Chrissie's life was defined by service, community and an unwavering commitment to helping others. She possessed an extraordinary work ethic and a deep sense of responsibility to those around her. At just fifteen years old she began working at McGregor's Garage, a business that in those days provided not only haulage services but also ambulance and undertaker services for the village — a reminder of a time when communities cared for one another in every possible way.

During her years there, Chrissie helped establish the hospital car scheme, ensuring local people could travel to medical appointments beyond the village. The service later became the WVS and continues today as the Killin and District Car Scheme. Chrissie remained a proud volunteer for an incredible 32 years.

She later served as District Registrar for many years, a role she held until retiring at the remarkable age of seventy. She considered it a privilege to share in so many important moments in people's lives, welcoming both local families and visitors to the village as they celebrated births, marriages and milestones.

Her dedication to caring for others extended far beyond her working life. Chrissie devoted 28 years to Crossroads, providing respite care and support to families across the area. She only stepped back when Len himself required more care.



Looking after people was never simply something she did — it was who she was.

And she did so with characteristic determination. On one memorable occasion, hearing that a flat in the village was on fire, Chrissie fetched a ladder, climbed to an upper-floor window and emerged a short time later with a naked gentleman slung over her shoulder. It was perhaps not the most conventional rescue, but it perfectly captured her fearless spirit and instinct to help without hesitation.

Community meant everything to Chrissie. She was at the centre of countless gatherings, celebrations and village events, bringing warmth, laughter, good organisation and, more often than not, a wee dram to the occasion.

Sport provided some of her greatest pleasures and lifelong friendships. Chrissie was a member of Killin Golf Club for more than 74 years, serving as President and becoming Ladies

Champion in 1991. While she enjoyed the game itself, she loved equally the friendships, laughter and companionship that surrounded it. She spent many years trying to persuade her granddaughters to take up golf. Despite her best efforts, she never quite succeeded. What she did pass on, however, was an appreciation of friendship, belonging and community — lessons that have endured far longer than any golf swing.

She was also a keen curler and a member of Breadalbane Curling Club for more than fifty years. She often reminisced about winters cold enough for curling on the village pond, surrounded by friends and neighbours. The curling itself was important, but the soup, conversation and perhaps a dram shared afterwards may well have been the true highlight.

One of Chrissie's most treasured possessions was a painting by her dear friend Rachel Hunter, depicting Chrissie curling on the pond alongside friends including Johnny and Maggie. It remains proudly displayed in her home — a beautiful reminder of friendship, community and happy times shared together.

Although her immediate family was small, Chrissie's family in reality was enormous. Her friends became family, not only to her but to those closest to her. To everyone who shared friendship, companionship, laughter and support with Chrissie throughout her life, we offer our heartfelt thanks. You enriched her life immeasurably and brought her great happiness.

For her family, some of the happiest memories were created in Killin. Summer holidays were filled with adventures at the head of the loch, climbing on the falls, time spent in the garden, agricultural shows, golf club events and the simple joy of being together.

Many summers also included what Chrissie affectionately called "Scottish school". Keen to discover whether Scottish education differed from English education, she would dispatch her granddaughters bright and early with Mrs Chisholm, only to collect them promptly at 3.15pm, having somehow managed to fit in a round of golf herself.

There was always a Scotch pancake or rock bun waiting, while her legendary soup and girdle scones appeared with remarkable regularity. Alongside the baking came a wealth of life lessons, including one favourite observation: that a dram glass often has a false bottom and should therefore always be filled a little more generously than first intended.

she was their greatest champion, attending school events, sporting activities and family celebrations whenever she could. The children recognised GG as the matriarch of the family — and everyone understood that what GG said was final.

Chrissie was a loving wife to Len, a precious mum to Helen, a devoted

Granny to Victoria and Rachel, and a proud GG to Harry, Katie, Lucy and Lydia.

She was a caring aunt to Janet and the late Douglas, and a loyal friend and confidante to so many.

In the words of our late Grandpa, she was "some woman".

A long life is a gift. Chrissie used hers well.

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone for the kindness, support and many messages of sympathy received following Chrissie's death. It has been a great comfort to us and a reflection of the affection in which she was held by so many.



In her final months, Chrissie moved to North East England to be closer to her family. It was a precious time filled with outings, Sunday lunches and special moments together. At the age of 96 she thoroughly enjoyed an evening at the theatre watching The Full Monty — an experience that provided much amusement and remained a frequent topic of conversation in the weeks that followed.

Most of all, she loved watching her great-grandchildren flourish. Harry, Katie, Lucy and Lydia were immensely proud of their GG, and

Chrissie will be missed deeply, but the values she lived by — kindness, loyalty, humour, courage and generosity — continue in all those whose lives she touched.

While we mourn her loss, we give thanks for a life exceptionally well lived: for her unwavering devotion to family and community, for her friendship, her wisdom, her laughter, and for the countless memories she leaves behind. Her legacy is not only in what she did, but in the people she loved, encouraged and inspired.

We are also delighted to share that donations made in Chrissie's memory raised £450 for the Killin & District Car Scheme, an organisation that was very close to her heart. The family is deeply grateful for this generosity, and the team who continue the work of this valued community service have greatly appreciated the donation.

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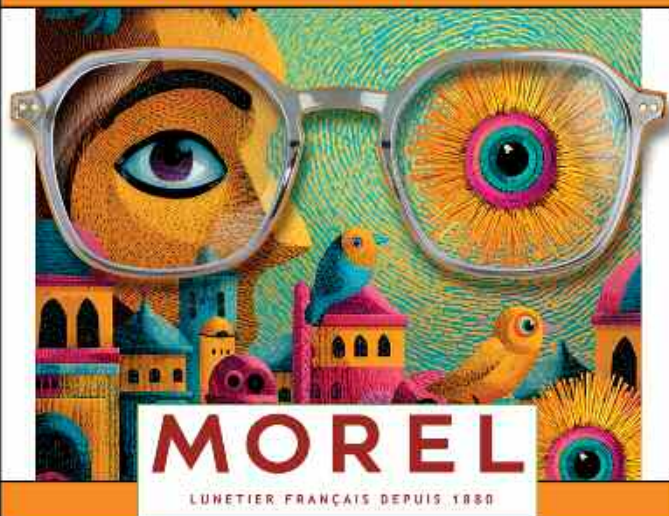
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Update on 3 Local Bus Services

C60 Callander - Killin

Stirling Council's in-house C60 bus service between Callander and Killin will be continued, following a successful two-year pilot. The decision to maintain the service was made after a positive report on its performance during the pilot.

The service operates five return journeys daily Monday to Friday, and four return journeys on a

Saturday, and has met or exceeded all key objectives of the pilot.

Not only has C60 operated within its allocated annual budget, but it has also seen a steady increase in usage, including a 25.6% rise in passenger journeys made in the second year of operation. It is projected that the service will have carried close to 10,000 passengers by the end of this year.



Trossachs Explorer (TEX)

Stirling Council and local partners have celebrated the relaunch of the Trossachs Explorer bus service on Monday 29 June as a two-year pilot.

It will operate on a similar route to the previous service, providing a vital public transport connection for rural communities between Callander and Aberfoyle, as well as providing visitors with access to popular destinations in the Trossachs including Loch Venachar, Ben A'an, Loch Katrine Pier, The Lodge, Ben Venue, Brig o'Turk and Kilmahog/Ben Ledi.

The service will operate from Monday to Sunday, with four return journeys per day, and it will support connections to Stirling (59), Killin (C60), Balfron and Glasgow (X10A) and cruises to Stronachlachar.

C61 Callander - Aberfoyle - Kinlochard

Stirling Council has launched this new service on a pilot basis providing 4 return journeys daily Monday to Friday between Callander and Kinlochard via Thornhill, Port of Monteith and Aberfoyle. Note that journeys between Aberfoyle and Kinlochard are on demand and must be booked by 3pm on the day before travel (Friday for Monday bookings) by calling 01786 237800.



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Craig Fraser

1957 - 2026

Craig Fraser was born on 10th of April 1957 to Alec and Vi in Craigentinny, Edinburgh, and grew up as a quiet boy who liked to play with toy cars and build models. His peace and quiet was soon interrupted by the arrival of his sister Gillian, and Jason, the first of many cats in Craig's life.

Craig loved animals and the outdoors, eschewing school to go out exploring with his friends, getting up to all sorts of mischief. In high school he joined the local cycling club, Dunedin, the start of a lifelong passion for bikes. Craig loved anything on two wheels, spending more time at the velodrome than in education, and he followed that passion into his work. He apprenticed as a mechanic, working on motorbikes, cars, trucks and even oil rigs, before joining Bear Scotland in 2013 as a snow plough driver.

Craig would always work and play hard with no half measures taken! He loved socialising, going into town at the weekend for drinks and going to as many live music gigs as he could, to bands like Metallica, Disturbed and



more recently, Samantha Fish.

Craig married Carlotta in Hong Kong on 23rd April 1993, and their life was full of dinner parties, holidays, and exotic foods. They were sports mad, getting involved in water sports, boats, and cycling. When they moved to Killin in 2003, they continued their very full life, running their B&B alongside Carlotta's Catering. Craig played golf on Monday nights with the local lads, and he loved both the

community he met in Killin as well as its nature and wildlife.

Craig was best man at his sister Gill's wedding, and enjoyed being an uncle when the time came, getting to know his niece and goddaughter Jenni and nephew Stew. In the last few years, Craig reconnected with the family in Edinburgh, visiting often. He thoroughly enjoyed the family banter and was never one to keep his opinions to himself! Craig was very proud of becoming a great uncle in 2025, quickly bonding to baby Ramsay, the newest member of the family.

He took great strength from his family and friends, new and old, those he had met years ago in school and along life's path and those he had met in Killin. In the final years of his life, his family, friends, and community helped him through Carlotta's passing in 2022 and kept him going until the end. Craig Fraser died with his family at his side in Strathcarron Hospice on 8th May 2026.

The family would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to everyone in the village for their care of Craig and the generous donations to Strathcarron Hospice.



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New Killin Shop Taigh-Ceàirde

We've just recently opened a new artist run shop and BnB on the main street - Taigh-Ceàirde (Gaelic for workshop or house of craft).

We are selling a range of Scottish artwork and handmade items, from a range of Scottish makers producing beautiful Scottish knitwear, illustration, ceramics, candles, flowers, homeware, to my own furniture and copper/ pewterwork, as well as sgian dubhs and other heritage items; bringing craftsmanship back to the daily items we use.

Opening a shop to showcase that was a dream of mine, after years of shops

closing in our villages it's been a huge amount of support and work to get it open again. And its great that we've had such a positive response from the local community. Open Thursday-Sunday 10-5.

With the BnB now open too, we are hosting two rooms, both with their own Scottish themes, the first Grioman room meaning Lichen. I saved an old antique wall panel and converted it into a beautiful bedhead, with colour drenched walls in a lichen green. The second room is the Ìm room (meaning Butter in English). I built a traditional Scottish box bed, I created this one to fit a king size bed rather than to 1700s sizes, made

entirely from reclaimed wall panels, creating a cosy Scottish feel.

I'm from Loch Tay, my grandfather had the farm in Kenmore, and roots back to Menzies Castle. I'm secretary for the Scottish furniture makers association and trustee for The Workshop Aberfeldy and council member for the Menzies clan society.

Also we got over a million views on one Tik Tok as we revealed the old signs underneath during the renovations.

**Eoghann Menzies
Taigh-Ceàirde**



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Helen McDade MSP Mid Scotland and Fife

I am absolutely delighted to have been elected to be a list MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife. It is a particular pleasure to have another new Reform MSP in the region, alongside Julie MacDougall, so there are two of us to help constituents in this geographically large area.

We will both take an interest across Fife, Perth and Kinross-shire, Stirling and Clackmannanshire, although Julie will be located in Fife and I will be based and cover the northern council areas. I have lived in Perthshire for over twenty years and I am very much enjoying getting to know other parts of the region now.

As a new MSP, there has been a lot of learning in the few weeks that we've been in Parliament. There have been many three or four hour debates and we must hope that concrete actions will result. I gave my first speech and referred to the many people in our area who, sadly, are badly affected by M.E. and other debilitating chronic illnesses. I have now been elected as the Convenor of the Health, Care and Sport Committee and I hope as a group we will work together in a non-partisan way to bring such important topics forward. We will meet before the summer recess to plan our programme. So it's an exciting time.

However, I'm very aware of many urgent issues locally - the A9, the potholes, the declining town centres and, perhaps especially, the lack of transport at a time which enables people to go to work or education around the area. I will be setting up an office as soon as possible but, in the meantime, if you have a problem which you wish to bring to my attention, please email me on helen.mcdade.msp@parliament.scot

I wish to assure all constituents that, regardless of who you voted for, I will do my very best for all those in Mid-Scotland and Fife.

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Claire Thompson's Hockey Exploits

Our local sportswoman Claire Thompson has been winning again.

Claire captained the Alliance Ladies Hockey Team at the Super Veterans Tournament in Tilburg, Holland on the bank holiday weekend. The Alliance team consisted of ladies from all around the world, with players from England, Ireland, USA, and of course Scotland!

The tournament was played in very hot weather on the Friday and Saturday and then rain on the Sunday. The competition was provided by the ladies national teams from Germany, Holland, Spain, France and England. Alliance came 2nd to the German team in the pool round, with the Dutch third.

These top 3 teams then contested the final on the Sunday with Alliance taking the Gold. A great win at a great tournament and a team that never lost a match throughout the tournament. What superstars!

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On Saturday 20th June, Claire and her teammates from Stirling Wanderers Hockey Club plus a few friends travelled to Helensburgh to play in the Loch Lomond tournament. A yearly invitation tournament with teams from Scottish Thistles, Dunfermline Carnegie, Stirling Wanderers, Western Wildcats, and Maids and Udders. Fortunately, the weather had improved to actually having sunshine enabling all the teams to interact and chat whilst raising funds for cancer charity. All matches were competitive but played with great spirit and camaraderie.

The crucial game was against Western Wildcats, a younger team who had beaten all the other teams. Tactics were discussed and a plan was made to stop them scoring. Looking to draw 0-0.

The tight marking and teamwork not only reduced their scoring chances but produced good communication and passing within the team. This resulted in Stirling scoring a real team effort goal. Now they had to stay strong. Western won a short corner and the ball hit the back of the net. Great relief when it was declared not a goal by the referee. Game management was very important in helping to finish the game without any further chances for the opposition. A huge 1-0 win, the only team to beat them.

Stirling Wanderers had to win their last game against the home team, Maids and Udders. This would be crucial to win the tournament. All the play was in Loch Lomond's half but great goalkeeping kept the score sheet clean. More pressure and then a goal was scored with relief from Stirling ladies. Then the route to goal just opened up, running out with a 5-0 win.

This is the 3rd year in a row that Stirling Wanderers and friends have won this tournament.



I played in the Mike McNally Spirit of Masters Festival of Hockey over the weekend and I was playing for Joycees Jokers, an invitation select team. Happy to say that we won every game 8 out of 8 with no goals conceded.

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Auchreoch Restoration

Under new ownership, Auchreoch Farm at Tyndrum is embarking on an exciting program of native woodland restoration.

Restoration efforts are centred around protecting and expanding the rare and beautiful Caledonian Pinewood, a true remnant of the Ancient Caledonian Forest that covered much of Scotland. These pinewoods were named by the Romans as 'the legend of Caledon' and only one percent remains to this day.

The new owner, Alasdair Campbell, is very passionate about the land, the wildlife, the area of Strathfillan, and the traditional farming and shepherding practices that have shaped the community for many decades and centuries beforehand. Growing up on a small farm on the edge of the Queen Elizabeth Forest Park in Aberfoyle, buying cattle & sheep from Dalmally and bringing them on for resale or breeding on the small family farm that he grew up on, Auchreoch has many similarities but most of all it has the Ancient Caledonian Pine wood, the *Coille Chuilc*.



Alasdair has always loved wildlife and animals and incorporating this into the rejuvenation of the ancient forest is the new passion and vision. To collect the seed, rear the samplings and grow a native pine forest in a way that supports and adds to the local community, the incredible wildlife, and ensures that traditional farm & forestry skills stay alive is the goal.



Other goals include creating corridors to connect to other native pine woods, creating habitats that will support a variety of wildlife, including possibly the very rare capercaillie, and creating jobs and opportunities for local people.

A very sincere thank you to those in the local area and beyond who have provided great insights and support in these early and exciting days.

Alasdair has instructed regenerative forestry consultancy, TreeStory, to carry out the woodland restoration work, and TreeStory are delighted to be part of this special project.

You can follow progress, provide input, and receive updates via the woodland restoration project website by scanning this QR code:



Why Are they Important?

They are ecologically important for wildlife such as crested tit, black grouse, capercaillie, red squirrels, pine martens, the Scottish Wildcat, wood ants and Britain's only endemic bird, the Scottish crossbill. Healthy Caledonian pinewoods can support hundreds of other species of plants, lichens and fungi.	Restoring and expanding our existing remnants of Caledonian pine forest could one day see a return of those species currently missing from the National Park.
Their cultural significance and mythological value. In fact, the Romans used to worship Scots pine trees.	They are beautiful places, with diverse structures and mixes of tree species. Individual Scots pine trees can live up to 500 years, becoming twisted and gnarled by time and the elements.

We are fortunate that the National Park is home to such an amazing and valuable array of trees and woodlands, and we have a global responsibility to look after these habitats to make sure they don't disappear, along with rare and important species that depend on them.

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National Park

20 Apr 2026

Proposal: Construction of utility/lobby extension
Location: Easter Lix Killin
Applicant: Mr J Campbell
Application Type: Certificate of Lawfulness
Decision: Current

06 May 2026

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness (existing) for material
operations in respect of lawful commencement of implementation
of planning permission 2022/0369/DET for erection of
dwellinghouse; installation of new waste water treatment system
and erection of footway crossover
Location: Land South Of 2 Glenfalloch Road Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr Robert Gauld
Application Type: Certificate of Lawfulness
Decision: Approve

Perth & Kinross Council

Nothing to Report

Stirling Council

14 May 2026

Proposal: Extending the upper floor to form a mansard
accommodation in the roof
Location: Tigh Na Craig Killin
Applicant: Mr Fred Stroyan
Application Type: Full
Decision: Awaiting decision

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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 07879 258229
- 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, Sports Pavillion (every other Tuesday)
- Tuesday Club, 2-4pm, Community Rooms
- Pilates 5.00pm 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.
- Rhyme Time 10.30am Killin Library

Wednesday

- Walk in the Park, 10.20, refer to schedule for locations
- Strength & Balance, 2-3pm, Killin & Ardeonaig 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: aldasair@cyp.org.uk]
- Multi-Sports Session - Wednesdays (Fortnightly), P5-7 5-6pm, S1-3 6-7pm [sign-ups: mckennac@actvestirling.org.uk]
- Killin Comm Choir, 7.30pm-9pm, Killin Church
- Pilates 6pm Lesser McLaren Hall booking required. 07866 018629

Thursday

- Running Club, 6pm, Acharn Forest carpark
- Killin Community Hub, 12.30-2.30 Sports Pavillion
- 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)
- Stay Blay Blether away. Killin School Gym hall. 2pm fortnightly.
- NTS Ben Lawers Green Team Walks 1st & 3rd Thursdays of month p16

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

Various:

- Walk in the Park dates, p24

August

- 5th Killin Highland Games p9
- 15th Killin Agricultural Show

September

- 1st Killin Community Council p30
- 18th BHS Winter Talk p7

Church Services

Killin & Ardeonaig Parish Church

- 1st Sunday of the month - 10am service with Sunday School
- 2nd Sunday of the month - 10am Cafe Church service
- 3rd Sunday of the month - 10am Communion service with Sunday School
- 4th & 5th Sundays of the month - 10am Service with Creche
- Tuesdays 8pm - Bible Study
- Last Monday of the month - 2pm service in the Falls of Dochart Home
- Third Thursday of the month - 2pm Guild

Website: <https://killinardeonaigchurch.org.uk/>

Contact for more information: sessionclerk@killinardeonaigchurch.org.uk

Episcopal Church - www.strathearn-episcopal-churches.org

Roman Catholic Church - Sunday Mass in Callander at 11:30am

Which bin?

Tues/Wed

4 Aug, 5 Aug

12 Aug

18 Aug, 19 Aug

25 Aug

1 Sep, 2 Sep

15 Sep, 16 Sep

22 Sep

29 Sep, 30 Sep

Green=green bin

Blue=blue bin

Brown=brown bin

Grey=grey bin Red=glass

Recycling Centres

Callander

Booking Reference Required

Monday-Friday: 5pm-7.30pm

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9am-6-45pm

Saturday and Sunday
10am-4-45pm

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All Year

Thursday-Monday 9am-4pm

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Mobile Libraries

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Crianlarich/Tyndrum

Fortnightly Friday

14 Aug, 28 Aug, 11 Sep, 25 Sep

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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