

ARDGAY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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£8.6 Million Secured

David Hannah, Chair of Ardgay & District Community Council said "We are pleased to have signed this agreement with WKN today regarding the Community Benefit from the proposed Sallachy wind farm. We welcome the opportunities that working with WKN and their team at Sallachy will bring for the greater benefits of all three communities. With an already established panel we are working in close partnership with Lairg and Creich Community Councils, Energy Companies and the Scottish Communities Foundation to ensure that everyone gains the maximum advantages from these windfalls.

(Picture shows Oliver Patent WKN, Sandy Allison Lairg CC, Peter Campbell Creich CC, David Hannah Ardgay CC signing at Falls of Shin)



COMMUNITY COUNCIL DISAPPOINTMENT POOR RESPONSE FROM RESIDENTS

It is with real regret that your Community Council has to report that: With regard to the recent proposal to register for a Community Right to Buy for sites in the Kyle of Sutherland that there has not been enough of a positive response from our communities to meet the necessary 10% of support from individuals which is required by the Scottish Government in order to register an interest in proceeding to the next stage of community buyout of sites for potential development.

Despite distributing over 350 forms and leaving additional forms in the shops in Bonar Bridge we received less than 100 signatories.

David Hannah - Editor

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ARDGAY PUBLIC HALL (CHARITY NUMBER 008669) **2012 FUND-RAISING AUCTION**

The Committee of the Ardgay Public Hall is extremely pleased to announce the success of the 2012 Fundraising Auction.

All came together to bring our total proceeds to a much needed **£1898-44** (after expenses).

(See full article inside)

Ardgay Ice House

Starting to look as if it needs some remedial repairs to the pointing. Can anyone tell us about the Ice House – who owns it and who is responsible for its maintenance?



Ardgay Station

In busier times with lots of activity and barrows on the platform and obviously more passengers with the five carriage steam train heading north.

The AA Highland Patrol was launched in the 1950s and disappeared in 1992. Breakdown service the Automobile Association (AA) has resurrected its Highland Patrol name to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Formed in June 1953, the name was used by AA teams set up in the north of Scotland after tourism boomed. It was ditched in 1992 when the organization changed to new livery, uniforms and branding. The new team has been trained to operate in extreme weather and has been equipped with 4x4 vehicles carrying the name Highland Patrol.





Present: Elected members: David Hannah, Chair (DH), Peter Armstrong, Secretary (PA), Alan Lawrence, Treasurer (AL), Phil Olson (PO), Marion Turner (MT), Bob Sendall (BS)

Also present: Highland Councillor George Farlow (GF)

Members of the public: Liz Cormack (LC), Ian Worthy (9pm)

Minutes Secretary: Mary Goulder (MG)

Apologies: Betty Wright (BW), David Laver (DL)

1. Welcome/ How should the community use wind farm benefit funds? The first half hour of the meeting was designated for a public discussion regarding the best community uses of the income generated by the present and proposed windfarms. Sadly, in spite of public notices being displayed to invite attendance, only one member of the public was present at the meeting. The CC members discussed the initiatives currently in place, including the Apprenticeship Scheme which is receiving acclaim outwith the area, support of the Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust and the Youth Group. The main thrust of the discussion remained as how to engage the community to bring forward and see through their ideas and wishes to improve the district. The proposed 'Open Shop' week – covered later at agenda item 10 – could be repeated at intervals if it proved successful in reaching local residents and initiating conversations with the wider population. Large amounts of money will be paid into the community benefit accounts as future developments come into being; it is essential that this money is used widely to the benefit and with the approval of the local community. The opportunity to create a long-lasting and worthwhile legacy to the area cannot be too highly stressed and involvement of as much of the community as possible must be encouraged.

2. Apologies. As above.

3. Police report. No Police representative present and no report submitted. MG contacted PC Hunter last month with regard to the lack of Police liaison and was advised that the comments had been passed to a higher officer. No further reply has been received.

4. Highland Councillor report. Cllr Farlow reported that Highland Council is currently on summer recess till August. He feels that the newly elected Council is instituting many changes for the better within the structure of its groups and committees. The remit for the new local area committee for Caithness and Sutherland is now available on the HC website. It seems that the meetings will be held in Thurso at North Highland College and all sixteen Councillors will attend, including the three from this Ward. GF hopes to establish a regular surgery in Ardgay after the summer. The new Adult & Child Services committee appears to be making progress. The issue of transportation for children to secondary schools outwith their catchment area remains a difficult one but HC is committed to maintaining the stance that parents should support the local schools whenever possible and accept that transportation becomes their own responsibility when they choose to send their children elsewhere.

5. Minutes of last meeting. The Minutes of the June meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record; proposed by Alan Lawrence, seconded by Marion Turner.

6. Matters arising. (1) Christmas lights. DH reported that HC has installed the sockets outside the school. Discussions are now ongoing between Robbie Gunn, HC Lighting Engineer and Paul Whittock in Ardgay regarding the coming festive season's lights. (2) Multi-member Highland Council Wards in Sutherland. The draft letter, prepared by PO, is now ready to send to an agreed list of recipients. The aim of the letter is to highlight the difficulties encountered in the quality of service due to the large areas Councillors are expected to cover. A move to smaller, single member wards would help to lessen these difficulties. PO and the Secretary will now see to the circulating of the letter. PO/PA Action. (3) Traffic lights at Ardrornie. No change has taken place, no work begun and the road surface is continuing to deteriorate. Secretary will urge the issue again and Cllr Farlow will continue to push for action by TECS. PA/GF Action. (4) Recycling point. No further action by HC has been noticed.

7. Correspondence. (1) Licensing. Letter received advising that Highland Council are to review the current operating hours for premises licensed under Late Hours Catering. A response from the CC is requested. Secretary will reply stating that the CC should be consulted on all license issues and in time to make comment on applications. PA/Action. (2) Culrain Hall. Letter from Culrain Hall Committee seeking a donation towards children's prizes in the upcoming Fun Day on 14th July. The committee is hoping to encourage more use of the village hall; the Fun Day is the first event working towards this aim. A £50 donation was approved. AL Action. The Hall Committee was encouraged to make such applications further in advance in future, to specify the value of the prizes or the project, and to consider applying for community benefit funding. Liz Cormack was asked if she could make enquiries in Culrain to find someone willing to become the Culrain representative to the Community Council as currently there is no such link. (3) Chemist application. Secretary will reply supporting the application by Gareth Dixon of Mitchell's Chemist for inclusion on the Pharmaceutical list with the intention of opening a new dispensing chemists in Bonar Bridge at the old paper shop premises. PA Action. (4) Letter to The Northern Times. There were two parts to the letter from Mr Neil McInnes published in the paper last week. With regard to the complaint made by Mr McInnes that a Community Councillor was taking his picture recently in Bonar Bridge, Marion Turner issued the following statement. "The opening accusation in the letter is very far from true. While out borrowing books from the library the CC member had observed two loaded timber lorries coming down the Laig Road. This is contrary to the agreement with the Highland Council which states that they should never be travelling loaded within 20 minutes of each other. Because this results in damage to the roads the CC member was, in fact, getting organised to snap the photos of the next two to appear with a view to making a report to the Highland Council as we are constantly being advised to do. The CC member was actually taking time out of a trip to the library to do something constructive on behalf of the community." Cllr Farlow will speak to TECS with regard to log lorries flaunting the recommended twenty minute time lapse between lorries and urging the reinforcement of this with the haulage companies. GF Action.

With regard to the second part of Mr McInnes' letter each item received individual attention. (i) 40 mph speed limit on the road between Ardgay and Bonar Bridge. This has been discussed in the past with Highland Council. The CC has been advised that such a limit will not be considered as it is deemed impossible to Police it effectively. (ii) Struie Place pavement. Although not raised directly to the CC, Cllr Farlow is aware of the problem and it has been passed to John Clark, TECs officer in Bonar for action. (iii) Parking for coaches. The picnic area at South Bonar is not a coach park and could only be made into one by removal of many of the features which make it an attractive picnic spot. Both Ardgay and Creich CCs are aware of parking issues in the villages; finding a suitable area for a coach park would be very difficult, especially with access to shops and businesses, but it was agreed that further discussion between the two CCs should be instigated. (iv) Drainage at the Bonar Bridge football pitch. Again this is an issue that has been much discussed in the past. The club has received full support from the CC, especially through awards from the Beinn Tharsuinn Community Benefit Fund. It is understood that discussions are ongoing with Highland Council seeking a solution to the long running drainage problems. Having considered all points from Mr McInnes' letter it was felt that minuting the discussions at this open meeting was sufficient response and no further reply was necessary. Disappointment was registered that Mr McInnes had taken the step of writing to the paper without first approaching the Community Council directly.

8. Windfarms update. Rosehall. Nothing new. Achany. Next panel meeting in August. Sallachy. It is hoped that an agreement will be signed soon with regard to the Community Benefit agreement. Admirable work has been carried out on this by all three local Community Councils. Glenmorie. An addendum to the EIA has been prepared by the developers; Secretary will re-submit CC letter with comments. PA Action. Dalnessie. Nothing new at this time. Coire na Cloiche. A meeting suggested for September/October to include the developer and Creich, Ardross and Edderton CC representatives to discuss Community Benefit arrangements. David Hannah and Marion Turner will continue to work as the A&DCC community benefit negotiators. It was suggested that perhaps Betty Wright or David Laver could take over dealing with new planning applications for windfarms as they come in to the CC. MT agreed to circulate a basic spreadsheet which would provide information on all current and proposed windfarms within the CC area. MT Action.

9. Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's Account balance stands at £965.91 with outstanding liabilities of £84.30; Project Account at £2,783.39 with outstanding payments of £543.20 and the Toilets Account at £299.65. The summer newsletter cost £450, a £100 donation was made to the Flag Raising Ceremony at Drummie and £50 was donated to Frances Hull towards Jamboree attendance. This year's Highland Council grant has not yet been received in spite of the audited accounts being submitted to the Ward Manager in April and the AGM minutes supplied in June.

10. Open Shop Week. It had been decided to hold the Open Shop Week during the first week in August but it has now transpired that the village hall will be closed for around a month for important survey work to be carried out. After some discussion it was agreed that the gazebo will be used instead of the hall with the benefit that it can be moved around the village in the hope of reaching out to more people. This will now be done over August 1st, 2nd and 3rd with the gazebo in Carron Place on the morning of Wednesday 1st, in Oakwood Place on the morning of Thursday 2nd and in Struie Place on the morning of Friday 3rd. It is hoped that enough CC members and volunteers will be available to visit the houses in each area to encourage residents to come to the gazebo or to give opinions and comments at home if housebound. Also the gazebo will be erected every afternoon on the green in the centre of the village. If this liaison exercise proves successful it can be repeated at a later time when the hall is once more available. PA will circulate information and arrange publicity. Cllr Farlow expressed his, and his colleagues' support for the venture. He will talk to Cllrs Munro and Morrison and make arrangements to attend when possible. PA/GF Action.

11. Newsletter/ distribution. 350 copies of the newsletter should cover the full distribution; the next edition is due in September. New printers' costs this time are £450 against £415 for the spring issue. Alness Community will be contacted for a quote for a black and white edition. The format could be amended with regard to the unchanging local information which could be issued annually in a pull-out section. Another cost saving could be to reduce the number of editions per year from four to three. Discussion point for next meeting. **Agenda item.**

12. Any other competent business. a. Street signs. General opinion indicated that windfarm money could be used to provide new signs where required. These could clearly indicate the Ardgay boundaries and perhaps also carry the Kyle of Sutherland logo. b. Red phone boxes. Paint has been ordered and will be delivered to volunteers on arrival. c. Setting up A&DCC company. Discussions will be instigated with Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust. d. Community Right to Buy. Nothing further at this time. e. Royal Garden Party. Thanks to invitations from Creich and Kincardine Branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland, Liz Cormack, Gillian Glennie, and Alan and Marion Lawrence attended the Garden Party at Holyrood Palace, Edinburgh which, on a warm and dry day, they thoroughly enjoyed. f. GREAN. A letter will be sent expressing regret at the loss of the excellent kerbside collection recycling service. PA Action. g. Flooding at Culrain. The flooding on the main road at the junction beside the hall was still visible tonight. LC requested that something be done to solve the problem. This has been passed to TECS on several occasions. Cllr Farlow and the Secretary will both bring it to the attention of Simon Young, HC Chief Engineer once again. GF/PA Action.

13. Date of next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th September 2012 at 7pm in Ardgay Public Hall. PA will book the hall. PA Action. MG advised that she will not be available to take the Minutes that night (a substitute Minute Taker for that evening should be investigated for that evening – any volunteers from the community?). A vote of thanks was recorded to Culrain Village Hall Committee for the use of their hall this evening Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Ardgay & District Community Council Meeting 2012 dates 2nd Mondays of the month at 7.00pm in Ardgay Village Hall

10 September	08 October	12 November	10 December	Monday 14 January 2013
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All meetings are open to the public and we would welcome your support for our guest speakers by attending some of them to let us know how well you think we are doing in managing your community affairs.

Kincardine Parish Church - Contact Details - Minister- Rev. Anthony M. Jones The Manse, Manse Road, Ardgay, Sutherland IV24 3BG email: <revanthonymjones@yahoo.co.uk> Tel: 01863 766285
Session Clerk/Roll Keeper – Mrs Rosalie Sutherland Tel 01862 821 320
Clerk to the Congregational Board – Mrs Babs Gemmill Tel 01863 766 495,
Treasurer Hilary Gardner Tel 01863 766107



Sunday (usual) Services - Edderton @ 10.30am, Ardgay @ 12.15pm – If you would like information about the Church of Scotland contact Mrs Rosalie Sutherland, Session Clerk on 01862 821 320.

The Bridge Project - (Dornoch Firth Group – Scottish Charity Number SC034932). The Dornoch Firth Group was established in 2007 by the six Church of Scotland Parishes around the Dornoch Firth, (Kincardine, Creich, Edderton, Rosehall, Croick & Dornoch).
“Good Morning Sutherland” – This service has been designed to reduce isolation, experienced by some of the over 50's, who live alone in our communities. It is a service to reassure you that someone will check on you every day, with a telephone call from one of our trained team. If your “Good Morning Sutherland” call is not answered, we will call again in a few minutes. If there is still no answer after a third call, we will contact your agreed contact person. (There is no charge for the service). Referrals can also be made from various services such as Medical Services, District Nurses, Doctors' Surgeries or local Churches, of any denomination.
Volunteers wanted – If you would like to give time to supporting and assisting with this service, or give a donation to cover administration costs. **Contact** – John McMurray, Community Outreach Worker, Wilalimar, Rowan Avenue, Dornoch, IV25 3QW, Tel 07801496609, e-mail johnmcmurray@yahoo.com

Kincardine, Croick & Edderton Guild (Charity No SC016877) – We at the Guild invite you to come along to our sessions – usually the 2nd Tuesday of each month from September to March at 7.30pm in Ardgay Church Hall. We have speakers, demonstrations and slide shows, and always a cup of tea and a chat - Contact for details – Mrs Isobel Adlard Tel 01863 766 469.

SWRI (Scottish Women's Rural Institute) SWRI
 Ardgay SWRI 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of every month September to March in Ardgay Village Hall. All ages welcome - Contact for details – Mrs Jean Jack Tel 01863 766 646.
 Culrain and Invershin SWRI in the Culrain Hall the last Thursday of the month at 7.30pm.

Ardgay Badminton Club – Currently a very healthy 60 members. Aiming to start and ending before the lambing season in early April. Players will be moved depending more on ability than age after the first couple of nights. Used to along on a Monday, we're a friendly club and our members come along for a than serious match play. Below shows how it worked out last season but may numbers. It should work out at £1.00 per hour for all. Rackets available. start if they are in primary 4 upwards at the start of the season. Contact details for George Ross: Tel 01863 755 329, e-mail <ochayeman@hotmail.co.uk>.



on Thursdays in October to suitable groups play badminton? Come bit of social fun rather change depending on Children are allowed to

Mondays			Thursdays			Saturdays		
Beginners	1830 – 1930	£1.00,	Teens	1830 – 2000	£1.50,	Competition Squad	Boys	1900 – 2030 £1.50,
Advanced	1930 – 2030	£1.00,	Adults	2000 – 2230	£2.00		Girls	2030 – 2200 £1.50
Adult “Beginners”	2030 – 2200	£1.50						

Community Contact numbers - Thank you to the Bradbury Centre Local Telephone Directory for this information:

Police	Dornoch Road	Bonar Bridge	766222	Migdale Hospital	Cherry Grove	Bonar Br.	766211
Doctors	Creich Surgery	Bonar Bridge	766379	Primary Schools	Bonar Br.	Bonar Br.	766219
Nurses	Creich Surgery	Bonar Bridge	766237	“	Gledfield	Ardgay	766580
Electricity	24Hr Emergency	0800	300999	“	Rosehall	01549	441348
“	Enquiries	0800	300000	Post Office	Alness	01349	884487
“	Customer Help	0800	300111	“	Bonar Br.	Bonar Br.	766219
H. Council	Drummuie	Golspie 01408	635370	“	Rosehall	01549	441338
“	Service Point	Bonar Bridge	01349 886606	Bradbury Centre	Bonar Br.	Bonar Br.	766772
“	Service Point	Dornoch 01862	810491	Scot. Water	24 Hr Emergency	08456	008855
				“	Customer Help	08456	018855
Community Development Service – Lynsey Burns			Tel 07961046715 e-mail < development@kyleofsutherland.co.uk >				

Creich Surgery - Bonar Bridge, Creich Surgery, Cherry Grove, Bonar Bridge IV24 3EP,

Tel: 01863 766379 Fax: 01863 766768



Consulting Times for appointments

Day	Morning Appointments	Afternoon Appointments
Monday	0900 – 1130	1530 – 1700
Tuesday	0900 – 1130	1530 – 1700
Wednesday	0900 – 1130	1530 – 1700
Thursday	0900 – 1130	1530 – 1700
Friday	0900 – 1130	1530 – 1700 & 1800 – 1830 for working patients

Out of hours GP services - are available between 6.00pm and 8am on weekdays, at the weekend, and on public holidays. These services provide help when your GP surgery is closed and your condition is too serious to wait until the next day. If you phone your surgery when it is closed you will get a message explaining how to contact your local out of hours service.

NHS24 - Contact for health care advice on 08454 24 24 24 (Textphone 18001 08454 24 24 24).

NHS Inform – You no longer need to look in lots of different places for Health Information you can trust.

Call 0800 22 44 88 (8am to 10pm) or visit www.nhsinform.co.uk.

Dental Helpline - Should you experience difficulties in registering or accessing emergency care for NHS Dental treatment, please contact the NHS Dental Helpline on 08456 442271 (Evenings & Weekends NHS 24 on 08454 242424) or email nhshighland.dentalhelpline@nhs.net If you are not registered with a dentist and are disabled it may be that you can qualify for a fast track registration provided that you fit the dental criteria. If you get a letter from your doctor which explains your condition and disability and forward the information to the following address you may get registered sooner: The Centre for Health Science, Inverness Dental Centre, Old Perth Road, Inverness, IV2 3JH, Tel 08456 442271.



NHS Minor Ailments Service – is an NHS service for children, people aged 60 or over, people who hold a medical exemption certificate and people on certain benefits. When you are registered for the Minor Ailments Service your pharmacist can give you medicine for a minor illness or complaint, if they think you need it. You will not have to pay for this but you will have to register with a pharmacist. For more information contact – your local pharmacy, your doctor or NHS staff involved with your care, your local CAB or the NHS inform Helpline on 0800 22 44 88 (calls from a landline are free).

East Sutherland Community Care Forum - Hello all, I am delighted to be back and starting working today, as Development Worker with East Sutherland Community Care Forum. This is my new email address, and new works mobile number is 0785 807 8646. I am working 12 hours per week, which will be flexible as needed. Normally one and a half days over the week, but as I say, days will vary according to the need and commitments of ESCCF. Part of my role will be re-establishing contact with professionals and local groups again, and making some new contacts as well, as there have been a lot of changes over the past year, so no doubt will see some of you on my travels with ESCCF, but if you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me, email is probably best if possible. Looking forward to working with you all again, Best wishes, Carol

Carol Summers, Development Worker, East Sutherland Community Care Forum, Mob; 0785 807 8646

NHS Highland Meetings - The minutes of meetings of the NHS Highland Board and its Committees are published on our website. The Board meets in public on the first Tuesday of every other month. The Board and each of the committees are attended by non-executives, and provide accountability and governance over decision making and the performance of NHS Highland.

The next meeting of the Highland NHS Board will take place as follows: In the Board Room, Assynt House, Beechwood Park, Inverness. Members of the Public are invited to attend as observers.

Dates for 2012 Board Meetings have been agreed as follows: Tuesday 2 October 2012 - Tuesday 4 December 2012

For general enquiries, comments or feedback for NHS Highland you can contact us on 01463 704000, or write to us at NHS Highland, Assynt House, Beechwood Park, Inverness IV2 3BW.

Other useful numbers NHS Highland Board, Assynt House - **01463 717123** - **Email us:** High-UHB.Webmaster@nhs.net

Scottish Country Dancing - on Tuesdays from 7.30pm in Ardgay Hall please contact Doreen Bruce – Tel 01863 766852 for information. **This new season starts on Tuesday 09 October 2012** – Hope to see all experienced dancers and anyone interested in learning to do our traditional dances – We always need more MEN.



Kyle of Sutherland Whist Club – Bonar Bridge Hall – Wednesdays at 7.30pm



2012 Whist Drives - Participation £1.50 including refreshments. (Lessons can be arranged if you would like to learn how to play and participate in fundraising for community groups).

The first whist drive of the new season will be on Wednesday 19th September at 7.30p.m., organized by Rosehall SWRI.

For information about the Whist Club or any of the Host Groups please contact Mrs. Rosemary Logan 01549 421 282

Rosehall Community Arts –

November 11th - The Tim Kilphuis Trio in Achness Hotel at 8.30pm Tickets £8/£6 (JAZZ)

December 15th - The Siobhan Miller Trio in Achness Hotel at 8.30pm Tickets £8/£6 (TRADITIONAL/CONTEMPORARY)

January, 11th - Tich Frier's "One Man's Burns Show" at 8pm Ticket price to be confirmed.

Contact for more details or any other events which may be slotted in - Dave Goulder 01549 441283

Informal music nights are held in the Achness Hotel every Wednesday evening from around 8.30pm. No admission charge. Everyone welcome, especially contributors of music, song, poetry, etc. Anything goes!

Beginners guitar class held by Dave Goulder each Wednesday before music night. Contact for details 01549 441283.

Rosehall Community Arts has been running in various forms for the best part of thirty years. However, the group is in grave danger of slipping into abeyance next spring when several members of the committee stand down. After such a long run it would be very sad to see RCA disappear but without new people it will prove impossible to continue. Anyone who might be interested in becoming involved and perhaps helping to take the organisation into the future should contact Dave or Mary Goulder on 01549 441283 or marygoulder@btinternet.com We don't want to see this fold and sincerely hope that new people will appear by the end of the year willing to work with us during a handover period up to next April.

Mobile Library dates & times Ardgay - Oakwood, Ardgay: 1.45 p.m. – 2 p.m. Lady Ross, Ardgay 2 p.m. – 3.20p.m. . Wednesdays 12th September, 3rd and 24th October, 14th November, 5th December.



Mobile Library dates and times Culrain, Gledfield, Strathoykel, Strathcarron

Thursdays, 13th September, 4th and 25th October, 15th November, 6th December.

Culrain village 2.10 p.m. – 2.45 p.m. Other stops in Strathoykel and Strathcarron as per timetable.

During term-time the Mobile Library visits Gledfield Primary School. During holidays pupils are welcome to use the Mobile Library at other stops, provided they have their Library tickets. Contact 07733300761 or 01349 852698 for information on other stops and times.

Bonar Bridge Library/Service Point opening times	Monday 10.00am – 12.30pm and 2.30pm – 5.00pm
Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday 10.00am – 12.30pm	Thursday 10.00am – 12.30pm and 5.30pm – 8.00pm
Contact – Bonar Bridge Library & Service Point, Carnegie Buildings, Lairg Road, Bonar Bridge, IV24 3EA. Tel/Fax 01349 886606 (Calls are directed via the Highland Council Call Centre). Email: bonarbridge.library@highlifehighland.com	

Bonar Bridge Recycling Centre (Civic Amenity Site): Opening Times

Mon - 1.00 to 4.00pm	Tues - 1.00 to 4.00pm	Thu – 8.00 to 12 noon	Fri - 8.00 to 12 noon	Sat – 9.00 to 12 noon
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Will take: Cans, car batteries, engine oil, fridges, garden waste, gas cylinders, glass, paper – for advice on other items call 01349 868439.

Not Many People Know this - Highland Council will stop collecting rubbish from scores of holiday homes because owners have failed to pay for the wheelie bin uplift service. Owners of around 1,650 non-domestic rated holiday homes were told in February that they have a legal obligation to have a waste collection contract in place for their business. Unlike residential homes, such properties are required to pay for their waste collection service and must have a "waste transfer note" detailing the type of waste produced and who takes it away.

Charities – The known charities, with recycling shops in the area & which all need volunteers are:

Dornoch – St Finbar's Scottish Episcopal Church, just off Cathedral Square. (clothes, books, bric a brac etc.)

Golspie – 2nd Best (Alzheimer Scotland Society), Main Street, Tel 01408 633008. (clothes, books, bric a brac etc.)

Tain – Blythswood Christian Care, 25 Lamington Street, Tel 01862 893408. (foodbank, shoeboxes appeal, clothes, books, bric a brac etc.) For larger items e.g furniture, white goods, sports equipment, fixtures and fittings, carpets etc. call the Highland Deephaven Depot, Alness 01349 830777

Tain - Highland Hospice, 11 King Street, Tel. 01862 894216. (clothes, books, bric a brac etc.).

Lairg – Blythswood Christian Care, behind the Bank of Scotland, Main Street, (most afternoons).

(let me know if there are any others – editor)

Thinking of Volunteering? – There are many opportunities in our area and these are only a few:

Voluntary Groups East Sutherland can give you details. **VG-ES (Voluntary Groups East Sutherland)** - for information on Third Sector groups and organisations. Helping to keep you in touch with the wider world. Tel 01408 633001 FAX 05601 146813 or e-mail christine@vges.org.uk - liz@vges.org.uk - Manager -Christine Ross. There are over 200 community groups and organisations linked through VG-ES who provide a great deal of practical and help and support in maintaining their operational work.



Creich & Kincardine Art Group – Meets Wednesdays from 10.00 to 3.00pm in Bonar Bridge Hall. Contact Joan Mulligan – 01549 421321 e-mail joanmulligan@yahoo.co.uk for more information.

CAB (Citizens Advice Bureau) – As well as the satisfaction from seeing the difference you make. CAB volunteering will equip you with new skills that stay with you no matter what you do next. You don't need special skills or knowledge to be an adviser, as your bureau will give you all the training you need. Being a volunteer can seem a little daunting, but don't worry! From your very first day you'll get all the help you need. We'll pay expenses and volunteering needn't affect your benefits. Contact Richard Gale, Manager East Sutherland CAB, Station Road, Golspie, KW10 6SN, Tel 01408 633000, e-mail advice@esvas.org.uk

The Citizens Advice Bureau free drop-in sessions every Thursday morning in Bonar Bridge Library, 10.15-12.15 and Lairg Service Point at the Police Station every Thursday morning between 10.00 & 12.00. A home visit for the Kyle of Sutherland area can be arranged by contacting the Office in Golspie 01408 633000 to arrange an appointment.

CAB are offering FREE – MONEY ADVICE - 'Don't hide it under the bed' Book a free, confidential appointment with a Money Adviser – call 0808800 0118 or East Sutherland Citizens Advice Bureau on 01408 633 000. Our trained Money Adviser can help you manage your money day to day, plan for monthly outgoings and explain money matters in an easy to understand way. We won't recommend any products or try to sell you anything. It's about clear, unbiased money advice you can trust and that can make a real difference to your life. (Examples – budgeting to saving, credit and borrowing, mortgages, insurance, pensions and retirement planning). Website <moneyadvice.service.org.uk>.



Bradbury Centre Bus – Timetable and Routes – From Tuesday 04 May 2010

Mondays & Fridays – Bonar Bridge to Lairg/Rosehall Dial-a-bus 0900, 1100, 1400, 1600 (all journeys must be pre-booked) **To Book journeys Telephone The Bradbury Centre – 01863 776 772**

Tuesday – Bonar Bridge to Alness

Depart		Return	
Bonar Bridge (Cherry Grove)	1030	Alness (on B817 outside Morrison's)	1300
Bonar Bridge (Opposite Police Station)	1032	Ardross (Crossroads on B9176)	1317
Ardgay (Station Bus Stop)	1334	Mid Fearn	1333
Mid Fearn	1042	Ardgay	1340
Ardross (Crossroads on B9176)	1058	Bonar Bridge (Police Station)	1345
Alness (on B817 outside Morrison's)	1115	Bonar Bridge (Cherry Grove)	1347

Wednesday – Bonar Bridge circular via Spinningdale, Tain and Edderton

Depart		Return	
Bonar Bridge (Cherry Grove)	1030	Bonar Bridge (Cherry Grove)	1330
Spinningdale (lay-by at post box)	1039	Ardgay	1333
Clashmore (Carnegie Hall)	1053	Edderton	1353
Tain (Bus Stop at big Co-op)	1102	Tain (Larrington Street)	1406
Tain (Larrington Street)	1104	Tain (Bus Stop at big Co-op)	1408
Edderton	1117	Clashmore (Carnegie Hall)	1419
Ardgay	1139	Spinningdale (lay-by at post box)	1431
Bonar Bridge (Cherry Grove)	1142	Bonar Bridge (Cherry Grove)	1440

The Minibus has a wheelchair lift which will be available as part of the service. Additional time has been added to the timetable to accommodate this but, as it takes up to 10 minutes for the lift to load or unload a passenger there may be subsequent delays of up to 10 minutes along the route. The services will divert on request to pick up pre-booked passengers up to a mile from the route. These journeys must be booked by 1400 on the previous working day. i.e. **1400 on Friday for Monday**, 1400 on Monday for Tuesday, 1400 on Tuesday for Wednesday, **1400 on Wednesday for Friday**. **The services will operate every week apart from Christmas and New Year.**

Sutherland Walkers Group (SWG) – Programme - More information - Fiona MacDonald, Secretary – 01862 810275

SUNDAY WALKS  4th Sunday each Month	23 September – Glen Loth Beinn Dhorain 663m track and rough hills – Meet Golspie Fountain Road car park 0930 (contact editor for new programme of walks after 05 September 01863 766061)	Sunday 26 August's Successful Walk Meall Fuar Mhonaiddh, Drumnadrochit 
Walks Planning Meeting Wednesday 05 September at 19.30 Golspie Community Centre		

Highland Handyperson Service – Are you aged 65 or living with a disability? Do you need a Handyperson to help with minor repairs at home? Each Handyperson is fully equipped with tools and will be ready to undertake your repair. You will only be charged for materials used to complete the agreed work. There is no charge for the Handyperson's time or travel expenses. Contact – Sutherland Handyperson Service, ILM (Highland), Unit 1G, Lairg Industrial Estate, Churchill Road, Lairg, Sutherland, IV27 4BL, Tel 01549 402798, e-mail suthcare@ilmhighland.co.uk. Need assistance with Adaptations to your HOME? Contact the Handyperson/Care & Repair Agent at the above address, or Highland Council Technical Officer – Tel 01408 635325 e-mail <env.health@highland.gov.uk>

WINDFARMS

Beinn Tharsuinn – See CC Minutes

Braemore – No updates - Contact for details Sarah Dooley, Wind Prospect, 13 Rutland Street, Edinburgh, EH1 2AE, Tel 0131 225 8545, Web www.braemorewindfarm.co.uk E-mail sarah.dooley@windprospect.co.uk.



Scottish Hydro Achary Community Fund - The Achary Panel last met in August and approved grants totalling £47,839 to the following groups in Lairg and the Kyle of Sutherland. Lairg Angling Club, Rosehall Village Hall, Bonar Bridge Primary School Parent Council, Voluntary Groups-East Sutherland, Kyle of Sutherland Youth Development Group, Creich Croik & Kincardine District Daycare Association.

Achary Panel members are:- Ardgay & District: Hilda Buchanan, Betty Wright, David Hannah, Marion Turner.

Creich: Rosie Baxter, Claire Bruce, Pete Campbell, Christine Gordon.

Lairg: David King, Barbara Watson, Sandy Allison, Ian Mackay

If you wish to be considered for vacancies that may arise in your community council area please contact the Panel Secretariat, Audrey Campbell, on 01863 766536. The next deadline for grants of between £2000 - £10,000 is 2nd July.

For Large Grants of over £10,000 please contact Carol Elliot at the Scottish Community Foundation's Inverness office to discuss your proposal. She can be contacted at 07500 779227 or email on carol@scottishcf.org Projects must benefit people living in these Community Council areas. Grant application forms are available from the service points in Lairg and Bonar Bridge, or from the Key Commercial Services office in Bonar Bridge. The deadlines are **25 June** and **15 October**. Groups and organisations working in the community council areas of Ardgay & District, Creich and Lairg may continue to apply.

The Achary Apprenticeship Scheme continues to be available and is now supporting 4 placements. For further information about the Fund please contact any of the Panel members locally or make contact with Carol Elliot, Community Programmes Executive, 07500 779227 | carol@scottishcf.org | www.scottishcf.org Scottish Community Foundation | Office 5 | Farraline Park | Margaret Street | Inverness | IV1 1NH. The Scottish Community Foundation (known also as "SCF") is registered as a Scottish charity (SC022910) and is a company limited by guarantee (SC152949) with its registered office at 22 Calton Road, Edinburgh, EH8 8DP.

The next deadlines for applications are 10 October. Application forms are available from the Bonar Bridge Service Point or from www.scottishcf.org/achary. – Meanwhile if you'd like to find out more about the Fund please contact either David Hannah or Marion Turner (Community Council Members)

Rosehall – The first tranche of funding will be available from September 2012 and some grants have already been awarded by the Achary Panel in August. Applications to e-on Liz Fraser for further information. Community Benefit being linked through Scottish Communities Foundation and grants approved by the existing Achary Panel. To date 3 x local organisations have benefitted by £2,234 from the Rosehall Fund.

Contact – Liz Fraser 0800 0569 090 or e-mail rosehall@eon-uk.com. Updates are available at <eon-uk.com/rosehall> .

Sallachy – Wind farm proposal – Location Sallachy & Duchally Estates, Loch Shin, 22 Turbines up to 125 metres high to tip of blade. Ardgay, Creich & Lairg Community Councils have signed a new deal with WKN the developers for £8.6 million Community Benefit over 25 x years with the intention is to link in with the Achary & Rosehall windfarms and assistance from Scottish Communities Foundation using the Achary Panel approving grants to disburse Community Benefit at sometime within the next two years, subject to Planning etc. Contact is Mark Cummings, Invicta Public Affairs, 5 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, EH3 7AL, Tel 0131 220 0159, e-mail <mark.cummings@invictapa.co.uk> We would like to take this opportunity to wish Inga Schuster, Managing Director of Innovation Sustainability Efficiency Best Wishes for the arrival of her new baby in September at home in Hamburg.

Glen Morie – Contact - Glenmorie Wind Farm LLP, 37-39 Kew Foot Road, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 2SS, Tel +44 (0) 208 334 4743 Fax +44 (0) 208 332 9078, info@glenmorie.com.

Glen Cassley – Wind farm proposal - As you are aware, over the last few years we have been developing a proposal for a wind farm site at Glencassley (within Creich Community Council's area), approximately 12km northwest of Lairg, in Sutherland. In September 2011 we held public exhibitions in Rosehall and Lairg in order to consult with the local community on the proposal. In addition, surveys and assessments have continued over the last year or so and the findings (together with consultation feedback) have been considered as part of the development process. We are now in the process of refining the design and compiling the Environment Statement (ES) which will accompany our planning submission. The intention is to submit our planning application to the Scottish Government in June and we are holding public exhibitions at the end of May in order to present the final proposal to the community. Once the planning application has been submitted, there will be an opportunity to make formal representations during the statutory consultation period conducted by the Scottish Government. We are now proceeding to a Scoping Opinion Request, Section 36 Application, for more information contact Lorraine Brown, The Scottish Government, Energy and Climate Change Directorate, Energy Division, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU. Tel 0300 244 1241, e-mail <Lorraine.brown2@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>

Dalnessie - Wind farm proposal I thought that it would also be helpful to provide you with an update on the Dalnessie wind farm proposal. In – Scoping exercise in progress. Contact SSE Liaison Manager, Ruth Liddicoat, Inverlmond House, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 3AQ, E-mail ruth.liddicoat@sse.com, Tel 01738455120, Mob 07767852826.

Coire na Cloich – A token offer of Community Benefit has been made by the developers and the Community Councils involved have begun negotiations. Wind farm proposal (close to Beinn Tharsuinn and Glen Morie) Developer Rock-by-Sea

Ardgay Meeting/Function Venues

Contact for Booking Ardgay Hall – Fiona Mackenzie, 4 Carron Place, Ardgay 01863 766602

Contact for Booking Kincardine Heritage Centre – Mrs Mary Stobo 01863 766868

Contact for Booking Ardgay Church Hall – Minister The Reverend Anthony Jones – 01863 766285



	Ward	Highland	Scotland
Number of Council owned houses	403	13,581	323,138

Source: Highland Council / Scottish Executive April 2011

Bonar Bridge Local History Society SCO 325 38 - Contact Marion Fraser. Secretary 01863 766235.

The 200th Anniversary of the building of the Telford Bridge at Bonar – and therefore the establishing of the village of Bonar-Bridge - the Kyle of Sutherland Heritage Society are eager to hear from anyone who has any information, paintings or photographs of Bonar in days gone by, as it is hoped the Society's 2012 Exhibition will be entirely devoted to charting the two centuries since the Bridge at Bonar was built and illustrating what it has meant not just for Bonar but for the entire area once reliable road – and later rail - communications with the outside world were established. Please let the Society know what photos



or other information you may have. . It was agreed to use the tearoom in the community hall for a display of old pictures. Phil Gurr has agreed to give a talk on the archaeology and geology of the bridge foundation at the Geology Garden at the South end of the bridge/or in the Bonar Bridge Hall if the weather is not suitable for out of doors address. Date to be notified. Summer outing to Fort George had to be postponed due to the refurbished museum area not opening until Easter 2013 and an enjoyable trip to Cromarty and visit to Groam House took place instead. Membership now stands at 16 fully paid.

Help yourself to help us help you - Local organisations have come to understand that the common road blockage of days gone by – lack of funds – may no longer be the barrier it once was. There are now quite a few funders to apply to and we are becoming surrounded by windfarms which offer funds to local community organisations. All organisations should feel they can grow to be all they can be with some positive thinking and some effort in making good applications to funders. What efforts make an application the best it can be? This varies from fund to fund, but some points are common to many. So, read the guidelines carefully. Your contact details are easy to write. The project name may be simple but the description may take more words than the application allows. Get a separate sheet of paper ready to fully explain what is involved, why, who will benefit, what the timescale is, and so on. Know the costs. Outline these on the application and expand this on that separate sheet. Where else will you get funds from? Be brief on the application and expand who else you are applying to on that separate sheet. Always try to use funding from A to match funds from B then add A & B to lever more funds from C. Usually funders are impressed by multiple sources of funding. Do not forget to include 'in-kind' contributions. Who supports this project? State how and who you have asked why your group needs this project. Who benefits? State how your members will benefit; state how others in the community will benefit; state how the community will be enhanced by your project; state how the project fits into policy – Government or Council policy; state that this may be the first, or second, phase of a community improvement. Being complete and clear avoids delay if questions have to be asked about information best provided right at the start.



The Business Gateway is a national programme to support enterprise throughout Scotland. In our area it is managed by Highland Opportunity Limited, which is an Enterprise Trust owned by Highland Council. If you wish to start or develop you own business contact David Knight – based at Key Commercial Services, Dornoch Road, Bonar Bridge, IV24 3EB, Mobile Number 07730419692 or E-mail david.knight@highland-opportunity.com.

NEWS RELEASE - 'NEW JOBS' SERVICE FOR REMOTE AREAS. - **Business Gateway Highland** has launched a service to help create new jobs in some of the region's most remote, rural areas. The service will target more than 300 businesses in Caithness, Sutherland, Wester Ross, Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch and Strathspey to help them better understand the process of recruiting staff for the first time. Two recruitment advisers, based in Fort William and Bonar Bridge, have been taken on to give businesses help on issues including employment legislation, identifying the right people for interview and employment contracts. **Marianne Ross**, the new recruitment adviser in Bonar Bridge says: *"Business Gateway's recruitment service sets out to help businesses by providing an integrated package of information, advice and practical support. This service is highly personal, specialist and designed to help create jobs in some of this region's most fragile areas by helping give businesses greater confidence and knowledge about the recruitment process."* Marianne, from Migdale, will be based in the Key Commercial Services offices in Bonar Bridge and can be contacted on **07867 394346** or marianne.ross@highland-opportunity.com

Edderton and District Gardening Club. - meet on the first Monday of each month from September through to June. At the winter meetings talks from guest speakers are followed by refreshments and informal discussions. There is usually a plant swap stall. Meetings are held in Edderton Community Centre, starting at 7.30 p.m. (except for the AGM in September which starts at 7p.m.) Garden visits and social events take place during the summer. Members come from the Kyle of Sutherland through to Tain and new members are always welcome - telephone 01863 766061 for more information. Edderton & District Gardening Club autumn speakers: October 1st - Colin Munro from Munro's Nurseries, speaking about fruit trees. November 5th - Donald Davidson from Abriachan Nursery, December 3rd - Michelle Bowley from Saladworx. Meetings start at 7.30pm in Edderton Village Hall and everyone is welcome.



BOYS BRIGADE – New members in Primary seven and older will be most welcome on Friday evenings at 7pm. Leaders & Helpers required. Please contact Donald Simmonds (766796) or Donald Brown (766166)

Gazebo/Small Marquee - The Community Council have a small gazebo/marquee available for hire for community activities. Contact Marion Turner or Phil Olson 01863 766100.

Royal Bank of Scotland Mobile Timetable from January 2012

Tuesday	Bonar Bridge War Memorial	Arrive 1.35pm	Depart 1.50pm
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Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust - SELF BUILD INITIATIVE FUND (SBIF) - Following our successful bid to the Scottish Governments Innovation & Investment Fund last year, we are pleased to announce the launch of our Self Build Initiative Fund for self-builders in the Highlands. The fund will front fund self builders with loans ranging from **£5,000 — £20,000** to help finance the start up costs of new builds. The loans are only re-payable at wind and water tight stage when standard mortgage facilities become available. It is hoped that this fund will enable the provision of Low Cost Home Ownership throughout the Highlands. An arrangement fee is payable but the loans are **interest free** and have no hidden costs. In addition to the SBIF, we also have a **deferred plot payment scheme** whereby purchasers of our plots have the option of signing a loan agreement with HSCHT agreeing to pay for the plot at a later date. For further details on the SBIF or deferred plot payment scheme, please contact morven.taylor@hscht.co.uk or telephone 01463 233 549.

OPEN DAY & AGM - INVERNESS TOWN HOUSE FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2012, 10AM TO 3PM - We are inviting you to attend our open day to find out what HSCHT and our partners can do for your community. The event will also mark the formal launch of our Self-Build Initiative Fund that will front fund self-builders in the Highlands. Key note speakers at the event will include: " Peter Peacock - *Policy Director Community Land Scotland &* " Cllr Dave Fallows - *Highland Council's Chairman of Finance, Housing and Resources Committee*. Please visit our website for further details or to reserve your free place, email eileen.irvine@hscht.co.uk

This is the list of groups and organisations in Ardgay & District, which I know about, with contact details:

Organisation & Contact	Organisation & Contact
Ardgay & District Community Council – 01863 766 196	Ardgay Hall Committee – 01863 766 174
Creich & Kincardine Art Group - 01549 421 321	Ardgay Children's Christmas Party
Ardgay Badminton Club – 01863 755 329	Bradbury Centre – 01863 776 772
Bonar Bridge Football Club	Bonar Bridge/Ardgay Golf Club - 01863 766 199
Boys' Brigade - 01863 766 166	Bonar Bridge Local History Society - 01863 766 235
Church of Scotland – 01863 766 285	Citizens Advice Bureau - 01408 633 000
Camera Club 01863 766 223	Crofters Group - 01863 766 144
Edderton & District Gardening Club - 01863 766 061	Dornoch Academy Parent Council - 01862 821 214
Gledfield School PTA 01863 766 580	Gearrhoille Com Wood Ardgay - 01863 766 174
Highland Councillors – see newsletter	Invercharron Highland Games
Kyle/Suth. Youth Development Group - 01863 766 310	Kyle of Sutherland Gala Committee
Kyle of Sutherland Whist Club - 01549 421 282	Kyle of Sutherland Fisheries Trust
Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust - 01863 766 908	Kyle of Sutherland Heritage Soc. - 01863 766 700
The Ladybird Club	Royal British Legion, Scotland - 01549 441 374
Mums & Toddlers/Playgroup	Scottish Country Dancers – 01863 766852
Scottish Esperanto Association -01863 766 061	Ardgay SWRI – 01863 766 646
Sutherland Walkers Group - 01863 766 061	The Bridge Project – 07801 496609
Scottish Hydro Achany Windfarm –Community Council	Tain Royal Academy PTA -
The Guild – 01863 766 469	Ward Forum – Community Council
Tain & District Rotary Club - 01863 766 285	Rosehall Community Arts - 01549 441 283

If you are a member of one of these, or know of any others and want to contribute regularly to the newsletter please contact the Editor (David Hannah on 01863 766061 or at [<david@tnchome.co.uk>](mailto:david@tnchome.co.uk)). **Can you fill in the blanks for contacts?**

McLeod's Coaches Dial a Bus - Timetable - Ardgay, Bonar Bridge - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
09.30 - 12.30 13.30 - 15.00 16.00 - 17.30. Area of operation - 6 mile radius of Ardgay Station, plus Strathcarron road as far as Croick. To and from Dornoch and Lawson Hospital, Golspie* *Please pre book your journey by 18.00 hrs on the previous day or 24 hrs in advance for destinations marked**. These services are operated under contract to the Highland Council. **Links to Macleod's Coaches** - 01408 641354 www.macleodcoaches.co.uk A new timetable came into force on Monday 16 August 2010.

ARDGAY to Tain	06.53	09.13	11.18	14.18	17.08	17.53
EDDERTON	07.05	09.25	11.30	14.30	17.20	18.05
TAIN(LAMINGTON ST)	07.15C	09.35C	11.40C	14.40C	17.30C	18.15
TAIN(LAMINGTON ST) to Ardgay		07.30	10.11A	13.11G	15.11G	18.48
EDDERTON		07.36	10.17	13.17	15.17	18.54
ARDGAY		07.50	10.30	13.30	15.30	19.07

A - Will wait up to 5 minutes when necessary, for arrival of Stagecoach Service 25x bus from Inverness.

C - Stagecoach bus to Inverness departs 07.20 : 09.50 : 11.50

G - Will wait up to 10 minutes when necessary, for arrival of Stagecoach Service 25X bus from Inverness

Public Transport Access to TRACC Swimming Pool from Ardgay - After 9th October either - see Ardgay village notice board; contact TRACC, Hartfield Road, Tain, 01862 893767 or contact Macleod's Coaches 01408-641345



GLEDFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL



Highland Games at Brora

Gledfield entered a team into the small schools section of the Highland Games event which was held in Brora and were delighted to win!! All pupils tried their hardest and worked well as a team. Their efforts paid off and the pupils were thrilled to return to the school with the trophy again.

School Trip -

Our school outing before the summer holidays was to the Highland Wildlife Park at Kincaig to meet the polar bears!!! We had a fantastic day out. Well worth the long journey.



P7 Transition - Our P7 pupils who have now moved on to Dornoch Royal Academy and Tain Royal Academy were involved in residential trips. Our Dornoch pupils went to the Badaguish Outdoor Centre near Aviemore whilst our Tain pupils went to the Craggan Outdoor Centre near Aviemore. Both these trips offered an opportunity for our pupils to mix with other P7 pupils and get to know some members of staff from the academies. Lots of adventurous fun and games were experienced by all!

Charity Fundraising - A huge thank you to all parents, family and members of the community for donating 'rags' for our rag bag collection. We collected 360kg of unwanted clothes, blankets etc and raised a fantastic £180 for our school fund. This money has gone to help towards the cost of our whole school trip to the Highland Wildlife Park. We will be having another collection this session so would welcome any further donations. Donations can be dropped off at the school anytime.

Thank You - We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Mair for making us some fabulous new outfits for our Scottish country dancing team. We look forward to wearing them at the next dancing event later this session.

A big thank you also to Mrs Shaw for helping organise our cycling training for our P7 pupils. We have appreciated her help and the pupils have greatly benefited from the lessons.

We would also like to say thank you to Beinn Tharsuinn windfarm and the Community Council for the money we received to buy new goalposts for the school. The pupils are delighted.



ARDGAY PUBLIC HALL (CHARITY NUMBER 008669)

Committee – Chairman David Laver, Caroline Sales Vice Chair/Press Secretary, Secretary/Treasurer Rhonwen Copley, Fiona MacKenzie, Angi Banks, Gregor Laing, Jocky Hewitt, Carol Shaw, Jeannie Sparling.

2012 FUND-RAISING AUCTION - The Committee of the Ardgay Public Hall are extremely pleased to announce the success of the Auction. This event took place on the evening of Friday 22nd June and was held in Ardgay Hall. Packed to brimming, the Hall was attended by local folk from Ardgay, neighbouring villagers and visitors from further a-field. Whilst some of the credit must go to the dedication of the committee in organizing this event, thanks must also be given to those lending their support both driving and collecting items for the auction and assisting on the night. Too many to name - but you know who you are! Thank you! Much of the in-house success on the night was, without doubt, due to the auctioneer, Ian Tolmie, who brought fun to the auction and managed to part money from wallets very successfully! At the end of the evening, and the sale, only three single items (yes... three!) remained unsold. Very well done Ian! However, such success could not and would not have prevailed without the generosity of all those kind individuals who gave marvellous donations and to everyone who cleared out their cupboards, lofts and storage for the benefit of the auction. Special thanks must go to the local businesses who most generously supported this event with exceptional donations and wonderful raffle prizes. The raffle was drawn at the end of the auction to close the evening. Equally, thanks to those who had no items to offer but came to the event and joined in the fun of bidding hard-earned cash and buying raffle tickets for the many excellent (donated) prizes. All came together to bring our total proceeds to a much needed £1898-44 after expenses. This eventful auction was clearly enjoyed by all. Never-the-less the Committee wish to extend their most gracious thanks to absolutely everyone who played a part in turning this event into such a successful and enjoyable evening. Photographs were taken throughout the evening and we are sure you will look forward to seeing them on our new Facebook site.

Look for us there - our Facebook name is Ardgay Public Hall. Thank you for your continued support.

ARDGAY PUBLIC HALL REFURBISHMENTS UPDATE - It is thanks to a recently received grant from the People's Postcode Lottery fund that the first phase of work necessary to upgrade fire protection / detection in Ardgay Public Hall is currently taking place. It is also through the People's Postcode fund that the hall committee has been able to remove - and replace with modern material – the evident asbestos within the building. An additional Asbestos Survey, a prerequisite for the next stage of the refurbishment works, has also been commissioned. The committee is aware that the support of everyone in the community is vital to achieving the refurbishment aims, and will endeavour to minimise any disruption to 'normal service' for all hall users. Any suggestions or ideas either for future uses of the hall or self-help ways of fund raising would be welcomed by the committee.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CONTACT DETAILS (24 August 2012)

Members	Addresses	Contact Details
David Hannah (Chair)		
Peter Armstrong (Secretary)		
Alan Lawrence (Treasurer)		
Phil Olson		
Marion Turner		
David Laver		
Betty Wright		
Bob Sendall		
Councillors	Representing the Highland Council North, West and Central Sutherland Ward 1	
George Farlow		
Hugh Morrison		
Linda Munro		
Community Police - Bonar Bridge Police Station Dornoch Road, Bonar Bridge, IV24 3EB		Tel : 01863 766222 Website < www.northern.police.uk/contact.html >

POLICE - For the information of residents within the Sutherland and Easter Ross areas. The public numbers to contact police within your area are - Dornoch 01862 810222 & Tain 01862 893852. Should either office not be staffed your call will quickly divert to a 24 hour control room usually in Wick. The operator will have direct radio contact with officers on duty in your area and any requests for police will be dispatched accordingly. Should you require an incident number with your enquiry please request this at the time of your call, it may take a few moments extra to generate. In the event of an emergency always call 999 for the quickest and most direct response.

East Sutherland Producers/Dornoch Farmers Market - If you are interested in taking a stall, contact Russell Smith on 01863 766144

CROFTERS AND SMALL LANDHOLDERS SKILLS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Practical Training Courses - CAITHNESS AND SUTHERLAND

A wide range of further courses is available and being arranged in topics such as horticulture, vet skills, equipment maintenance. For more information please contact: Su Cooper, Scottish Crofting Federation, Tel: 01463 796836 / 01599 530005 e-mail: training@crofting.org, www.crofting.org

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Crofting Resource Programme - The Scottish Crofting Federation is running a programme to help develop crofting in the Highlands & Islands. This could take the form of advice to individuals, training on different aspects of crofting, help for new starters, or looking at development opportunities for individual crofts or for townships. If you want to discuss anything, contact Russell Smith on 01863 766144.

Horticulture: a Handbook for Crofters - The Scottish Crofting Federation have just brought out a handbook on horticulture which looks specifically at the problems (and opportunities) of growing fruit and veg in the Highlands & Islands. It is clearly written, beautifully illustrated and professionally produced. The articles are all by experienced growers who have made a success of producing food in the North of Scotland so the advice and tips are always practical and relevant. And it is not just for crofters! Copies are available from the S Crofters F on 01599 530005 or email hq@crofting.org. Price is £10 for members or £15 for non members.

Knowledge share events - Do you want to get involved in woodland crofting? Are you a potential crofter? or landowners/community wanting to convert land to woodland? Then these events are for you.

The Community Woodland Association (CWA), Scottish Crofting Federation (SCF) and Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust (HSCHT) will be holding 3 events between September and December (dates TBC) aimed at those interested in woodland crofts and becoming woodland crofters/landlords or making land available for this use. Each event will focus on one of the 3 main components of the scheme, and will show how that element can interact with the others, with CWA looking at woodland enterprises, SCF focusing on the crofting element and HSCHT on housing options. The seminar will be spread geographically with the venues likely to range from Kilfinnan in the South, Gairloch in the West and Tain area on the East. The events will have representatives from the 3 organisations in attendance for advice as required. For further details or to register your interest, please contact HSCHT on info@hscht.co.uk or visit the HSCHT website at www.hscht.co.uk

Timber Lorries - They are likely to be hauling timber from our area for some time yet so stay watchful for hauliers who break the agreement they have with The Highland Council. The hauliers have agreed that loaded timber lorries will not travel "in convoy" but will have a 20 minute gap between them. The reason for this is that closely travelling loaded lorries cause significantly more damage to our roads. If we want to protect our roads it is in our own interest to report those lorries who break the agreement. We have had some success with complaints. – **DESPITE this they are still doing it. What you have to do is:** Get as many details of the lorries as possible. E.g. registration, name of haulier. I know this is difficult when they travel so close but I have had some success by using a digital camera. Note the date, time, place and direction of travel. Email the information to Simon.young@highland.gov.uk or contact using this information: Simon Young, PI Officer, TEC Services, Highland Council, Drummie House, Golspie, KW10 6TA, Tel: 01408 635314, Fax: 01408 634041. If you think that the lorries are infringing the law then you should contact the police with details of the incident.



Kyle of Sutherland Heritage Society – . Kincardine Old Church, Ardgay - (Reg Scottish Charity No. (SC0145547) www.kyleofsutherlandheritage.org.uk or Tel 01863766700 (V MacKenzie-Harris. This number for access at other times).



Diary Dates – 29 September to 7 October – The Story of the Three Bonar Bridges & A Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the foundation of Bonar Bridge Village. 19 & 20 October – In the company of Dolphins, Charlie Philips. (all at 7.30pm in the Centre).

Current Projects you would be welcome to join are – Graveyards – Mapping and recording the area's graveyards & The Clearance Project – Mapping and recording where the people who were 'cleared' from and what happened to them. Again view website or phone for details. Steve Copley, Kyle of Sutherland Heritage Society, Lest We Forget' Project Co-ordinator.

Homecoming 2014 – The 2009 year was so successful that Scotland is planning another Year of Homecoming in 2014. Voluntary Groups East Sutherland (VGES) propose to identify a selection of events and with a co-ordinated approach produce a calendar of occasions which can be programmed, and identify the logistics and costs to allow this to become part of the event. As a result of the extensive community consultation work undertaken in Sutherland recently under the banner of the Sutherland Summit, a Sutherland Development and Action Plan has been produced as a strategic planning document for the county. (SD&AP Theme 3 Tourism Development long term aspirations fitting in to the Actions already underway). VGES have commissioned me to provoke ideas from community groups that can be included into a programme of activities to be carried out 2014. This will identify any current plans and ascertain if there is scope to enhance these with a co-operative inter-community approach. A final report will include a proposed programme with the planning and implementation suggestions with linking to costs and funding where possible. This can also dovetail with a similar report for North & West Sutherland so that the whole county of Sutherland can gain maximum benefit from Homecoming 2014. VGES wish to include groups and individuals in any sector from several different approaches, by looking at themes, interests and activities. *Are you aware of it? Is it something your group could be involved in? In what way or to what extent could you become involved? Have you any concrete ideas you could offer or would like to develop? What support/help would you need to bring them to fruition? (funding/marketing etc.) Could you be involved on a parish/district/county basis to plan a joint approach?* Contact Irene MacLeod, Tubeg, Skerray, Sutherland, KW14 7TJ, E-mail tubeg259@btinternet.com Tel 01641 521219.

Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust – Election/Re-election of Directors at the AGM on 25th July 2012. - Chair Pete Campbell, Claire Bruce, Ruaridh Waugh, Marion Turner, Posy Leitch, Hamish Campbell, James Murray, (co-opted – David Knight). Key Commercial Services continue to act as Secretary & Treasurer. VG-ES were re-appointed as Auditors.

Diary of Events for a typical week in September

Community Development Service – Lynsey Burns		Tel 07961046715 e-mail <development@kyleofsutherland.co.uk>				
September 10		11	12	13	14	15 16
Ardgay & Dist Community Council	Army Cadets	Art Group	Bowling Club	Four Season's Lunch	Dornoch Farmers Market	
Jive Practice	Four Seasons Club (affiliated with Age Concern)	Music & Movement - Kyle of Sutherland Youth Development Group	Kick Boxing		Rosehall Youth Club	
Ladybird Playgroup	Kick Boxing	Whist Club	P4-P7 Youth Club			
			Youth Club			
Check out the Website for information < www.kyleofsutherland.co.uk/the-trust/index.php >						

North, West and Central Sutherland Ward Forum – There has not been a Ward Forum since before the Highland Council Elections in May, and no further information has been provided.

ARDGAY VILLAGE CENTRE - We'd like to hear your ideas! With the continued closure of the Lady Ross we are in danger of losing the "centre" of our village. If you have a good idea about how the centre of the village could be improved please share it with us. Contact any member of the Community Council. You can find a list of Community Council members in this edition. The Community Council is going to register for 'Community Right to Buy' for some sites around the area. If you are thinking of selling land please let us know so that we can note interest. We plan to use some of the Community Benefit from Windfarms to purchase land for community investment. This may lead to some social or low cost home ownership for existing residents and some small industrial units for lease. Ardgay owes its existence, indirectly, to the 3rd Duke of Sutherland. When the railway from [Inverness](#) to the far north was being built in the early 1860s the Duke's estates were so extensive he could exercise considerable control over the route followed. He was keen to open up the western parts of his estate, so the main line followed the south side of the Kyle of Sutherland inland to [Lairg](#). As a result, Bonar Bridge station had to be built on the far side of the Kyle from the village: and the settlement that grew around it became Ardgay. The first developments to follow the railway station were a hotel and a post office. Today the post office is housed in a multi-purpose building in the centre of the village that is also home to a restaurant, a bar, and a cafe. Almost opposite is the Clach Eiteag, a boulder said once to have been moved from parish to parish to mark the location of fairs. Ardgay lies at the entrance to Strathcarron, the valley of the River Carron that extends far into the mountainous area to the south west. This is the key to the efforts by some to devise a route that allows walkers to cross Scotland in a day, from the Kyle of Sutherland in the east to Loch Broom in the west. Like many inland areas of northern Scotland, Strathcarron was once home to many more people than it is today. But most were cleared from the land to make room for sheep in the late 1700s and early 1800s. A poignant reminder of that era can be found at [Croick Church](#), where the churchyard was used as a shelter by displaced families. Ardgay itself used to be rather busier than it is today. The main A9 used to pass through the village en route to [Bonar Bridge](#) and the far north: but the building of the Dornoch Firth Bridge in the 1980s saved through traffic 20 miles and bypassed both Ardgay and Bonar Bridge.

No. Households	Ward	Highland	Scotland
Number of households	2,776	89,528	2,192,246

Source: Census 2001

Walk/Cycle for Wellbeing – None received for this issue – Could you write one?

Follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code:

Take responsibility for your own actions.

Respect people's privacy and peace of mind

Help farmers, landowners and others to work safely and effectively.

Care for the environment.

Keep your dog under proper control.

If you have a walk you would like to feature in the Newsletter please email: info@ardgayanddistrictcommunitycouncil.org.uk

If you are concerned about any loss of access anywhere in the Ardgay & District Community Council area please let us know. We are working with Matt Dent Access Officer, Caithness and Sutherland, The Highland Council, Drummie, GOLSPIE, KW10 6TA, 01408 635377 & The Scottish Rights of Way Society to ensure that no existing footpaths or long term access is lost.

The Kyle of Sutherland Cycling Club – Tuesday (easier) & Wednesday (harder) Evenings - For more information on the club please contact Chris at info@koscc.co.uk or check out their website at www.koscc.co.uk You can also find the club on Facebook - search for Kyle of Sutherland Cycling Club.

Highland Core Path Implementation Programme - Final Phase Projects - We are seeking suggestions for community-led projects to improve paths in Caithness and Sutherland through the above project. This is for the final year of the programme with projects starting from any time in 2012 through to April 2013. The application forms and guidance are available on the council website at the address below. For now I am keen to hear from potential projects and I will be willing to work with the local community group to deliver it. If I can get replies as soon as practical that would be appreciated, I can work on preliminary ideas with the forms completed at a later date when all the information has been collected.

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/what-to-see/countrysideaccess/hcpip.htm>

If you have previously applied for funding but were turned down you are welcome to reapply if the project still has community support. The priority, as before, will be given to the routes in the council's core path plan, or routes that provide links/extensions to these routes. Look forward to hearing from you. Matt Dent, Access Officer, Caithness and Sutherland, The Highland Council, Drummie GOLSPIE, KW10 6TA,

01408 635377

Forestry Commission Scotland

The National Forest Land Scheme gives community groups the opportunity to apply to buy these woodlands before they are put on the open market - if you'd like advice, information or more details of what this involves please get in touch.

Jon Hollingdale, Chief Executive Officer, Community Woodlands Association, Steading Cottage, Craigfield Farm, Kintessack, Forres, Moray IV36 2SP, Web: www.communitywoods.org | Tel: 01309 674004 | Mob: 07792 028675



Tree Planting in Sutherland & Caithness Free advice SRDP applications North Highland Forest Trust

www.nhft.org.uk Steve Robertson 01408 633 986 07840 260 834 steve@nhft.org.uk



Ardgay & District Community Council's New Logo.

The Clach Eiteag – Ardgay is the name given to a large boulder which until 1958 was built into the north wall of the ruin of the Balnagown Arms Hotel in Ardgay, and which has now been set up at the centre of the village. Check this website for the full story:

www.kyle-of-sutherland-heritage.org.uk/The%20Clach%20Eiteag%20document.pdf

Drawn by Carol Laver & Approved by the Community Council at their meeting of 14th May 2012

It should appear on all of our Headed notepaper from now on.

Like it – or not? Let us know. – WELL DO YOU?

01 North, West and Central Sutherland – a few facts about our Ward

Total Population

	Ward	Highland	Scotland
Total Population	5,643	221,630	5,222,100

Source: NRS 2010 mid-year estimates



Ardgay & District Community Newsletter Distribution (350 produced)

Area	Distributor	Number	Contact
Ardgay Hill East	Phil Olson & Marion Turner	30	Phil & Marion
Ardgay Hill West	David Hannah	22	Editor
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Carron Place	Jeannie Sparling	24	Editor
Culrain Lower	Liz Cormack	22	Editor
Culrain to Oykel	Alan Lawrence	20	Alan
Culrain Upper	Tony Gibbs	12	Editor
David Laver	Station and Centre	8	David
Dounie to Amat	Derek Matheson	30	Editor
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Oakwood Place to Wester Fearn	Brigitte Geddes	26	Editor
Other bit of Oykel	Bob Sendal	20	Bob
Strathcarron North	Warwick Harrison	35	Editor
	Total	346	

Community Councillors - 145 Delivery to others & distributors Editor - 201

And of course it is available on-line at ardgayanddistrictcommunitycouncil.org.uk

Community Right to Build - seed corn funding

Community Right to Build is a new process from the Localism Act aiming to help communities to deliver the development they want – homes, shops, businesses or facilities – where the benefits of the development will be retained in the community. Community groups are invited to apply for a share of the £17.5m fund which is being made available through the **Homes and Communities Agency** to help groups to formally establish, build up their development proposals and submit a Community Right to Build Order. The funding is available until the end of March 2015. Any community group or parish council can apply provided they meet certain basic standards. Community groups should first discuss their proposals with the Community Right to Build Support Hub at Locality who can be contacted through their [website](#) or on 0845 345 4564. Further details on how to apply and the requirements of the programme are detailed in our application guidance which is available to download from the website. If you have any questions about the fund in general please email them. **Contact: Homes and Communities Agency**

Email: crtb@hca.gsi.gov.uk **Website:** <http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/community-right-to-build>

Relaunch of National Network

Hello again, thank you for the strength of popular demand that has brought the National Network back to life, and mushrooming modestly already. While we haven't brought in the bankers and jumped on the Footsie – this much is true - we are back with a new brand that has every chance of growth and success.

Statutory powers there may not be – no letter of the law to add that apparent clout, but there is the spirit for change and real community, and maybe that's what counts. With a new name, direction, vision and enthusiasm for the task, this blog will go on as before, building on the concepts of community, engagement and empowerment for thinking people. It will continue to work for participation for those who want it, deliberation on the issues that count and above all effective debate that stimulates action for change and community. The big difference is that this time the talk and the tasks are not hamstrung by a concept decades out of date. That's not to say however that the community council construct, with a commitment to change where it counts, could, and maybe would, ignite interest again . . .

In the meantime the National Network for Change and Community brings all the best of its previous identity to a greater flexibility, a better outreach and a more viable future. The stories and articles will take up where the blog left off – providing a forum for information sharing, a celebration of good practice and a spur to better action.

One of the first stories will be about a pilot project launched in East Edinburgh, which, if successful, could go first to the rest of the city, and then nationwide. The Total Neighbourhood Project has the blessing of the powers that be, and that has to mean something. Working along the lines of the Christie Commission recommendations, this project is something to follow. Watch this space for that story coming soon.

Gearrhoille Community Wood Ardgay - Registered Office: 28 Queensgate, Inverness IV1 1YN, Registered in Scotland No: 263887 Scottish Charity No: SC 036 181. Membership is open to everyone and all of the money raised is spent on the wood – application forms are available from: The Secretary – Mrs Rhonwen Copley, 16 Oakwood Place, Ardgay, Tel. 01863 766174 email: gcwa@btinternet.com . Full details available on posters locally, or contact Betty Wright, gcwa@btinternet.com Tel 01863 755316 www.gearrhoillecommunitywoodardgay.org.uk has masses of information about the woodland and notices of upcoming events. It also offers you the opportunity to contact the GCWA directors and let them know what you would like to see happen in the wood in the future. Mathew Dent, the Highland Council Access Officer, was the guest speaker at the Gearrhoille's AGM last June. He gave a very interesting talk about the many and varied aspects of his work, which takes him to many and varied locations throughout Sutherland and Caithness; He meets a wide variety of folk, all of whom have a wide variety of hopes and aspirations from the 'man from the county'. Mathew admitted it is impossible to meet everyone's expectations. However, he did not disappoint his audience at the AGM, as the warm thanks he received at the end of the evening proved. Were you at the Gearrhoille Dragonfly Hunt last month? If so, you



will know how well Jonathan Willet did in sharing his enthusiasm for his subject. The new wildlife pond is certainly living up to its name, and with help from willing hunters, Jonathan found much to enthuse over. The thanks he received from everyone who had enjoyed spending the afternoon with him were truly well deserved. As the London Olympics got into full swing on August 4th so did Ardgay's home grown version. Yes, the sun shone and fun was had by all who attended the GCWA's Water Carrying Obstacle Race. Ultimately, the first prize – not a gold medal but admission tickets kindly donated by the Landmark Trust, Carrbridge - was won by 'The Cripple Crew' team of Lee Mackenzie, Liam Munro and Donny Bain. Whilst the 'Old Man of The Woods' took home the Fancy-dress prize. It is testimony to the hard work and enthusiasm of all who participated in the preparations that the event succeeded in being such fun for all those attending, be they contestants or spectators. The next GCWA event to

look forward to is on Tuesday 25th September, at 7.30pm, in Ardgay Hall. This is when David McAllister will share his knowledge of, and future hopes for, the amphibians that live in *our* wood. Hope to see you there!

Ledmore & Migdale Wood Events

October, date tbc - **Coppice Workshop** - Find out about coppicing, an ancient woodland management practise that is becoming popular again as interest grows in sustainable living and growing your own fuel. Discover traces of industrial-scale coppicing in Ledmore oakwoods, and get involved in planning and planting a new coppice woodland for future generations. FREE, booking essential. *Directions To be confirmed at time of booking* Contact Chris Williams spinningdalewoodsman@woodlandtrust.org.uk tel 07917 125733

How far does our Newsletter travel ? – Tibet - A recent summer, and regular visitor to Ardgay commented: " We read your Newsletters and your work with funding from windfarms sounds very exciting; though I'm sure, not a small bit of work for you! What we are doing – you here, us in Tibet/China – sounds quite similar really! Agreed, just handing out cash is not the way forward, take advantage of this opportunity for building up the community, creating cohesion and sound decision-making (or at least participatory) mechanisms, etc."

Marc Foggin, Ph.D an ecologist who has worked in China for 15 years. He is the founding director of Plateau Perspectives. For more information go to: www.plateauperspectives.org. z. (*Thanks for keeping in touch with life here in Ardgay – Editor*). **A lot of Mark's work involves preserving the Snow Leopard.**



Ullapool - I was in Kenmore on Tayside in June, staying at the Culdees Bunkhouse (very interesting concept) and got talking to some people in the bar of the Kenmore Hotel – Conversation got around to where do you come from and when I said Ardgay one of the people said he had read our newsletter in Ullapool and had been impressed by our noting how many people lived in the village and the area we cover.



Can anyone else tell us how far their copy of the Newsletter goes?

War Memorial – Sorry folks we did not win this year's Royal British Legion Scotland competition for the Best Kept Small War Memorial without a Garden. We are waiting for some remedial works to be carried out to the pointing of the stones and for the soldier's bayonet to be repaired. We asked for estimates in October 2011 and after some delay got the estimates and then sought funding, as this comes under the remit of Highland Council's TEC Services the repairs have not yet been carried out and we missed out on the judging of the Memorial in August. I hope to be back in the competition again next year with a much improved chance of winning. All previous Certificates are displayed in Ardgay Public Hall small meeting room. Thanks for your continued support. Editor.

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Ardgay's 'Big' Houses – Amat House from an Old Photograph

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If we missed you out (see Distribution List on P17) and you want to be included in future issues contact any Community Councillor or the Editor – photographs and articles are always welcome.

ONGOING - Delivery Problem - Strathcarron – Davy Ross, Derek Matheson and Warwick Harrison have kindly offered to distribute **your** newsletters in Strathcarron. Please help them by letting me know if you are able to take few for your neighbours to reduce their load, (Editor).



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