



Welcome to the **7th** edition of **3VIC**, the *Arrochar & Tarbet Community Development Trust* monthly newsletter.

The newsletter is intended as a platform to promote all local news and activities that will be of interest to both Trust members and the wider community alike. Please feel free to pass it along to anyone you think might be interested.

For information on the Trust, how to join, and how we use members' data, please see the articles at the end of this newsletter.

To contribute to the 3VIC newsletter, please contact Martin Semple: martinsemple@btinternet.com

LOCH LONG JETTY ASSOCIATION & LOCH LONG EVENTS – UPDATE



DAWN GOURLAY writes: *We had our successful, if dreadfully wet, official opening on the 27th July. Following this, the pontoon has been well used over the summer months and we have had lots of users as is evident on our Facebook Page:*

www.facebook.com/lochlongjettyassociation

These range from walkers, fishermen, swimmers, paddle boarders, rowers, power boats, yachts and of course a seal. As expected, the pontoon and visitor mooring usage is starting to quieten down for the winter.



Between short-term stays on the pontoon, overnight stays on the visitor mooring and permit sales for fishermen, we have brought in approximately £1100 this year. This is good news as it suggests that the pontoon can be self-sufficient in regard to covering insurance, leases and maintenance costs.

Mooring Association

The Loch Long Jetty Association now has authority from Crown Estates Scotland (Interim Management) to administer new moorings on Loch Long in Arrochar. Boat Owners who currently own a mooring can join us to get a slight discount on their current payment to Crown Estates. Currently they will pay £80 for their mooring licence each year. If they join our association, they will pay £75 per year which will include annual membership of the LLJA and free short-term use of the pontoon. This may change if Crown Estates increase their fees but for the first year it is £75 starting on 1st January 2020. Our fees will always be slightly cheaper than Crown Estates fees! For more information please contact: lochlongjettyassociation@gmail.com

Loch Long Events – Arrochar 10k & Loch Long Adventure Challenge



*Loch Long Events is run by a sub-committee of Loch Long Jetty Association and this year we had another successful **Arrochar 10k** – the weather was fantastic and there was a real ‘feel good factor’ about the event.*

The date for next year is the 19th September – that will be the fifth year!

www.lochlongevents.com

Photo credit: Helensburgh Advertiser

We are now embarking on a new event to celebrate the successful installation of our pontoon but also to celebrate the **Year of Coasts and Waters**. It is hoped this will also become an annual event.

This is the **Loch Long Adventure Challenge**, taking place on **2nd May 2020**. It will consist of 60 teams of two setting off in two waves atop twin sit-on top kayaks. They will kayak for 3.5km from the Head of the Loch to Ardgartan Hotel where a transition zone will be established with kind permission from Ian Wells at Ardgartan Hotel. From here they will get on their mountain bikes for a fairly gruelling 24kms away from public roads and then will return to the transition zone for a second time - leaving their bikes and running 5km back to the start at the Head of the Loch.

Then, as if that is not enough, we are having a **Ceilidh** on the evening of the event and we are going to give **free entry to all our marshals!** It must be said that we could not host these events without all the volunteers that help on the committee and on the day. We are very open to fresh volunteers. If you would like to help in any way it would be much appreciated and you would be welcomed with open arms – please contact: lochlongjettyassociation@gmail.com

Primary School Visits

Finally! We received a grant from the **Sustaining Communities Fund (Argyll & Bute Council)** for our **School Visit Project**. This is to allow us to produce an educational booklet about Loch Long and the surrounding area, including an article about **marine litter**, to give out at the annual school visit to the pontoon.

It will allow us also to provide safety for these visits, through purchasing both child and adult size buoyancy aids and a child size life ring. We will also purchase child size litter pick kits, as we hope to conduct a litter pick with the children at the end of the visit. **The first visit is set for the 7th May next year.**



The Latest Event on the Adventure Challenge Calendar!

Saturday 2nd May 2020

KAYAK • BIKE • RUN

compete in teams of two
kayak for 3.5km; trail ride for 24 km; run for 5km

to enter
entrycentral.com/Loch_Long_Adventure_Challenge



www.lochlongevents.com

*P*OST OFFICE – UPDATE



Whilst there is no official update on any continuing permanent Post Office in Arrochar, the Trust has been in discussions with the Crianlarich Post Office (located within the Londis shop) with regards to operating an outreach service in Arrochar.

This would clearly be a mobile service, setting up in a suitable location, and would be limited to once per week, 2 hours per visit. The most likely location for Arrochar would be the Three Villages Hall (to be confirmed). It is possible that the service may be extended to Tarnet with a further 2-hour session operating on a separate day.

More when we know it.

*V*ISTA PROJECT



Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) is promoting VISTA (Visual Impact of Scottish Transmission Assets), an initiative instigated to assess the impact of existing electricity infrastructure in the ownership of SSEN on National Parks and National Scenic Areas (NSAs) in Scotland. SSEN hopes to access a proportion of a £500m fund that is administered by the electricity industry regulator OFGEM.

Awards from the OFGEM fund will be utilised to further enhance designated landscapes by reducing the visual impact of existing overhead electricity transmission lines and substations.

Following assessment of all of SSEN's infrastructure in National Parks and National Scenic Areas, the overhead lines at Glen Sloy and Glen Falloch in the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park were identified as priority areas, where the impacts of the existing infrastructure were higher than elsewhere in Scotland.

Glen Sloy: What is there now?

Several 132kV overhead lines converge at the Sloy Switching Station, within Glen Sloy to the west of Loch Lomond. Two lines run in parallel up the glen from the Inveruglas Power Station, while two more descend from the dam at Loch Sloy. Further lines run south towards **Glen Loin and Arrochar**.

The glen is a popular walking route, giving access from the car park at Inveruglas up towards the summits of Ben Vane and Beinn Narnain. Cumulatively these overhead lines dominate the lower part of the glen, and substantially detract from the scenic qualities of the landscape.



Glen Sloy track: photograph (as now)

Glen Sloy: What is proposed?

A total of 2.7 km of overhead line will be removed, including 12 steel lattice towers, significantly reducing the quantity of infrastructure that is visible. The removed towers will include those which are seen on the shoulder of Ben Vorlich from the Inveruglas lookout, as well as three large terminal towers around Sloy Switching Station.

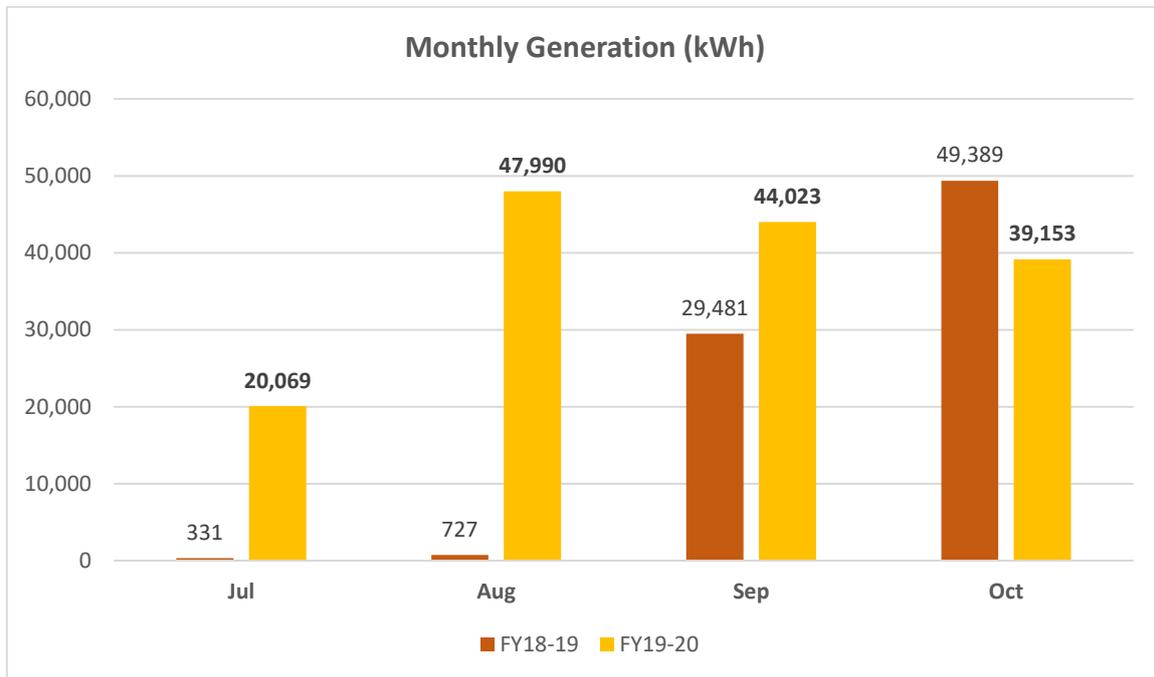
The proposals will enhance the character and special qualities of Glen Sloy within the National Park, and have been designed to benefit the maximum number of people, by focusing on a well visited part of the National Park. This will enhance the enjoyment of the landscape and its scenic views, for many people who visit the area.



Glen Sloy track: visualisation (as proposed)

Further information: www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/sustainability-and-environment/vista/

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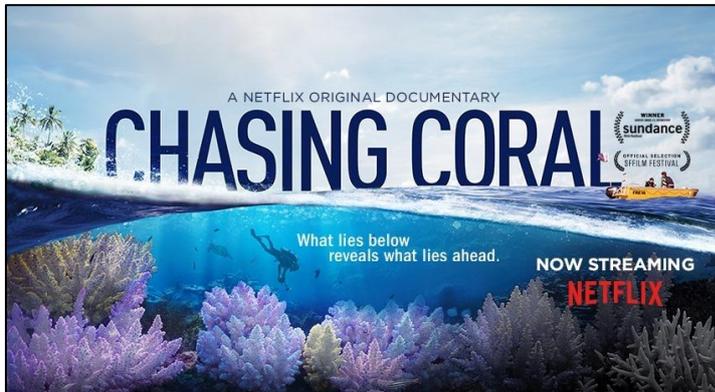


*For the first time this Fiscal Year, generation is down slightly compared to the same month last year, but is nonetheless 'in fine fettle'. Cumulatively, from July through October 2019, we have already achieved **38% of our Annual Target** of 401,871 kWh compared to a mere 20% during the same period last year.*

*At time of writing we are tantalisingly close to a total generation of **600,000 kWh** since the scheme was switched on in March 2018.*

*If you have any questions about the scheme, or would like to request a guided tour, please contact: **Duncan MacLachlan**: mac155@aol.com and **Martin Semple**: martinsemple@btinternet.com*

“The biggest story of our changing climate is hidden beneath the waves.”



Environmental charity project Change Works in Argyll is hosting a free screening of award-winning Netflix original documentary CHASING CORAL on Tuesday 19th November from 6.30pm at the Three Villages Hall in Arrochar.

The film follows renowned marine biologists as they attempt to document the devastating effects of global warming on ocean life.

Unfortunately, the effort is anything but simple, and the team battles technical malfunctions and the force of nature in pursuit of their goal: documenting the indisputable and tragic transformation below the waves.

“We’ve lost 50% of the world’s coral reefs in the last 30 years. There is great work being done around the world and it is within our power to make changes that will help protect our natural environment from the dangers of climate change.

“It’s not too late to change, but we need to act now, and I hope that sharing this film will inspire waves of change in Arrochar and beyond.”

***Jamie Proudfoot,
Change Works Project Officer***

*With its breath-taking photography, nail-biting suspense, and startling emotion, **Chasing Coral** is a dramatic revelation.*

The screening and refreshments are free, and booking is essential – please visit <http://bit.ly/ChasingCoralArgyll> or call Jamie on 01301 707183.

After the screening Jamie will be on hand to offer advice and support on how you can make a difference in your community, and there will be opportunity to discuss the film and meet conservation volunteers from Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park.

The Change Works in Argyll Energy Challenge is part-funded by the Scottish Government and was developed by Change Works in partnership with Argyll and Bute Council.



Arrochar & Tarbet Gala Committee
Present

A Family Ceilidh



HELL FOR LEATHER

Friday 6th December 2019

5 Pounds on the Door - Real Ales - Food - Live Music

Doors Open at 7 PM -
Music from 730 PM

Three Villages Hall, Arrochar

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Trust Director and Chairman, Duncan MacLachlan, made a recent ascent of our most popular peak with members of Arrochar Mountain Rescue Team, and captured some stunning photos on the occasion of a rare winter's full moon coinciding with high pressure.

Behold: The Cobbler, and Arrochar from on high, on a braw, bricht, moonlicht nicht!





*S***SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND 2020/21**

Supporting Communities Fund 2020/21



Applications for Argyll and Bute Council's Supporting Communities Fund 2020/21 are now open, with a submission deadline of Friday 6th December 2019.

Groups can apply for up to 100% of the total funding costs for their project or activity from the fund, with a maximum award of £2500 available.

The fund is aimed at supporting community projects and helping to kick start new projects.

Further information: <https://tinyurl.com/sxyq8tq>

COMMUNITY FOCUSED EVENTS

Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust receives invitations to participate in quite a few community focused events – covering all sorts of heritage, environmental, social and development subjects. Realistically, however, Trust Directors only have the capacity to take up a small number of these invitations.

The Trust would be happy to support members of the wider community who wanted to attend to represent our community – covering registration and basic travel costs. We'd ask only for a short report back at the next Trust Directors' Meeting. Upcoming events are listed below, so please have a look and see if there's something there which meets your particular interest area.

EVENT	WHEN & WHERE	CONTACT
Leadership in Community Based Organisations	20 and 21 November 2019 Balquhider Village Hall Balquhider	Fiona.paul@lochlomond-trossachs.org
Nourish Conference – Game Plan for a good food nation	21 and 22 November 2019 Central Hall Edinburgh	www.nourishscotland.org/event
Workshop on Charitable Trading	28 November 2019 Corran Halls Oban	support@justenterprise.org
Scottish Climate Action Network – Autumn Gathering	29 November Edinburgh EH1 1EL	https://ca29nov.eventbrite.co.uk
Cowal Area Network – networking for those involved in – or thinking of getting involved in community projects	27 November 2019 @ 7.30pm Whistlefield Inn Loch Eck, by Dunoon	info@thecommunitypartnership.org.uk (contact by 22 November)
Owning / Managing Community Assets	11 and 12 December 2019 Callander Youth Hostel Callander	Fiona.paul@lochlomond-trossachs.org
Place Making in the Park – making planning work for your community	29 and 30 January 2020 Venue to be confirmed	Fiona.paul@lochlomond-trossachs.org



Can you spare some time to help out with the running of the Three Villages Hall?

The Hall is looking for volunteers to assist with **Coffee Mornings**, and would also very much welcome new members to the **Hall Management Group**.

For more information, please contact **Retta Deerin**: rdee@care4free.net, or **Stephen Mackenzie**: admin@threevillages.org.uk.

"I have been helping with the coffee mornings at the 3 Villages hall [...] lending a hand at busy times while I was at the hall selling cards. It gradually progressed into regularly helping. Now I usually do one Saturday every month throughout the year.

"I enjoy doing it for a few reasons. The first is I enjoy the chat and sometimes it's the only way to catch up on what is happening in the village. The second reason is I want to support the hall and this is a good way to do it. The third is I enjoy baking and it is a great way for me to be able to indulge my baking habit and not end up eating it all myself.

"The hall is a great facility and needs to be used. The weekly coffee mornings are a fabulous way to support the hall and raise funds for the upkeep and it would be lovely to see more villagers supporting them. Plus, we make great coffee and amazing cakes even if I do say so myself!"

**Angela Coates,
3V Hall Volunteer**

SALMON GALORE!

Apologies for the whimsical wordplay on a famous title, but this Food Safety Warning issued by Argyll and Bute Council on 15th November should be taken seriously.



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Argyll and Bute Council is urging people only to buy salmon from a reputable source.
Twenty tonnes of salmon has gone missing following an accident on the A82 near the Bridge of Orchy where a lorry overturned.
This salmon may have entered the food supply chain. It is potentially unsafe to eat and should not be consumed.



ARGYLL-BUTE.GOV.UK 

Food Safety Warning Regarding Salmon
Argyll and Bute Council

THREE VILLAGES, ONE COMMUNITY... JOIN US!

Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust (A&T CDT) was formed in June 2003. It is a community charitable organisation intending to promote & respond to the needs and interests of our community, for the benefit of all residents. Its potential role is wide and includes provision of social and community facilities, environmental improvements, youth development, preservation of local heritage, and support to local people and businesses.

Joining as a member of the Trust is a way of supporting its aims and work: to make Arrochar, Tarbet and our whole loch-side area a better place to live and work for everyone.

Full members will have:

- Information about Trust activities
- An opportunity to contribute to events and longer-term plans
- An opportunity to influence what is being planned
- A vote at Trust general meetings
- The opportunity to be elected as a Director of the Trust

All types of members are welcome to attend General Meetings but only full members are eligible to stand for election as Directors. Associate and Junior members are non-voting.

Your membership is very important and valuable to the Trust. More members mean more influence with outside agencies and a better chance to receive external funding for our plans and objectives.

If you would like more information, or if you know anyone who might be interested in becoming a Trust member, please contact Jen Little: jen.little33@btinternet.com

KEEPING OUR DATA RIGHT



Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust, like most organisations, keeps a certain amount of data about its members. Thus, we're affected by the new EU General Data Protection Rules (GDPR) which recently came into force.

<https://eugdpr.org/>

Our approach to data protection has 3 main strands:

- *We'll only hold personal data that's directly necessary for the effective running of the Trust. So, we will hold only a member's name and one method of contact. Ideally this will be an email address – that's more cost-effective for the Trust. But we will hold and use a postal address for any member who prefers that*
- *We'll keep the personal data that we do hold safely and securely. It will be accessible only for Trust purposes and with the agreement of a Trust management meeting*
- *We will actively look to ensure that the personal data we hold is up to date and accurate – including periodic exercises to update and 'cleanse' the data we hold*

To help us meet these objectives, we're looking to update our records. That's 'good housekeeping', as well as ensuring we meet data protection standards.

Over the coming weeks we will be contacting each member, asking that you look at the data which we currently hold about you – and update it where necessary. Your help with this exercise will be much appreciated.

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