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## Letter From The Editor

JANUARY BRINGS WITH it hope for new beginnings. I'm not one for New Year's resolutions but I do appreciate the extended period of time away from my desk to relax and reflect. If I have any wishes for the coming year, it's for some new members for our local Community Councils. Wherever you live, please consider offering the gift of some your time to them in 2026.

It's also an appropriate time to thank all who help to contribute to the *Newsletter*, whether that is writing a monthly column, sending us your club or sports report, sharing your best photographs, or just sharing some good news with us. We

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Happy New Year!

Hannah Collins, Editor

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## A Plea To Drivers About Puddles

I WOULD LIKE to add my voice to those I have heard recently, asking motorists to have a little consideration for pedestrians (especially the older ones!) during the deluges of the sort we have experienced during the last week or two. Twice I have been soaked by cars driving through large pools of water – incidents that could have easily been avoided had the drivers deigned to slow down a little. We aren't all agile enough to leap out of the way, you know.

*Name and Address Supplied, Kinross*

## The Dead Man's Penny

I WAS INTERESTED to read the article in the December edition of the *Newsletter* about the Dead Man's Penny. I had never heard of this symbol of sacrifice given to the next of kin of those who died in the First World War. Strangely, I was talking to a friend about a week before the *Newsletter* came out who told me he had recently found two of these plaques when clearing out his parents' house. He also did not know what they were for, nor the background to them, and so I was delighted to send him the article.

*Jamie Erskine, Kinross*

## May Everyone's New Year Be Blessèd And Jolly!

ONE'S LAST YEAR of school is saturated with precious moments of wondrous learning; it encompasses a great gaining of confidence, and the development of a myriad of precious skills. The laughter we hereby sound shall echo on for the rest of our lives; the joyous memories we hereby create shall be carried on in our hearts.

One such memory was the high success of the charities committee and their Halloween fundraising bake-sale – all confectionery sold out! A second victory has been scored through the Halloween fundraising costume-day event and competition; the donations received were many, and there shall be great benefit directed towards our school charities: Cancer Research UK, and UNICEF.

A great many events commenced in our drawing towards the winter-holiday period. Of these, Winter Ball was a highlight; the experiences acquired by the Sixth Year Students, who collaborated to organise and host the ball, are invaluable in their teachings and contributions to the growth of our abilities.

The beginning of Pupil Parliament reminds us of the necessity for innovation and adaptation. Having already congregated twice, we have progressed numerous vital discussions to better the environment in which we obtain our education. A particularly thought-inducing debate was the gauging of student opinion regarding mobile phone use, which revealed the pupil body's overwhelmingly positive view regarding them.

As we journey on through the year, day by day, we shall continue in our striving for improvement. We sincerely thank you for reading this, and wish upon you a year of prosperity and memory, akin to that which we students have the gracious opportunity to experience in school.

*Kinross High School Captains:  
Alexander Yaw and Nayyarah Bilal*

## Craighead and Brunt Hill Windfarms Decisions

JUST FOR THE record, the Planning Committee at PKC is made up of 5 SNP, 4 Conservatives, an Independent and a Liberal Democrat, with two of these members from Kinross-shire, Cllr Cuthbert (Ind) Cllr Watters (SNP).

Despite strong written representations from Fossoway CC, Kinross-shire Civic Trust, myself and others, to the Committee, Councillors who met on 3 December to discuss the Brunt Hill Windfarm Application (Landholder Church of England) to the ECU, voted by 7 to 4 to take the Officers' alarming recommendation and not object to it. Cllr Cuthbert moved an amendment

that PKC object to Brunt Hill, citing cumulative impact with the recently approved neighbouring Craighead Windfarm (Reporters Unit) and the adverse landscape effect of 21 very large turbines on the ridge line of the Ochils above Cambo. Unfortunately, his excellent amendment was not even given sufficient support!

All 5 SNP members supported the Officers (Cllrs Watters was absent from this important vote and had organised a party substitute), in line with their party's policy of covering Scotland's hill landscapes in giant turbines in order principally, to export electricity to England. Two Conservative members supported them! I will, personally, not forgive these Councillors who showed no empathy towards representation from Kinross-shire given the lasting impact on our hill landscape for decades to come. I will be supporting Cllr Cuthbert if he stands for re-election next time!

I am very critical of the performance of PKC officers in relation to these windfarms. They have shown a complete lack of empathy towards community representation on landscape impact and a refusal to defend their own landscape policies clearly focusing on the potential cost to PKC of any possible public enquiry, should they object. This is compounded by not allowing deputations to committee or advising objectors of the debate; contrary to the practice in Angus Council! PKC is an authoritarian and secretive council which shows little duty of care to its communities and I have no faith whatsoever they will protect our shire from inappropriate and over-development. I have spent 23 years as a Councillor for Kinross-shire up in Perth and have a large file of evidence detailing many representations from our ward on planning and policy that have not been listened to and outvoted upon.

I shall be writing early next year to organisations and some residents of our shire to see if they would support a campaign for Kinross-shire to declare UDI/secede from Perth and run its own affairs like it once successfully, did prior to 1975. The smallest county in England (Rutland) similar to our own shire with a large expanse of water, successfully seceded from Leicestershire and got its county back and I have the documentation; we can do the same?

*Michael A Barnacle, Crook of Devon*

## Thanks!



### Christmas Light Rescue

MANY THANKS TO the Kinross-shire Volunteer Fire Service for coming to the aid of Light Up Kinross members during Storm Bran, when a Christmas light came perilously close to falling from a lampost in high winds. They came out late at night with a Fire Engine and saved the day!

*Light Up Kinross*

### Festive Market Thanks

AT THE KINROSS market our tombola made £561.62 on the day and we are getting another £50 from one of our volunteers making dog beds. Thank you Lynne Gallagher. We would like to thank everyone who donated and especially Kinross Pharmacy, Benarty Fruits, Clients of Lucy Boo, and Sarah Rankin. A very successful day!

*Heather (in aid of Guide Dogs)*

### A Personal Thank You

THANK YOU TO everyone who joined us on Tuesday 18 November to say goodbye to David Colliar.

Special thanks to the District Nurses who helped care for David, Alex Johnson for his comforting service and to J&D Funeral Directors for their care. The retiral collection raised £265 for Light Up Kinross. Thank you all for your messages, cards and flowers as well as your kindness and support at this difficult time.

*The Colliar Family*

# WRONG TREES, WRONG PLACE



A **PUBLIC DROP-IN** session on Wednesday 10 December in Portmoak Hall saw a steady stream of concerned residents wanting to know more about the Woodland Trust's plans for the restoration of Portmoak Moss, which involves felling almost all the trees.

Lowland raised bogs are incredibly rare habitats, with only an estimated 6,000 hectares remaining in the UK (around 6% of the original area). They support some unique invertebrates and bog plants, as well as red-list bird species. The peat bog plays a crucial role in carbon storage and biodiversity, but the restoration plans mean the site will look quite different after the work is done. One resident said, 'It's going to look like the Somme!'

Local residents are understandably concerned that the project, should it go ahead, will have a serious impact on the much-loved woodland area which is a haven for dog-walkers and for local families, many of whom have children who have grown up playing among the trees.

The Woodland Trust said, 'Temporary path closures will be necessary for safety during felling works. Some paths may be wetter after the works and some of the informal routes around the boundary may become impassable. Woodland Trust Scotland is committed to keeping the site accessible to the public. If the surfaced path becomes too wet, the Trust will seek funding for a boardwalk.'

There is also concern over the existing red squirrel population, who it is hoped will relocate themselves, with some help, away from the Moss and up to Kilmaghad woods, with input from the East of Scotland Red Squirrel Group. It is hoped that rope bridges could help the squirrels over the road with their re-location.

While everyone wants to do as much as they can to protect our furry friends, the peat bog is also vitally important. When functioning properly, peat bogs play a significant role in global climate regulation by acting as carbon sinks and can store vast amounts of carbon over millennia.



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With a mysterious, desolate and stark beauty, they are often overlooked as important habitats for specialist plants, invertebrates, breeding waders, wildfowl and ground nesting birds not found elsewhere.

The bog was drained and planted with non-native conifers in the 1960s. The entire site is deep peat, with the deepest areas of peat exceeding six metres.

The Woodland Trust has completed several 'forest to bog' restoration actions. Twelve hectares of non-native conifer woodland was felled and restored as open peat bog between 2000 and 2005 and in the years following, drains have been blocked, cut peat edges have been reprofiled and regenerating trees have been removed.

The Trust said, 'We are applying to Peatland Action (a NatureScot project) for funds to take out all remaining non-native commercial conifers. Some native trees growing on the deepest areas of peat will also be removed. Drains will be blocked to get the bog into a favourably wet condition. Small areas of mainly native woodland will be kept, particularly around Wellburn and the car park.'

Volunteers from the Portmoak Community Woodland Group have been 'pulling' birch saplings frequently over the winter months for many years – an exhausting process. Whilst this has greatly improved the bog habitat, it is still not functioning without intensive management to continually remove regenerating trees – a sign that the bog is still not wet enough.

Louise Batchelor of the PCWG said, 'The Moss is a very special place, which has been thousands of years in the making. For the past couple of decades we've been working to try to undo the damage caused by planting commercial conifers on it. There will be a lot of disruption at the start but once it is a proper peat bog again, I think the results will be amazing.'

The restoration project would involve two stages:

1. Clear felling the remaining non-native conifers and areas of native woodland on the areas of deepest peat
2. Undertaking extensive peatland restoration including blocking drains, bunding and mulching regenerating trees.

Questions asked on the drop-in evening included whether it would be possible to tackle the project in stages rather than all at once. However Peatland Action have advised that the best way to get the bog onto a sustainable footing is by tackling the whole site as one.

The Woodland Trust said, 'Whilst felling trees might seem counter-intuitive for the Woodland Trust, we promote the ethos of 'right tree, right place'. Trees have been planted in the wrong place on a



hugely rare and valuable peatland habitat. Restoring this peatland habitat should massively benefit the biodiversity value of the site.

'It may seem odd for the Woodland Trust to be favouring a bog over trees, but we try to do what is right for all habitats on our sites. The bog is rare and special while the trees were planted by the Forestry Commission as a cash crop and have lower conservation value. If the site had remained focused on timber production, the trees would be due for clear felling around now. As mature trees on inappropriate soil they are prone to blowing over, especially as storms become more frequent.'





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At the drop-in session.

'Combining restoration of this important peatland at the same time as felling the trees ensures disturbance at the site is kept to a minimum.'

If the Peatland Action application is successful, tree felling will take place in autumn 2026 with peatland restoration work taking place in winter 2026/27.

After restoration, it is expected that ground-nesting birds and waders, such as meadow pipit, skylark, snipe and more, will return to use or breed on the Moss. Raised bogs support a range of unique invertebrates and spiders, including the bog sun-jumper spider (only found on raised bogs). The bog bush cricket, mire pill beetle and large heath butterfly are also localised to bog habitats. Bog pools can support a range of dragonflies and damselflies, while many moth species rely almost exclusively on raised bog habitats. We can also expect to see an increase in common lizards, adders and frogs, as well as sphagnum mosses, cotton grasses, sundews, bog cranberry and bog rosemary.

The problem for the Woodland Trust is that even by their own admission this is not an exact science. They are convinced that the presence of the non-native Sitka spruce is doing more to drain the Moss than help replenish it and even leaving the few native species in place will still take more water from beneath the bog than it can afford to lose. Removing

the trees will destroy the habitats of so much wildlife of one form or another, the idea of which is unbearable to the opponents of the scheme.

However, the idea of felling trees of any kind makes for very uncomfortable conversations with their representatives. As more than one said: 'This goes against our ethos as an organisation dedicated to tree preservation,' which might give an indication of the strength of feeling among its hierarchy as to just how necessary a course of action this is thought to be. The trees come down and eventually, over the course of years, the bog will resculpt itself. There are really no clear answers on what form Mother Nature will eventually take.

But the opposing factions are equally passionate in their conviction that there must be an alternative. While many are worried about the effect on wildlife, others mention the effect on the land (and even perhaps Scotlandwell village) from the possible loss of a windbreak

that could come from removing the trees.

Nicola Cassidy, another member of the Portmoak Community Woodland Group, thinks the proposed solution too dramatic. 'They said twelve years ago that these trees were in danger of coming down and they're still here,' she says. 'People just don't know enough.'

Even the timeframe for results can't be agreed upon. Louise Batchelor says she 'would hope to see evidence of change within a few years'. But an opponent identifying himself as Jim thinks it could be anything between ten and thirty years before results are identifiable.

Emotions and convictions run high on both sides. 'The trouble with all this is that everyone thinks but nobody knows,' says one visitor as they leave. 'And by the time we find out who's right it could be too late.'



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Banking hubs are funded by a not-for-profit company called Cash Access UK, which is owned and funded by major high street banks. No public money is required.

Kinross-shire SNP representatives Pete Wishart MP, Jim Fairlie MSP and Councillor Richard Watters are behind the 'evidence-based case'.

Historically, Kinross had four bank branches, and Milnathort had one. By 2020, the Lloyds/Bank of Scotland closure removed the last banking facility in the entire area.

The submission notes, 'across the Kinross-shire ward, the withdrawal of banking services has created profound challenges for residents, businesses, charities, and community organisations.

'This submission sets out detailed demographic, economic, geographic, and qualitative evidence demonstrating that Kinross not only meets the spirit and intention of the banking hub scheme, but in many respects exceeds the need found in comparable towns that have already been approved.

'Kinross-shire has lost every bank branch that once served it and it now has no banking presence whatsoever. The limited remaining alternatives are unreliable, insufficient, and are due to be further reduced. The evi-

dence presented here shows clearly that Kinross and neighbouring Milnathort require a banking hub to restore essential financial access, safety, and economic resilience.'

The recently completed Kinross Community Action Plan shows evidence demonstrating community demand for improved banking services. Access to banking emerged consistently and strongly as a priority issue.

Comments described the loss of local

banking as 'scandalous'. Similar towns (such as Crieff, Auchterarder, and Cowdenbeath) already have banking hubs.

Mr Wishart said: 'Kinross is now one of the largest towns in Scotland without a single banking facility, and that is simply indefensible.

The representatives challenged LINK'S assessment criteria, highlighting that the current model — which requires a minimum population threshold within a one-mile radius of the town centre — does not work for Kinross due to its unique long, narrow geography. MSP Jim Fairlie said: "Older residents, carers, people with mobility issues, small traders and volunteers are all being placed at a disadvantage because they cannot reliably access face-to-face banking.'

Cllr Watters said: 'Kinross has a thriving and growing business community, with over 70 businesses in and around the town centre — yet they currently have nowhere local to bank their takings, access change or deposit cheques.

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# NO OBJECTION FROM PKC TO BRUNTHILL WINDFARM

**FOLLOWING THE RECENT** approval of eight wind turbines up to 200m high at Craighead near Carnbo, an application for a further 13 turbines of similar height at Brunt Hill was considered by the Council's Planning Committee on Wednesday 3 December.

These turbines would sit immediately next to the Craighead development. Officers recommended that the Council should not object.

Local Cllr Dave Cuthbert argued that the Council *should* object, and highlighted the following concerns:

- Most turbines would be 200m high, exceeding the height of the Forth Road Bridge (156m).
- The scale of the development risks

serious harm to the landscape and environment.

- Significant adverse impacts are expected across the Ochils and the Loch Leven basin.
- Views from the Lomond Hills, Ochil summits and core paths would be affected.
- Visual impacts could extend up to 12–13 km.
- Cumulative impact would mean 21 turbines in one area.
- Communities including Carnbo, Balado, Cleish and Kinnesswood would be affected.

He said, 'While I strongly support re-

newable energy and the move to net zero, this must not be at any cost. I believe this proposal goes too far.

'Unfortunately, my motion to object was defeated by 7 votes to 4. I was the only Kinross-shire elected member on the committee.

'The application now goes to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit (ECU00004654). I encourage residents to review the plans and, if you are concerned, raise the matter with your MSP.'

Mike Barnacle added, 'Despite strong written representations from Fossoway CC, Kinross-shire Civic Trust, myself and others, to the Committee, Councillors who met on 3 December to discuss the Brunt Hill Windfarm Application to the

ECU, voted by 7 to 4 to take the Officers' alarming recommendation and not object to it.' (See Letters, p3).

Fossoway CC's latest meeting minute states that they were 'very disappointed to see that the Officers had proposed acceptance of this application. Cllr Robertson observed that if the Planning Committee turn it down there will need to be a public enquiry which is expensive.

'We hope that all the feedback received will persuade the Committee to turn it down.'



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# GREENS LAUNCHES 'KINDNESS CHAIN'

**COMMUNITY STORE** Greens of Kinross has launched a new pay-it-forward initiative called The Kindness Chain, designed to support individuals in the local community who may be facing financial challenges.

The scheme allows customers to donate £1.50 at the till, which is converted into a Kindness Token and displayed on a board in-store. Anyone in need can discreetly take a token and use it at the checkout for £1.50 off their shopping, no questions asked.

"We know that even a small gesture can make a big difference," said Harris Aslam, Managing Director at Greens Retail. "The Kindness Chain is all about neighbours helping neighbours. It's local people supporting each other, and we're proud to do our part in facilitating that."

Tokens cannot be used for restricted items such as tobacco, vapes, alcohol, or PayPoint transactions, but can be used to discount anything else in-store, ensuring meaningful support when it's needed most.

The initiative will soon be live across all Greens stores and has already seen strong early support from the community. Staff are trained to handle redemptions with

sensitivity and discretion.

'It's a really simple system,' added Stuart Ballantine, Store Manager at Greens of Kinross. 'The tokens can discount someone's daily shop, or help buy them a treat that they wouldn't normally allow themselves.'

'We've donated the first lot of Kindness Tokens ourselves to kick things off, and we're blown away by the response from the community on social media, as many customers have expressed an interest in paying it forward. It's lovely to see.'

The Kindness Chain is part of Greens Retail's wider commitment to

community support, following its sponsorship of local events, charitable donations, and sourcing from local suppliers.



# Crook and Drum Growing Together



**CROOK AND DRUM** Growing Together are currently celebrating further consolidation of their recognition as a Biodiversity Village under Beautiful Scotland's It's Your Neighbourhood Scheme.

Over the last two years since they joined the scheme the small bloom group has gained the Biodiversity Village title. They now have two meadow areas, an orchard, and a pollinator bed at Fossoway School, supported by Tayside Biodiversity and Re-pollinate.

This year they were assessed as Level 5: Outstanding with Its Your Neighbourhood, and judged third in entries across Scotland for a special NatureScot Pollinator Friendly award. They have also recently planted several thousand spring bulbs, mostly daffodils, supplied by PKC through the Nature Restoration Fund.

A spokesperson said, 'We are looking forward to lots of colour and pollinating insects around Crook of Devon and Drum from next spring onwards. Thank you to everyone who has supported and helped us in our endeavours, especially our dedicated volunteers.'





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**Thank you.**

# CHRISTMAS CHEER

THE KINROSS PRIMARY School choir led by Miss Miller and Ms Bryce entertained shoppers at Sainsbury's Kinross. There was an amazing atmosphere bringing a Christmas cheer to everyone there. The children are so grateful for the donations from Sainsbury's customers throughout the year supporting their free healthy tuckshop at the school.

## SEE MARY'S LAST LETTER

MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS' last letter will go on display in Perth Museum, giving people an opportunity to see the manuscript up close. Kinross is at the heart of Mary's story, particularly her imprisonment, abdication, and dramatic escape from Lochleven Castle.

At 2am on Wednesday 8 February 1587, Mary, Queen of Scots wrote what is believed to be her last letter, writing to her brother-in-law in France to put her affairs in order. Her execution at Fotheringhay Castle was to take place six hours later.

The letter will be on display at Perth Museum from 23 January until 25 April. At the AK Bell Library, other items from the National Library's collections will be on display to complement the letter in an exhibition entitled 'The Legacy of Mary, Queen of Scots'.



Director of Collections, Access and Research, Alison Stevenson said 'This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for people to see the Last Letter.'

Access to the exhibition is free.

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# PKC RELEASES LDP3 MAPS

No.	Proposed Uses	Area	Units	Current Use	LDP2 Allocation
<i>Kinross</i>					
154	Open Space	1.5ha		Davies Park	Open Space
175	Housing	6.4ha	120	Agricultural	
177	Housing	6.4ha	130	ex BCA	White land
200	Housing	26ha	271	Agricultural	
227	Housing (same site as 200)	12ha	250	Agricultural	
<i>West of Kinross</i>					
179	Employment	43.5ha	21ha	Agriculture/Scrub	
184	Mixed Use	3.6	5	Redundant MOD E35. Employment	
240	Housing	38	200		
145	Gairneybank settlement boundary				

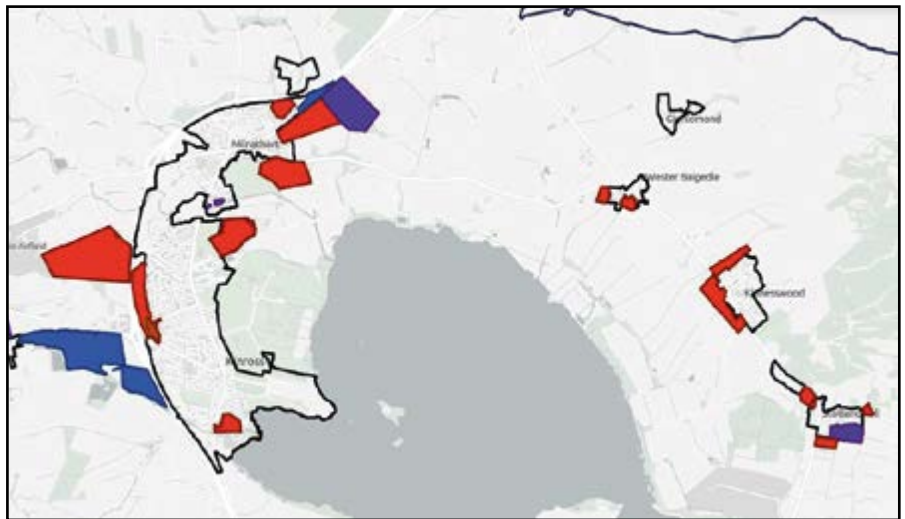
**PKC'S LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS** control what new developments can and can't be done in the relevant local area. The newest plan for Kinross is LDP 3. As part of this process the council ask interested parties to put forward sites they would like to be considered for inclusion.

This 'Call for Sites' ran from April to July 2025, giving communities, developers and landowners the opportunity to help shape the plan by promoting land for potential development. This is an important stage in the development planning process, identifying locations that may be suitable for future growth.

There are maps of each specific area in Kinross-shire which can be located at <https://perth-kinross.maps.arcgis.com/apps/insight/basic/index.html?appid=a440444117614cbb89786f2db9430be9>. A map for Kinross is printed opposite.

Importantly, inclusion on this map does not mean a site will be allocated for development. All the sites are currently undergoing appraisal, and only those considered that are suitable will be taken forward to the Proposed Plan stage. There will be a formal opportunity to comment on the Proposed Plan when it is published in 2026.

Cllr Willie Robertson said, 'I have now seen the suggested sites for Kinross-shire and they are very concerning. There are sites around Kinross identified for around 900 houses and for Milnathort around 300 houses. Crook of Devon over 300 houses and for Portmoak over 300 houses. This at a time when people in Kinross-shire are saying we need to give our services time to catch up as a result of the pressures they are facing due to the huge increases in hous-



ing we were forced to accept in Local Development Plan 2. Thankfully not all the sites proposed will be accepted but it is frightening to see the huge pressure we as a community are facing through development pressure.

Council Officers have stated that their timetable is:

- **Site assessments by officers: Dec 2025 – January 2026**
- **Identification of draft spatial strategy: January – February 2026**
- **Focused public engagement on places following on from these key elements: February – March 2026**

**LDP3 Call For Sites Submissions**

- Open Space
- Housing
- Mixed Use
- Employment
- Renewable
- Tourism
- Transport
- Opportunity
- New Settlement Boundary

Cllr Cuthbert told the *Newsletter*, 'I am not against new development if it is in the right place. However, at a meeting with officers I made it clear that Kinross-shire needed investment in infrastructure before any new development sites were added. I will write further on this in the coming months as it is a huge subject.'

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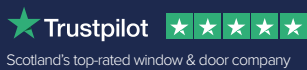
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# GREEN LIVING AWARD WINNERS



**THE GREEN LIVING** Fund is an opportunity for community groups to apply for a grant to support new initiatives that tackle climate-related priorities within the community, while also helping those in the community with the cost of living. Members of the public had the chance to vote for which projects they wanted to receive funding.

Public voting closed on Friday 14 November. A total of 6998



Gosia Stanton from Greener Kinross-shire at the awards with Cllr R Watters

individuals voted for both the Green Living Fund and the Fairer Communities Fund proposals using the online platform.

£1,700 was awarded to Kinross-shire Youth Enterprise towards their bike loan and repair workshops, litter picks and weekly surplus food pick-ups.

£475 was awarded to Social Flock to run their School Uniform Bank, provided free preloved and new uniform packs to pupils.

£2751.9 was awarded to Milnathort Core Paths Groups to tackle invasive species giant hogweed by funding training and personal protective equipment.

£3,505 was awarded to Greener Kinross-shire towards their Repair Festival Fixit Kinross, a full day Festival of Repair in Kinross-shire focusing around repairing bikes, furniture, textiles, tech and more. This event will feature repair cafe in the morning and in the afternoon local businesses will showcase their repairs. In addition, Greener Kinross-shire plan to approach Kinross High School to help with organising a sustainable fashion shop – upcycling and sharing teen clothes to reduce waste.

£7,637.96 was awarded to Broke not Broken to issue digital food-bank vouchers to those experience food insecurity.

A spokesperson told the *Newsletter*, 'This will make a significant difference to the people that we support locally who are experiencing financial hardship and food insecurity. We look forward to using the funding to reduce our carbon foot print locally.'

£844 was awarded to Glenfarg Community Centre to develop a commercial standard kitchen.

Finally, £772 was awarded to Kinnesswood in Bloom to partially fund their proposal to restore the historic garden behind the Michael Bruce Cottage. They said, 'We have drawn up plans to renovate the Michael Bruce Cottage Garden. We would like to thank all those who voted for this project. We need to get the walls pointed, safety

railings put in, improved paving to be installed using slabs in keeping with the age of the garden and some features to celebrate the work of the poet, Michael Bruce. We will be continuing to fundraise in the hope of starting work in 2026.

**GREENER KINROSS-SHIRE** are reflecting on the incredible progress our community made in 2025. Last year marked the birth of the organisation, a big step for local green initiatives and actions.



A spokesperson shared the highlights of 2025 to celebrate:

- **Repair Cafés:** We hosted five repair cafés, welcoming over 100 people. Thanks to the skill of our volunteer repairers, most items were given a new lease of life, saving more than 200kg of carbon dioxide emissions.
- **Community Events:** Our presence at the Kinross Spring Market and Fossoway Gathering brought sustainability into the heart of local celebrations.
- **Climate Cafés:** Eight great meetings at Loch Leven Library plus a special visit to the Potager Garden with climate conversations and sharing new ideas.
- **Biodiversity:** in July we had our Mini Bioblitz in Kirkgate Park, our first citizen science event that brought nature enthusiasts together to explore our local biodiversity.

'All this great work would not be possible without our great volunteers and community engagement. We would like to thank all those who voted for us and helped us in securing this funding.'

There is more to come from Greener-Kinross shire in the New Year with monthly repair cafés every second Saturday of each month starting on 14 February, at Loch Leven Campus, the planned Fixit Repair Festival and some Biodiversity & River Surveys. As part of Buglife Scotland Guardians of Our Rivers (GOR) programme, regular river monitoring will begin to better understand pollution and algal blooms in Loch Leven. Training will take place in March, with monthly surveys starting in April. There are still GOR Volunteer vacancies so if you fancy getting involved, contact [info@greenerkinross-shire.org.uk](mailto:info@greenerkinross-shire.org.uk).

A spokesperson said, 'Lastly a special present to Kinross-shire for 2026: [www.greenerkinross-shire.org.uk](http://www.greenerkinross-shire.org.uk). It's a hub for news, stories, events, and a space for your comments and ideas. We hope it will become a lively platform for sharing and connecting. Happy New Year 2026.'

# WHEN SANTA CAME TO TOWN!

**THERE WAS A** great turn out to see Santa and Spiderman share the Christmas Lights Switch-On at Greens Car Park before Christmas.

Lots of families with children were especially pleased to see Spiderman there and have their photo taken with him.

The marvellous Kinross Pipe Band led the parade and the most special guest of all, Santa, followed, along with members of the Rotary Club who have helped Santa with sleigh maintenance and administration for many weeks building up to his appearances all over Kinross-shire.


Santa and his sleigh have been out in all weathers through the streets of Kinross.

Light up Kinross would like to thank all those people without whom the Light Switch On would not have been possible.



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AS WE STEP into 2026, Carnbo Hall would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported the Hall throughout 2025.

Whether you attended or organised events, hired the hall for regular or one-

off bookings, volunteered, or helped behind the scenes, your involvement was truly appreciated and helps keep the Hall at the heart of the community.

A spokesperson said, 'A special thank you to the Carnbo Sewing Group for mak-

ing and donating the beautiful Christmas stockings for the children's party.

Your contribution made the occasion extra special.'

## January Events at Carnbo Hall

### Coffee & Chat Morning (Warm Welcome Event)

Wednesday 14 January, 10 am to 12 noon

All ages welcome. Start the year with home baking, friendly company in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

### Soup Saturday

Saturday 24 January, 12 noon to 2pm

All ages welcome. A spokesperson said, 'Following the popularity of last year's event, we are pleased to host another Soup Saturday.

Join us for a selection of homemade soups and a chance to catch up with others in the community over a cosy lunch-time gathering.

We look forward to seeing many of you in the Hall in 2026.'

## AMMO BOX ICONS

IT SOUNDS LIKE a strange combination, but it is one of deep meaning and the title of a Charity Fundraising Exhibition of Icon Paintings on 3 and 4 January 2026 at St Paul's Church, Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AY in support of medical care on the front line in Ukraine.

Alongside the exhibition over the two days there will be an eleven-hour prayer vigil in the church to pray for peace. You would be most welcome to join this time of quiet reflection, meditation or prayer when you come to see the eleventh Icon of St Andrew who is represented in one of the stained-glass windows in the church and on an Ammo Box!

The exhibition runs from 10 am on Saturday 3 January and from 11am on Sunday 4 January until 4pm on both days.

Entry is free but please give a donation.

You can find out more about the Icons On Ammo Boxes project on their website: <https://icons-ammo-boxes.eu/en/events>

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# NEWSLETTER FUND AWARDS

THE KINROSS Community Council Newsletter Fund meet twice a year to look at grant funding applications from the community and to award money for good causes. Every time you buy a *Newsletter*, you're helping give money back into the community.

At the most recent round of funding, the following awards were made:

- **Kinross She-Sheds** £2000
- **King George V Playing Field Management Committee, Kinross** £1450
- **Kinross Museum** £1000
- **Orwell 70 plus** £500
- **Orwell Bowling Club** £1000
- **Swansacre Playgroup** £1050

Chair of the recently formed She-Sheds, Kim Stokes, said 'A heartfelt thank you. This support will make a real and lasting difference. It will help us continue bringing our community together through welcoming activities, and allow us to support the therapists who kindly give their time. In addition, your donation will help us purchase much-needed wellbeing equipment. Your kindness helps us keep changing lives, one woman at a time.'

On behalf of Orwell 70 plus Karena Jarvie said, 'We are delighted to have received support from the *Newsletter* fund. It will allow us to provide enjoyable social events in Milnathort which bring the 70 plus age group together and supports new members to make friends.'

Kevin from the Milnathort Core Paths group was delighted to have received this funding. '

There's been tremendous growth of Giant Hogweed in our area,' he said, 'and since each plant can spread up to 50,000 seeds, controlling this growth is extremely important. Skin exposed to Giant Hogweed sap becomes extremely sensitive to sunlight, leading to painful burns, blisters, and long-lasting scars. This funding will enable us to buy the PPE equipment and certificated training to tackle the Giant Hogweed safely and effectively.'

Gareth Thomas, Chair of the Kinross (Marshall) Museum, said: 'We were very pleased to find that we had received £1000 grant funding from KCCNL. We have already put this to good use, putting it towards the replacement of our two 16-year-old desktop computers by two brand new ones, supplied by Fife Computers in Kinross. Many thanks to the *Kinross Newsletter* and its readers.'

## WEEDS, WEEDS, WEEDS...

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL has made a £110,000 commitment to tackle weeds over the next two years and is now seeking a new contractor to reduce weed growth 'to a much better standard'.

SNP council leader Eric Drysdale said it is an 'absolute priority' to restore pride in communities. He said: 'All elected members will all be aware of the negative feedback we've had about weed control. That's why one of our commitments was to get on top of street weeds.'

Cllr Dave Cuthbert recently attended a meeting of Finance and Resources where Councillors were asked to support putting an additional £110,000 into weed spraying.

He said, 'I understood that this was to carry out remedial work on areas which had not been sprayed this year, due to failures by one of the contractors.'

'However, it became clear that the proposal was to simply add a weed inhibitor to the spray mix and for this to be applied from May next year.'



Have you seen this weed?

'I made strong representation that existing weeds in our streets needed to be treated before May as they would be growing strongly before May. Officers contacted me asking if I could assist them by providing some detail on the worst locations.'

'Naturally, I took up this challenge by taking 75 photographs of weeds in the very centre of Kinross, to illustrate the issue in all the towns and villages in Kinross-shire.'

'I put these into a montage and sent it to officers with recommendations for actions to be taken and areas to be covered (High Amenity areas).'

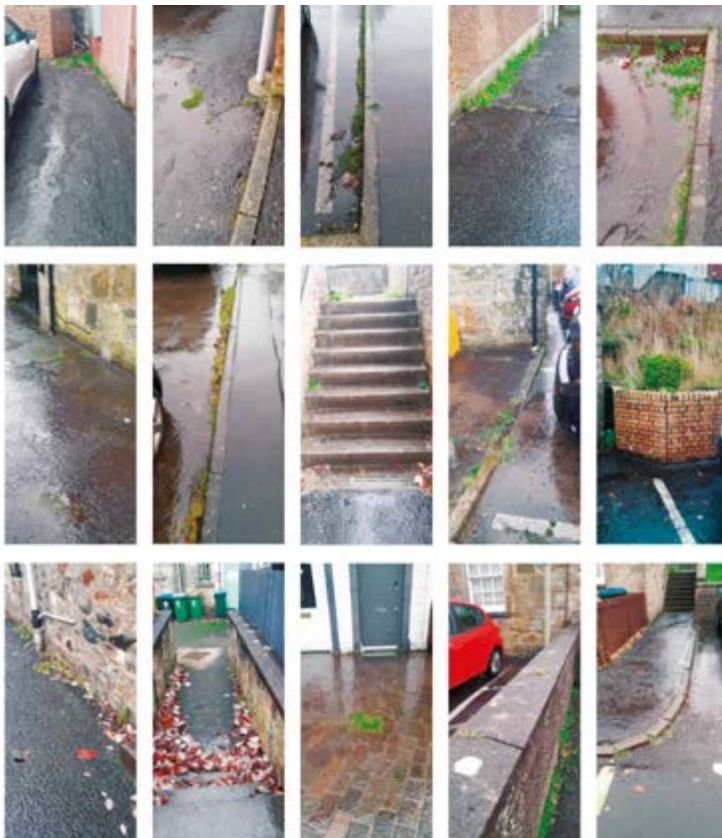
'The response was as follows: "Dear Councillors – just to let you know, I have asked my team ... to look at all the town centres and main streets and either action or collate the info to allow us to send some contractors out to do the worst areas. We are reviewing what options we have in terms of applying weedkillers at this time of year or scraping etc.'

'We'll provide an update ... but meantime, the pics and suggestions of priority areas are helpful. Even with the spraying contractor fully performing, we would never be able to guarantee all areas to be totally weed free and some species e.g. grasses will survive frosts but just not grow much at this time of year.'

'We will do our best and feedback to the ward members on progress once their areas have been completed, so there is an awareness of what has been done and is achievable.'

'Watch this space!'

Just a fraction of the 75 photos Cllr Dave Cuthbert took of the weeds to show council officers.





# BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

**COUNT THE BIRDS** you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park for one hour between 23 and 25 January 2026. Use the tally boxes to count and record the birds you spot.

If you don't want to submit online you can pick up a paper results form from RSPB Loch Leven complete and send it in. This chart shows some birds you might see. You may see others, if so, record those too.

Where only one bird is shown on the ID Chart, both male and female birds look similar but are not always identical.

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it easy to count the birds you see. Only include birds that land, not those flying over. Count the highest number of each species you see at any one time, otherwise you could count the same bird twice. For example, if you saw a group of eight Starlings but then towards the end of your hour you saw six together, record '8' as your final Starling count. The RSPB say 'Go online and tell us what you saw at [www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch).

'Submitting online is quick and easy. Whatever you saw – even if nothing at all – please tell us. The more results we have, the better the picture will be of how garden birds are faring.'

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# FESTIVE MARKET SUCCESS

EVERYONE HAD A great day at the Festive Market back in November at the Campus. It seemed like the whole of Kinross came along to have a look at what was on offer from the many stalls and food vendors.

There was a great turn out from the community to support them all and everyone was kick-started into the festive season! Well done to the Kinross High School Parent Council who did a marvellous job of decorating the campus for Christmas which helped lift everyone's spirits.

A KLEO spokesperson said, 'Special thanks to the Kinross High School Parent Council, pupils, campus staff and all the stewarding volunteers from Kinross & District Men's Shed and the Fossoway Parent Council. Thank you also for all the groups who entertained us all on stage! It was so good to see so much audience in the assembly hall to support it all. The High School Parent Council did a fantastic job decorating the place so beautifully. It all felt very festive!'

Cllr Dave Cuthbert said, 'For my sins, I am the chair of KLEO and we organise the Festive Market each year. Historically the market has been held in Kinross Town centre and in the Market Park, however in 2024 the weather was so atrocious we moved the



Photos: Martin Lawson

market into the Campus as an emergency measure. This was well received by residents and traders, so this year we worked with the Campus team to hold the event in the same place, but this time with a plan and a more spacious layout.

'Generally, the reactions from traders and visitors have been very positive, however, we have been evaluating what we can do better in future years. We have had a debrief meeting with the very helpful Campus staff and we will look to address the issues raised for future markets.

'I hope that seeing

the Campus in action in this way will encourage others to have events there.

'I would like to thank Lynne Prentice and Jillian Shaw and the rest of the Campus team for their help. Likewise, the parent council for their huge efforts to give the campus a Christmassy feel. Finally, the market runs as smoothly as it does through the amazing work of Bouwien Bennet, Nigel Ewen, Brenda Frier, Neill Bingham and Philip Ponton.

'Not to forget Bouwien's long suffering husband Niall (he stood directing traffic for most of the day at the front of the Campus).'



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2026

Duncrive, Druzie, Mawcarse,  
Hattonburn, Netherton

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Gairney Bank, Gairney Bridge,  
Maryburgh, Blairadam, Greenacres(NB)

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Cleish, Blairingone, Powmill

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Milnathort, Glenfarg,  
Dalqueich (NB), Coldrain(NB)

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Lathro, Weavers Gait, Tillyrie(NB),  
Middleton(NB), Craigow(NB),  
Cambo- as Lathro but Brown Bins on Saturday

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Portmoak, Glenlomond

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# 1945: THE YEAR THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

AS OUR OWN MOMENTOUS year of 2025 draws to a close, let's have a look at, what 80 years ago, another momentous year – 1945 – meant to us all globally and here in Scotland.

The year 1945 stands as one of the most transformative and consequential in modern human history. It marked not only the end of the Second World War, the most devastating conflict ever fought, but also the beginning of a new world order that shaped the remainder of the twentieth century, and continues to influence global affairs today. The events of this single year altered political boundaries, redefined power structures, and forced humanity to confront both the heights of technological achievement, and the depths of moral reckoning.

## The Legacy of 1945

THE LEGACY of 1945 endures as both a warning and an inspiration. It revealed humanity's capacity for both destruction and renewal. Out of the ashes of war emerged a world committed—at least in principle—to peace, cooperation, and shared progress. The institutions founded that year, from the United Nations to the Bretton Woods economic system, continue to shape global politics and economics today.



Clydebank blitz damage

However, 1945 also ushered in the Cold War, an era of nuclear rivalry and ideological conflict that dominated the next half-century. It set the stage for proxy wars, arms races, and political tensions that still echo in international relations. At the same time, the commitment to reconstruction and unity fostered unprecedented growth, scientific advancement, and the spread of democracy and human rights.

## Scotland

THE YEAR 1945 was as transformative for Scotland as it was for the rest of the world. Scotland played a crucial role in the Allied war effort, and experienced profound political, economic, and social changes in the wake of the conflict's end.

For Scotland, 1945 was the conclusion of years of hardship and fear, and the start of a period of rebuilding and redefinition. It laid the foundation for a modern welfare state, reshaped industry and society, and ignited conversations about national identity that would echo for generations, and still do today. The spirit of collective endeavour that carried Scotland through the war continued to inform its political and social life for decades, leaving a legacy of resilience and reform that remains central to Scottish identity.



## Wartime Contribution and Its Aftermath

DURING THE Second World War, Scotland's industries and people made enormous contributions to the Allied victory. Shipyards along the River Clyde produced vital naval vessels; coal mining, steelmaking, and munitions manufacturing were central to wartime production. Scottish Regiments fought with distinction in every major theatre of the war, with thousands of Scottish soldiers killed in

action and suffering severe, life changing wounds. However, the end of the conflict brought with it significant challenges. The heavy industries that had sustained Scotland through the war were soon to face decline in the peacetime economy, leading to growing unemployment, and economic uncertainty in the decades ahead.

## Political Shifts and the Rise of Labour

POLITICALLY, 1945 marked a decisive turning point. In the UK General Election of July 1945, the Labour Party, led by Clement Attlee, won a landslide victory, including a strong showing in Scotland. Wartime hardship had fostered a desire for social change, and Scottish voters embraced Labour's vision of welfare, reconstruction, and equality. This election laid the foundation for the post-

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war welfare state, including the National Health Service (NHS), which would come to be deeply cherished in Scotland.

The policies of the late 1940s helped to transform Scottish life: housing projects were built to replace bomb-damaged or slum areas; education reforms expanded opportunity; and the state took a more active role in the economy. Many Scots saw 1945 as the dawn of a fairer, more socially conscious Britain.

**Economic and Industrial Change**

WHILE THE post-war years initially brought optimism, Scotland’s traditional industries – shipbuilding, coal, and heavy engineering – began to decline as global trade patterns shifted. Nonetheless, the reconstruction period brought investment in infrastructure and new industries such as energy and electronics, which later laid the groundwork for diversification in the Scottish economy.

**Social Transformation and Identity**

THE SOCIAL fabric of Scotland changed rapidly after 1945. The shared sacrifices of the war and the collective relief of peace fostered a sense of unity and resilience. Women, who had taken on new roles in wartime factories, offices, and the armed services, began to demand greater equality and participation in public life. Urban renewal

projects reshaped Glasgow, Edinburgh, and other industrial centres, while the population began to move toward suburban housing schemes, and new towns such as East Kilbride.

At the same time, Scotland’s distinct national identity began to reassert itself within the framework of the United Kingdom. Though nationalism remained a minor political force in 1945, the wartime experience and subsequent reconstruction debates sparked new discussions about Scotland’s political autonomy – debates that would grow in strength through the second half of the century, ultimately leading toward devolution in 1999.

**Cultural and Global Connections**

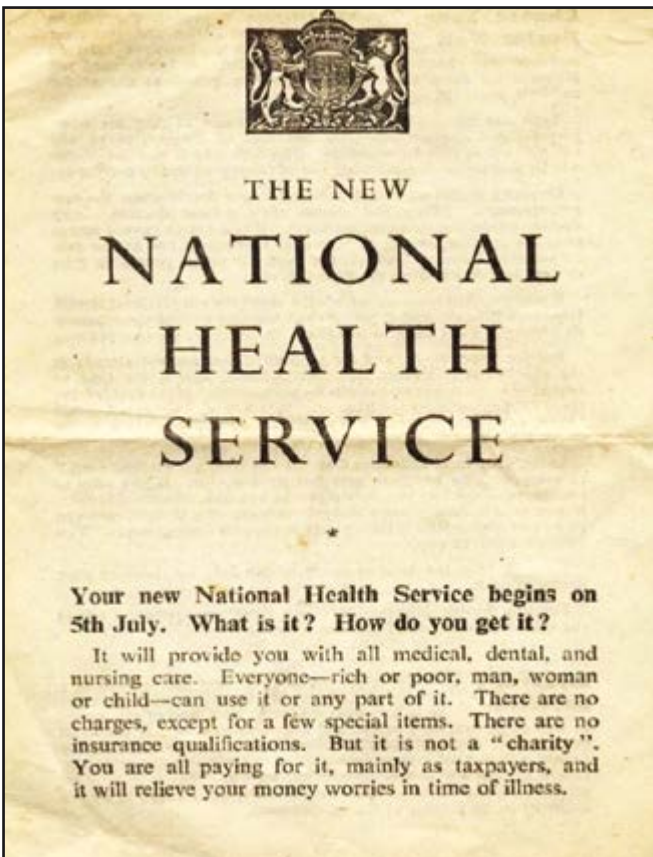
THE END of the war also renewed Scotland’s cultural and global outlook. Thousands of Scots had served or worked abroad during the conflict, fostering a wider awareness of international affairs. The creation of the United Nations, and later Scotland’s participation in global humanitarian and peace efforts, strengthened its ties to international cooperation and diplomacy. Artists, writers, and intellectuals reflected on the trauma of war, and the hope of renewal, helping to shape a post-war Scottish identity grounded in resilience, solidarity, and creativity.

**Conclusion**

FOR SCOTLAND, 1945 was not merely the end of a war – it was the dawn of a new epoch. It redefined what it meant to be a global citizen in an interconnected world. The year’s monumental events – the defeat of fascism, the birth of the atomic age, the foundation of the United Nations, and the beginning of decolonisation – collectively shaped the modern world.

The lessons of 1945 remain vital: that peace must be built upon cooperation, that power carries moral responsibility, and that humanity’s future depends on its ability to learn from its past. The world that emerged from 1945 was to be forever changed.

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# A Quiet Turning Point for Kinross: Rebuilding Community After COVID

**IN KINROSS, AS IN** many small towns across Scotland, the pandemic did more than interrupt daily life — it subtly reshaped how we live with one another. Whilst my focus is on Kinross, this appeal applies to the whole of Kinross-shire and Glenfarg.

COVID arrived at a moment when many communities were already changing. Fewer people were volunteering. Long-standing groups were struggling to recruit new members. Fewer residents were stepping forward to organise events, sit on committees, or keep local organisations going. The pandemic did not cause this shift — but it sharpened it.

During lockdown, much of community life was put on pause. Halls closed. Activities stopped. Older volunteers, who have traditionally carried much of the responsibility for volunteering and organising in towns like ours, were asked to stay at home. Some never returned. Habits were broken, routines changed and energy was lost. Although some activity has resumed, participation has not yet returned to where it was before 2020.

The result is visible in quiet ways: smaller committees doing more work, familiar events disappearing from calendars, clubs running on fewer hands than they would like, and organisations finding it harder to plan ahead.

This has little to do with enthusiasm or goodwill — both of which still exist in Kinross in abundance — and everything to do with capacity. Community life depends on people showing up. When fewer people do, even excellent organisations begin to struggle.

This matters not only for social clubs or voluntary groups, but for the fabric of the town itself. Community is not just about services being delivered to people. It is a network of relationships, shared responsibility and belonging. It grows when people take part and weakens when they step back.

Over time, a decline in participation affects more than programme lists and events calendars. It affects how connected we feel, how supported we are when things go wrong, and how confident we become about shaping our future together. Towns flourish not only because of investment or planning, but because people believe the place they live in is worth contributing to. Kinross and Kinross shire is no exception.

In the months ahead, the Community Action Plans will outline the kind of place our communities have identified many: welcoming, active, resilient and inclusive. But a plan on paper cannot build community on its own. That work happens quietly and locally — when people volunteer, share skills, offer time, or simply choose to get involved (see p78 for ideas).

This makes the turn of the year a good moment to reflect.

Most New Year's resolutions focus on personal change: health, fitness, habits, time. But perhaps in 2025 we might also consider a resolution that looks outward. Not something overwhelming. Not a lifelong commitment. Just a small decision to participate.

- It might be helping once a month.
- It might be joining a group you have always meant to.
- It might be offering a skill that others could benefit from.
- It might be attending meetings, supporting events, or lending a hand when needed.

Community is not built by 'someone else.' It is built by neighbours — by people who decide that where they live matters enough to invest in it.

Kinross has a long history of people doing just that. The challenge now is not whether the community still exists, but whether we are willing to nurture it again — not out of obligation, but out of care.

Because strong communities do not happen by accident.

They happen when people step forward.

And if enough of us do, Kinross-shire will not just remain a better place to live — it will continue to grow as one.

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## Councillor Richard Watters



### A Guid New Year tae A'body!

As we step into another year, I'd like to wish all the readers of the *Newsletter* a healthy and prosperous New Year. May 2026 bring you happiness and plenty of good fortune. Here's to community spirit, looking out for one another, and making Kinross-shire an even better place to call home!

### Living Streets: Making Milnathort Accessible for All

Following concerns raised at a recent Milnathort Community Council meeting about the challenges faced by residents—especially those with mobility issues—getting to and from the centre of town, officers organised a walkaround with the 'Centre for Inclusive Living'. A street audit has now been completed, and officers will respond with solutions where possible and affordable. Officers are also considering a similar audit for Kinross in 2026; if you're interested in getting involved, please get in touch.

During this process, one resident using a wheelchair and with sight issues became stuck in a drain with a missing cover. Thanks to prompt reporting through our councillor case management system, a new drain cover was ordered within 24 hours and is currently being manufactured.

This highlights the vital role residents play as the council's eyes and ears on the ground. Whether through Community Councils, Local Councillors, or directly via the MyPKC app and web portal, everyone can help. The app allows you to report issues—like bins, street lighting, or road faults—directly to council officers, pinpointing the exact location on a map for a quicker response. MyPKC can be found here: <https://my.pkc.gov.uk/>

### Banking Hub for Kinross

With the closure of all local banks, Kinross residents and businesses have lost face-to-face banking services. The process to apply for a banking hub involves a national assessment, triggered when a community requests support or loses its last bank. The assessment checks if there are enough residents and businesses accepting cash in the town centre. Kinross's previous application was unsuccessful, recording only 2,900 adults due to our unique geography—hemmed in by Loch Leven and the motorway—which limits the catchment area used in the assessment. Working with our MSP Jim Fairlie and MP Pete Wishart, we have applied again, this time including numerous testimonials from individuals, businesses, and groups to strengthen our case.

A Banking Hub in Kinross would be a major asset for the town and the wider area, helping to:

- **Restore local access:** Residents and businesses could

withdraw and deposit cash, pay bills, and get banking advice locally.

- **Support vulnerable groups:** Elderly, digitally excluded, and financially vulnerable residents would regain essential services.
- **Boost the local economy:** Increased footfall and convenience for local shops, helping sustain the high street.
- **Build community resilience:** Maintains vital services, supporting Kinross's role as a hub for surrounding villages.
- **Offer convenience:** Brings multiple banks under one roof, saving time and travel for users.

Thanks to everyone who has helped with this process. Hopefully, 2026 will bring good news and Kinross-shire will finally get the banking hub it deserves.

Councillor Richard Watters



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## Councillor Dave Cuthbert



### South Kinross Flood defences

The outcome of the hearing on the flood defences is still awaited. I will keep you informed of developments.

### Roads Maintenance and Road Safety

I have been writing about my efforts on roads maintenance and road safety for several months now. I am pleased that my efforts appear to be having an effect and can report that at a meeting of the Kinross-shire Committee, the road safety team reported the following:

**The 20mph speed limit roll out** in Kinross-shire is completed. Officers asked that residents report any inconsistencies through the council's MyPKC web portal (just google MyPKC).

**Signalised crossings on Stirling Road, and South Street, Milnathort** – these are now installed and working. Officers are working on the timings for these lights to allow the children in the Milnathort Bike Bus time to cross the road.

**A new Signalised crossing on Springfield Road at the bend near Davies park** – this will be programmed into the 2026-27 program of works and will be done at the same time as resurfacing work on Springfield Road.

**Upgrade of the zebra crossing on Springfield Road** – as above this will be done when resurfacing work is carried out on Springfield Road in the 2026-27 programme of works.

**A new Signalised crossing on Station Road** – to allow pedestrians to cross from Springfield Road to Sainsbury's and the Park and Ride. A proposal will be worked up and put out for consultation.

**A new Toucan Crossing on Junction Road at the Park and Ride** – this is to be a combined pedestrian cycle push button facility. It is currently scheduled for about March 2026. Again, a proposal will be worked up and put out for consultation.

### Kinross Transportation Hub (Park and Ride)

A new bus shelter is planned for the Park and Ride, however, it is currently looking like it will not be in place until the new financial year (after April 2026).

**Mawcarse Junction (A91 and B996)** – strong representations on the danger of this junction were presented at the Committee by the Glenfarg Community Transport Group, following them witnessing several accidents and near misses. Officers are engaged in looking at ways to make the junction safer. Local elected members are keeping a close eye on this.

**Speed ramp or bumps at the South entrance to Scotlandwell** – following strong representation from Portmoak Community Council, officers have agreed to look at installing measures to slow traffic at this point.

**Speed Mitigation measures – A977, A91 and B996 at Blairingone, Powmill, Crook of Devon, Carnbo and Gairney Bank** – Following strong representations by Fossoway and Portmoak Community Councils, officers are evaluating speed mitigation measures which have been deployed on the A93 and A94 following the completion of the Destiny Bridge. Their aim is to apply lessons learned to the villages in Kinross-shire on busy through routes.

**Trial Average Speed Camera roll out** – The council spends a great deal of time, effort and money on regulating speeds on the road network, especially on routes with high volumes and weights of traffic. Measures such as speed bumps have limitations as they can create a lot of noise and vibration for nearby residents. Putting in speed limits can have little impact. Cllr Robertson came up with the idea of putting average speed cameras in areas where this is a known problem.

I fully endorse this proposal, and the Kinross-shire Committee are looking to set up a trial in the area to see if this is an effective solution to the problem.

I do not see this as happening quickly as there is a lot of red tape around average speed cameras, but the other local Councillors and I will be pursuing this.

**Speed watch** – speed watch is another innovation which is aimed at controlling the speed of traffic. Basically, local people are vetted, trained and given access to speed cameras. They then stand at roadsides and monitor vehicle speeds. Any vehicles exceeding the speed limit are then sent a letter from the police, with repeated offenders being visited by them.

If you are interested in getting involved, please let me know.

### Place Based Investment Programme

The Scottish Government allocate a pot of money to Councils to allow them to deliver shovel ready capital projects. At a meeting of the Council's Economy and Infrastructure Committee on 19 November, I pointed out that the Council was allocating 70% of the funding to Perth and 30% to the outlying areas and that this was the wrong way around as only 33% of the population live in Perth. I received assurances from the leader of the Council that the 2026 tranche would be 70% rural and 30% Perth. I also received assurances from officers that now that they had a matrix for establishing need, they would be looking at the areas outside Perth.

With this in mind, I invited officers to come to the Kinross-shire Committee on 4 December to talk about this scheme and to start the process in Kinross-shire. There are numerous capital projects in Kinross-shire waiting to be moved forward!

### Former Blairingone Primary School

A presentation was given at the Kinross-shire Committee on the progress of a Community Asset Transfer for the school. Currently, a couple of options are being considered by the Fossoway Development Trust. Watch this space.

### Crook and Drum Growing Together

Congratulations go to the team for scooping third place in NatureScot It's Your Neighbourhood Pollinator Friendly Award winning £100.

### Council Budget

The Council is due to consider its budget for 2026-27 in March next year. Currently, the Council is looking at a 9.5% increase in council tax. This is being driven by three factors:

Firstly, inflation running at above the 2% target level (currently 3.6%). Secondly the big capital investments in infrastructure carried out over the last 15 years needs to be paid for and the Council has committed to putting 1.25% of the increased council tax into a pot to pay both the interest and the capital repayment in years to come. Thirdly, the council must fund social care and the demographics of Perth and Kinross are heavily skewed to an older population. During the year an additional £4m had to be allocated to social care out of reserves, due to cost overruns in the Health and Social Care Partnership.

Meanwhile, some services have been cut to an unacceptable level, so for example a new scheme was introduced to reduce the amount of grounds maintenance, called "Grow Wild". This has led to unacceptable levels of long grass and weeds in many areas.

In next year's budget, I will be looking to reverse this scheme.

### Vans at the bottom of High Street, Kinross

I think I have found out who owns the vans, so will be talking to them about the issue to see if we can find a solution.

### Apology

This update proved longer than I had expected, so apologies for the length. There is a lot going on and I wanted to keep everyone up to speed.

You can see more detail and photos on my Facebook page, just search for Dave Cuthbert Independent Councillor.

**Councillor Dave Cuthbert**

## Councillor Willie Robertson



January is the time for New Year Resolutions. I am not going to divulge mine just in case I don't keep to them!

I think 2026 will be a difficult year for many people with likely large rises in Council Tax and further increases in the cost of living. It feels that as a country we are becoming poorer and poorer. The high costs of energy in the UK has led to the demise of most of our steel industry and we losing highly paid jobs in our oil and gas industries and petrochemical industries which are moving abroad. To be able to spend money on social care and health we first need to earn it. By losing well paid jobs we are also losing a lot of tax take which we badly need.

### Local Development Plan 3

As part of the Council's forward planning process when developing a new Local Development Plan they ask developers and landowners to put forward sites they would like to be considered for inclusion in the new plan. I have now seen the suggested sites for Kinross-shire and they are very concerning. There are sites around Kinross identified for around 900 houses and for Milnathort around 300 houses. Crook of Devon over 300 houses and for Portmoak over 300 houses. This at a time when people in Kinross-shire are saying we need to give our services time to catch up as a result of the pressures they are facing due to the huge increases in housing we were forced to accept in Local Development Plan 2. Thankfully not all the sites proposed will be accepted but it is frightening to see the huge pressure we as a community are facing through development pressure. I would be happy to send a copy of the maps of the proposed sites to anyone who would like to see them if they let me have their email address.

### Kinross Park & Ride

The Kinross Park & Ride is becoming more and more popular and this has meant it can now be difficult to find a parking space. I have contacted Perth & Kinross Council about this. They have been carrying out surveys both at Kinross and at Broxden to assess the situation. They then hope to bring forward plans to improve both locations.



### Gallowhill Road

There is more and more traffic using Gallowhill Road. It was never designed for a lot of traffic and the verges are being badly eroded by vehicles trying to pass one another. The likely pressure on Gallowhill Road was one of the reasons myself and others objected to the increase in house numbers Persimmon Homes applied for in phase 2 of the Lathro Farm development. Unfortunately the Scottish government reporter didn't see it as a problem when he grant consent for the increased house numbers at appeal. I have asked the Council's roads department to survey the road to see what can be done to improve its condition. It is a popular walking and cycling route so it is important that it is safe for all who use it.

**Councillor Willie Robertson**

## Jim Fairlie, MSP



A very Happy New Year to everyone across Kinross-shire! I hope you all managed a bit of a breather over Christmas. Time with family, a good meal or two, the chance to switch off and recharge the batteries. January can feel like a slog, but it also gives us a fresh start, and I'm looking forward to what the year ahead brings for the communities I'm so proud to represent.

Since my last column, I'm delighted to share that our formal application for a Banking Hub in Kinross has now been submitted, jointly by myself, Pete Wishart MP and Councillor Richard Watters. We met directly with the team responsible for approving hubs, and after speaking to dozens of local businesses, it was crystal clear just how much the town needs one.

Kinross is thriving, with new homes going up, shops busy and the high street lively — but a town this size shouldn't have to make do without basic banking facilities. Too many businesses told us how long it takes to lodge takings, arrange change, or sort out simple transactions. A Banking Hub would make a real difference, and I'm hopeful that the evidence we've put forward will be enough to get us over the line.

If anyone would like a copy of the submission to read for themselves, just drop my office a message and we'll be happy to send it on. I'll keep everyone updated on progress — fingers crossed for good news in the not-too-distant future.

I also enjoyed a cracking visit recently to Glendevon Energy in Crook of Devon. This is a brilliant family-run business with real pride in what they do. Hugh and Katherine have been installing and maintaining renewable heating systems since 2005, building genuine industry expertise here in our own backyard. It was great to hear about the work they do across Perth & Kinross and beyond, from heat pumps to hydro.

They even took us to see the Rumbling Bridge community hydro scheme, which they helped bring to life. It's the kind of project that shows exactly what's possible when skill and vision meet real local ambition.

Huge thanks to Hugh and the whole team for the warm welcome. A fine example of local talent driving Scotland's renewable future.

Here's to a happy, healthy year for us all, and I'll be back in touch in my next column with more of what I've been up to.

**Jim Fairlie, MSP**

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## Liz Smith, MSP



I hope readers of the Kinross Newsletter had an enjoyable Christmas in the company of family and friends.

While for many, the festive period is a time for relaxation and recuperation, for some, including our emergency services and armed forces community, the work continues on as usual. I would like to thank all of those who kept our vital services running throughout the run up to Christmas and on Christmas Day itself.

Christmas is also a very busy time of year for retail businesses with it being a particularly profitable season for them. I would therefore like to draw to the attention of readers the ShopKind campaign which I am firmly supportive of, and which is coordinated by the Association of Convenience Stores and endorsed by the Scottish Retail Consortium and USDAW trade union. I recently signed a motion proposed by an MSP colleague from the Labour Party, Daniel Johnson, on this campaign.

Shopkind seeks to promote and encourage courteous and respectful behaviour towards retail staff. This is, of course, an incredibly busy time of year for retail workers who are stretched in keeping shelves stocked, assisting customers, and deliveries made on time.

It is also, regrettably, a time of heightened violence and intimidation towards workers who are generally the frontline against shop theft. In two previous *Kinross Newsletter* articles I wrote about the enormous financial burden the increase of this repugnant criminal behaviour has cost businesses in both lost goods and extra security measures. There is additionally the mental toll this takes on staff who are required to confront the criminals.

Readers in Kinross-shire will be very well aware of the ugly incidents of theft that have been reported locally here in recent months. The mistreatment and abuse of staff is never ok and should always be condemned. In this atmosphere of increasing crime and hostility driven by a small minority, I for one will be making a concerted effort to visit our local retail businesses, buy local produce and to show extra kindness towards hardworking staff.

I would like to wish all readers a Happy New Year when the time comes.

Liz Smith, MSP

## Pete Wishart MP



A very Happy New Year to all, and I hope everyone managed a good break over the festive period, with some time to unwind, see family and enjoy the slower pace that December briefly allows. But as January rolls in we enter a time of year that can be particularly challenging for many, with the decorations down but the cold hanging around longer than any of us would like.

We live in an extraordinary part of Scotland. Beautiful, open, rugged – but that beauty comes with a bite in January. It's at times like these that community really matters. A quick check-in with a neighbour, a friendly chat in the shop, a hand where it's needed – little gestures go a long way. And if you're in need of other support, please don't hesitate to get in touch with my office and my team will help to signpost you in the right direction.

Throughout December, I had the pleasure of visiting several outstanding local businesses.

My first stop was Backstage at the Green Hotel, run by David Mundell, who has been promoting live music for over two decades. David brings artists from every genre imaginable, and has welcomed some of the world's great performers to Kinross. I was pleased to hear the venue is going from strength to strength, now hosting hundreds of acts each year, with most shows at or near capacity.

Visitors travel from far and wide to enjoy this fantastic and intimate setting, and the benefits are spilling over into local shops, restaurants and accommodation across Kinross, with 2026 set to be another bumper year. If you haven't been along already, I certainly recommend stopping by.

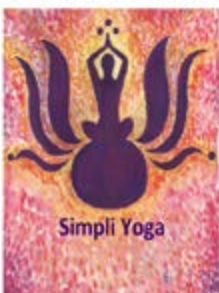
I also visited John Moncrieff Ltd, a Kinross business with over 150 years of history behind it and a global reputation to match. They ship their lighting products all over the world and have even produced bespoke pieces for professional film and television productions. It was impressive to see such craftsmanship and international reach thriving right in the centre of Kinross.

Finally, I stopped by the Kilted Christmas Tree Company, a family-run Scottish business that grows thousands of Christmas trees each and every year. Business is also booming here, and it was clear just how much work Jimmy and the team put into the operation, not just in the run-up to Christmas, but all year round.

All of this really underlines just how much Kinross has going for it. Thriving businesses, a bustling town, and people coming from all over to enjoy everything there is on offer. It's a privilege to represent this dynamic area, and as your MP, I'll continue to do everything I can to champion the local community and support the brilliant local enterprises that make it tick.

Pete Wishart, MP

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# SARAH RANKIN COOKS

THIS IS ADAPTED from a similar recipe in my first cookbook, 'Kith'. In the original, I cooked the legs in a confit which involves starting the night before. To make life easier, you can skip that step and simply oven roast them.

I serve with skirlie, a traditional Scottish recipe, usually served as an alternative to stuffing and often with poultry or game birds. My version is inauthentic and I make no apology for it. It's a cross between a traditional skirlie and a white pudding and any leftovers **MUST** be added to a bacon sandwich the day after. Thank me later.



## DUCK AND SKIRLIE

Serves 2

### INGREDIENTS

2 duck legs

2 tbsp sea salt

Few sprigs of thyme

1 bay leaf

3 garlic cloves – skin on smashed with the back of a knife

100ml vegetable oil

For the skirlie

1 large onion, finely diced

50g beef suet

25g butter

75g pinhead oatmeal, soaked overnight

60g rolled oats

150ml beef stock

1 tsp nutmeg

Salt and pepper

1 tsp onion powder

1tsp garlic powder

For the duck legs, preheat the oven to 180°C. fan. Place the duck legs in a deep baking tray with the bay leaf, smashed garlic cloves and thyme and drizzle with vegetable oil. Cook for around 35 – 40 minutes depending on the size, being sure to base with the flavoured oil two or three times throughout the cooking time to crisp up the skin.

For the skirlie, fry the diced onions in the butter and season well with salt and pepper. Cook on a very low heat, until very well softened and sweet for about 15 minutes, adding the beef suet as the onions cook. Add the rolled oats, drained pinhead oatmeal, garlic and onion powder. Ensure everything is coated in the beef suet, then add the beef stock and cook out the oatmeal for 20 minutes, or until soft, stirring continuously until the stock has all but reduced away. Allow the skirlie to crisp a little in the pan to add a nutty flavour, and check the seasoning. Serve with kale or cabbage.



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## Fossoway & District Community Council

### News from the EGM in December

**Present** at the EGM on 2 December were: Cllrs A Cheape, J Hampson, K Morrill, M O'Bryen and G Pye; Cllr W Robertson and 11 MoP.

**Apologies:** Cllr H Wallace; Cllrs D Cuthbert, N Freshwater and R Watters.

Following the appointment of the CC members in November, it was necessary to hold an EGM. Cllr Robertson took the chair of the EGM, to elect the chair of the new CC as follows:

Chair: Karen Morrill

Proposed: Cllr Pye                      Seconded: Cllr Cheape

Cllr Robertson then handed the chair over to Cllr Morrill and the remaining officers were elected:

Secretary: Mark O'Bryen

Proposed: Cllr Pye                      Seconded: Cllr Morrill

Treasurer: Graham Pye

Proposed: Cllr Morrill                  Seconded: Cllr O'Bryen

Data Controller: Graham Pye

Proposed: Cllr Morrill                  Seconded: Cllr O'Bryen

For the time being, we are not intending to specifically elect a Vice-chair as we will all take this role whenever it is required.

Carol Farquhar was appointed as an Associate Cllr with special responsibility for Crook Moss Liaison; Proposed: Cllr Pye; Seconded Cllr Hampson

The Constitution, Standing Orders and Code of Conduct were adopted and signed.

The treasurer gave a brief financial statement: The annual top-up grant has been received from PKC, and the current balance is £944.00.

Dates of the CC's regular meetings until the summer break are as follows:

6 January 2026, 3 February, 3 March, 7 April, 5 May and 2 June.

The next EGM is due to be on 7 November 2028.

### News from the December Meeting

#### Police Report

From 4 November 2025 (last report) there have been approximately 23 calls to Police from the Fossoway area and four crimes recorded on Police systems (including three speeding offences detailed below.) On 5th November there was a theft from Fossoway Garage. On 24 November a motorist was recorded at 45mph in a 30mph zone on the A91 at Carnbo, they will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal. Two drivers were ticketed in Powmill.

A MoP asked whether the 20mph limits are being enforced? PC Sampson said they were but their action depended on the impact, e.g., location near a school, was there an accident.

Another MoP asked what was happening about Community Speedwatch? PC Sampson said that all current applications have been approved by the Police but that the person in charge at Milnathort CC has left the CC. Milnathort want to have local reps for each area but they'll do the overall organisation. This is due to be discussed at Kinross-shire Committee on 4 December, which will hopefully get the scheme going. PC Sampson has met with Neil Bingham and will hand him paperwork. A MoP asked what was the process for approving people? They need to provide ID and contact

information, then they will be visited by PC Sampson, and then checked against Police files for any convictions, especially for speeding! If anyone is interested in joining the scheme, the CC has application forms, or they can email the Police directly at [taysidekinross-shirecpt@scotland.police.uk](mailto:taysidekinross-shirecpt@scotland.police.uk) and the forms will be sent to them.

#### Matters Arising:

##### Windfarms

**Brunt Hill** – PKC's response to this application is to be covered at 3 December Planning Meeting. There is normally no opportunity for the public to speak at this meeting, so the CC has forwarded our objections to all the members of the Planning Committee. The CC was very disappointed to see that the Officers had proposed acceptance of this application. Cllr Robertson observed that if the Planning Committee turn it down there will need to be a public enquiry which is expensive. We hope that all the feedback received will persuade the Committee to turn it down.

**Craighead** – The Energy Consent Unit (ECU) has approved the applicant's appeal against the non-determination of this application by PKC. Other than the usual conditions they have required the appointment of a suitably qualified independent planning monitoring officer and environmental clerk of works; environmental, biodiversity, forestry felling, peat and carbon soil management plans, and a programme covering archaeological works; adherence to hours of operation (07:00 - 18:00 weekdays/07:00 -13:00 Saturday/no Sunday or PH working); approved plans covering traffic management, access management, aviation, vehicular access and abnormal loads, and operational noise management.

A MoP suggested that the Community should try to get a representative to take part in the preparation of the Traffic Management Plan to provide local knowledge.

##### Community Development Trust (CDT)

Next public meeting is 24 March. The CC is looking forward to working together with the CDT.

##### Road Safety in FDCC area including A977 Mitigation Measures

Cllr Robertson had been contacted by Fossoway Church and local residents about the danger caused by cars parking on the sharp narrow bend on Church Road. PKC have said they are happy to put double yellow lines down at this corner but need the agreement of Fossoway CC and the ward members before proceeding. The CC was happy to support that. In agreement with the Church, Cllr

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Robertson has also made a proposal to PKC to narrow the verge allowing some vehicles to park in herring bone style.

The timing of the new lights in CofD needs to be improved as westbound HGVs don't have enough time to stop when the lights change. Cllr Robertson will raise the issue with PKC Officers. MoP points out the reason for them being red by default is to make the A977 less attractive to HGVs.

### Fossoway Area Transport

CDT Director Tony Lamb said that the 23/55 service is having minor problems keeping to time due to road works but is shortening the driver's rest period at Tillycoultry to recover the time. The Community Bus is being well used and the Fossoway Community Benefit Fund has made a donation to provide wrapping and 'named' gear for the drivers.

### Seamab School Construction Work

The CC has not received any further information from PKC, HSE or SEPA. MoPs again raised their concern regarding asbestos being present in dust coming from the site. Cllr Robertson explained that PKC will listen to what SEPA says about the asbestos. If anyone is unhappy with SEPA's performance they should contact their MSP about it, copying the Local Councillors, as SEPA report only to the Scottish Government. Cllr Robertson offered to encourage the MSP to respond if needed.

### Crook Moss Travellers Site:

Cllrs Cuthbert and Robertson, CCllr Cheape, SEPA and PKC's Enforcement Team recently met on site. Cllr Robertson noted that he hadn't previously realised the scale of the rubbish on site. The current residents are in the process of cleaning it up and fencing off the dumped area. SEPA and Enforcement are now taking notice of the site.

### New Business:

#### Consultations:

Scottish Forestry invited the CC to comment on proposed tree felling in the Ardean Estate. As this is a routine activity, the CC will not comment.

### Community Council Business:

#### Meetings Attended:

CCllr Pye attended an online meeting of the Rumbling Bridge Hydro Community Fund Panel, of which he is the nominated representative from this CC. Five applications were considered and details of the decisions will be reported next month after the applicants have been notified and minutes are published.

#### Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Robertson: Early details of suggested development sites for LDP3 in Fossoway – a number of sites (with proposed house numbers if known) are being considered, but not all will be approved:

North Western edge of Carnbo; North of Back Crook (20

houses); Deer farm (200 houses); Mixed development in triangle opposite petrol station (40 houses); Rumbling Bridge, land to south of track to Golf Course (30 houses); Small road to Crook next to Nursing Home (5 houses); Blairingone, 10 sheltered houses, 3 short stay, 1 house near Muirhead Cottage. Subsequent to the meeting details are now online at:

<https://perth-kinross.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/basic/index.html?appid=a440444117614cbb89786f2db9430be9>

### Planning Matters:

#### Planning Applications

25/01468/FLL Erection of children's play area (for a temporary period), formation of 36 car parking spaces, 4 EV chargers and bicycle rack and associated works at Seamab School, Rumbling Bridge, Kinross. The CC will object. The Application is contrary the following policies (amongst others):

LDP2 Policies 8 (Converting the original development plans from one with temporary status to a proposal with permanent designation), 15 (adverse impact upon the integrity of disused railway line), 58 (Contaminated Land), 60c (incorporate appropriate levels of parking provision)

NPF4 Policies 9c (Where land is known or suspected to be contaminated), 23d (Development proposals that are likely to have significant adverse effects on air quality)

25/01507/FLL Siting of shipping container for use as hot food servery with associated seating area, formation of additional parking area and associated works at Powmill Milk Bar. No CC comment.

25/01508/FLL Extension to cafe at Powmill Milk Bar Powmill. No CC Comment.

#### Planning Decisions

24/01803/FLL Siting of caravan (in retrospect) (for a temporary period) Easter Muirhead, Blairingone, Dollar. The Application was refused – the CC had objected.

25/00301/FLL Formation of access track Land 700 Metres North Of 4 Ashfield, Carnbo. The Application was approved – the CC had asked for several conditions, only one of which was included.

25/01270/FLL Erection of dwelling house and associated works at land 20 metres west of Devonview, Main Street, Crook of Devon. The application was refused – the CC had objected.

#### Planning Enforcement

21/00236/PLACON Breaches of conditions 2 (landscaping), 5 (foul drainage) and 6 (widen public road) of 20/00972/FLL.

The CC was very disappointed to receive notice that this action, raised in December 2021, had been closed without any of the breaches being resolved. In particular it seems somewhat ridiculous that the unmet landscaping condition has not been enforced merely because it's more than five



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years since the application was approved, and applicants are no longer required to maintain required landscaping after this time. This seems to be a dangerous precedent for other applicants to ignore landscaping conditions.

**AOCB:**

Recycling bins at old Powmill hotel site have gone, but the sign is still there so people are dumping on the ground. There was collective recollection that Cllr Cuthbert might have looked into it in the past, so Cllr Robertson will ask Cllr Cuthbert if he knows what's happening. Meanwhile local residents present suggested that the end of the Aldie road might be a good alternative, so Cllr Robertson will put that forward.

The Future of this CC: Cllr Pye described what he saw as the current situation. It's clear that we are a very new and very under-resourced team. Several members were persuaded to sign up for the CC on the basis that it would otherwise cease to exist, and that they wouldn't have to contribute much. When the reality of how much was actually involved, they were not sure that they had enough free time to properly take part. So, in the absence of other people coming forward to join us we will have to operate a rather limited service for the time being. For example, none of the current members stay anywhere near Carnbo, so unless someone from that area agrees to contribute, we may not have the resources to look after Carnbo anymore.

Cllr Pye went on to state that he was not going be at the January meeting, so at the very least someone else has to do the minutes. In the medium term, he had always intended to dramatically reduce his involvement with the CC other than Treasurer.

So, should we try to continue? We need to give at least ten days' notice of a motion to dissolve the CC – so Cllr Pye proposed that we add such a motion to the agenda of the January meeting to see what the Community has decided when it is voted on then. Should anyone be kind enough to want to join the CC, you have two routes: We can adopt as many Associate Members as we like, however you don't get a vote; We can also co-opt two more members who will have full voting rights, but we have to get you approved (basically check you live in Fossoway!) in advance by PKC and then elect you in the January meeting.

Details for CC meetings for the coming year can be found on our section of the website: [www.fossoway.org](http://www.fossoway.org)

*The next meeting of Fossoway CC will be on Tuesday 6 January 2026 at Crook of Devon Village Hall at 7.30pm.*

**Cleish & Blairadam Community Council**

**News from the EGM in November**

**Present** at the (virtual) meeting on Monday 24 November were Cllrs W Robertson, F Principe-Gillespie, C MacLaren, S Gordon J Bunce, S Jenkins.



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## Community Council News

**Apologies:** Cllrs R Watters, D Cuthbert, N Freshwater and F Whalley

Cllr Willie Robertson welcomed the attendees and the elected members then convened the new sitting of the Cleish and Blairadam Community Council.

Francis Principe-Gillespie was elected Chair of the Cleish and Blairadam Community Council and took over chairing the meeting.

### Roles

The members of the Community Council were then elected to the following roles:

Francis Principe-Gillespie – Chair

Charles MacLaren – Vice Chair

Jes Bunce – Treasurer

Sean Gordon – Secretary/Data Controller

Fred Whalley – Planning

Simon Jenkins – Member of the CC

### Dates for 2026 CC Meetings

The following dates and locations were agreed for the 2026 meetings of the Community Council:

Monday 2 February at the Tabernacle Hall in Keltybridge (7.30pm)

Monday 6 April at Cleish Village Hall (7.30pm)

Monday 1 June at the Tabernacle Hall in Keltybridge (7.30pm)

Monday 3 August at Cleish Village Hall (7.30pm)

Monday 5 October at Tabernacle Hall in Keltybridge (7.30pm)

Monday 7 December at Cleish Village Hall (7.30pm)

### AOCB

**Pavement Parking:** There is an ongoing problem with pavement parking in Keltybridge, and the CC undertook to investigate options for additional parking spaces in Keltybridge.

**Accounts:** The accounts of the Cleish & Blairadam Community Council for 2025 have been audited and accepted by PKC, so the Administrative Grant will be paid into the CC bank account later this month.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

*The next meeting date of Cleish and Blairadam CC is Monday 2 February at the Tabernacle Hall, Keltybridge.*

## Portmoak Community Council News from the EGM in November

**Present at the meeting on Tuesday 25 November were** Cllr W Robertson, Cllrs A Miller, A Davidson, S McGregor, L Hatch, J Hornal, A Clark, G Marshall.

**Demit of current office bearers, and election of office bearers for Portmoak CC: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, new members.**

The Chair announced the demit of all officers and handed the Chair to Cllr W Robertson. W Robertson called for nominations for Chair, with Proposer and Secunder as follows:

- **Chair:** A Miller Proposed: A Clark, Seconded: K Donaldson

The Chair being duly appointed. W Robertson demit his position as temporary Chair and handed the meeting back to the newly appointed Chair. A Miller invited nominations for Officers position, with Proposers and Seconders as follow:

- **Vice-Chair:** Kenneth Donaldson Proposed: A Miller Seconded: J Hornal
- **Secretary:** Sue McGregor Proposed: A Miller Seconded: A Clark
- **Treasurer:** Ann Davidson Proposed: A Miller Seconded: K Donaldson
- **New Members:** Amanda Clark, Lynn Hatch, Joanna Hornal, Gerry Marshall.

The newly appointed PCC Officers for 2025/26 agreed to abide by, and sign in person following this meeting, the Portmoak Community Council Constitution.

### News from the AGM in November

Present at the meeting on Tuesday 11 November were: Cllrs W Robertson; Cllrs A Miller, A Davidson, S McGregor, A Clark, K Donaldson, L Hatch, J Hornal, G Marshall; and two members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr R Watters; D Cuthbert and N Freshwater

Accounts checked and ratified by Deirdre Calderwood

Approval of Annual Accounts

Proposed: A Miller Seconded: A Davidson

Accounts from AGM Nov 2024 approved

Date of Next AGM Tuesday 13 October 2026

### Chairman's Letter

As we close the CC year 2024 – 2025, it is, once again, a bittersweet task compiling the Chair's report. For those who follow the CC meeting minutes, it is apparent some items are geologically slow in terms of any tangible progress. That is not to say efforts are not continuing month on month, and I thank all members of PCC for their commitment in trying to move things forward for the benefit of all within our Community. While some of the central topics of discussion once again feature in this years report, on review, it is precisely these items which are communicated to us as being of local importance, and we will continue all efforts to obtain successful outcomes. The Chair and PCC would like to take this opportunity of thanking the current elected Cllrs (W Robertson, R Watters, N Freshwater and D Cuthbert) for continuing to assist, and addressing the various issues raised to them within Portmoak. PCC completed the 2024-25 year with a full compliment of 8 members following the recent Community Council elections, and it is indeed pleasing to report representation from all areas of the PCC catchment. While this is excellent in terms of communicating issues within Portmoak, this is unfortunately not the case within some of the other CC areas within the Ward, who regrettably are struggling to secure representation or sufficient membership to form their local Community Councils. The Kinross-shire Committee Meetings continue to be held every two months, and the lack of local representation will inevitably impact on both the agenda and resolution of issues relevant to the whole of Kinross-shire and the six local CC areas. PCC would like to wish the other CC swift membership resolution – definitely a case of stronger together! Thanks to Cllr L Hatch for continuing to attend these when possible/

As with previous years, the majority of PCC meetings have been held online and a couple of scheduled meetings having to be cancelled due to availability of members. Irrespective of format, Community engagement at the meetings unfortunately remains limited, although all of the elected members continue to report local issues communicated to

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them directly by members of the Community. I would wholly endorse this continues to be the case – and as your CC, we will endeavour to raise the relevant topics as necessary.

Sincere personal thanks, and those of all other CC members are once again extended to PCC Secretary - Cllr S McGregor for her tireless efforts in updating the PCC page on social media, and the *Newsletter*, communicating meeting information, minutes, events and issues of potentially local importance to the wider community. To that end, it is pleasing to report that members of the CC have agreed to 'devolved' responsibility of some of the monthly report items and queries, to try to assist and reduce the workload of the Secretary in month-to-month co-ordination. It is hoped that this can be reported successfully through 2025-2026 and will assist to provide additional focus. The problem of road safety and speeding vehicles through our Community remains a high priority topic discussed at every PCC meeting. Serious ongoing concerns remain that the limits are being largely disregarded. The increasing reports to the CC in terms of unacceptable speeding behaviour, does however appear that the situation is worse than ever. PCC are unable to report any tangible progress in terms of the Community Speedwatch programme, which appears to have become entangled in participant vetting & approvals, however it is hoped that with devolved 'tenacity' amongst the PCC membership this may be advanced.

Recent communication received from Cllr W Robertson and Cllr D Cuthbert suggested that PKC possibly be requested to 'trial' the use of average speed cameras (ASC) in Kinross-shire villages. As has been minuted previously, Police Scotland have intimated they simply do not have the resources for enforcement. In terms of the suggested proposal for the introduction of ASC – PCC believe this would resolve the issue immediately. ASC systems are proven to be one of the few measures that actually change drivers behaviour. Portmoak offers a fairly unique road and speed restricted arrangement that would be ideal for trialling, and this has been communicated to the Cllrs. From Loch Levens Larder to Achmuirbridge, the A911 (and B920 immediately south of Scotlandwell) is speed restricted 20-40mph along its entire length, comprising a single road with no alternative access or egress points. Covering Wester Balgeddie, Easter Balgeddie, Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, Bowhouse and all developments between, each suffer from, and report, abject disregard to speed limits – particularly in the Villages. There would be no requirement for Speedwatch, Police enforcement, physical road cushions or expensive vehicle activated signage. This is precisely the thing the Kinross-shire Committee was set up to discuss, debate and enact under its devolved powers. This option also likely represents an 'economic' alternative for resolving a very long standing issue.

The absence of any reasonable Public Transport service within Portmoak remains an issue for all residents. It is recognised the current four services per day (and return timings), are inadequate. Ongoing discussions within the Kinross-shire Community Transport Forum, have been taking place regarding the possible provision of supplementary services. This is hoped to be provided in conjunction with Glenfarg Community Transport through introduction of their 'digital on demand' service through Portmoak. The initial commencement was due in August 2025 – however funding issues mean that this has required to be delayed. Once resolved, PCC will attempt to communicate details to all Portmoak residents and it is hoped uptake will be 'good'.

A review of Planning Applications within Portmoak continues to form part of monthly CC work, and over the last year the CC have reviewed and discussed a considerable number of Applications. Despite PCC obtaining increased Planning review powers, it is acknowledged this requires to be exercised with

appropriate judgment and restraint. Regrettably, despite Individual and organisational representation, PCC have recently been informed that Craighead Wind Farm, which is sited immediately adjacent to the larger Brunt Hill Windfarm application, has been approved by PKC. It seems incredulous that the argument against cumulative visual and physical impact through the Ochils, and particularly to the Scottish Gliding Centre in Portmoak, go unheard, when we then see cases for applications for small domestic solar systems within the Community catchment, refused on spurious grounds. Planning will always be contentious. We do however welcome any movement towards public engagement and will find time at monthly CC meetings for individuals to present as required. PCC remain positioned that suitable development has to be considered – but not at a cost to the specific character and rural appearance of the Portmoak Communities.

The CC continue to participate at the liaison meetings for the Westfield Energy Recovery Facility and ongoing thanks are expressed to Cllr K Donaldson for keeping the CC informed of developments. It is understood that the Plant is now fully operational and running a full capacity. Ongoing issues regarding road signage, and particularly access road deterioration continue to be discussed. Of particular interest to voluntary and community sector organisations within Portmoak, is the ongoing availability of grant funding through the Westfield ERF Community Fund. PCC would urge any Groups that are seeking supplementary funding to consider applying. Grants of up to £2,000 remain available for qualifying applications.

The long-term efforts to provide a safe public 'off-road' path connecting the villages of Scotlandwell and Kinnesswood remains a constant PCC Agenda item. Communication with the Landowners for the southern section has however been made, and meetings held over the course of the year. It is no surprise that the Landowners wish to realise some development potential and have submitted an outline scheme to PKC under the LDP 'call for sites'. These proposals are within the public domain and include a 4-unit development within the Scotlandwell development boundary - and a larger mixed affordable and private development over the 'field'. I would stress these are not Planning Applications and consequently PCC cannot comment on the content. Indeed, there is no certainty that the site would be zoned or receive allocation. It is however clear from the discussions that the landowners consider the Path and Cemetery extension to be inextricably linked to their wider development aspirations. The Landowners did however give an undertaking that the Path would be installed and the cemetery extension 'gifted' by them (if approved) prior to any site works occurring. While there are other considerations – not least of which is the LDP process – it is now clear the terms by which these elements are linked to Landowner assent. Other avenues remain open,

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however discussion and resolution remain the obvious key. It is worthy of reporting that the Paths Group in Portmoak continue to work on path maintenance and vegetation clearance, maintaining access to the fabulous local path networks to the enjoyment of all. Of particular note is the intimated proposal by Cllr R Watters of the proposed launch of an App 'routemap' of the core path network throughout Kinross-shire with information and local POI. This will undoubtedly be of benefit to the Local Community and visitors alike. Another 'devolved' element proposed within the CC will be the appointment of members to specifically seek ways of improving and promoting the path and access network facilities within Portmoak. Members of the public are encouraged to recommend improvement and report problems. Indeed, it is pleasing to report that with the assistance of the Cllrs, an improved access gate from Levenmouth to the Heritage Trail was suggested and approved within a week, together with improved surfacing and access at Findatie. Proof 'things can happen'.

"Portmoak – The Perfect Place to Live". Strapline – or not – it has been suggested by Kinnesswood Development Trust that a Community Engagement Forum be arranged for early 2026. It is likely this will be held within the Village Hall and all organisations from throughout the Portmoak area will hopefully come together and share ideas, information and local opportunities to fundamentally make things 'better'. It is hoped that such an event would be well attended by the public to see what is available in the area, engage with the various organisations, and perhaps even volunteer. Watch out for further details over the next couple of months.

### Other newsworthy snippets from PCC meetings...

... It is pleasing to announce the Play facilities at the Green at Scotlandwell were completed earlier in the year with the 'welcome' sign designed by the Children at Portmoak Primary.

... This coming year is likely to see the commencement of the Well restoration project in Scotlandwell. Some significant reparations are required, and the Tenders are to be submitted soon. It is likely that a bespoke Charitable organisation will be formed to take ongoing fundraising for maintenance forward on completion.

... Congratulations to Kinnesswood in Bloom for their ongoing award success and shortlisting for the Green Living Fund. This really is a local community effort and ongoing thanks to all for the hard work

... Despite the latterly atrocious weather, I would also like to mention the success of the Portmoak Gala and thank everyone involved for their hard work in pulling the event together.

The Portmoak Festival Activities have also successfully

continued and provide a fabulous week of events for all ages and interests.

... As always, PCC would like to extend thanks to all of the volunteers and groups who continue to maintain the Community Woodlands, orchards, paths, Moss, gardens, flowerbeds, Hall, Well and Washhouse and make our communities such lovely places to stay. As in previous years, it is worth re-iterating that these are all voluntary groups who would welcome additional members. If you feel you can give even a small amount of time, I am sure it would be welcomed. There are undoubtedly many items which have not been mentioned or covered – for that I apologise. In closing however, I would like to once again thank all of the current CC members and Cllrs for their and valued input over the past year.

Best regards to all

*Andy Miller – Chair Portmoak Community Council*

## News from the November Meeting

### Matters Arising

Kinross-shire Committee and other Committee updates: KC meets on 20/11/25 L Hatch to attend, meeting in-person at Community Campus. The Chair didn't have details of specific Agenda items to report. Robertson noted that CC members can claim travel expenses to travel. The Chair noted that online meetings help to reduce those extraneous costs. Cllr W Robertson updated on status of implementation of average speed cameras (ASC) along A911, he hoped that this item would be on the agenda for the KC meeting on 20/11/25. PCC were all in agreement that Portmoak would be keen to accept a trial for the A911 strip. It was not expected that the ASCs would affect the existing speeds as they were set variously along the A911 Request will come from KC and PKC Roads. There was a view that ASC would ultimately save money as they would remove the need for other more expensive signage and physical speed mitigation measures.

There was a short discussion about the relative benefits of online vs. in-person meetings. It was felt there were pros and cons to both models and a general commitment to continue to do online meetings of PCC, with approx. 1 in 3 meetings to be held in-person.

### Kinross-shire Active Travel Master Plan

Secretary gave an update on the recent Glenfarg Community Transport meeting, particularly regarding the Pilot On-demand service. The meeting had been very interesting, not least to see the enthusiasm, commitment and positivity from the team behind GCT. The Pilot had been operating in the Muckhart and Fossoway areas and a number of pilot users were able to provide feedback on the service and the booking App. The pilot has not been rolled out around Portmoak yet,

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due to funding. GCT intend to make applications to a number of Motobility funds to be able to run additional buses. The pilot had also been run with electric buses and there were some limitations on range and distance. It is likely that funding for additional buses will be for electric vehicles. It is hoped to run the pilot until end of 2025. A similar service for Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell, and Glenlomond would be bookable. The pilot buses must not clash with the existing 201 services. Forthcoming changes may allow for some flexibility more around the A911 route. (Secretary note: since the Nov meeting it is understood that the pilot has been extended to enable users in Glenlomond to access and book the bus service)

**Portmoak Travel Plan – update**

Digital Core Path App, no update on this. The CC had discussed and agreed allocation of topics across members to absorb the administrative burden. JHornal and AClark were keen to take the reins on the local Path Network and updates from Paths Group. JHornal and AClark had recently had great success on items related to the local paths around Levenmouth, which the Chair noted with thanks. On Findatie Path the surface had now been replaced on both legs of the access down to the LLHT. GMarshall enquired about the likelihood of creating a path to link Lochend Farm Shop to Scotlandwell, and there was some discussion about possible routes via existing paths. The Silveras were amenable to facilitating a path along their land but there were obstacles around other properties. WRobertson said TRACKS will be looking for new projects going forward and suggested that PCC connect with Nick Mainprize and highlight any potential projects. JHornal and AClark agreed to reach out to Lochend Farm and connect with TRACKS to discuss what might be possible by way of path creation between Scotlandwell and Lochend.

**Road Safety Action Update**

Chair had sent communication re: Leslie Rd regarding resurfacing and the relocation of the traffic calming to the other side of the road. Concerns had been raised that there was now a blind spot on moving west round the traffic calming. WRobertson agreed to follow up the Chair’s email with PKC roads.

The Chair reminded locals that if they observed speeding and could make note of vehicle registration numbers then they can report items directly to the police. Please email taysidekinross-shirecpt@scotland.police.uk, visit the Police Scotland contact us page or phone 101 to provide full details.

The Secretary had contacted PKC Roads to report the issue of the poor surface on the B9097 requesting time lines for resurfacing, as raised at the October meeting, but had not yet received a response.

**Portmoak Church – the future for the church and car park:**

KDT continue to manage this project. The Chair had attended a meeting with KDT. There was a question around the future and potential use of the church building. KDT presented a development document to outline converting the church into a bunk house with a Community space on the ground floor. A wider discussion with the Community is necessary.

KDT were keen to organise a general public meeting to invite the many organisations active in Portmoak to allow them to engage with each other and the public, to share ideas and invite discussion. PCC considered the church an important asset within the community and it would be a shame to allow it to fall into disrepair.

**Adoption of road: Wellside Park, Scotlandwell**

The Chair understood the SUDS area had been cleared out. WRobertson confirmed that the Bond is still available, despite rumours to the contrary. Also that PKC would maintain the road, by way of lighting, surfacing etc. the adoption is the

formality. Parking enforcement officers had ticketed residents in Wellside Park for parking on the pavement and this had been challenged on basis that road was not adopted, WCllr WRobertson confirmed that even on unadopted roads people parking their vehicles on pavements can be subject to fines.

**New Matters Arising:**

**PCC Extra General Meeting for Election of Office Bearers**

PCC had fixed the date for the Extra General Meeting to elect Office Bearers for Portmoak Community Council. The meeting would be held on 25/10/25 at 7pm online. The Secretary had circulated details to subscribers and to Portmoak Community Facebook Page. Cllr W Robertson had kindly called the meeting, and was available to attend.

**Reports:**

Police Reports: circulated for 5 November ’25. JHornal took the reins and highlighted there had been approx. 10 calls to the police, with zero crimes recorded. The Police report also commented on the Portmoak Airfield Crash. There had been reports of speeding, which the Police had added to their speeding matrix and would continue to monitor problematic areas. The Police had also been monitoring the situation of dangerous parking around the Bruce Road – Main St. junction as requested by PCC on behalf of residents.

**Planning**

**New Planning Applications: none**

Craighead Wind Farm: update. PCC had received notice that the windfarm at Craighead had been approved, by the ScotGov reporter, not PKC. PCC felt there were elements of disappointment, given the objection that PCC and other Kinross-shire CCs had submitted. G Marshall commented that the CC objections had been largely ignored. Strong representations had been ignored completely. The application at Brunthill was still under consideration.

**Westfield Site Update**

(a) Westfield Community Liaison Committee: no substantial update. A solar farm was proposed in the locale. Traffic appeared to be at max. level as the plant was at full capacity. WRobertson asked if Portmoak were eligible to apply for funding through the Westfield Community Fund and the Chair confirmed this was the case. A number of local organisations had benefitted from the Community Fund, up to £2000 per organisation was available.

Paths Group update: no update on recent work. Secretary to connect A Clark and J Hornal with the Paths Group contact.

Treasurer CC Accounts: These had been finalised as per the AGM

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### Councillors' Reports:

Cllr W Robertson raised concerns about local speeding, and the changes in speed limits. Drivers were being harassed by impatient drivers behind them and speed limits were causing issues with bus timetables. There was a discussion around the 20mph zones as a disincentive to speeding. Some of the areas of 20mph were introduced as temporary traffic orders, it was unclear if these would ultimately be moved to permanent 20mph zones.

### AOB:

G Marshall: notified on the Scottish airspace modernisation programme. In effect should not affect Portmoak as an area. Portmoak Airfield were going to be requesting some modifications. Request to come to the December meeting to present their views on the impact of the modifications and seek support from PKC. PCC were in agreement for this to be added to the agenda.

School bus stops on the Main St in Scotlandwell. A resident had objected to the cars parking on the opposite side of the road so that when the school bus stopped in the morning it effectively blocked the road until all the children had boarded the bus. The resident suggested double yellow lines along the stretch of road to stop cars parking in the locale. The bus stop is a formal bus stop for the school bus, and it seemed cars were not parking illegally. There was discussion about the time imposition that the school bus caused drivers while waiting until children had boarded the bus and this was not thought to be considerable. The Chair offered to go and view the situation and Cllr W Robertson offered to raise the item with PKC Roads for assessment.

Kinross High School Pupils Parliament had requested to attend the December meeting. PCC were in agreement and welcomed the participation of young people at PCC meetings.

*The next meeting date of Portmoak Community Council is Tuesday 13 January at the Portmoak Hall.*

## Milnathort and Orwell Community Council

Present at the meeting on Thursday 13 November were K Heneghan, A Wanless, J McCracken, Cllr D Cuthbert, Cllr W Robertson

Apologies Cllr N Bingham, Cllrs R Watters, N Freshwater, PS Craig, PC Samson, PC Duncan.

### Police matters

The police were not present at the meeting but provided a report that was read out by Cllr Wanless.

The report detailed the number of crimes of note in the area since the last community council meeting on 9 October 2025 (last report) as approximately 37 calls to Police from the

Milnathort area and 13 crimes recorded on Police systems (5 of these are for road traffic offences detailed below, 3 are from a report of domestic abuse & 1 is from another report of domestic abuse).

Crime update following recent arrest –

A 39-year-old man has been arrested and charged in relation to two housebreakings in Milnathort as well as a further intended theft offence in the area. These took place between Monday, 2 June, and Tuesday, 3 June. In addition, 2 separate outbuildings were broken into and a further property in Viewfar Rd also sustained an attempted break in.

PC Samson from the Kinross Community Policing Team said 'We appealed for information at the time of these offences and following enquiry, the man has been charged, and a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal. I am pleased to be able to update the public and victims of these crimes of this result and hope it shows our commitment to keeping the local community safe'

### Actions From Previous Meeting

Cllr Robertson informed the meeting that Cllr Watters had followed up on a matter raised by a member of public regarding the asbestos fly tipping in a field at the rear of Orwell Church. This will be cleared from the field by a team from Perth and Kinross Council.

### Correspondences

Correspondences to MOCC were received from Kinross-shire Civic Trust inviting members of the community to its Annual Dinner.

Relevant details are on the MOCC webpage at [www.milnathortandorwellcommunitycouncil.com](http://www.milnathortandorwellcommunitycouncil.com).

### Roads

PKC Roads Dept. notifying a temporary traffic light system on Stirling Rd by the public car park. This is to enable resurfacing work to be completed.

Work is now complete on the upgraded crossing on South St and the new crossing on Stirling Rd. PKC are to look at timings on crossings to take into account our Community Bike Bus.

### Planning

It was noted that approval has been granted for the proposed wind farm at Craighead.

### Milnathort Primary School

Ms Hutchison (Headteacher) was unable to attend the meeting but sent an update and intends to attend when possible.

Highlights from the last couple of months include the wearing of Odd Socks to raise awareness of bullying during Anti-Bullying Week in November, winning 3rd place in a recent Speeding Poster Competition, raising £143.50 for Poppy Scotland, decorating the village windows with hand drawn lanterns

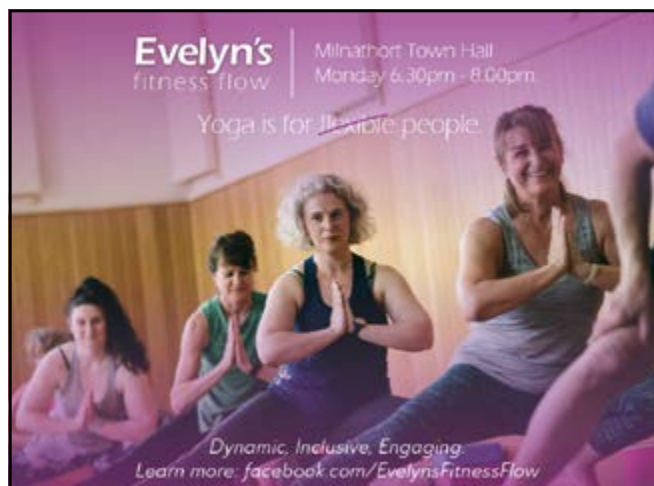


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and candles for The Festive Market organised by Heaven Scent who donated funds for materials, Primary 7 taking part in Bikeability practising bike safety and proficiency, Primary 4 organised a Donation Day for Broke not Broken as part of their enterprise project, Primary 3 hosted a book sale as part of their enterprise project and finally the whole school held a Reading Café and let's learn together day celebrating reading. Parents and carers enjoyed hearing stories and joining in with some activities.

Cllr Robertson commented and thanked the community for clearing the boundary hedges around the school.

**Core Paths Update**

Cllr Heneghan stated that Milnathort Core Paths Group (MCPG) has been working on the access/ egress point of the newly reinstated core path running from the footbridge at the golf course to Burleigh Rd where it exits opposite Mayfield Gardens. At the moment the access/ egress point is via a section of broken wall, leading straight onto the road itself. This is dangerous and is not the original access/ egress point. On Monday 17 November MCPG will repair the broken wall and open up the correct access point that safely leads onto the pavement. The core path will be signposted so that it's clearly identified.

Our application to the Green Living Fund (about controlling giant hogweed in this area) has been shortlisted. Fund winners will be announced on 27 November.

With the recent rain, 'ponding' on the core path at Auld Mart has occurred, the contractor is coming back in the spring to hopefully fix this. MCPG will be cutting back overgrowth and widening some core paths over the next few months, there's still plenty to do.

**Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Robertson expressed his thanks and pleasure to see such good attendance by the CC at the War Memorial for the recent Remembrance Day service.


Cllr Cuthbert informed the meeting that he'd raised the issue of the state of roads in and around Milnathort and revealed that there are currently 104 outstanding jobs to be completed in Kinross-shire, the highest number within the whole of Perth and Kinross.

*The next meeting (second Thursday of each month) will be held on 12 February 2026, 7.30pm at Milnathort Town Hall.*

**Kinross Community Council**

*There was no meeting in December. The next meeting of Kinross Community Council is on Monday 12 January 2026 in Loch Leven Community Campus. All are welcome to attend.*





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#### **Thursday 8 January: Zoom Meeting – ‘Mono Moods’ presented by Colin Jarvis.**

Colin is a professional landscape photographer based in the NW of England. He has worked as a photographer and educator for many years and his experience as a teacher brings together his passion and skills in photography with his ability to teach photographic skills at all levels. He holds a Masters of Art in Photography and is an Associate of the Royal Photographic Society. Colin's work has appeared in many exhibitions and in the prestigious Landscape Photographer of the Year book.

Mono Moods is a digital mono presentation showing a large selection of Colin's mono photography. He will run through his techniques, and cover long exposure, infrared architecture and landscape. He will also demonstrate some Photoshop techniques to show a 'before' and 'after' of one of the images from the raw file to the finished image.

#### **Thursday 15 January: Hall Meeting – Members' Pictures / Critique Evening**

Members are invited to submit digital images and bring along prints which they have taken recently. There will be experienced members on hand to offer constructive advice if required, especially with a view to images being submitted into competitions.

#### **Thursday 22 January: Hall Meeting – Creative Digital and Digital Knockout**

A more relaxed informal competition evening where members can submit up to 3 PDI images which should be 'creative' in some way, either in-camera or using software. This competition will be judged by members on the night. The second half of the evening we will hold The Digital Knockout.

*Our featured photo for this month is called 'Misty Dog Walk' by Tim Wilcock.*

This is a fast paced slide show where two images are shown simultaneously and members vote for their favourite until one image remains as the overall winner.

#### **Thursday 29 January: Hall Meeting – Practical Evening**

This is our second practical evening of the season where members have the opportunity to experience new techniques and genres of photography that they may seldom have the chance to try. This evening's topic is Floral/Botanical photography. We will have a few stations set up with lighting and backdrops. As well as improving our camera skills we will also have on hand a few experienced members giving advice on post editing techniques using a selection of the images taken.

Tim was asked to say a few words about his image (see above): 'One of the few occasions I remembered to carry my kit around with me when I walked the dog. On this occasion the conditions probably prompted me to take the camera with the hope that I'd get an atmospheric image from my normal, familiar route in Abernethy. It proved to be the case with these two characters ahead of me with their own dogs, disappearing into the mist. A simple, almost monochrome photo, with most of the contents being in silhouette.'

If you have an interest in photography and would like to find out more about our camera club please get in touch. All abilities of photographer will be made very welcome. No fancy camera equipment is required, all you need is an interest in taking photographs, learning how to improve your images and meeting up with like-minded folk.

For further information about our syllabus events please contact our secretary by emailing [secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk) or visit our website and Facebook page.



## Kinross Radio Model Flying Club (KRMFC)

[krmfc.bmfa.club](http://krmfc.bmfa.club) Find us on Facebook



As is always the case at this time of year, flying at the club has been a bit less frequent, mainly due to the low sun in the south but we still manage to get as many aircraft in the sky as we can! An example of one that has been flying recently can be seen in the picture, this is a Hobby King SBach 342 Thunderbolt with a 73inch wingspan, and it is fitted with a 30cc DLE engine. This type of engine runs on unleaded petrol and has a spark plug in it and electronic ignition, in many ways just like a motorbike engine but with just one cylinder. Our smaller planes, however, tend to run on specialised 'glow' fuel that has nitromethane in it and is a lot more expensive!

The club had its AGM at the end of November and a good range of topics were discussed and agreed. These were mainly concerned with the club facilities, plans for the events we expect to hold next year and the usual committee type discussions. All the usual favourite events will be appearing in 2026 you will be glad to hear, including the rocketry event and the waterplane event at Loch Leven.

Everyone also agreed that the indoor flying had been a great success (this year being an initial trial of it) and it will be getting carried on in future years as well. The club is also planning to hold training days where members from other clubs (as well as our own) can attend, get some training and potentially get examined for flying skills.

As the colder days fully get underway members' attentions will move towards model building and it is one of the great things about this hobby that there are interesting things to do all year round, from refining your flying skills in the warm months through to honing your building (and repairing!) skills in the colder months.

In general, If you just want to see what we are up to, the best way to see that is on our Facebook page (search for Kinross Radio Model Flying Club). If you are interested in joining the club please use the contact form on the club website.

## Climate Cafe® Kinross-shire

<https://www.facebook.com/kleo.org.uk>

Climate Cafe® Kinross-shire wishes everyone a year filled with health and happiness and look forward to welcoming you to our group in the new year.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at Loch Leven Community Library. Talks start at 7pm and we provide tea, coffee and biscuits. Just bring your own cup.

This month we meet on Tuesday, 6 January 2026. 7pm at Loch Leven Community Campus Library. The meeting will be an informal new year get together.

If you have any questions or would like to present/talk at one of our climate café meetings, please get in touch.

We would like to thank Loch Leven Community Campus Library for hosting our events and providing technical support for the speakers.

Contact Kara Mackay at [climatecafekinrossshire@gmail.com](mailto:climatecafekinrossshire@gmail.com)

## KLEO

For more information about KLEO events go to [www.kleo.org.uk](http://www.kleo.org.uk) or e-mail [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk)



## Happy New Year from the KLEO team!

Thank you so much for supporting all the Kinross-shire Winter Festival events!

We had a wonderful day at the Festive Market on 22 November and were overwhelmed by all the support. Special thanks to the Kinross High School Parent Council, pupils, campus staff and all the stewarding volunteers from Kinross & District Men's Shed and the Fossoway Parent Council.

Thank you also for all the groups who entertained us all on stage! It was so good to see so much audience in the assembly hall to support it all. The High School Parent Council did a fantastic job decorating the place so beautifully. It all felt very festive!

## Kinross Kacophony Orchestra

The Kacophony Orchestra starts again with conductor Dougie Flower on Wednesday 14 January. Always wanted to play your instrument in a group but never had the chance? An orchestra for adults, all abilities welcome but it is handy if you read music. Wednesday evenings from 7.15pm to 9.15pm at Loch Leven Community Campus. Fee is £5 a session.

## Leven Voices

is a fun, informal drop-in community singing group which you can join anytime. No music reading or singing experience is necessary. Tuesday evenings from 6 January onwards with tutor David McLean, 7.30pm-9.30pm at Kinross Parish Church. Fee is £4 a session.

## Kinross Community Folk Group

Dust of your instruments and come along. We meet every Tuesday afternoon from 1pm to 3pm at St Paul's Church Hall on the Muirs. Fee is £3 a session to pay for the hall and coffee/teas. Any queries contact Ian Hardie 07941847657

Acoustic Open Mic evening for anyone who would like to play a couple of songs in a live situation. Every third Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm to 9pm in the lounge of the Green Hotel. Txt Nigel 07758559187

For more information about KLEO events go to [www.kleo.org.uk](http://www.kleo.org.uk) or e-mail [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk)

## Loch Leven Library

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### Opening Times

Monday	10am-1pm*
Tuesday	10am-7pm
Wednesday	10am-6pm
Thursday	10am-7pm
Friday	10am-6pm
Saturday	10am-1pm & 1-3pm*
Sunday	Closed

\* Reduced service with volunteers. Please make sure you have your library card with you if you wish to take out books.

**New Year: The library will reopen on Tuesday 6 January 2026 at 10am after the Christmas and New Year holidays.** Please note that the library will be closed on Thursday 8 January 2026, for staff training.

## Events

### Loch Leven Community Library Code Club

Come along and join in with Scratch coding. Our sessions are designed to help children learn the basics of computer programming using Scratch, including creating simple computer games and animations. The club will run weekly from 4pm to 5pm, starting Thursday 15 January 2026.

To book a place, please call the library on 01577 867 154. Parents are welcome to stay, but it is not a requirement. Suitable for ages 9-13 years old. Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

### Author talk

Join us at Loch Leven Community Library on Thursday 29 January 2026, for an evening with Angela C. Nurse, author of two thrilling Scottish crime series. Discover the world of Rowan McFarlane, a single mother turned private investigator, and the gripping DI Nancy Ravenscroft

& Professor Laing thrillers—stories steeped in Scotland's landscapes and intrigue. The talk will take place from 7pm to 8pm. Tickets for this talk are £5; you can purchase them online from Perthshire Box Office or in person at the library.

### Regular Sessions

**Storytelling** - Join us for our storytelling sessions from 4pm - 4.30pm every Tuesday. Our storytelling sessions are suitable for primary-aged children. Booking is not required.

**Bookbug sessions** are held at Loch Leven Community Library every Wednesday afternoon from 2pm - 2.30pm and Saturday morning from 10am - 10.30am. They offer fun, friendly sessions of songs, rhymes, and stories. These sessions are suitable for babies, toddlers, and preschool children to enjoy with their parents and carers. To book a space at any session, please contact Loch Leven Community Library.

### Digital Skills

Are you struggling to make sense of the digital world? Would you like to learn more about your tablet, phone, laptop or any digital device? Why not pop into our IT sessions for one-to-one support? You could learn how to send emails, download apps, and surf the internet – topics covered would be specific to your needs. By taking the first step and booking a 45-minute, face-to-face session it might just make a big difference to your life. The sessions are monthly at Loch Leven Community Library, anyone interested in attending a session can book their time slot by phoning the library on 01577867205.

A **Knitting and Crochet Group** meets in the library every Thursday morning from 10am. (NB this is not an instruction group, just a group of people who enjoy coming together to knit, crochet, and natter).

Did you know you can access our **FREE digital resources** with your library card? Visit the AppStore or Google Play and download the BorrowBox, Libby and PressReader apps for free and use your library card to access an extensive range of digital resources. The apps offer access to a wide selection of eBooks, audiobooks, eMagazines, eComics and eNewspapers. Full details can be found in your local library or online at [www.culturepk.org.uk/libraries/e-library/](http://www.culturepk.org.uk/libraries/e-library/).

## Inner Wheel Club of Kinross and District

[www.innerwheel.co.uk](http://www.innerwheel.co.uk)



Members of Kinross Inner Wheel thank Richard Scott of Kinross Laundry for permitting them to exhibit their wall hanging of Orange the World in his shop window. We hope that passers by found this display raised their awareness of the need to address the abuse to women and children worldwide.

Carol McIntyre held yet another successful coffee morning with the proceeds going to the Maggie's Centre.

At the time of writing, we are soon to hold our annual Christmas lunch in the Kirklands hotel. Carrying on the Orange theme, the members have been asked to wear something orange and the tables will be decorated with Christingles. These are decorated oranges. We look forward to the occasion.





## Fairtrade in Kinross-shire

### New Year's resolution: Choose Fairtrade goods in 2026!



Whenever we listen, watch or read the news we are generally bombarded with worrying and sad information. Buying Fairtrade goods cannot solve these problems, but it does make a difference, by helping producers who are struggling with the effects of devastating climate change and by encouraging sustainable farming practices, no child labour and gender equity.

If there are goods with the Fairtrade Mark in shops, but customers are not making the decision to buy them it means we are missing out on using our buying power for positive change in the world.

## Kinross Community Garden Group

January brings the New Year lunch, and this year we are having it on Tuesday 13 January at the The Orwell Bowling Club, 1pm for 1.30pm. The cost is £12 for 2 and £16 for 3 courses. Menus are available from Caroline if you do not already have one.

The next meeting is at 2pm on Thursday 12 February at the Parish Church, Station Road, Kinross, when Peter Hart will tell



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us all about the construction and development of their wonderful garden at 'Kirklands' in Saline. Membership fees are £20 for the year and £5 for visitors at the moment. If you are new to Kinross-shire, or not, and interested in meeting fellow garden enthusiasts you will be made very welcome. Doors will be open from 1.30pm.

For more details contact Caroline Anderson on 01577 864589 or email acaroline1000@gmail.com.

## Milnathort Bridge Club



This month has been marked by encouraging growth in attendance, excellent progress within our teaching groups, and an outstanding competitive achievement that highlights the strength and spirit of our club.

Attendance at the weekly Monday meetings continues to rise steadily, averaging 9 tables throughout the month. On one particularly busy evening, the club reached an impressive 10½ tables, demonstrating strong enthusiasm and engagement among members.

The future looks very promising, with Willie Young and Jim Marshall successfully managing almost 20 new students. In addition, a regular attendance of 12 improver-level players, under the guidance of Wendy Owens and Liz Pottie, shows a healthy and sustained development pathway within the club. These numbers reflect excellent interest and suggest continued growth ahead.

The club was very ably represented at the New Melville Club in Edinburgh for the SBU Thea Teale Bronze Pairs Trophy, held on Sunday 23 November. Jim and Catriona Marshall delivered an exceptional performance, winning the first heat and maintaining remarkable consistency through a tense and competitive series of hands.

After a nail-biting conclusion, they achieved an incredible 6th place out of 104 pairs. This is a truly outstanding accomplishment and a proud moment for our small but talented club.

We trust that all have had an enjoyable festive season and look forward to more challenging and entertaining hands in 2026.

### RESULTS

<i>North/South</i>	<i>East/West</i>
<b>24 November</b> Jim Marshall/Beryl Harley	Gloria & Colin Wilson
<b>1 December</b> Wendy Owens/Diane Parmenter	Cath Ballantyne /Marion Forbes
<b>8 December</b> Willie Young/Wendy Owens	Ian Cook/Donna Stevenson

## Kinross Bridge Club

Membership of Kinross bridge Club has increased this year, mainly thanks to the teaching of beginners/improvers by some members, which has been fantastic.

For anyone wishing to join us, you will be very welcome. We meet on a Thursday afternoon in Orwell Bowling Club in Milnathort at 1.30pm for a 1.45pm start, finishing around 4.30pm.

For further information please contact Catriona Marshall 07747 496763



### Kinnesswood In Bloom



As we draw to an end of 2025 it is time to reflect on another busy year.

It was a successful year, maintaining garden areas in village, some successful new projects fund raising, and keeping regular contact with the school.

We attained gold in the Beautiful Scotland Awards and won the Beautiful Scotland theme award for using silver ornamentation throughout the village and the school doing amazing art work of many species of minibeast. There were also models of insects throughout the village, spiderman, the ladybird and Queen Bee at the pollination bedas well as spiders everywhere. Alice was revived, this time talking to the caterpillar. It brings some fun into a walk round the village.

We had a visit by Jim Fairlie, MSP, to see the village and particularly the school grounds and polytunnel. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and the children responded well showing him around.

Once again we were successful in our fund raising through friends of KIB. It means so much to have support from the village to continue our work to look after the place.

With the help of Charlie Hardman from Take a Pride in Perthshire, we have been successful in raising funds for the Michael Bruce Garden. We hope that after the New Year we will attain enough funding to start the project.

Work with school continues from March to November this year. Some crops are very successful and others not so much but that is what gardening is all about. Hopefully the children have all learned something about growing things. Providing all children in Portmoak Primary with a harvest bag of vegetables grown in the school grounds. There were some

fabulous pictures of the children eating what they made at home.

The Monty Don programme was on TV in January. It was a case of blink and you might have missed it but the clip of children featured in every programme.

We enjoyed a lovely celebration party at Sian and Steve's. It was definitely a big step up from meeting in the bus shelter Robert continued to achieve bee keeping success and received several awards in 2025.

The pollination bed was hard work in the beginning but was a great success and looks good.

Thank you everyone who supported us in 2025. We look forward to what 2026 brings and hope it includes some new members to come and join us.

### Common Grounds



[www.spanglefish.com/](http://www.spanglefish.com/)  
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Following a very successful Craft Evening on 29 November in Milnathort, this was followed by holding the stall at our regular coffee mornings on the Tuesday and Saturday. A very big thank you to all the ladies who contributed with their hard work which made it a worthwhile success raising a significant sum for our charities.

By now we will have held our Christmas Raffle on 20 December which included a superb hamper and again raised a healthy amount of money for our charities which we are supporting in 2026.

We look forward to joining old and new friends this coming year for both friendship and good conversation, as well as a warm and welcoming fire.

### KADAC: inross and District Art Club



On Friday 28 November, KADAC members held their last regular painting session of the year. It was well attended and members enjoyed a few festive treats during the tea break. Twenty-two members will meet up on 5 December for the Christmas Lunch at the Kirklands.

The Kinross and District Art Club's Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 25 November at 2pm. Twenty-two members were present. The Chair, Amanda Hamza opened the meeting by introducing all present to an artistic acquaintance in Nova Scotia, Canada. Those present enjoyed a very brief but cheery hello via ZOOM! The plan is to hold a few virtual 'get-togethers' with the Art Class in Nova Scotia and to participate in one of their workshops (via ZOOM)

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## Clubs & Community Groups

After the excitement of the video call to Canada, Amanda continued the meeting by welcoming all present and recapping on the Club's successful year. She, firstly, thanked the Office Bearers and the Committee for their support before expressing her appreciation to all the other members who help keep the Club running smoothly; the keyholders, the Committee Secretary, the Outdoor Painting Coordinators, The Library Coordinators to name but a few.

The Chair then presented small gifts to Angela Walter, Dallas Key and Glenys Andrews, all former Chairs, who are now standing down from the Committee. She thanked them for their time and commitment in taking the Club forward during their spell in Committee positions and as former KADAC Chairpersons.

Before moving on to the other business on the agenda, Amanda had one final BIG thank you to make; to KADAC's Professional Adviser of twelve years, Tom Sutton Smith, who is stepping down from the role.

A professional artist and formerly a Creative Director in Canada, Tom has always been around at Club to give advice and encouragement to all members. He organised Artist's Demonstrations and Workshops, as well as leading workshops and helping to promote the visual arts within KADAC. Tom designed the Club's logo and created posters and leaflets to advertise the Annual Exhibition.

As well as a small gift, Tom was presented with a Life Membership of KADAC, which members hope will mean that Tom pops in to paint or to enjoy a coffee with them whenever he wants to. The committee are now discussing the best way forward to ensure professional support for the Club.

After the financial and other business, KADAC members were delighted to reappoint Amanda Hamza as Chairperson for 2026. The rest of the Committee was appointed as follows:

Treasurer and Membership Secretary: Gillian Ross, Newsletter Secretary : Al Lawrie, Website Coordinator : Sheila Marshall

Committee Members: Irene Douglas, Alice Mee, Donald Fletcher, Clare Hill, Allison Cooper, Sheila Marshall. A Vice Chair and a Committee Secretary have still to be appointed.

2026 is already looking like a busy and creative year, with plans for a 2027 KADAC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Calendar in the planning stages. The first painting sessions of the new year will be held on Tuesday 6 January 2026 and Friday 9 January 2026.

*If you are interested in joining the club and developing your own creativity, you will find more information and contact details on our website. The Kinross and District Art Club meets on Tuesdays and Fridays (2-4pm) in Millbridge Hall.*

## Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

[www.ramblers.org.uk/kinross-ochil](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/kinross-ochil)

Last month's Glenfarg tunnel walk was unusual and appealed to ramblers from other groups who joined in. We very much

enjoyed the company of our visitors. Being able to join in walks organised by other groups is another benefit of becoming a member of the Ramblers.

## Tuesday Short Walks

Unless otherwise stated, these walks are usually about two hours long and a fairly gentle four miles.

We often follow the walk with a visit to a cafe, farm-shop or pub for refreshments, but this is entirely optional.

### Tuesday 6 January, Perth City Heritage Trail

A leisurely walk around the historic sites of Perth.

The route is all on paths and pavements and is suitable for all weathers.

For further details of how to book a place and where to meet us for Tuesday walks, or for general enquiries, please contact: Carol Wilkinson on 07375 058542.

## Weekend Longer Walks

Weekend walks are a degree more challenging and of varied longer lengths. We advise bringing along a packed lunch and drink and that you have appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear.

### Saturday 17 January, Deuchny Hill

A circular woodland walk taking in part of the Coronation Road through Deuchny Wood to Binn Hill.

We then continue onward to Kinnoull Hill viewpoint, then return to car park. This is a moderate 7-mile ramble.

*For further details of how to book a place and where to meet us for weekend walks or for general enquiries, please contact: Carol Wilkinson on 07375 058542.*

## Portmoak Film Society

January Kicks Off At Portmoak With 'Juror #2'



The first film in the New Year is 'Juror #2', showing on Saturday 10 January. Released in 2024, it is a courtroom thriller directed by 94-year old Clint Eastwood, will it be his last film?

It stars Nicholas Hoult as a juror in the trial of a man accused of killing his girlfriend in a car hit, but he knows the defendant is not guilty as it was he himself who killed her.

Not a spoiler, but the film's central conceit, as his dilemma is whether to save the wrong man from being convicted... or save himself. The wonderful Toni Collette also stars as the prosecutor.

On Valentine's Day we show - appropriately - 'In the Mood for Love', described by the Guardian as "the most purely romantic film of the century". Save the date!

All films are shown at Portmoak Village Hall, Scotlandwell. Doors open at 7pm and films start promptly at 7.30pm. Entry is £6 on the door, tea and coffee are served after the film, regulars and newcomers all welcome! For further information, visit our Facebook page or contact Felicity Garvie on 01592 840825.

## Portmoak Hall 100 Club

### November Draw

1st No 64 James Drysdales Kinnesswood

2nd No 131 Anne Dandie Kinnesswood

3rd No 63 Louise Batchelor Kilmagadwood

## CONTRIBUTORS

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## Kinross High School

### Festive Market

Staff and pupils and our Parent Council were delighted to have the opportunity to help decorate the campus for this year's KLEO Festive Market in November 2025. KLEO, the KHS Parent Council and the Kilted Christmas tree have kindly made the decorations available to us for school use, and these will help to enhance the festive atmosphere for pupils as they come together for our Christmas concert, parties, ball and movie night.



### Cheque for CHAS

Over the course of the 24/25 academic session, our school community raised £4293.78 for CHAS (Children's Hospices Across Scotland). School captains Nayyarah and Holly, Laura Reid from the Parent Council and Mrs Shaw presented the cheque to CHAS. The money raised will make a positive impact on the lives of young people and families and was gratefully received by CHAS. We thank our whole school community for contributing to our fundraising efforts.

### Debating

Four of our talented debaters competed in the Young Speakers' Scotland Public Speaking Competition in November at Fettes College. Erin and Hugo made it through to the final which will be held in March 2026. Well done to all of them for taking part.

Kinross will host three other schools for the annual Donald Dewar Debate and Libby in S5 and Erin in S4 will debate the motion *This House believes school pupils should have part-time jobs or volunteer during the summer holidays*.

Heather in S6 and Libby in S5 will also be spending a whole day debating various motions at the St Andrew's Day Debate in Edinburgh. Good luck, girls!

### Edinburgh English Trip

Advanced Higher English pupils had a very successful trip to Edinburgh to visit the National Library of Scotland and The National Portrait Gallery. At the library pupils were able to research their dissertation texts and find secondary sources. At the Portrait Gallery they enjoyed spotting portraits of Norman MacCaig and Carol Ann Duffy among many others.

## Mandarin Event

Inspired by our pupils' quilling workshop in China, families from our cluster primary schools came together for a joyful paper quilling event-celebrating creativity, culture, and community.

## Football

A huge well done to our S1 football team who secured a fantastic win against Bertha Park High School in a recent league fixture! It was an outstanding all-round performance from every player, but a special mention goes to Jack P, who was exceptional in midfield from start to finish. Thank you to Bertha Park for travelling through and providing a competitive match.

Our S2 team travelled to Cults Academy in Aberdeen to play in the first round of the Scottish Cup. Unfortunately, despite being 2-0 up at half time and demonstrating some great teamwork, skill and self-discipline against a challenging team, they were defeated on penalties.

We are delighted to share and celebrate the outstanding achievements of senior pupils Ellie and Abbie. Both are key members of the Bayside FC team, which recently claimed the Scottish Power U18 Youth Challenge Cup, alongside victories in the E/SE League Cup and the E/SE League.

This is an incredible accomplishment, especially as it marks their first year competing in the U18 category. Their commitment and hard work deserve recognition and applause. In addition, Ellie will be travelling to Dubai in February to referee with the Scottish Football Association (SFA)—another fantastic achievement that highlights her dedication to the sport.

## Christmas Card

Congratulations to Eilidh and Martha for their beautiful Christmas card designs for this year's school card. Well done to you both!



## Skiing

Our junior and senior teams raced last week (on snow!) in the SSSA National Dual Slalom Finals having qualified last month. They had some great wins and exemplified team spirit and sportsmanship despite not making the podiums on a very big stage. Here are some of the happy ski squad after training.

## Positive Destinations: Can you help?

At Kinross High School, we are dedicated to working with our senior pupils to ensure they have a positive destination on leaving school. Some of our pupils get the opportunity to gain work experience with approved employers and this has been successful in the past. However, we are always looking for employers and companies to offer their workplaces to allow pupils to gain this invaluable experience. If you think you could offer one of our pupils some work experience, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Equally, if you are interested in doing a presentation, workshop or informative session to a group of interested pupils, that could also be arranged. Please e-mail Mrs Beveridge at [KinrossHigh@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:KinrossHigh@pkc.gov.uk) if this is something you can offer.

  
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## Kinross-shire Trishaws and Community Cycling

To find out more about KTACC events and activities, visit [www.ktacc.org.uk](http://www.ktacc.org.uk).



### Trishaws

The trishaws pilots are enjoying a well earned rest. The weather has turned wet and windy in the last week of November and into mid December. We are however spending our time preparing for next year. Several of our pilots are attending first aid training and manual handling training. It's great to have so many amazing and skilled volunteers. We offer annual refresher training to all our existing pilots as well as a full training and induction program for new pilots.

### Join Our Team

If you would like to volunteer for our Trishaws or All Ability cycling programmes next year, please drop us a line to let us know you can attend our Information Evening on Tuesday 3 February at 7pm at Loch Leven Community Campus.

### Parliament Visit

Our chair, Kirsteen, recently attended an event hosted by Cycling Without Age Scotland at the Scottish Parliament. It was a great opportunity to share the work and success of all our charity's activities with MSP's such as government minister, Maree Todd MSP (pictured with Kirsteen).

### Community Cycling Team

We have managed a few rides this winter with several being cancelled due to ice or strong winds. We are looking forward to our Christmas Eve Jingle Bells Ride around the traffic free Heritage Trail and hope to have some fun photos to share with you next month.

### Santa Sleigh

Our team of trishaw elves were delighted to join Santa and his team on their annual visit to Milnathort. The rain was torrential but our spirits were not dampened as we met lots of very excited children who came out to see Santa. Such a special night. We hope we helped raise lots of money for local community groups.

### Milnathort Bike Bus

The children and families in Milnathort continue to enjoy our weekly Friday morning rides to school. Even with

temperatures dropping, the bike bus has been well attended. Grateful thanks go to our volunteers – Bus Driver Gordon, Kirsteen, Claire and Neil, parent Kyle, and all the grown ups that support the children each week.

### A Great Big Thank You!

What a fantastic year we have had. Thank you for all the support we have received from the community - the financial donations and general encouragement and appreciation. Thank you to everyone that has participated in our activities. We hope we have brought you joy, friendship, new opportunities, mindful moments, lovely views and happy experiences. We will be launching new activities in 2026 so please keep an eye on our website ([www.ktacc.org.uk](http://www.ktacc.org.uk)) and our Facebook page (KinrossTrishaws).

Thank you to all the drivers that have been patient with our cycling groups and trishaw pilots and shared the roads with us gently and kindly. And thank you to our amazing volunteer pilots, ride leaders, group managers and our trustees. We couldn't do it without you.





## Kinross Squirrels

The squirrels have been out of this world for a couple of weeks in November as they worked towards Parts 1 and 2 of their Space Badge. They've been busy building rockets, shuttles and even a few friendly aliens out of LEGO — and their creativity was absolutely cosmic! Along the way, they learned all about; the Moon and its surface using clay, the planets and how everything orbits around the Sun and made diagrams of the solar system.

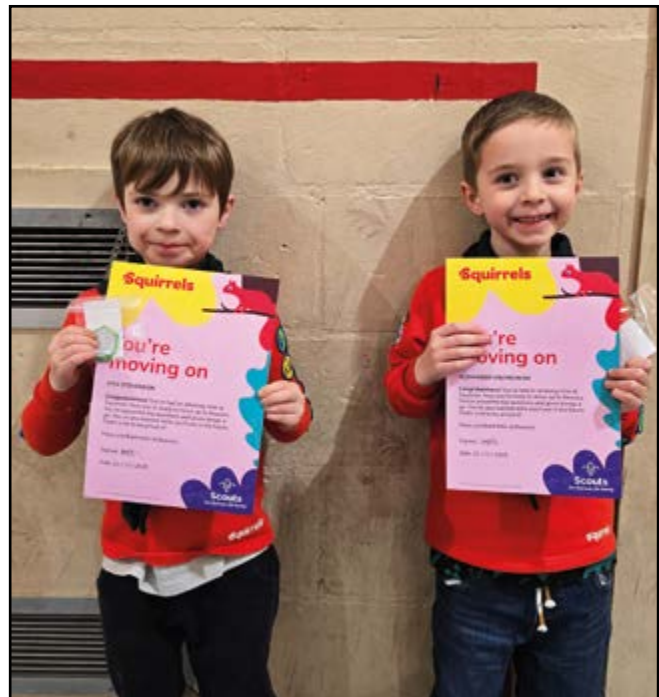
Over the two weeks we also made some special presentations. Congratulations to Lewis and Samuel who were awarded the Chief Scout's Acorn Award, which is the highest award in the Squirrel section. We also said goodbye to Alex, Samuel and Otis who were moving on to Beavers. Good luck for the next stage of your scouting journey.

On 28 November the squirrels took part in UK Parliament Week, and they were absolutely brilliant! They learned all about voting, why it matters and how everyone's voice can make a difference. They did an excellent job of making rosettes and learned that different political parties wear them. It was great to see them getting involved, asking questions, and discovering how democracy works. The future is definitely bright with these little leaders.

At the end of the meeting we were delighted to invest Lucas, Liam, Harvey, Oliver and Lewis into the Drey. Also all of the squirrels who took part in the Remembrance Parade in November were presented a certificate of participation. Bravo!

The squirrels had an amazing time on 5 December at Perth Theatre watching The Snow Queen Pantomime! The show was full of colour, magic and giggles. The squirrels followed the story of a brave young Gerda, who set off on a snowy adventure to rescue her friend McKay after he was whisked away by the frosty and fearsome Snow Queen. Along the way, Gerda met lots of hilarious characters, sang brilliant songs and discovered the power of friendship and kindness. The squirrels were absolutely captivated — from shouting 'He's behind you!' to cheering on Gerda as she melted the Snow Queen's icy plans.

*Are you interested in helping at Squirrels? Volunteering gives you career-boosting skills, improves your wellbeing, and helps you make connections with friends, family and your local community. If you are interested in helping with the section, then please email us on [kinrosssquirrels@outlook.com](mailto:kinrosssquirrels@outlook.com) for more information.*





### Kinross Beavers

On Friday 14 November the beavers walked from Findatie to Vane Farm and then back again. Although a stormy night to be out, everyone did brilliantly and we were lucky enough to avoid the worst of the weather with it being largely dry for the walk, albeit windy.

The following week it was all about food, food, food. From pizza making to making fruit monsters (scary but delicious) the beavers also learned about the different food types and why it is important to get a good balanced diet to grow up strong and healthy. A great night all in all. We were also delighted to present Joshua with his Chief Scouts Bronze Award, which is the highest award in the Beavers section. Finally, we said goodbye to Brodie, Murray, Lewis and Joshua who were moving on to cubs. We hope you enjoy the next stage of your scouting journey.

On the last Friday of November the beavers took part in UK Parliament Week by learning about debating and rule making. They also worked together in teams to build a contraption from boxes to protect an egg from breaking from a high fall (of course!), which was great fun.

We finished the evening with some presentations. We were delighted to appoint some new Lodge Leaders and Assistant Lodge Leaders. Congratulations to Lillian, Isobel, Finlay, Eoin, Felix and Evie. Big congratulations also to Harry, Alex, Otis and Samuel who were invested into the Colony. And finally, all of the beavers who took part in the Remembrance Parade in November were presented a certificate of participation.

On Friday 5 December saw the beavers in Perth as they went to see the Pantomime - The Snow Queen. A great watch (thoroughly recommended



for all the family) with all the usual banter and laughs.

*Please note that we are in need for adult leaders to help at Beavers. So please come forward, volunteering is easier than you think. The Scouts provide full support and training, and you can volunteer on a flexible basis. Not only is it incredibly rewarding and great fun, but you will also learn some brilliant skills transferable to the workplace and further education. Please contact us on kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk for more information.*

### Kinross Cubs

The middle of November saw the cubs start preparing for their International badge. Each Six was allocated a country, and the cubs had great fun deciding what they are going to bring in the following Wednesday to represent their country. The cubs also played lots of different games – plenty of laughter, teamwork and energy all evening! A really enjoyable night all round!

The following week we had a great evening as the cubs brought in items and delivered fantastic presentations in their Sixes about countries from around the world – including Canada, Mexico, Thailand and China! From traditional food, flags and fun facts, the cubs put so much effort into sharing what they learned. It was wonderful to see them explore different cultures and traditions with such excitement and confidence as they work towards their International activity badge.

At the end of the evening we were delighted to make some presentations. Congratulations to Tom who was presented with his Chief Scouts Silver Award. Bravo! We also said goodbye to Cameron, Tom and Oliver who





were moving on to Scouts. Good luck for the next stage of your scouting journey.

We had a brilliant time at the end of November as the cubs got involved in UK Parliament Week 2025. They threw themselves into the activities and really showed what teamwork and creativity is all about! Our game of Petitions Pursuit was a big hit — cubs travelled around the board which represented the UK collecting signatures to support their petitions. Lots of excitement, lots of laughs and plenty of learning along the way! The cubs also worked together in groups to pick a badge and created a short presentation, to explain why their badge should be chosen. After hearing everyone's ideas, they took part in a Pack vote to decide the winning badge. Democracy in action! To round things off, the cubs completed their International Badge, as they learned about the Membership Badge.

Following the main activities we had more special presentations to make. We were delighted to invest Harrison, Brodie, Joshua, Alfie, Noah and Bobby into the Pack. Also, all the cubs who took part in the Remembrance Parade in November were presented a certificate of participation. Bravo! Finally, we were delighted to appoint some new Sixer and Seconders. Congratulations to Sammi, Innes, Logan, Oliver, Struan, Leo, Jack, Arran, Matthew and Nico!

The first week of December was a busy one for the cubs. On the Wednesday evening they had their meeting as usual at the Millbridge Hall which saw them work towards their My Faith Activity Badge, taking part in three fun and meaningful bases that helped them explore beliefs, celebrations and reflection. At one base, the cubs learned about a range of world religions, asking brilliant questions and sharing what they already knew. At another station, the cubs took time to write their own prayer or reflection. We were really impressed by how thoughtful and creative they were. For the final base, the cubs explored different festivals before choosing a craft activity — either completing a colourful Rangoli design or creating their own Christmas card.

Then on the Friday the cubs joined the squirrels, beavers and scouts as they had a brilliant evening at Perth Theatre, enjoying the magical pantomime The Snow Queen! The show took us on an exciting adventure as Gerda set off on a brave journey to rescue her best friend McKay from the icy clutches of the Snow Queen. With plenty of jokes, music, surprises and classic panto fun along the way, the cubs were hooked

from start to finish.

*Volunteering can make a huge difference to young people's lives, as well as your own. From having something to look forward to every week to learning in the great outdoors, being a volunteer is good for you – supporting your own confidence and skills, health and happiness, and community. If you*

*would like to get involved with 1<sup>st</sup> Kinross Cubs, then please email [kinrosscubs@hotmail.com](mailto:kinrosscubs@hotmail.com) for more details.*



## Kinross and District Town Twinning Association

At the annual general meeting the following were elected to serve on the twinning committee for the next year:

Chairperson - Lynda Mitchell

Vice Chairperson - Dale Coldwell

Secretary - David Munro,

Treasurer - Alfred Fyfe

Assistant treasurer - Helen Coldwell.

General Committee - Anne Hutton, Amanda Clark.

A 'Burns Themed' Pot Luck Supper will be held on Saturday 24 January at 7pm. Contact our secretary for more details.

Perth & Kinross Council has a number of twinning links who have significant numbered anniversaries and invitations will be sent to all twinning groups to send representatives to celebrate this attending a function at next year's Perth Salute.



## The Rotary Club of Kinross and District

[www.ribi.org](http://www.ribi.org)



Four new members formally joined our club on 17 November. A big welcome to Lornie Blake, Fiona Craigon, John Ross and Maria Cavaliere. We also welcomed Associate member, Gill Boardman, on 1 December. Our numbers have increased hugely over the past year, and we look forward to more new members in 2026. It could be you...!

We have had some fun and fellowship recently, even before the festivities started.

A hugely enjoyable 'Murder Mystery Night' was held on Friday 21 November. Much fun was had by Rotarians and guests. Many thanks to Kinross Golf Club for hosting us there and providing an excellent meal; also to our sponsors. Over £2,000 was raised in total towards our goal to equip the Sensory Room when Rachel House is refurbished. Thanks to Rotarian Brian Hamilton who masterminded this successful evening.

On 26 November a group of Rotarians were hosted by the 'Men's Shed' for breakfast. We had a fascinating tour of the workshops and could not fail to be impressed by some of the projects we saw developing. Over 70 members attend this facility. They undertake some projects with the community but "don't take work away from tradesmen". As well as honing and sharing their skills, it was stressed that there are significant benefits to men's mental health. See [kinrossmensshed.org](http://kinrossmensshed.org) for opening details. Over the winter months, it is a designated 'Warm Space' on Monday afternoons (2 - 4.30pm).

On 1 December, Rotarian Mike Wilson gave us an entertaining talk on his career in the Royal Navy. From joining HMS Ganges at the age of 15 to finally retiring 25 years later, his personal anecdotes and references to major events such as the Torrey Canyon disaster, closing of the Suez Canal and the Falklands War, made for a fascinating presentation.

### Santa

Santa has been out and about with us in the last few weeks. Many thanks to Drysdales who assisted in upgrading our sleigh! And thanks to local organisations who come out and give us 'an elfing hand'.... It has been great to see so many happy children and (and adults) greeting us on our rounds, at Sainsbury's and at lighting up ceremonies. We also made our annual trip to Rachel House on Sunday 30 November.

The counters have been busy and we will announce the final proceeds next month. Thank you for every donation, every encouragement (sometimes in challenging – wet -weather!) and for coming out to meet us, year on year. We know that Santa's Sleigh is a big part of the Christmas magic if you grow up in Kinross.

The Rotary Elf Service were also busy at Kinross Centre in December, assisting with serving the delicious Christmas lunch and meeting those attending. Another memorably enjoyable community event.

### Youth in the Community

We are delighted to see the re-instatement of an Interact Club at Kinross High School. Interact is a Rotary International service club for young people aged 12 to 18 that offers them opportunities to volunteer, build leadership skills, and engage in local and international community service project – great evidence of being an involved and responsible young citizen. Regular meetings are guided by members of our club. Their first fundraising event was held at the KLEO Christmas

Fayre. Katie, Ellie, Ruari and Cameron held a highly successful coat sale and raised £118.20 towards our major mission to equip the sensory room at Rachel House. More members would be made very welcome; speak to these young people for further details or contact our secretary.

We have also been busy with our local youth competitions. The Young Chef competition was held at Kinross High School on 7 December. The pupils produced an array of mouthwatering, beautifully-presented dishes. The judges – Danile FuTong from The Grouse and Claret, Josephine Paterson (SWRI) and Rotarian Carolyn Poller had a genuinely difficult job in deciding the winners among so much talent and hard work. The final results were:

1st Eilidh, 2nd Lois, 3rd Brodie

Eilidh – who made the most delicious bao buns - will go on to represent Kinross Rotary in the next round – very best of luck!

### Young Writer

For those young people who still have a few days holiday before term restarts... why not practise your writing skills?

This year the theme is 'Happiness in Nature'. This can be interpreted as broadly as the Young Writer wishes. Young people are encouraged to use their creativity to show what this theme means to them.

Please note:

- Prose entries should be up to a maximum 550 words
- Poetry entries should be up to a maximum of 40 lines  
(*Entries that exceed these maximum numbers will be disqualified*).
- No pictures and/or drawings are to be part of the entry

We will be running a local heat for age\* groups:

Junior: up to and including 10 years old

Intermediate: 11 to 13 years old

Senior: 14 to 17 years old

(\*NB based on age as of 31 August 2025)

Entries should be submitted to [secretary.kdrc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.kdrc@gmail.com) by Tuesday 10 February 2026. **Please ensure that the writer's first and last name is included, along with their date of birth.**

We will close 2025 with our own Christmas party. It has been a fabulous end to the year in our community, but we never forget our commitment to the international community. Many of our members donated personally to a Rotary International Foundation appeal to provide relief after the devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica.

And the shoeboxes so generously filled by members of our community will be enjoyed this winter by very needy and grateful recipients in Eastern Europe

There are already plans for the new year – the year of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our main aim is to raise funds to equip the Sensory Room when Rachel House is refurbished. We are planning some fabulous events for 2026, the first of which is a Casino and Curry Night on 28 March at Kinross Rugby Club. Lookout for details coming soon...

Would you like to be involved in this exciting Rotary year? Are you seeking new opportunities in this New Year? Is your resolution to be more active in the community? Or are you just interested in what we do and think it's time to come along to a meeting? You would be made most welcome.

Contact [secretary.kdrc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.kdrc@gmail.com) for more information.

And to everyone who has supported us in any way, seen us in the distance at events or taken time to read about us... thank you for your interest in Rotary and we wish you and your loved ones a Very Happy New Year!

## Kinross and District Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association

It has been a hectic time over the past month with the festive season culminating in members attending the Snow White pantomime at Dunfermline's Alhambra Theatre, A Christmas Carol Service at Strathallan School and a traditional Christmas Party in the Church Centre to round off 2025.

The first Battalion competition of the new year will be the mini-volleyball competition for Junior and Company section members at Strathallan School in mid January.

A new national initiative to create links with former members has been launched as an Alumni with the link being [alumni.boys-brigade.org.uk](http://alumni.boys-brigade.org.uk).

Junior and Anchors also participated in a mid-Scottish 'Christmas Bauble' art competition to design their own colourful bauble (pictured).

## Kinross Historical Society

Dr David Munro gave his annual talk on Monday 8 December entitled 'Tofts, Crofts and Commonties of Kinross'. He started off by defining the words in the title.

A Croft is a smallholding beyond the town limits. A toft is a homestead and land for rearing animals and growing crops such as kale. A commonty is land owned communally, occasionally under rights of servitude in favour of others. Kinross was surrounded by commonties and lots of people



were crofters and/or tofters.

Some people who owned property such as James Steedman of Whinfield also had Cordman's Toft, had headrooms in the Muirs of Kinross and Clouse Yard on the road to Bowton. A man called Swan owned an acre within the Croftlands of Kinross which is now known as Swansacre.

In 1541, James V created Kinross as a Burgh of Barony which increased the value of the land and gave him power to generate more wealth.

When Sir William Bruce built Kinross House, he licensed the trades people to be allowed to carry out work in the burgh. There were fifteen trades recorded by this in 1695, including

brewers, masons, weavers, cutlers, baxters, glovers, listers, coopers and fleshers. A map of Kinross was drawn by John Bell at the end of the seventeenth century when the town had a population of 2500.

Andrew Nicol who lived in Piper Row was a tofter with a small house, a kale yard and a midden stead. He got into a legal battle over his midden stead with Sir Thomas Graham of Kinross Estate. He did well with the lawsuit in Kinross but Sir Thomas Graham took him to the Court of Session in Edinburgh. Andrew Nicol became a frequent visitor to Edinburgh because of this and would walk to Pettycur to take the ferry to Edinburgh. He had a plan drawn up of his midden and took it everywhere, selling copies to raise funds for the law case. But he didn't win and ended his days in the Tolbooth prison in Kinross till his death in 1817.



In 1823, John Wood drew a map of Kinross clearly showing the commonties on the south side of Kinross, Lochside Commonty and Myre Commonty. Around this time, there were moves afoot to lower the level of Loch Leven and Sir Thomas Graham wanted to acquire the Lochside Commonty, in fact all the land around the loch. Ebenezer Birrell drew the map of the loch which was used for this. It was very important as it showed how boundaries were worked out.

Then Sir Thomas Graham moved on to the Myre Commonty. The name still is used today. A new road, Montgomery Street, was put in, houses were built, a bleaching field was set up and people were encouraged to make use of this. But the tofters were not happy about this piece of land. There is an 'Agreement Tofters Kinross 1828' in Kinross Museum signed by many tofters and the name of their tofts often named after them.

To the northern side of Kinross were the Muirs of Kinross shown with some cultivated land but the biggest commonty was Gallowhill Commonty which stretched for Thomanean to Turfhill with a lot of open space connecting with farms, not a populated area like Kinross. A map in the museum drawn up in 1793 by Alexander Brown shows how the commonty was divided up so that the surrounding farmers would get a share of the land to use.

Gallowhill was where people were hung until 1740s and the bodies were buried along the roadside. The bandits who kidnapped James V in Milnathort were hung there after capture. Some of the names from the days of the commonties found on old plans are being used for new street names by builders in Kinross.

Robin Caldwell thanked David Munro for his interesting talk from which everyone must have learned a lot. The size of the audience gave testimony to the quality of his annual talks. He thanked him for the talk and also for the work being done in the Museum.

The January talk will be by Sarah Smith, entitled 'The Schoolin' of the Bairns of Knross-shire' on 19 January at Kinross Parish Church at 7.30pm.

## Kinross-shire Partnership Networking Breakfast Meetings

The Kinross-shire Partnership Networking Breakfast in December at the Green Hotel was a wonderfully relaxed event. We slightly altered the format, foregoing a guest speaker, which allowed everyone to engage in more detailed discussions about their businesses or groups than usual.

We would love for you to join us at our next breakfast meeting on Wednesday, 7 January. Our guest speaker this time will be Heather Dewar. Heather is an award-winning journalist, with vast experience in both broadcast and print media.

She has over 20 years' experience in radio and TV presenting.



Heather won Scotland's Journalist of the Year award in 2022 and has twice picked up the Sports News Writer of the Year. In 2025, she won silver in the News Reporter of the Year category at the British Sports Journalism awards, and was also nominated in the Regional Sports Writer of the Year category.

Heather has hosted a number of events both in London and in Scotland, and is also an after-dinner speaker.

As a sports journalist, she has reported from around the world, covering Olympics, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, Wimbledon, Solheim Cup, Women's World Cup football, Netball World Cup, international rugby, and numerous football matches.

If you are interested in attending, please reach out to us. You can call or text Richard on 07999 510500 or email [kpnetworkingbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:kpnetworkingbreakfast@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

## Kinross Day Centre

Well, what about that wind! It was really bad last month. I really have no idea what the weather is doing. I hope everyone has got their heating on and is keeping warm.

On Wednesday 10 December, we enjoyed our Christmas lunch and party. The delicious food and wonderful company made it a very memorable occasion. We would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all the staff, committee members, volunteers, and Kinross Rotary for their tremendous support in making the day so special. Special appreciation also goes to Vicky and David from the Grouse and Claret for providing crackers, napkins, plenty of wine, and helping make our celebration even better.

I'm not sure how everyone else feels, but to me, this year has gone by incredibly fast. We're now beginning preparations for our Burns Lunch, which will take place on Monday 26 January 2026.



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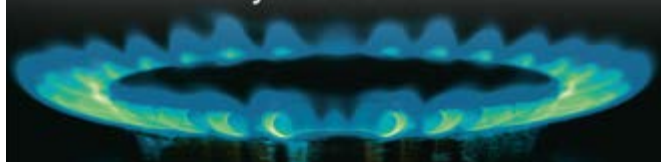


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## Portmoak Community Woodland Group



The future of Portmoak Moss has been a big talking point since December when we helped to organise a four hour drop-in session about what's being planned.

Around 50 people came to Portmoak Village Hall on 10 December, to hear about the restoration project, which will see the removal of most of the trees and a return to peat bog.

So many people love the Moss that we weren't surprised by a deluge of questions about the wildlife, the trees and the future of public access. All these things will be affected. There will be different wildlife, different birds, more mosses and bog plants and changes to some of the pathways.

The restoration project actually began in 1999, when Sitka spruce was removed from the centre of the peat dome. It should never have been there in the first place but it was planted in the 1960s by the Forestry Commission, in response to a national timber shortage. In the event, the trees didn't grow strong and were never harvested. Now many of them are blowing down.

Moss owners, the Woodland Trust Scotland, have been working to bring back what is a very rare, lowland raised peat bog. The Portmoak Community Woodland Group has also been doing its best, over several years, to remove any birch or pine saplings that tried to grow there, because of the danger that they would dry out the peat again. You can see the area where that has worked but elsewhere many of the trees have grown too big to pull out.

Peatland Action, who are part of the government agency, NatureScot, have advised that the best way to get the bog onto a sustainable footing is by tackling the whole site.

So, apart from sections round the fringe where there are trees like birch and rowan, the other, mostly non-native trees will go.

The current time-scale is to carry out the felling work next winter (2026) with the peatland restoration starting immediately afterwards. Access will be restricted during the main part of the works but will be restored - with some paths possibly taking new routes when we find out how the water table settles.

There won't be much habitat left for red squirrels but there is plenty of new woodland in Kilmagad Wood and it contains some of their favourite foods, such as hazelnuts and acorns. Many woodland birds will be looking for new homes but there will be the right habitat for ground-nesting birds, like meadow pipit and skylark and waders, like lapwing and redshank.

It'll be a few years before everything settles down and signs of the disruption fade away. But some changes will be fast, as different birds and insects, like dragonflies, explore the newly created pools of water.

We will give more updates in the *Newsletter* as we get them.



## Kinross in Bloom



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The start of a new year is always a time to review as well as plan going forward. 2025 was a very successful year in terms of vibrant floral displays and the amount of hard work accomplished by the Kinross in bloom core group (committee members) and the extended but vital groups of waterers, supporters and helpers. Without all this support nothing could be achieved.

Moving forwards, early spring should see thousands of bulbs growing in various locations around kinross. A real positive has been the additional work done by Perth and kinross Council who have planted daffodil bulbs along Springfield road. The various road works had dug up many of the mature bulbs which local residents looked forward to seeing year after year. Locals should also see a great display of crocus bulbs in the Levenfields area. These bulbs were planted as a result of a joint project with Perth and Kinross Council, Kinross in Bloom, Kinross Rotary Club and pupils from both the High and Primary Schools.

January can be a dreary month but there are always plants growing and renewing in advance of Spring. February will see drifts of snowdrops, the start of the new season. Kinross in Bloom activities will commence with a committee/planning meeting on the third of February 2026. As always, an invitation is extended to anyone interested in joining the group or interested in finding out more about the group activities.

Again thanks to all the loyal supporters of Kinross in Bloom and best wishes for the new year.



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# Sports News



## JKS Shojiki Karate

We have continued to prepare for our final grading of the year which will take place on 13 December at the JKS Scotland Headquarters in Dunfermline. We have also selected a student of the year for each class and awarded them a trophy. The students of the year for Kinross and Milnathort classes at Shojiki Karate Club are as follows:

- Kinross Tiger Cubs Class: Evelyn McHardy
- Kinross Main Class: Amy Clayton
- Milnathort Main Class: Joseph Ruscitto

We are looking forward to an even better 2026 with more students getting involved with Karate, progressing through their belts and competing in tournaments.



## Kinross Otters

Kinross Otters, the community's amateur swimming club, has enjoyed a busy and exciting run-up to Christmas, with swimmers, coaches and volunteers all contributing to a fantastic end to the year.

### Young Volunteer Programme

Senior swimmers Abigail and Isla travelled north to take part in Scottish Swimming's Young Volunteer Programme, representing Kinross Otters with pride and enthusiasm.

### St Thomas Meet – Arbroath

Several age-group swimmers attended the St Thomas Meet in Arbroath, using the event as an opportunity to sharpen skills and chase personal bests ahead of the long-course season starting in January. It was excellent to see swimmers confidently carrying out their land-based warm-ups.

Medal Winners: Mia T, Niamh, Lily, Lucy J (who also earned a 'too fast' certificate for her rapid 200m breaststroke!)

Notable Performance was Finlay – an outstanding 400m freestyle, taking 43 seconds off his entry time.

### Midland District Development Programme

Coach Euan travelled to Aberdeen with Nathan for the final session of the Midland District Development Programme. Euan was invited to lead the long-course session, with his popular relay-takeover workshop being a highlight.

### Midland District Distance Time Trial – Blairgowrie

A dedicated group of Otters travelled to Blairgowrie to compete in the District's 400m and 1500m Distance Time Trial at the region's newest pool.

400m Swimmers: Rishi, Lucy S and Mia T

1500m Swimmers: Niamh, Nathan, Lily, Finlay, Douglas and Magnus

The 1500m event (60 lengths) requires exceptional pacing and stamina. All swimmers exceeded their entry times, achieving strong PBs to build on for 2026. A warm thank-you to Midland District for hosting the gala, and to our ever-supportive parent helpers.

### Join Kinross Otters in 2026

We are excited to begin 2026 with Open Assessments for swimmers interested in joining the club.

If your swimmer has completed SS3 and is ready to join an active, welcoming club environment, we currently have space in our Foundation Squad (entry level). The open assessments will take place on Sunday 11 January 3pm – 5pm.

### Masters Swim Sessions

Experienced swimmers and former club swimmers are invited to join our Masters Training Sessions.

When: Tuesdays, 8pm–9pm, Where: Loch Leven Leisure Centre. Session Details:

- Structured, coached training
- Technique development
- Fitness and stroke variation
- Typical distance 2500m (with flexibility for pace and ability)

For further information, contact: [secretary@kinrossotters.co.uk](mailto:secretary@kinrossotters.co.uk)

## Kinross Golf Club

The annual prizegiving dinner is one of the highlights of the golf club year and at Kinross Golf Club this year was no exception. We celebrated all those who played at their very best during the year and collected silverware

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Club Captain Scott Michie who presenting the prizes.

for their efforts. Congratulations to all of the winners. Commiserations to those who ran a close second. For the many, like your correspondent, who simply enjoyed the camaraderie and conviviality of the competitions we applaud you all. It is in the very best spirit of the game to play for the fun, the chance to improve, the opportunity to support others and to accept that our victory is yet to come. To the unsung heroes, those in pursuit of lower handicaps and higher glories, the flutters and duffers, the slicers and shankers, the yippers and chippers, to all who

love the game – YOU are our TRUE champions. Good luck to all over the winter and a Happy New Year to all readers of the *Newsletter*.

The full list of winners is too long to include here but is available on the club website. The winners of our major competitions were:

**MAJORS**

	Winner	Runner Up
<b>Beeches Park Trophy</b>	Scott Sinclair Ronnie Sinclair	Andy Caldwell Gray Smith
<b>Summer Fourball</b>	Alan Commons James Atkinson	David Eastop Iain Hardie
<b>Seniors Cup</b>	Alistair McGregor	David Eastop
<b>Centenary Cup</b>	Steven Calder	Calum Sharp
<b>Piper Cup</b>	David Carter	Leslie Giffen
<b>Hardie (Handicap)</b>	William Nixon	James Marshall
<b>Sutherland (Scratch)</b>	Alan Archibald	David Carter
<b>Beveridge Cup</b>	Alistair McGregor	James D Marshall
<b>Montgomery Cup (Club Champion)</b>	Andrew C Jackson	Alan Archibald



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## Kinross Road Runners

Kinross Road Runners were privileged to host local Olympian Eilidh Doyle for an evening. Eilidh gave an excellent talk on her career as an athlete highlighting her time at the London 2012 Olympics and the Glasgow Commonwealth Games in 2014. She was also very gracious in answering lots of questions from KRR members and their families as well as posing for photos. She even brought along a selection of her medals for members to see and hold.

It really was an honour to hear about her experiences as an athlete and we all left inspired and a little bit awestruck.

To cap the night off Eilidh was presented with a cheque for £350 for her chosen charity CHAS, which was raised from entrance fees and a donation from the club.

## Kinross Volleyball

The new season Perth & District Volleyball Leagues are underway with three Kinross teams competing, one in the Premier League and two in the Recreational League. With junior players involved in all three teams, results have been mixed as players 'bed in' to the new teams. Two Kinross

High School youngsters, one boy and one girl are involved in Scottish Volleyball's 'Tartan Talent' programme where potential international players are given a more intensive coaching opportunity with regular weekend sessions at a variety of venue around Central Scotland.

The Kinross Club will have a Christmas break with training sessions resuming at the large Campus games hall on Monday 5 January from 8pm till 9.45pm.

New members are welcome to join in this popular world sport. Kinross Volleyball Club has a PACES Gold award status within Perth & Kinross Council.

## Kinross Tennis Club

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/KinrossTennisClub>

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There were tough weather conditions on court at the end of 2025 but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm of some players. Our teen boys class played through the snow – with some of them even playing in shorts! Well done boys!



## AGM

All the wet weather did give us the opportunity to hold our AGM, reflect on 2025, and make plans for 2026. 2025 was another fantastic year for the club. Highlights included:

- New LED flood lights
- Repainted courts
- Strong coaching participation – with over 250 players taking part
- Great court usage and popular social sessions throughout the year
- Strong performances from our ladies, men's, mixed, and junior teams in the Tayside and Perth and District Leagues.

The AGM also gave us the opportunity to keep our membership rates at the same great value with no increases for 2026.

### Junior Winter Coaching

We won't have to worry about the weather next term as all our junior classes will be indoors at Loch Leven Community Campus! The courts might be smaller and the balls a little lighter, but that gives us a great opportunity for longer rallies, more exciting matches and lots of time to work on our footwork and shot technique ahead of next season. New players are very welcome – in fact it's the perfect time to try tennis for the first time! The class times, starting Saturday 10 January 2026, will be as follows:

Saturday:

9.15-10am: Tots & Parents

10-10.45am: Red Ball 5-7 years

10.45-11.30am: Orange Ball 7-9years

11.30-12.30pm: Yellow Ball 10 years +

Monday:

5-6pm: Red/Orange Ball (7-9 years)

6-7pm: Green/Yellow (10-14 years)

### Pickleball

Fancy trying something new this winter?

Club Coach Siobhan will be running introductory Pickleball classes starting on 9 January. All equipment is provided and fun is guaranteed!



### Kinross Hockey Club

Firstly unlike almost all other sports size is not so important in hockey. As demonstrated by the picture – 'Sorry Miss for tackling the ball off you'....



Secondly have faith in your kit even if you have six players running at you. Mind you maybe we should have turned this photo into a 'Spot the ball competition'....do they still exist?



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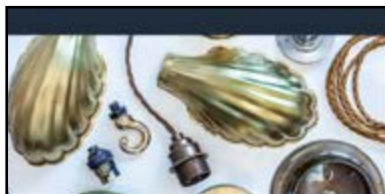
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### HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

December on the reserve was another busy time with lots of teal, curlew and wigeon being spotted by our visitors and volunteers. With the hours of daylight still being short and the lighter evenings of spring still far in the distance why not take yourself out for a walk round the Loch Leven Heritage Trail.

It is around 13 miles to go round the whole of Loch Leven but if you fancy just walking part of the route, then there are car parks all-round the Loch area from which you can access different sections of the Trail. If you fancy a shorter walk then the Leafy Loop and the Wetland Trail at the reserve is perfect and is accessible for buggies, wheelchairs and mobility scooters. Remember we have two mobility scooters that can be hired from our Visitor Centre. Just get in touch with us beforehand and we can reserve one for you.

If one of your New Year's Resolutions is to try something new, then we have a Birdwatching for Beginners event on Saturday 17 January and Tuesday 20 January. Join us on a guided walk of RSPB Loch Leven, where you will learn all about birdwatching, and how to identify different bird species. We'll explore both woodland and wetland habitats. Knowledgeable guides will be on hand to help answer your questions; this is a great opportunity to get started with birdwatching. Tickets for this event also need to be booked through our website, please see the details below.

It is not long till the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch which takes place on 23-25 January 2026. Get your binoculars at the ready and sit back, relax and watch the birds in your garden for an hour then let us know what you have spotted.

9.1 million birds were counted during the 2025 Big Garden Birdwatch! Since 1979 there have been 12.6 million hours spent watching birds, amazing! Talking of binoculars, why not spend your Christmas money in our shop on some new binoculars or scopes. Our knowledgeable shop staff will be able to guide you through what would suit you best.

If you're looking for an activity for kids during the winter months, you can still hire our Nature Quest backpacks every day between 10-4pm, you don't need to prebook, just pop along to our Visitor Centre. To find out more about our events programme head to our website [events.rspb.org.uk/lochleven](http://events.rspb.org.uk/lochleven) or get in touch using our contact information below.

Our café is open from 10am-3pm each day, and 10am-4pm for the shop and visitor centre. Please note we will be closed on

Thursday 1 and Friday 2 January. As always, our car park, trails, hides and toilets are open 24/7.

Thank you for taking the time to read our update. To keep up to date with any changes to our opening hours, please visit [www.rspb.org.uk/days-out/reserves/loch-leven](http://www.rspb.org.uk/days-out/reserves/loch-leven), or get in touch on [lochleven@rspb.org.uk](mailto:lochleven@rspb.org.uk), or telephone 01577 862355. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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*Male Goldeneye duck by Lorne Gill*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR** from everyone here at NatureScot Loch Leven! Going out for a walk and getting fresh air is a great way to stay healthy mind and body, and the heritage trail around the loch is the perfect place to do that after the Christmas holidays. Wildlife highlights you may be lucky enough to see are red squirrels, woodpeckers flying from tree to tree, or the thousands of birds you can see on the loch. In recent Webs counts the most numerous birds we've had have been coot, with over 3000 in a large flock on the north side of the loch.

One wildlife spectacle that you can see here from January is goldeneye courtship displays. We can get a good few hundred goldeneye spending the winter here at Loch Leven. They will often complete courtship before heading north back to breeding grounds in the spring. Males have a series of different displays but the most common involves them extending their necks and flicking their heads right back against their bodies.

In December we had a group of students from Elmwood college visit the reserve. They helped plant and protect a few hundred trees along the north shore. The species they were planting were holly, Scots pine and birch, excellent native trees that provide both cover and a food source for local wildlife.

This month we will be welcoming back our current seasonal reserve officer Stuart and a previous reserve officer Julie for a few months. They will be helping our reserve officer and volunteers

with practical tasks around the reserve, as well as occasionally providing a weekend presence and hosting events. Throughout January we will be having a couple of litter picking days, where we would like to invite the public to come along and help. Please keep an eye out for this.

Our festive character trail has been a big hit again and will stay up for the first few weeks of January. We want to say a big thank you to all our volunteers who helped put it together. We also want to thank them for helping conduct our annual wreath-making event in December and everyone who came along. It was a great night.

So far this autumn and winter we have luckily not had many dead birds and those that we have had, have not tested positive for bird flu. However it is currently prevalent across the west coast, so we would like to ask people to stay vigilant and report any sightings of sick or dead birds to ourselves or defra.

To keep updated with what's going on on the reserve, have a look at our social media. Feel free to get in touch with any of your own sightings.

*Sally Reay  
Loch Leven Nature Reserve Officer*

## Weather

### Recent Weather Reports From Kinross November 2025

Total Rainfall	<b>184.2mm/7.36in</b>	
Heaviest Fall	<b>21.7mm/0.86in</b>	(23 Nov)
Total Sunshine	<b>60.3hrs</b>	
Sunniest Day	<b>6.3hrs</b>	(19 Nov)
Max Temp Average	<b>9.32°C</b>	
Highest Temp	<b>14.8°C</b>	(7 Nov)
Min Temp Average	<b>-1.15°C</b>	
Lowest Temp	<b>-10.9°C</b>	(18 Nov)



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**WINTER ON THE** farm looks very different depending on the mix of enterprises. For dairy and beef farmers, it's full-on, when cattle are housed they are fed twice a day, bedded a couple of times a week and checked constantly for any signs of illness. Whilst much of it is mechanised now, plenty of farmers are still carrying bags of feed and rolling out straw by hand, who needs a gym membership when you've got livestock? Sheep farmers like us are finishing the lambs for market and keeping plenty of silage in front of the expectant ewes. Arable neighbours often take a bit of teasing at this time of year about their 'quiet winters', but in reality, there's always machinery to maintain and unexpected jobs appearing to keep them on their toes or a game of curling to be enjoyed.

At the end of November, something far from quiet was happening at the bottom of the town. The fields south of the loch path were full of farm equipment and tractors. A friend asked if the gathering was some kind of social event, so I made a few enquiries and discovered it was turnip harvesting carried out by Stewarts of Tayside, one of the UK's biggest neep growers. Grown under fleece, the 45 acres of neeps had reached the perfect size for their supermarket contract.

Two self-propelled harvesters lifted them from the ground, and 27 tractors with trailers worked in rotation to transport the 2200 tonnes to the farmyard. With forklifts loading and unloading, it

took five lorries to get them to the headquarters and safely into cold storage. As the team worked late into the evening, their bright lights reflected off the calm loch, creating an impressive sight. This is spreadsheet farming at its most detailed, every movement planned so nothing ends up in the wrong place.

Neeps may not be the trendiest vegetable, but I love them mashed with butter, salt and pepper. Our sheep love them too. We grow them as a winter feed, and we don't use fleece or a spreadsheet so they grow into all shapes and sizes. We don't even need one tractor to lift them, we just let the ewes in for a few hours each day. It's a bit like a turnip happy hour! The ewes aren't fussy about what they look like either, just thankful of the extra energy in the midst of winter.

Here at Bankhead, we've an exciting winter project of our own: planting 650 metres of new hedge. It's a mix of hawthorn, blackthorn, hazel and maple, much needed as the farm currently has no hedges at all. Once established, it could spread four metres wide and provide food and shelter for our farmland birds and, we hope, our red squirrels will eventually explore it and venture out further into the farm. It will link two woodland areas, creating a valuable wildlife corridor. But first comes the hard work: fencing both sides, planting 3,900 plugs in a double staggered row, adding canes and spiral guards... it's a big job. We've also got riparian planting and some new woodland to put in before spring arrives. I believe it's a popular activity for people who are keen on increasing biodiversity so I've been encouraged to ask for volunteers. Yes, somewhat out of my comfort zone, but please if anyone fancies helping to plant up, we would be delighted to hear from you, my number is 07835 719251.

All this work has been a welcome focus during a sad time for our family. We lost Andrew's dad, George, in early December. George was a wonderful farmer, a loving partner, father and grandpa, and a great friend and father-in-law to me. He worked alongside us until only a few years ago and loved nothing more than a day spent combining or ploughing. Fruix is quieter without him, we miss his daily weather summary, his cheerful smile and curious mind. He would have relished watching the turnip harvesting and as a bird lover, I think he would be pleased I'm planting a new hedge and wood. We all hope we can keep farming well to make him proud.

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### Could You Mentor A Young Person?

Grandmentors matches volunteer mentors (usually aged 50+) with young people (16-26) who are care experienced or have had adverse childhood experiences. We provide training and support during your mentorship. If you would like to give a little time to help a young person take steps towards independence, or hear more about the project, please get in touch at [perthandkinross@volunteeringmatters.org.uk](mailto:perthandkinross@volunteeringmatters.org.uk)

### The Kinross-shire Partnership

Kinross-shire Partnership is looking for help to manage the Mobility Scooters, the website [www.kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc), organise the Better Place To Live Fair, Networking Breakfasts and the Community Champion Award Event. We are looking for someone with book keeping experience and someone to take minutes at meetings, held approximately 8 times a year. The finances are very straightforward. Please email Richard on: [kpnetworkingbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:kpnetworkingbreakfast@gmail.com) or call 07999 510500. We would love to hear from you.

### The Potager Garden

A small community garden in Bowton Road Kinross. Contact Amanda James on 07963 476803, or [amandajames1577@gmail.com](mailto:amandajames1577@gmail.com).

### Broke not Broken

Broke not Broken is a voluntary organisation working for the prevention and relief of poverty. Contact [admin@brokennotbroken.org](mailto:admin@brokennotbroken.org).

### Greyhound Rescue Fife

Greyhound Rescue Fife at Balfree Country Centre, Gairneybank, Kinross, needs volunteers to clean the kennels and walk and feed the greyhounds. 01592 890583. [www.greyhoundrescuefife.com](http://www.greyhoundrescuefife.com).

### KLEO

(Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation): If you enjoy local events on your doorstep, like the monthly Kinross Farmers' market and the winter festival events please join us! Contact Bouwien Bennet at [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk) or call 07979 064345.

### RSPB Loch Leven

We are always out on the lookout for volunteers to help at our reserve, this could be from working in the café, shop or visitor centre. If you're interested, please get in touch on [lochleven@rspb.org.uk](mailto:lochleven@rspb.org.uk).

### Kinross (Marshall) Museum

The museum, based at the Campus, depends on a small group of volunteers who undertake research, and answer queries sent from around the world. Email [information@kinrossmuseum.org.uk](mailto:information@kinrossmuseum.org.uk) or call into the museum when the study room is open (Saturday 10am-1pm or Thursdays 10am-7pm).

### Swansacre Playgroup

Our long-established charity playgroup is welcoming volunteers for flexible and rewarding roles including fundraising, garden upkeep, lunch preparation and committee support. No experience necessary. Please contact [swansacre.chair@gmail.com](mailto:swansacre.chair@gmail.com) for more information.

### Kinross Heart Start

Campaign to secure funds for public access defibrillators. Contact Pamela Hunter on 01577 862419.

### Common Grounds

Charity Cafe staffed by volunteers on Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 10am-12.30pm in the Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. Contact: Gaylor Hopkins 01337 860535/Elaine Matthew 01592 840266.

### Volunteering with Aberlour!

We are currently recruiting new volunteers to support Aberlour, Scotland's Children's Charity. Visit [www.aberlour.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.aberlour.org.uk/volunteer).

### Seamab

Seamab is a residential school that cares for some of the most vulnerable children in Scotland. For more information contact Melloney Flinn at [mflinn@seamab.org.uk](mailto:mflinn@seamab.org.uk) or call 01577 840307.

### SSAFA

The Armed Forces charity is always on the look out for new volunteers in a variety of roles: client case working (free training is provided), admin office roles, fundraising or PR/media work. Contact the Branch Secretary 07594 650900.

### Kinross-shire Day Centre

We are looking for volunteers to serve meals and help with day trips and activities, such as bingo and singing, for a lively bunch of over-aged teenagers (over 65s). Pop in and speak to Nan or telephone 01577 863869.

### Milnathort Town Hall Committee

We are looking for volunteers. For more information please contact us at [milnathorttownhall1@gmail.com](mailto:milnathorttownhall1@gmail.com).

### SPARKS

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### Duke of Edinburgh

The Kinross-shire Duke of Edinburgh Open Group has a wide range of adult volunteering opportunities available. Contact us at [dofekinrossshire@gmail.com](mailto:dofekinrossshire@gmail.com).

### Interested in Guiding?

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### Friends of CHAS Kinross

Do you enjoy meeting people? Making a difference? Planning fun and creative events? Then please think about Friends of CHAS – Kinross. Contact [lyndsaystobie@chas.org.uk](mailto:lyndsaystobie@chas.org.uk) or 07557 370746.

### Kinross-shire Volunteer Drivers

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### Guide Dogs Kinross

We would love new volunteers to join our fundraising group. Email [she61@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:she61@hotmail.co.uk).

### 1st Kinross Cubs

1st Kinross Cubs is a part of the 1st Kinross Scout Group and offers the young children of Kinross-shire the opportunity to gain new skills and experiences under the guidance of the Scout Association. Contact Daryl [kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk).

### Kinross in Bloom

Volunteer group which provides and maintains floral displays to enhance the environment in Kinross. Contact [susan.mitchell50@gmail.com](mailto:susan.mitchell50@gmail.com).

### Light Up Kinross

Light Up Kinross is a small local charity with responsibility for Kinross Christmas lights. Email [mbs21@btinternet.com](mailto:mbs21@btinternet.com)

**ORGANISATIONS: To add an appeal, email the Editor. Please let us know if you no longer need your appeal to be listed.**

**Weekly Programme For January 2026****The Day Centre is CLOSED on Jan 1 and 2.**

<b>Monday</b>	Hearing Aid Clinic (5 Jan ONLY) Careers Drop in (12, 26 Jan ONLY) Exercise Class Games: Indoor Curling, Quizzes, Scrabble, Dominoes Burns Lunch (26 Jan ONLY)	10am-12pm 10.30am-3pm 11.30am 1.30pm 12pm-3pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Vision PK (6, 20 Jan ONLY) 'Stride for Life' Walking Group Exercise Class Trishaws (OFF AT PRESENT) Singing Group (9 Jan ONLY) Games: Curling, Quizzes etc (2, 9, 23 Jan ONLY)	10-11.45am 10.00am 11.30am 1.30pm 1.30pm 1.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Church Service Reminiscence Group (7 Jan ONLY) Fun Quiz (3, 17 Jan ONLY) Games: Indoor Curling, Quizzes (3, 17 Jan ONLY) Chiropody Service (7 Jan – appts only) Craft Group (14, 28 Jan ONLY)	11.15am 1.30pm 1.30pm 1.30pm 12pm-2pm 1.30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Chiropody Service (15 Jan – appts only) Interactive Games (8, 15, 22, 29 Jan ONLY) Exercise Class with Kenny (8, 15, 22, 29 Jan ONLY) Games: Curling, Quizzes, Scrabble (8, 15, 22, 29 Jan ONLY) Art Group (8, 15, 22, 29 Jan ONLY)	10am-1pm 11.30am 11.30am 1.15pm 1.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	Exercise Group (9, 16, 23, 30 Jan ONLY) Trishaws (OFF AT PRESENT) Board Games (9, 16, 23, 30 Jan ONLY) Bingo (9, 16, 23, 30 Jan ONLY) Life Story Books (9, 16, 23, 30 Jan ONLY)	11.30am 1.30pm 1.30pm 1.30pm 1.30pm



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We would like to thank all our service users, committee, volunteers and the whole community of Kinross and surrounding areas, for your continued support of Kinross Centre.

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## Kinross-shire Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity no SC015523)

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**The local Church of Scotland congregations united in 2025 to become 'Kinross-shire Parish Church'.**

This is formed from the previous congregations of Arngask, Cleish, Fossoway, Kinross, and Orwell & Portmoak. The new congregation holds worship and events across the parish, but primarily at its three worship centres of Fossoway Church (Crook of Devon), Kinross Church and Orwell Church (Milnathort). The individual diaries for each worship centre are below.

### Ministry Team

**Charge A**, based in Kinross: **Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD**  
Tel: (01577) 862952

**Charge B**, currently vacant, to be based in Crook of Devon.

**Applications for this vacancy are now being assessed.**

Interim Moderator for the Charge B vacancy: **Rev. Marc Prowe**

Associate Minister (Orwell): **Rev Dr Robert Calvert**

Locum Minister (Cleish and Fossoway): **Rev Christine Sime**;

Probationer Minister: **Alex Johnson**

## Kinross Church

**Part of Kinross-shire Parish Church**

Kinross Church: 10 Station Road, Kinross KY13 8TG

Kinross Church Centre: 64 High St, Kinross, KY13 8AJ

Website: [www.kinrossparishchurch.org](http://www.kinrossparishchurch.org)

Facebook: Kinross Parish Church of Scotland

YouTube: *Kinross Parish Worship*; Instagram: *kpscotland*

E-mail: [office@kinrossparishchurch.org](mailto:office@kinrossparishchurch.org)

Office Tel: (01577) 862570

The Kinross Church Office is open 10am-12noon, Mon & Fri.

Otherwise operating remotely. Leave a phone message or email.

Contact the Kinross Church Office for the weekly email of events and Zoom details.

### REGULAR SERVICES AND EVENTS IN KINROSS

*Events are in Kinross Church unless otherwise indicated. Check weekly email and website for changes over Christmas.*

#### Sundays

9.15am **Choir Practice**

10.30am: **Morning Service:** There is often a 'gathering song' about 10.25am

**For Young People:** Junior Church (age 4 -11) meets in the Upper Room from 10.30 then joins in at the end. There is a corner in the church for parents with babies/toddlers.

**Refreshments and Fairtrade Stall** after most services

**Sunday morning services are also available online:**

live on YouTube and Facebook; thereafter on YouTube, Facebook and the church website. Listen by phone on 01577 528270, or request a CD

6.00pm: **Sunday Evening Prayer**, on Zoom

6.00pm: **Crossfire**, church centre. Age P7 & up **Restarts 18 Jan**

#### Mondays

10am-12pm: **Kinross Church Office** open to visitors

2.00pm: **Bridge and Board Games Afternoon.** **Restarts 12 Jan**

7.30pm: **Adult Dungeons and Dragons** (Fortnightly – details below.)

7.30pm: **House Group** Bible study & fellowship. **Restarts 12 Jan**

#### Tuesdays

10-11.30am: **Stepping Stones** for babies, toddlers and carers. **Restarts 20 Jan**

2.30pm: **House Group.** **Restarts 13 Jan**

7.00pm: **Guild** fortnightly (now finished for the winter)

#### Wednesdays

11.15am **Midweek Service**, in the Church Centre Garden Room.

1.30pm: **Craft Group.** **Restarts 14 Jan**

7.45pm: **Men's House Group.** **Restarts 7 Jan**

8.00pm: **Women's House Group.** **Restarts 14 Jan**

#### Thursdays

10.30am: **House Group**

11am-12pm: **Table Talk** – chat on Zoom. **Restarts 15 Jan**

8.00pm: **Young Mum's House Group** on Zoom. **Restarts 15 Jan**

#### Fridays

10am-12pm: **Kinross Church Office** open to visitors.

5.30pm: **Youth Dungeons and Dragons** (fortnightly)

**Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association,**

(Church Centre) **Restarts 9 Jan**

6pm-7.15pm **Anchor Section** (P1-P3)

7pm-9.00pm **Junior Section** (P4-P6)

7pm-9.30pm **Company Section** (P7-S3)

7pm-9.30pm **Senior Section** (S4-S6)

### OTHER SERVICES AND EVENTS

*In Kinross Church unless otherwise indicated.*

#### JANUARY 2026

Sun 4 10.30am: **Morning Service** followed by **informal Communion at 11.45am**

Mon 5 8am: **Guided Silent Meditation**

Fri 9 5.30pm: **Youth Dungeons and Dragons**

Sun 11 2.30pm: **Let's Sing in Church Centre.** Tea and a sing for all, but especially for those living with dementia and their carers

7pm: **Sunday@7:** Informal worship

Mon 12 7.30pm: **Adult Dungeons and Dragons**

Thu 15 9pm: **Evening service of Compline**

Sat 18 11am: **All Friends Together** for adults with learning disabilities

Tue 20 10am: **Stepping Stones** resumes after Christmas break

Fri 23 5.30pm: **Youth Dungeons and Dragons**

Mon 26 7.30pm: **Adult Dungeons and Dragons**

## Cleish and Fossoway

**Part of Kinross-shire Parish Church**

Cleish Church: Cleish, Kinross-shire, KY13 0LR

Fossoway Church: Church Road, Crook of Devon,

Kinross-shire, KY13 0PQ

Our churches are very warm and welcoming places. Fossoway Church is situated in Crook of Devon and services are held here weekly. Cleish Church is situated in Cleish, services are held monthly. Come and join us – we would love to meet you. All are welcome at any of our meetings and services.

**If you would like any more information, please contact:**

**Christine Sime: 07759 463448, [revcsime@gmail.com](mailto:revcsime@gmail.com)**

**Anne McKay: 07766 418016, [annemckay90@gmail.com](mailto:annemckay90@gmail.com)**

**Christine Maclure: 07704 884584, [maclure19@gmail.com](mailto:maclure19@gmail.com)**

*Updates and changes to the dates below can be found on our*

*church website: <https://cleishandfossowaychurches.org.uk>,*

*or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/fossowaychurch>*

**The following services will take place at Fossoway Church, unless otherwise stated:**

#### JANUARY

Sun 4 Jan: **Sunday Morning Worship**

9.45am (Fossoway) & 11.15am (Cleish)

*Fairtrade stall and refreshments after both services*

Sun 11 Jan: **9.45am Sunday Morning Worship,**

*Refreshments will be available after the service*

Sun 18 Jan: **9.45am Sunday Morning Worship,**

*Refreshments will be available after the service*

Sun 25 Jan: **9.45am Sunday Morning Worship,**

*Refreshments will be available after both services*

#### REFRESH THURSDAY

Returns on 8 Jan after its festive break

**Thursdays 2.00pm - 4.00pm** in Fossoway Church Hall  
*Join us for a friendly bletcher with delicious home baking, tea, and coffee. All are welcome.*

**FOSSOWAY CHURCH CHOIR**

Our church choir meets every Sunday morning before morning worship and our wonderful organists run through the hymns that we will be singing during worship. There is no need to read music as the organist helps us to learn what we need to know. We also meet from time to time to practice for special projects e.g. Easter, Christmas. We are a friendly group of people and would love to welcome new members with open arms.

**FILM NIGHT**

**Fri 9 Jan 2026 7.30pm: HEAVEN KNOWS, MR ALLISON (PG)**

This romantic drama, set during WW2, co-stars Robert Mitchum and Deborah Kerr (whose performance earned her a Best Actress Oscar nomination in 1957). Stranded on a Pacific Island, an Irish nun and a heroic marine sergeant live a life of constant peril.

Eventually the sergeant falls in love with the religious woman which compels her to question her vows.

*Donations of £5 appreciated, including tea/coffee and biscuits. Please join us for the film, some refreshments and a blether. All welcome.*

**FOSSOWAY BABIES AND TODDLERS**

Returns on 9 Jan 2026 after its festive break.

Every Friday 9.30 – 11.30am, in Fossoway Church Hall.

Join us for snacks, play and blether.

**FOSSOWAY CREATIVE CRAFTERS GROUP**

Meets on Monday evenings from 6.30pm at Fossoway.

Please bring your own craft and join us.

**CROOK YOUTH CLUB**

Term-Time Weekly Drop In. Every Thurs 6 – 8pm at Fossoway

Come along! It's a space to be, play games, pool table, football table, snacks and good chats! For all young people aged 11-19yrs old. Completely free! Check the KYTHE Facebook page and Instagram account for more details and up-to-date information.

**FOSSOWAY HOUSE GROUP**

Our House Group usually meets every Thursday evening at 7.30pm.

For more details, please contact Debbie Hill 01577 842268

**HALL BOOKINGS**

If you wish to book our hall or meeting rooms, please contact:

Kinross-shire Parish Church on (01577) 862570

or email: [office@kinrossparishchurch.org](mailto:office@kinrossparishchurch.org)

**Orwell and Portmoak Churches****Part of Kinross-shire Parish Church****Sunday Worship, and Junior Church:**

Sunday morning services in Orwell Church at 10.30am. All children welcome.

Family services with the Praise Band will be held on the first Sunday of each month, except January.

No morning services will be held in Portmoak Church, but there will be a service on the last Sunday of each month until the building is sold, as detailed in the diary dates.

Messy Church will meet on Sat. 31st Jan. from 4-6pm at Orwell Church with all the usual crafts, activities, fun, and food.

**JANUARY**

6 Jan Guild Friendship Group in Orwell Hall 2pm -3:30pm

8 Jan Ashley House Service at 2pm.

16 Jan Tea and a Blether in Orwell, 2pm - 3:30pm

25 Jan Praise Service, Portmoak Church at 3pm

30 Jan Oasis Ladies Group, Portmoak New Room 10:15 - 12pm

The Church Office and Shop is open 10am-12pm, Mon-Fri.

Office email: [orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com](mailto:orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com)

Website: [orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk](http://orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk)



**THE KINROSS  
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Rector: We are currently without a Rector. During the vacancy, Contacts for church business and pastoral care including baptisms, weddings and funerals are:

Interim Pastor: Rev Elaine Ryder e-mail [revelaine212@gmail.com](mailto:revelaine212@gmail.com)  
07977 101742 (texts preferred) Not Tuesdays

Chair of Vestry: Malcolm Strang Steel

e-mail [steel@greenheadfarm.co.uk](mailto:steel@greenheadfarm.co.uk) 07970 744102

Associate Priest: Rev Fliss Shaw

e-mail [rev.fmshaw@btinternet.com](mailto:rev.fmshaw@btinternet.com) 07546 219938

Our Sunday morning services begin at 10am, unless otherwise advertised. These are usually Sung Eucharists (worship with Communion). Our church bell rings from 9.45am.

We hope in the future to provide regular updates on our website concerning our schedule of worship.

Our services are broadcast from the church as livestreams via Zoom (please email us for links). The Liturgy outline can be followed on the website via the seasonal Sung Eucharist e-booklets and the weekly pewsheets. Apologies, this information is in obedience at present

We look forward to seeing you in person or online. All are welcome!

Our meeting room is available for hire at competitive rates.

**JANUARY 2026 EVENTS AND SERVICES**

NB: There are no midweek Communion services at the present time.

Sun 4 Epiphany Sunday

10am: Sung Eucharist.

Sun 11 Epiphany 1 The Baptism of the Lord

10am: Sung Eucharist

Sun 18 Epiphany 2

10am: Sung Eucharist

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Sun 25 The Conversion of St Paul

10am: Sung Eucharist

4pm: Taize Service

**FEBRUARY**

Sun 1 The Presentation of the Lord

Candlemass

10am: Sung Eucharist

**DATES FOR THE DIARY 2026****January**

3 & 4: Exhibition of Icons from Ukraine, painted on wood from ammunition boxes. Most will be displayed in the Hall.

Sat 4: There will be a prayer vigil to pray for Ukraine

**Loch Leven Church**

(Charity No: SC049050)

[info@lochlevenchurch.com](mailto:info@lochlevenchurch.com)



Loch Leven Church meets at Loch Leven

Community Campus, at 10:30am each Sunday. In January we'll be hosting the following services:

4 Jan: New Year's Service

(Douglas Reid, Tayside Christian Fellowship)

11 Jan: Matthew 1:1-17: The Gracious King

(Richard Gibb, LLC)

18 Jan: Matthew 1:18-2:23: The Birth of Jesus Christ

(Michael Forde-Hyde, Hope City Church Edinburgh)

26 Jan: Matthew 3:1-17: John the Baptist

(Archy Macmillan, Glenrothes Baptist Church)

Everyone, of all ages, is very welcome to join any of these. To know more about us, please visit our Facebook page 'We Love Loch Leven', our website [www.lochlevenchurch.com](http://www.lochlevenchurch.com), or email us at [info@lochlevenchurch.com](mailto:info@lochlevenchurch.com)

## Churches

### St. James' RC Church

Catholic Diocese of Dunkeld

5 High Street, Kinross KY13 8AW

Te: 01577 863329 Mob: 07540 534480

E-mail: [stjames@dunkelddiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjames@dunkelddiocese.org.uk)

Website: [www.catholickinross.com](http://www.catholickinross.com) Weekly newsletter available online

Parish Priest: Fr. Martin Pletts

Permanent Deacon: Rev. Des Conners

#### TIMES OF HOLY MASS

Sat: Vigil Mass at 5pm

Sun: Holy Mass at 10am

Confessions after Vigil Mass

### Kinross Gospel Hall

8 Montgomery Street, Kinross

[www.kinrossgospelhall.info](http://www.kinrossgospelhall.info)

Tel 07818 050785

Gospel Meeting: Sundays 4pm

Toddlers' Group: Thurs 9.30-11am

Explorers (Primary School): Thurs 6-7pm

We look forward to seeing old friends and welcoming new ones. All are welcome.



**Alpha Youth**  
Join a Conversation on Life, Faith and Purpose  
On Sundays in Kinross Church Centre  
Starting Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January  
Then every week till Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
10.15am till 11.45am  
Includes breakfast  
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Everyone welcome P7-S6

## HIGH STREET SEWING

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KINROSS-SHIRE RED SQUIRREL GROUP

GET INVOLVED

## HELP SAVE RED SQUIRRELS

AND PROTECT NATIVE SPECIES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

The Kinross-shire Red Squirrel Group is a volunteer-led group looking for new members to help monitor squirrel populations in the area and educate others about the plight of the red squirrel

If you would like to find out more about the group, let us know about what you are already doing to help or find out how you can get involved - please email us at: [kinrossshirered squirrelgroup@gmail.com](mailto:kinrossshirered squirrelgroup@gmail.com)

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- Roles with parents

**WHO**

- Volunteer from age 17 upwards (lone working once 18+)
- Passionate & enthusiastic
- Want to make a difference to children and young people who have additional support needs, impacted by substance use in the family setting

**WHEN**

- Monday - Sunday
- During the day (parent roles)
- After school, early evenings and weekends (children/young people roles)

**WHY**

- Build up experience & skills
- Rewarding
- Making a difference to others
- Robust induction and training opportunities

**More information & apply**

Louise Rawe  
Volunteer Co-ordinator  
07597392559  
[louise.rawe@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:louise.rawe@barnardos.org.uk)

You will be provided with induction training, ongoing support and supervision in your role. Volunteers will be required to complete a PVG Disclosure check

# New Year Opening Hours

## Kinross Post Office (Greens)

1 January Closed  
2 January Closed

## Milnathort Post Office (Giacopazzis)

1 January 9am - 6pm  
2 January 7:30am - 8pm  
3 January 7am - 10pm  
4 January 7am - 10pm

## CHEMISTS

### Kinross Pharmacy, Kinross (Rowlands) and Milnathort (Davidson's)

1 January Closed  
2 January Closed

### Asda Pharmacy (Dunfermline)

1 Jan and 2 Jan Open limited hours  
(Please check before travelling)

### Loch Leven Community Library

*Library closed between 25 Dec and 5 January 2026 inclusive*

6 January 10-7pm  
7 January 10-7pm  
8 January closed for staff conference  
9 January normal opening resumes

### Loch Leven Community Campus

31 December - 2 January **Closed**  
3/4 January 10am - 3pm  
5 January Normal hours resume

### RSPB Loch Leven

1 January Closed  
2 January Closed

The toilets, trails and hides are still open on these days.

The Shop is open 10-4pm and the café is open 10-3pm every day apart from the four days mentioned above.

### Kinross Day Centre

31 December Closed  
1 January Closed  
2 January Closed

Here if you need us  
Talk to us, we'll listen  
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## WASTE AND RECYCLING

Changes to Waste and Recycling Collection Dates and Closures over the Festive Period

There will be no domestic or commercial collections on

**1 and 2 JANUARY 2026**

Collections due on Thursday **1 JANUARY** will take place on Saturday **3 JANUARY**

Collections due on Friday **2 JANUARY** will take place on Sunday **4 JANUARY**

There are no scheduled garden and food waste collections after Sunday **21 DECEMBER**. Collection dates will return to normal from Monday **5 JANUARY**.

Please note that Perth & Kinross Council does not collect excess waste which is not in wheeled bins. Waste should only be presented for collection inside your wheeled bin with the lid closed by 07:30am on the day of collection. Scheduled collection dates can be found online at [www.pkc.gov.uk/bindates](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/bindates).

Real Christmas trees can be chopped up and added to your home compost bin, chopped up and placed in your brown-lidded bin (if you have a Garden Waste Permit) or taken to your local Recycling Centre. Real or artificial Christmas trees presented as excess waste will not be uplifted.

### SEVERE WINTER WEATHER

In the event of severe winter weather conditions, it may not be safe for refuse vehicles to visit all areas of Perth and Kinross. If your bin is missed due to severe weather, please leave it out for 48 hours and the Council will attempt to return for it. If the Council is unable to return, please return bins to the usual storage point and re-present on the next scheduled collection day. For further information please go to [www.pkc.gov.uk/servicedisruptions](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/servicedisruptions)

If snow and ice prevent heavy vehicle movements in your area, regular collections will resume within five working days of the return of less hazardous weather conditions.

If you have excess waste or recycling, please use local Recycling Centres or Recycling Points [www.pkc.gov.uk/recyclingcentres](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/recyclingcentres).

### RECYCLING CENTRES

All Recycling Centres will be **CLOSED** 1 and 2 JANUARY 2026.

### SPECIAL UPLIFTS

Normal collections resume on Monday 5 JANUARY 2026.

**PREVENT SLIPS & FALLS**  
**Walk like a penguin!**

Concentrate on keeping your balance and watch where you are stepping.

Keep arms at your sides - not in the pockets.

Bend your knees slightly and walk flat-footed. Point your feet out.

Take shorter shuffle-like steps and go S-L-O-W-L-Y.

# Notices



**End of Life Aid Skills for Everyone (EASE)** is a learning opportunity to help you feel more confident and comfortable supporting others through dying, death, and bereavement. EASE is for anyone who wants to be better prepared to support family, friends, or community members facing the end-of-life. Whether you're currently caring for someone or simply want to be ready to offer support in the future, this course, developed by the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care, could be for you.

**Dates:** Tues 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th Feb 2026 (must attend all dates)  
**Time:** 6:30pm to 8:30pm  
**Venue:** Loch Leven Community Campus, Kinross, KY13 8FQ

You can find more info at [www.goodlifedeathgrief.org.uk](http://www.goodlifedeathgrief.org.uk) or to note your interest please use the QR Code or call 01764 653173.







**Employability Support Drop-in**  
**Loch Leven Community Campus**

ICT Meeting Room 2 (access through library)  
 8th January, 12th February, 12th March  
 10:00am - 12:30pm

Job search  
 Training & volunteering opportunities  
 Interview skills  
 CVs/applications

Contact Chris: [CForber@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:CForber@pkc.gov.uk) / 07352 743578

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
February	Friday 16 January	Saturday 31 January

## Gaelic Society of Perth

OUR FIRST CEILIDH of 2026: Friday 16 January 16 at St Matthews Church, Tay St, Perth at 7.30pm. With songs from Rhona Morrison and Ian Cormack with Callum Johnstone on Fiddle. Pay on the door – Members £6, Non members £10. Refreshments included. Come and practice your Gaelic!

## MUSIC IN DOLLAR



ON SATURDAY 24 JANUARY at 7.30pm we have the Chloe Piano Trio. The Trio, winners of the Royal Philharmonic Society Henderson Prize 2021, was formed in 2017 by talented emerging musicians at the Royal College of Music, London. They come to Dollar as Tunnell Prize winners, with a programme of Mozart, Dvorak (the wonderful Dumky Trio), Weir and Ravel. Tickets cost £12 on the door or on the website – free to all under 18s and those in full time education. [www.MusicinDollar.org.uk](http://www.MusicinDollar.org.uk). Save money with a Season Ticket! Hot on the heels of this concert, we have a 'Come and Sing' Afternoon on Sunday, 1 February at 2pm with the wonderful Brian McBride as Tutor. Details will be on the website, Community Event, Free to all. All concerts/ events at the Gibson Hall, Dollar Academy, Dollar, FK14 7DU

28<sup>th</sup> March 2026 10am to 2pm  
 Loch Leven Community Campus

## Better Place to Live Fair





Come and see what Kinross-shire has to offer

## WHY NOT TAKE UP A NEW HOBBY FOR 2026?

**JOIN US AT KINROSS CAMERA CLUB!**

**Kinross Camera Club Welcomes New Members.**

- Do you enjoy taking photos with your camera or smartphone?
- Would you like to learn how to take better photos?

Our club holds regular meetings on Thursday's at 7.30pm Most of our meetings take place in the main hall of The Kinross Church Centre and we also hold a few of our meetings on ZOOM.

**COME ALONG FOR FREE!**

You are welcome to pop along to join us for a meeting or two, have a chat and see if this is for you. If you would like to learn more about our friendly camera club or hear more about our planned events please email our club secretary: [secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk)



Free. Drop in.  
All ages welcome  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February  
1-3pm  
Kinross High School

**Chinese New Year Fair**  
Year of the Horse 2026

FOOD TASTING & MAKING

TRADITIONAL CRAFTS

GAMES & LION DANCE

For more information/enquiry contact: [yyan@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:yyan@pkc.gov.uk)

## MOBILE LIBRARY

### 7 & 28 JANUARY

[www.culturepk.org.uk/library/mobile-library](http://www.culturepk.org.uk/library/mobile-library)

Kinnesswood (Opposite Shop)	09.30 – 10:00
Portmoak Hall	10:05 – 10:20
Scotlandwell (Leslie Road)	10:25 – 10:50
Levenmouth Farm	11:00 – 11:20
Causeway Court	11:40 – 12:00
Powmill (Mill Gardens)	13:20 – 13:40
Crook of Devon (Village Inn)	13:45 – 14:30
Carnbo (Pitcairnie Lane)	14:45 – 15:15
Whyte Court (Kinross)	15:30 – 16:00

*Contact us by phone on 01577 867205  
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### Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Perth CAB can help you. Our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent.

Advice line: **01738 450580**

Appointment line: **01738 450581**

Clients can access advice in the following ways:

- **By calling us** on 01738 450580 between 10am and 3pm any weekday. If the query is quick for us to deal with, we will do so and if it requires more time or research then we will arrange for an adviser to get back to them either via e-mail or with a telephone appointment.
- **Webchat** from our Perth CAB website [www.perthcab.org.uk/](http://www.perthcab.org.uk/) <https://www.perthcab.org.uk/contact-us>

### Debt and Money Advice Service

Perth CAB has a team of specialist debt advisers. Advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent.



## Soup Saturday

### @ Carnbo Hall

#### Saturday 24th January

#### 12noon-2pm

Come along for a warm bowl of soup and roll, tea, coffee or juice and baking.

Suggested Donation: Adults £6 Children £3

Open to all, bring a friend, or come on your own!

There is also a Book Swap Station swap a book for free, or £1 donation without a swap!

For more information Email: [carnbohall@gmail.com](mailto:carnbohall@gmail.com)



## P & K SCHOOL TERM DATES

**Term Starts:** Wednesday 7 January 2026

**In-Service Day:** Wednesday 11 February 2026

**Occasional Holidays:** Thurs 12 & Fri 13 Feb 2026

## KINROSS RECYCLING CENTRE

### Bridgend Industrial Estate

**Monday, Thursday and Friday 9am-4pm**  
*(last entry 3.45pm)*

**Saturday & Sunday 9am - 4pm**  
*(last entry 3.45pm)*

### THE RECYCLING CENTRE WILL ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS

Bicycles	Engine Oil	Rigid Plastic Packaging
Books	Fluorescent, LED & Long Life Light Bulbs	Rubble
Bras	Fridges & Freezers	Scrap Metal
Bulky Goods	Garden Waste	Soil
Car Batteries	Glass	Stone
Cardboard	Household Batteries	Telephone Directories
Cartons and Paper containers with metal ends	Large Domestic Appliances	Textiles (Clothes & Shoes)
Cooking Oil	Non-Recyclable Waste (General Waste)	Timber
Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE - remove & recycle batteries separately)	Paper	Car Tyres (maximum two per day, strictly household only)

**Free compost available (subject to availability).**

**MOBILE POST VAN AT  
BUCHAN AVENUE,  
KINNESSWOOD**

**MONDAYS 13.45 till 14.45  
WEDNESDAYS 12.45 till 13.45**

**Homes For Cats Wanted**

Fife Cat Shelter, a Scottish Registered Charity, is always looking for homes for rescued cats.

Cats can be visited, by appointment, at Causeway Cattery, Scotlandwell.

Contact Rhona on 01383 830286.



**KINROSS DELIVERY OFFICE  
ROYAL MAIL**

87 High St, Kinross KY13 8AR

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>8-10am</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>8-10am</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>8-10am</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>8-10am</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>8-10am</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>8-12pm</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

**Baby & Toddler Groups**

**MONDAY**

**Milnathort Babies and Toddlers**  
Orwell Church Hall 9.30 -11am

**TUESDAY**

**Portmoak Babies and Toddlers**  
Portmoak Church Hall  
9.45-11.30am

**Stepping Stones**

Kinross Parish Church 10-11.30am

**WEDNESDAY**

**Breast Buddies**  
Health Centre 10-12pm

**Glenfarg Babies and Toddlers**  
Village Hall 9.30am

**Muckhart Babies and Toddlers**  
Church Hall 9.30-11am

**THURSDAY**

**Montgomery Toddlers**  
Kinross Gospel Hall 9.30 -11am

**FRIDAY**

**Portmoak Babies and Toddlers**  
Portmoak Church Hall 9.45-11.30am

**Fossoway Babies and Toddlers**  
Crook of Devon Church Hall  
9.30-11.30am

*Please let us know  
if you have any  
info to add to this list.*



**EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS**

**Medical**

Loch Leven Health Centre	01577 862112
Loch Leven Health Centre Out of Hours	01577 865252
NHS 24	111
Perth Royal Infirmary main switchboard	01382 660111
Perth Royal Infirmary (Admissions and Enquiries Desk)	01738 473734
Ninewells Hospital, Dundee	01382 660111
Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy	01592 643355
Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline	01383 623623
Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross	01577 862422
Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort	01577 862219

**Police, non-emergency** 101

**Police, Fire, Ambulance & Coastguard Emergencies** 999

**Gas** (worried about gas safety) 0800 111 999

**Water** (loss of supply, foul water emergency) 0800 0778 778

**Floods** SEPA Floodline recorded messages 0345 988 1188

**Perth & Kinross Council (PKC)**

Customer Service Centre (Mon- Fri, 8am-6pm) 01738 475000

Reporting non-emergency Road and Lighting faults (CLARENCE) 0800 232323

**PKC Out of Hours emergency numbers**

Adult care services	0345 301 11 20
Anti-social behaviour helpline (voicemail)	01738 476173
Child protection	01738 476768
Council housing emergency repairs	01738 476000
Dangerous buildings	01738 476476
Environmental Health	01738 476476
Flooding	01738 476476
Homelessness	0800 917 0708
Mental health services	0345 301 11 20
Roads (e.g. reporting blockage)	01738 476476

**Traveline Scotland** 0141 465 1878

**Loch Leven Community Campus** 01577 867200

**Kinross High School** 01577 867100

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## Kinross Community Councillors

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## KINROSS GARDEN GROUP

2025/2026 Season

**Tuesday 13 January 1pm for 1.30pm  
Orwell Bowling Club, Milnathort**

**Garden Group**

**New Year Lunch**

**(Note change of day!).**

## GRANTS FOR GOOD CAUSES

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**31 March and 30 September**

More information at [kinrosscommunitycouncil.com](http://kinrosscommunitycouncil.com)

# Diary

## January

Sat/Sun	3/4	<b>Free Exhibition at St Paul's - Icons on Ammo Boxes</b>
Tues	6	<b>Library re-opens (closed for staff training on Thurs 8 Jan)</b>
Tues	6	<b>Fossoway Community Council meets</b>
Wed	7	<b>PKC Schools Return</b>
Wed	7	<b>Networking Breakfast, Green Hotel</b>
Thurs	8	<b>Employability Support Drop in, Library</b>
Sat	10	<b>Portmoak Film Society shows Juror#2</b>
Mon	12	<b>Kinross Community Council meets</b>
Tues	13	<b>Portmoak Community Council meets</b>
Tues	13	<b>New Year Lunch, Garden Group meets, see Club Entry</b>
Wed	14	<b>Carnbo Coffee and Chat 10-12am</b>
Thurs	15	<b>Code Club at library</b>
Fri	16	<b>Newsletter Deadline for February issue</b>
Sat	17	<b>Birdwatching for Beginners, RSPB</b>
Sat	17	<b>Kinross and Ochil Walking Group Meets – see clubs entry</b>
Sat	19	<b>Historical Society Talk 'The schoolin' of the bairns' of Kinross-shire</b>
Tues	20	<b>Birdwatching for Beginners, RSPB</b>
Fri-Sun	23-25	<b>Big Garden Birdwatch</b>
Sat	24	<b>Carnbo Soup Saturday 12-2pm</b>
Sat	24	<b>Burns Themed Pot Luck Supper (Town Twinning)</b>
Thurs	29	<b>Author Talk at library: Angela C Nurse</b>

## February

Mon	2	<b>Cleish and Blairadam Community Council meets</b>
Thurs	12	<b>Milnathort and Orwell Community Council meets</b>

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<b>Greens of Kinross</b>	High Street, Kinross
<b>Premier Stores</b>	High Street, Kinross
<b>Read &amp; Relax</b>	High Street, Kinross
<b>Sainsbury's</b>	Station Road, Kinross
<b>Giacopazzi's</b>	Lathro, Kinross
<b>Keystore More</b>	Green Road, Kinross
<b>Giacopazzi's</b>	New Road, Milnathort
<b>Stewart &amp; Smart</b>	Stirling Road, Milnathort

<b>Heaven Scent</b>	South Street, Milnathort
<b>Lochend Farm Shop</b>	Scotlandwell
<b>Kinnesswood Shop</b>	Main Street, Kinnesswood
<b>Fossoway Stores</b>	Crook of Devon
<b>Mona's Coffee Shop</b>	Muckhart
<b>Powmill Stores</b>	Powmill
<b>Powmill Milk Bar</b>	Powmill
<b>Loch Leven's Larder</b>	Near Wester Balgedie
<b>Glenfarg Village Shop</b>	Glenfarg