



# Kinross Newsletter

Founded in 1977 by Kinross Community Council  
Published by Kinross Newsletter Limited, Company No. SC374361

All profits given away to local good causes by The Kinross Community Council Newsletter, Charitable Company No. SC040913  
[www.kinrosscommunitycouncil.com/kinross-newsletter](http://www.kinrosscommunitycouncil.com/kinross-newsletter) [www.facebook.com/kinrossnewsletter](http://www.facebook.com/kinrossnewsletter)

Founding editor,  
Mrs Nan Walker, MBE

ISSN 1757-4781  
Issue No 548

November 2025

## DEADLINE

for the December Issue

5pm,

Friday 14 November, 2025

for publication on

Saturday 29 November, 2025

## Contributions

The *Newsletter* welcomes items from community organisations and individuals for publication. This is free of charge. We only charge for business advertising (see below right).

All items may be subject to editing and we reserve the right not to publish an item.

Please also see our Letters Policy and Notes on page 2. Submit your item (except adverts) in one of the following ways:

Email: [editor@kinrossnewsletter.org](mailto:editor@kinrossnewsletter.org)

Post or by hand to:

**Kinross Newsletter**

c/o Ross McConnell Accountants

3 High Street

Kinross

KY13 8AW

## Editor

Hannah Collins.....07591 228884

[editor@kinrossnewsletter.org](mailto:editor@kinrossnewsletter.org)

## Advertising Manager

Julia Fulton .....07936 151223

[advertising@kinrossnewsletter.org](mailto:advertising@kinrossnewsletter.org)

## Treasurer

Ross McConnell

3 High Street

Kinross KY13 8AW.....01577 865885

[treasurer@kinrossnewsletter.org](mailto:treasurer@kinrossnewsletter.org)

## Subscriptions

Ross McConnell (address as above)

[subscriptions@kinrossnewsletter.org](mailto:subscriptions@kinrossnewsletter.org)

## Distribution

David Anderson .....07747 890375

[distribution@kinrossnewsletter.org](mailto:distribution@kinrossnewsletter.org)

## CONTENTS

From The Editor .....	2
Letters & Thanks.....	3
News .....	9
Features .....	27
Politicians .....	33
Health and Wellbeing.....	40
Sarah Rankin Cooks.....	43
Community Councils .....	45
Club and Community Group News.....	55
SWI.....	74
Sport.....	77
Out and About .....	83
Kinross-Shire Centre Programme.....	87
Churches .....	88
Acknowledgements, .....	90
Volunteering.....	91
Notices .....	92
Emergency Contact Numbers.....	94
Diary.....	96

## Commercial Advertising in the Newsletter

For terms and conditions, see:

[www.kinrosscommunitycouncil.com/kinross-newsletter](http://www.kinrosscommunitycouncil.com/kinross-newsletter)

## Display Adverts

Rates shown include VAT

	<i>Eighth page</i>	<i>Quarter page</i>	<i>Half page</i>
<b>Black &amp; White</b>	<b>£16.00</b>	n/a	n/a
<b>Colour (internal)</b>	<b>£21.00</b>	<b>£50.00</b>	<b>£100.00</b>

The above prices are per issue, based on a six-month run of advertising being placed. One-off adverts are charged at a higher rate. The *Newsletter* welcomes advertising enquiries. We do not have a waiting list for adverts.

## Typed Adverts

These adverts are text only. The price is the same per insertion whether the advert is placed for one issue or several issues.

Up to **NINE** lines (including blank lines) **£9.50** per insertion

**TEN to FIFTEEN** lines (including blank lines) **£15.80** per insertion

As a guide, eight words is the maximum that fit per line. To place a Typed Advert, contact our Advertising Manager, Julia Fulton (see left). You will need to send her:

- **Your name, address, telephone number and, optionally, email address.**
- **The wording of your advert.**
- **A note of the number of insertions required.**
- **Your remittance.**

Send all this to the Advertising Manager by the normal monthly *Newsletter* deadline. The *Newsletter* reserves the right to vary the physical size of these adverts from issue to issue according to the space available.

If you wish to place a typed advert on a permanent or semi-permanent basis, contact the Advertising Manager to see if you can go on to our billing list.

For information on advertising in the *Newsletter* please go to [www.kinrosscommunitycouncil.com/kinross-newsletter](http://www.kinrosscommunitycouncil.com/kinross-newsletter) and click on 'Advertising'.

The *Newsletter* reserves the right to refuse or amend any advertisement or submission and accepts no liability for any omission or inaccuracy. No part of this publication may be reproduced or used in any form without the express written permission of the publishers.

Editor Hannah Collins Deputy Editor Chris Collins

Advertising Julia Fulton Treasurer and Subscriptions Ross McConnell Distribution David Anderson

# Editor's Page

Cover Design Lee Scammacca Cover Photo: Loch Leven Sunrise by Jamie Howden

## Letter From The Editor

THERE ARE ALWAYS some amazing sunrises and sunsets in November, and I particularly love this month's cover image by Jamie Howden. If you take a great photo anywhere in Kinross-shire do send us a copy, as we are always looking for good photographs to share with *Newsletter* readers.

After a couple of storms, some power outages and some spells of windy weather strong enough to send the trampolines flying, the cold weather seems to have arrived this week. However, with winter not far away, there are lots of great events in Kinross thanks to KLEO and their marvellous Winter Festival. We are really lucky to have such a choice of events on our doorstep!

There are lots of busy Saturdays this month, beginning with the Festive Market on Saturday 22 November at the campus. It's

an ideal way to start your Christmas shopping and to support small, local businesses. It's always a great feel-good occasion, so if you've never been, go along and see for yourself.

The Christmas Light Switch on is taking place at Greens of Kinross car park on Saturday 29 November. There has been an influx over the last few years of street vendors selling children's toys who make no contribution to Light Up Kinross, so please give generously to those brandishing official Light Up Kinross buckets on the night, if you can.

The new 20mph speed limits are now active around the town and have caused some frustration with impatient drivers (which seems to be many of us!). We will have to hope that the new limits are followed by the majority, who understand the reasoning behind them. However you look at it, speeding is a leading factor in fatal road collisions.

The main advantage of a 20mph limit is improved road safety, particularly for pedestrians, cyclists and other vulnerable road users. A 2005 study found that only 5% of pedestrians hit at 20mph were killed, compared to 50% hit at 30mph.

Other studies have shown that a 1mph reduction in average traffic speed is associated with a 5%-6% drop in injury-causing collisions.

Unfortunately, since more roadwork misery is to come with a closure of part of Springfield Road, amongst others (see p22) we may find we are lucky to actually achieve a steady speed of 20mph anywhere in Kinross-shire for a few weeks. Let's remember it's a small price to pay to have our roads improved!

Hannah Collins, Editor

### About The Kinross Newsletter

The *Kinross Newsletter* has been informing and supporting the community for nearly 50 years.

It began as a way of letting residents know what Kinross Community Council was saying and doing, but soon expanded to be so much more.

Readers use the *Newsletter* to find local trades and services, and our loyal advertisers support the community by enabling us to publish local clubs' reports and essential community information free of charge. Readers, when answering an advertisement, please say you saw it in the *Newsletter*. Thank you.

The *Newsletter* is published by Kinross Newsletter Limited (company no SC374361). Any profits are transferred to charitable company Kinross Community Council Newsletter Limited (charitable company SC040913) to be given away to local good causes.

### Note to Contributors

A great deal of the *Newsletter* comprises reports supplied by local clubs and other organisations. These reports are accepted in good faith and the *Newsletter* accepts no liability for any inaccuracies contained therein. Senders should ensure reports are factually accurate and do not contain material which could cause legal proceedings to be taken against the *Newsletter*.

### Letters Policy

Senders must supply their name and contact details. Letters should be truthful and not contain matter which could cause legal proceedings to be taken against the *Newsletter*, which accepts no liability for any inaccuracies contained therein. The *Newsletter* does not necessarily agree with any of the views expressed on the letters or indeed other pages. All letters must contain the sender's address, although this may be withheld from publication on request.

### Note to Readers: Advertising

Inclusion of advertisements in the *Newsletter* does not imply any particular endorsement or recommendation of services or companies by Kinross CC or Kinross Newsletter Ltd.

### Abbreviations

PKC: Perth & Kinross Council  
CC: Community Council

Cllr: Councillor  
CCllr: Community Councillor

**Read & Relax**  
BOOKS & COFFEE

**& cake**

**For the love of books**

- new and second-hand
- books for all ages
- author signings and events
- monthly book clubs
- audiobooks
- greetings cards } **New !**

**For the love of coffee**

- Unorthodox Roasters coffee served
- home-made cakes

**157 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8DA**  
**Open: Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 4.30pm**  
[readandrelax.co.uk](http://readandrelax.co.uk)

The advertisement features a green background with a yellow header and footer. It includes a logo for 'Read & Relax Books & Coffee' and a circular icon for '& cake'. The text lists various services offered, such as new and second-hand books, author signings, and home-made cakes. An illustration of a woman reading a book while holding a cup of coffee is also present.

# Letters

## The Duty of Councils

Is it the duty of councils to listen to and act for the benefit of the community, or is it OK for councils to ignore the very people who provide them with jobs?

As I read through the *Kinross Newsletter* I see articles and letters which lead me to believe that PKC often ignore the people who they are meant to serve rather than working for the benefit of the community.

A few examples from the October *Newsletter*:

**Ochil Windfarms** – Extract from Mike Barnacle’s letter

*“...disappointment with the lack of engagement by PKC Planning...PKC failing to respond to a Procedural Notice of 28/7/25 deadline issued by DPEA, failing to provide conditions should the application be granted and failing to review conditions supplied by the applicant only, citing pressure of work and annual leave”.* Surely few would disagree with Mr Barnacle’s views on PKC’s failings to act properly on behalf of the community.

**South Kinross ‘Flood’ Protection Scheme** – Extract from letter

*“...Are PKC trying to get increased funding from the public purse to solve their surface water/sewage drainage problems (which is of their own making) to enable more housing to be built for their own financial benefit?”* In truth PKC’s disregard of the Public could also be shown by the fact that large parts of the Flood Department’s plans are based on land which has, through considerable forethought and public debate, been designated for ‘employment’, something which PKC appear to be ignoring.

**Car Auction Site** – Extract from Cllr Willie Robertson’s article

*“...this important site is the last large area of undeveloped land in Kinross....We have seen a large rise in our population in the last few years and now we need a period of consolidation to allow our services to catch up. I don’t think another large housing estate will help in that process.”* Good words, which seem to be reflected within comments made by others concerning this topic and the fact that sewage treatment facilities, medical/dental services and school provision has been overstretched far beyond what can be sustained in the community, all due to the overdevelopment of large housing estate developments granted permission by either PKC or the Scottish Government. The use of the site as a shopping development, ideally with the likes of an Aldi or LIDL that could ease the financial pressures on families, create local employment and avoid trips to other areas where such provision is available, seems to be the favoured option of the Kinross community, but so far it appears that PKC are not concerned with what the community needs and wants.

This lack of public consideration is not restricted to PKC but has grown throughout other councils in Scotland mimicking the way that central government acts. For example, Glasgow Council has just voted down a planning application for Homeless Project Scotland, who wished to build a facility to help homeless people. The statement from Mr Colin McInnes, CEO of Homeless Project Scotland of 7 October 2025 reads:

*Today, I am deeply disappointed and disgusted to have watched the SNP and Scottish Greens councillors vote to reject permission for Homeless Project Scotland’s night shelter, a vital facility that provides warmth, safety and dignity to those with nowhere else to turn. ...It is clear where the priorities of the SNP and Greens lie. On the second day of Challenge Poverty Week, a week meant to highlight the fight against hardship, those in power have chosen to reject a shelter and hot food service that exists to protect people from poverty, hunger, and cold. ...What was even more shocking was how the meeting was closed with the lead SNP Councillor saying ‘Let’s go and get that lunch’. To end a meeting that determined the fate of homeless people in such an insensitive manner, on a week dedicated to tackling poverty, is nothing short of horrific. While people across this city struggle to eat or find a safe place to rest, that remark speaks volumes about the disconnect between decision makers and those they are meant to serve.”*

This disconnect as shown by councils, PKC included, and indeed central government, must be recognised and rectified. If not, we will continue down a path where the voices of communities are ignored, vital services continue to decline, and developments which are detrimental to Kinross-shire proceed without consideration of the community.

Whilst we cannot vote out members of PKC staff, no one should forget that we can vote out any councillors, MSPs and MPs who continue to ignore the wishes of the people of Kinross-shire. I believe that’s called democracy, and it would be nice to see it in action.

*Name and address supplied*

## Purposeful Deceptions?

Further to the letter published in last month’s *Newsletter* “South Kinross Flood Scheme”, I attended the two day drop-in session held by PKC. I know for a fact that of the 35 people that attended, there were a number who had serious and valid concerns about the scheme. However, PKC somehow interpreted this as ‘an overwhelming majority of the people of Kinross as being in favour of the scheme.’ A purposeful deception.

Much play was made on the benefit/cost ration of 1.1 thus making the scheme economically viable.

The following is stated by PKC in their flood schemes Economic Appraisal.

*‘In managing flood risk, the council must have regard to the economic impact of its actions. The cost of the flood scheme can’t exceed the benefit i.e. the benefit/cost ratio must be greater than 1.0*

*Estimated Costs.*

*‘The construction cost of the flood scheme has been estimated using standard industry techniques. Other elements contributing*

## UNLOCK YOUR PAST

TRACING THE PAST, PRESERVING YOUR LEGACY

House History Research  
Personalised Family Trees  
Family History Narratives  
Keepsake Bound Books

Gift Vouchers Available

Sarah Smith 07969 352204  
sarah@unlockyourpast.co.uk | www.unlockyourpast.co.uk





NHS and private prescriptions

Free prescription delivery

Pharmacist prescriber

Compliance aid trays

Medicated weight loss

Ear wax removal and Flu jabs

Pharmacy First & Pharmacy First Plus

# Now Open

## Ask us how to change to Kinross Pharmacy

Pop in or call  
**01577 531934**



**145 High Street, Kinross  
KY13 8DA**

Follow us



### NOVEMBER STREET TRADING

**CROOK - VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK  
SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup>**

**PORTMOAK - CHURCH CAR PARK  
FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup>**

**GLENFARG - VILLAGE HALL  
SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup>**

**MILNATHORT - STEWART + SMART GARAGE  
THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup>**

**KINROSS - OCHIL VIEW  
SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>**

serving from 4:30 till 8pm

TO BOOK YOUR PICK UP SLOT  
PHONE TEXT FB MESSAGE

AND DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR DIY PIZZA KITS,  
KINROSS-SHIRE DELIVERIES AVAILABLE!



T : 07591 104 652

E : info@pizzavia.co.uk



**FOOD SERVED 6 DAYS**

Neil and team look forward to welcoming you

Lunch 12noon - 2.45pm Evening 5pm - 7.30pm.

Bar Open All Day 6 days

Closed Wednesday



Balgedie Toll Tavern, Wester Balgedie,  
Kinross KY13 9HE

Telephone: 01592 840212

Email: balgedietolltavern@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook

www.balgedietolltavern.com

to the overall scheme costs ( e.g design operation, maintenance, etc) have also been taken into account.'

The Almondbank flood scheme was given a benefit/cost ratio of 1.26 based on construction costs of £15million. The scheme ran behind schedule with increased costs of £10million.

The Comrie flood scheme was given a benefit/cost ratio of 1.6 based on construction costs of £25.7million. Before a spade had been put in the ground, it has been suggested costs are now £40million and no doubt set to rise even further.

The South Kinross Scheme has a benefit/cost ratio of 1.1 based on a construction cost of £15million. Part of the construction work requires all services (water, gas, electricity, fibre etc ) to be dug up and re-routed throughout the centre of Kinross before a 1 metre diameter culvert can be laid, no doubt to solve the PKC surface water/sewerage problem. The cost of this alone not withstanding the disruption for possibly two years makes a mockery of the stated cost. The suggested cost as being nearer £30million appears to be conservative. Also, why is a major part of the flood scheme south of the South Queich when 99% of Kinross lies to the north?

If the true costs had been applied, no flood scheme would have passed the first hurdle.

This makes a complete farce of PKC Economic Appraisal and the benefit/cost ratio. Another purposeful deception by PKC.

There is now an application for a major housing development for the former BCA site. It is interesting to note that in 2007 the BCA site was sold to 'Motor Auction (Properties) Ltd incorporated' on 17 January, 2007. The nature of the Company's business is stated to be...*Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate...* with the same director of BCA. In effect they sold it to themselves. The title sheet for that sale, registered with Scotland's Land Information Service (ScotLIS) on 3 May 2007, records that PKC retain a real burden – pertaining to any future housing development – over part of the site. In other words PKC themselves have an interest in ownership, and in particular its future development for housing. It has been stated that it is strange that despite the site having a history of commercial residency, the site is designated as 'white land' meaning that its purpose was non specific and not merely limited to commerce. Now we know why.

The Council had no intention of a retail park on the former BCA site. Another purposeful deception.

*Name and address supplied*

### **Tombola Stall In Aid Of Guide Dogs – Please Help!**

WE ARE having a tombola stall in aid of Guide Dogs at the Kinross Festive Market, as we did last year. Would anyone be kind enough to donate a gift that we can add to the tombola stall (unwanted gifts, alcohol, or just a gift?).

I would be happy to collect items but it will have to be by 7 November as we need time to prepare everything. So far Benarty fruits, Kinross chemist and Lucy Boo (nails) have promised donations and we would like to say thank you in advance.

Could you please note that if you are coming to the Christmas market we do not have the facility to accept card payment and therefore could you please bring cash.

Thanks in anticipation,

*Heather (hev231@hotmail.co.uk)*

### **Banking Hub**

*An email from Mike Barnacle to Cllr Richard Watters sent on Monday 20 October.*

**BANKING HUB FOR KINROSS-SHIRE**

Dear Richard,

I refer to previous discussions at Fossoway CC re the above. I happened to be in Auchterarder last week on business and used their banking hub successfully.

I was impressed by the services offered & spoke with the teller about Kinross-shire's complete lack of any banking facility. He advised speaking with our MP, Pete Wishart who I am sure you have a dialogue with?

I know you have submitted a previous application for a hub in Kinross-shire that was rejected on lack of business footfall in our Burgh towns, which I find remarkable. For a former shire area not to have a banking facility strongly suggests to me that the guidance criteria is flawed.

I suggest this issue should be re-visited, raised with our MP and the possibility of a petition thereon considered?

Kind Regards,

*Mike Barnacle*

### **Brunthill And Craighead Windfarms**

*An email sent on 14 October to ECU & Reporters Unit re Brunthill and Craighead Windfarms.*

I am writing to you re the above, having lodged strong objections to same on 23/6/24 (Brunthill) and 18/9/24 (Craighead) which you should have on file?

I write principally because of concerns around cumulative impact given the close neighbouring proximity of the two windfarms on the Kinross-shire hill ridge detailed in my objections. The applications have undergone numerous changes since my objections in an attempt to mitigate their impact on our landscape, none of which changes my objections!

In regard to both applications, as far as I am aware, the local PKC Planning & Placemaking Committee have not had the opportunity or been appraised of the situation at present for debate and the community have been told they have no right of audience to such a committee should it meet!

Since Local Authorities are statutory consultees on ECU applications and their objections can trigger public inquiries, the denial of audience is concerning and an affront to the democratic aspect of the planning system.

I note the strong objection of Fossoway CC to the Craighead construction hours proposed by PKC at late stage in the process in excess of those proposed by the developer and support the CC's comments.

Given that there is another windfarm in the Clackmannan area of the Ochil Hills currently proposed, this highlights the foresight of my letter of 18/1/12 (enclosed with my objections) calling for a moratorium on further windfarm developments in the Ochil Hills (three then but potentially six next year)!

I make a final plea to yourselves to resist a silo planning approach and take cumulative impact on the Ochil hills from these applications into account?

I am not a lone voice and note the article in the *Daily Telegraph* of 13/10/25 titled 'Creep of the windfarms destroying the Highlands' with the John Muir Trust warning of same and 'the approach to renewables is piecemeal; cumulative impacts are hidden and our planning system is blind to the steady creep of industrialisation disguised as site by site approvals.'

Yours Sincerely,

*Michael A Barnacle, Council Member of Rural Scotland (APRS), Local Councillor for Kinross-shire Ward of PKC (1999-2022)*

**KINROSS NEWSLETTER**

WEBSITE:

**[www.kinrosscommunitycouncil.com/kinross-newsletter](http://www.kinrosscommunitycouncil.com/kinross-newsletter)**

**Food Opening Times**  
**The 9th End Cafe**  
**Monday 11am - 6pm**  
**Tuesday 11am - 6pm**  
**Wed 11am - 6pm**  
**Thursday 11am - 6pm**



**Friday 11am - 6pm**  
**Saturday 9am - 5pm**  
**Sunday 9am - 5pm**  
Last orders are  
30 mins before  
closing time

Why not get booked in for a fabulous Christmas dinner here at "The 9th End" here at Kinross Curling Rink  
Goto website, select bar and lounge, christmas menu and follow the instructions to book.  
Available from 1st December to 22nd December 2025. We are serving from 12pm until 7pm.

## CHRISTMAS MENU

### Starters

Spiced Butternut Squash Soup with Toasted Seeds Tzatziki & Bread  
Veggie Haggis, Cranberry & Cheddar Cheese Croquettes with Roast Tomato & Rosemary Dip  
Smoked Salmon & Dill Pâté with Lemon Thyme Toast & Beetroot Slaw  
Halloumi & Roast Pineapple Cocktail with Cos Lettuce, Bloody Mary Sauce & Crispy Onions

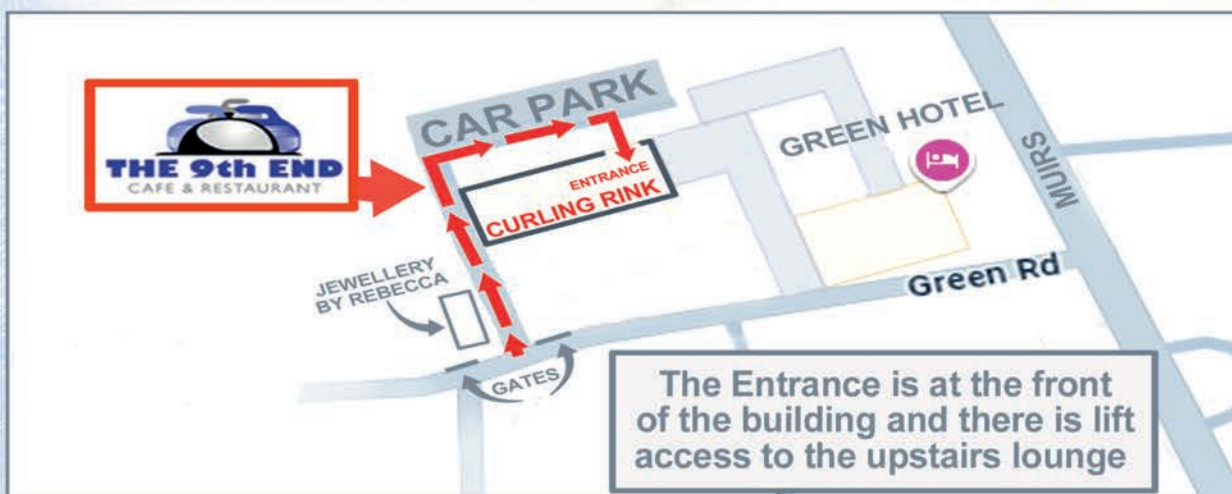
### Mains

Roast Turkey Roulade Wrapped in Streaky Bacon, stuffed with Sage & Onion. Served with all the trimmings  
Slow Cooked Beef Brisket Barrel with Sweet Potato and Horseradish Mash. Served with all the trimmings  
Marinated Roast Cauliflower Steak, Pickled Walnuts, Parsnip Crisps. Served with all the Vegetarian trimmings  
Honey Glazed Salmon with Spring Onion Mash, Roast Root Vegetables and Soy, Ginger Dressing

### Desserts

Boozy Berry Trifle  
Cheese Board served with Seasonal Chutney & Oatcakes  
Mulled Wine Poached Pears with Caramel Sauce, Chocolate Gateau Croutons & Vanilla Ice Cream  
Christmas Pudding Served with Brandy Cream, Mulled Fruit Compote  
**2 Course £21.00 3 Course £27.00 Tea Coffee & Fudge – £3.00 Supplement**  
£10 per person non-refundable deposit due at time of booking. All bookings must be made a minimum of  
7 days in advance. Any dietary requirements can be catered for if informed in advance.

Please see website for details. [www.kinrosscurling.co.uk](http://www.kinrosscurling.co.uk)



**Angie McCleary: Bar/ Catering Manager E:catering@kinrosscurling.co.uk 07891 808 284**

Please look at website for details of what's on at Kinross Curling and what's coming up at  
The 9th End Cafe over the season

Small private meeting area available to book out please see link on website for details.

## Congratulations!



### Director Of The Year

**GARY BREWER**, from Glenfarg, was named as Director of the Year, People & HR, at the recent Institute of Directors Scotland award ceremony in Glasgow. Gary is the Director of People & Culture with Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland.

His award was collected on his behalf by his daughter, Rana, a former pupil at Kinross High School, who is currently in the midst of post-graduate studies at the University of Glasgow. Rana is pictured below with the award.



## Thanks!



I WOULD LIKE to thank everyone for their generous gifts and cards received over the last couple of weeks.

This only reinforces how lucky I am to live in such a wonderful community.

**Dr McCracken**

### Médecins Sans Frontières

THE CONCERT held at Loch Leven Campus on 26 September to raise funds for Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) was a big success and raised the grand total of £5,205.70.

Thanks go to the Campus staff, especially the janitorial staff, The Wee Green Bar, Sub-Station for the sound, Brenda for lights, Tich Frier the compere, Emma backstage and for Adam Milne from MSF, Marwenna Diame and Stephen McClintock for permission to use their great song 'It makes the angels sigh', and to Peter Porteous for putting together the very moving video to accompany it. To KLEO, especially Bouwien Bennett for her expertise and help, to all those who delivered leaflets, to Savita Pettit for help on the night and a very grateful thanks to Nigel Patrick for his technical know-how and enthusiasm from the beginning when it was just a germ of an idea.

Very special thanks the bands who took part: The Tenementals, Alan Murphy, Robert Ryan, The Pete Caban Band, Acoustic Routes, Delphinium and Kinross Pipe Band.

Grateful thanks to all who supported us on the night and to everyone who contributed to the JustGiving page. Videos from the concert are available on Kinross TV via YouTube.

*Jane Porteous*

### Practical Action

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the fundraiser for Practical Action in Orwell Church Hall on 11 October. We are very pleased to announce that it raised the magnificent total of £500 which Practical Action will put to good use in Nepal, Africa and South America supporting simple technology that has a big impact.

*Tricia, Karena and Meg*

### The Kindness Of Strangers

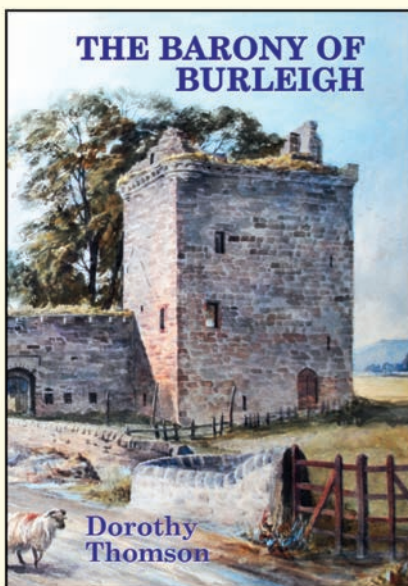
I WOULD LIKE to thank the kind gentleman on 2 October who came to my rescue when my vehicle stalled and refused to start at Springfield junction opposite St Paul's Church.

He went a short distance to get his (white) car and took me back to Stewart & Smart who came and solved the problem.

The kindness and help from all involved was very much appreciated.

*Heather Turnbull*

AVAILABLE FROM  
**READ & RELAX**  
KINROSS HIGH STREET



A FASCINATING HISTORY OF THE  
LANDS OF TILLYRIE AND BURLEIGH

**Grass Cutting, Rotovating,  
Hedge Trimming, Tree Pruning, Turfing,  
Removal of Moss, Lawn Treatment**

**I. Robertson**  
Station Road, Crook of Devon

**Telephone: 07786 894966 or 01577 840526**

# tyrefair

Your local one stop shop  
for tyres, servicing, repairs  
and MOTs



## LATEST OFFERS



**MOT - £35**

when booked with a service\*



**FREE Health Check**

Booking required

Free screen wash top up

**Checks:** exhaust, wipers, battery, tyres & bulbs\*



**FREE Bulb Replacement**

with any service booked (standard bulbs only)\*

**ALL SEASON & WINTER  
TYRES AT  
COMPETITIVE PRICES**

\*Offers end January 31<sup>st</sup> 2026

## CONTACT US



01577 865 656



[www.tyrefair.com](http://www.tyrefair.com)



Tyrefair Ltd

Unit 10 Clashburn Way

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Kinross

KY13 8GA

# ACTRESS VICTORIA TO SWITCH ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

**THANKS TO THE** hard work of the organisers of Light Up Kinross, our annual Christmas Lights Switch on will take place this year on Saturday 29 November, beginning with a parade which will gather at the car park at Montgomery Street and travel up the High Street to Green's Car Park for 6.30pm when the light switch on will take place.

As usual, supported by the Rotary Club of Kinross, Santa is expected to make an appearance on the night.

Please give generously to those bran-

dishing Light Up Kinross buckets. Your donations are vital for future Christmas light displays in the town.

Local actress Victoria Balnaves will be switching on the lights this year. Victoria Balnaves is an actor, based in the Highlands of Scotland. Her extensive professional work in television, radio and theatre spans 20 years. She is known for *Beep* (BBC2, 2021), *Lost Sitcoms: Till Death Us Do Part* (2017), *Two Doors Down* (2017), *Shetland* (2016), *Trust Me* (2017) and *Freedom* (2010). Balnaves trained in



acting at the Arden School of Theatre in Manchester (UK) and at Telford College in Edinburgh. Her television roles include *Clique* (series 2), *Armchair Detectives*, *River City*, *Garrow's Law*, *Gary: Tank Commander*, *Still Game*, *Cowards*, *Legit*, *Shoebox Zoo*, and *One Night In Emergency* in which she played opposite Kevin McKidd.



# REMEMBRANCE DAY ACROSS KINROSS-SHIRE



**This year, Remembrance Day commemorations will be held on Sunday 9 November.**

## KINROSS

- 10.00am** Community Remembrance Service, with youth organisations, in the church.
- 10.45am** Parade from church to War Memorial, County Buildings
- 10.55am** Act of Remembrance at War Memorial, County Buildings
- 11.15am** Sunday Service in the church

AS IN PREVIOUS years, everyone attending the Remembrance Day parade and service at the Kinross War Memorial is warmly invited to gather afterwards at the Masonic Hall for a cup of tea and bowl of soup. This long-standing Kinross tradition provides a warm, friendly and welcoming place for the community to come together after the formal proceedings. Volunteers will be on hand to serve refreshments, and thanks go to local businesses and organisations whose generous donations make this annual community event possible. Everyone is very welcome to drop in after the parade.



## ACTS OF REMEMBRANCE WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE AT THE FOLLOWING WAR MEMORIALS:

- 10.00am** Portmoak (*Bishopshire Golf Course*)
- 11.45am** Orwell (*South Street, Milnathort*)
- 4.00pm** Arngask (*Glenfarg*)

PLEASE NOTE: *Times may have altered from previous years to fit in with church services.*

# CONCERN OVER CHICKEN SMELL

**PLANNING APPLICATION 25/01453/FLM** for 38 new chicken sheds has been lodged by Balado Farms. The application is expected to be treated favourably, as the Scottish chicken industry is a major employer in the region.

There are currently 20 pairs of broiler chicken rearing houses at Balado Airfield. These houses are of an older design and are nearing the end of their useful lifespan. The proposed new poultry houses would be ventilated by uncapped high-speed ridge mounted fans, each with a short chimney.

The new houses would allow the maximum stocking density of chickens to be reduced from the current 38 kg/m<sup>2</sup> to 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> and would provide accommodation for up to 1,593,532 birds. The chickens would be reared from day old chicks for a period of 38 days and houses would be empty for around 10 days at the end of each crop.

There is understandably concern from local residents about the odour produced by chicken farming.

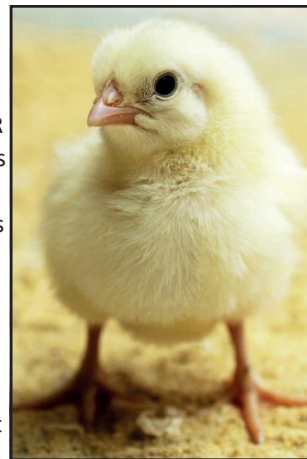
Cllr Willie Robertson has asked PKC, 'Given that this site has been used as a poultry producing unit for a number of years I realise that it is likely to be given consent.

'However, over the years I have received numerous complaints from Kinross/Milnathort residents about the overpowering smell that emits from the current sheds when they are being cleaned out. Is there any way that conditions can be set on any planning consent to limit the amount of odours produced by any new facility?'

According to the Balado Odour Report SGS271224, produced by AS Modelling & Data Ltd, odour concentration is expressed in terms of European Odour Units per metre cubed of air (ouE/m<sup>3</sup>). 1.0 ouE/m<sup>3</sup> is defined as the limit of detection in lab conditions. At 2.0 – 3.0 ouE/m<sup>3</sup>, a particular odour might be detected against background odours in an open environment. When the concentration reaches around 5.0 ouE/m<sup>3</sup>, a particular odour will usually be recognisable, if known, but would usually be described as faint. At 10.0 ouE/m<sup>3</sup>, most would describe the in-

tensity of the odour as moderate or strong and if persistent, it is likely that the odour would become intrusive. The modelling for this report predicts that:

- Odour exposure at the workers residences at the farms at Balado Airfield would be in excess of the level where UKWIR research suggest that complaints about odour are likely (a 98th percentile hourly mean in excess of 10.0 ouE/m<sup>3</sup>).
- There are several residences, including all of those in Balado, where odour exposures are predicted to be in the range where UKWIR research suggest that complaints about odour become increasingly likely (a 98th percentile hourly mean between 5.0 and 10.0 ouE/m<sup>3</sup>).
- There are also residences further afield where odour exposures are predicted to exceed the SEPA threshold for moderately offensive odours (a 98th percentile hourly mean of 3.0 ouE/m<sup>3</sup>).
- It should be noted that although the existing farms have not been modelled, because of inferior ventilation systems and initial dispersion characteristics, it is likely that exposures at nearby residences currently exceed those predicted for the proposed poultry houses.



Comments about the application may be made before 20 November by accessing the PKC online planning system at <https://planningapps.pkc.gov.uk/>

## CAN THE REPAIR CAFE FIX YOUR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS?

**ON SATURDAY, 18 OCTOBER**, the Kinross-shire Repair Café lit up the Campus with a celebration of skill, sustainability, and community spirit in honour of International Repair Day. The event marked the Café's first gathering at its new premises—and what a debut it was!

A team of dedicated volunteer repairers welcomed 23 community members, each bringing items in need of a little TLC. From a ripped Rapp jacket to broken bicycles, the café buzzed with activity. But the stars of the show were undoubtedly the electricians. Two tireless electrical repairers worked non-stop, reviving a parade of gadgets including a toaster, a decorative lamp, a radio, an amplifier, a combi stereo player, and even a printer! The heaviest item saved from the landfill weighed 2.6 kg (excluding bikes). And not to forget - those who came saved money. A repaired jacket saved our customer £150!

While many items were successfully repaired, some modern designs proved resistant to reuse—built more for replacement than restoration. And naturally, a few vintage treasures had simply reached the end of their journey. Still, expert repairers gave it their all, offering advice and salvaging what they could.

The Kinross-shire Climate Café added warmth to the day with hot drinks, delicious cakes, and friendly conversation. Their support helped turn a practical event into a celebration of community spirit. It is important to remember that repairs are done on a first come first serve basis, so while you wait you can enjoy the refreshments and conversation.



Organisers are very grateful to all who came and supported their event and left generous donations, which will help them to continue. The next Repair Café is on Saturday, 8 November, from 10am to 1pm. While there will be no bike repairer this time, there will be repairers for textiles, electricians, IT and string instruments. Organisers are still on the lookout for volunteers—especially those skilled in electricians, jewellery or woodworking. If you've got a knack for fixing and a heart for helping, they would love to welcome you to the team.

**Important Notice:** With the festive season approaching, now's the time to check your Christmas decorations—especially electric ones. These can be tricky to fix, so bring them early if you want them glowing by December!

A spokesperson said, 'We're grateful to Loch Leven Community Campus for hosting this event and helping us develop repair culture in Kinross-shire.' Contact [kinrossrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:kinrossrepaircafe@gmail.com)

# JUST THE TONIC! KINROSS PHARMACY OPENS DOORS

**KINROSS PHARMACY**, located at 145 High Street, Kinross, opened its doors to patients on Monday 29 September after a long wait of over two years.

They are an NHS Pharmacy offering all NHS services such as dispensing prescriptions, compliance aid trays, treating minor



ailments on Pharmacy First and more complex infections on Pharmacy First Plus with their Pharmacist Independent Prescribers. They have a free delivery service available for need or convenience and will text when your medication is ready for collection or delivery. They also offer a range of private

services such as flu vaccinations, ear wax removal and medicated weight management.

The owners of this new independent pharmacy, Kristopher Archibald and Raymond Kelly, said:

'This is a fantastic development that will support the local community, improve access to care and help relieve pressure on GPs. With the growing population of Kinross, and a high proportion of elderly residents, the new pharmacy will provide additional choice for patients.'

'The whole process until now has taken a lot of hard work over the past two years just to get to this stage and we are delighted to now have the opportunity to deliver a local, patient-friendly service from your new independent pharmacy.'



Kinross Pharmacy is open from 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 5pm on Saturdays.

For more information about their services, please call 01577 531934 or pop in to the pharmacy.

## Art Classes

*"Fun and inspiring art classes at the foot of the Ochil Hills."*

Creativity and imagination are essential to a rich and fulfilling life, yet they're often overlooked. If you've ever felt uncertain about your creative abilities, know that the potential is already within you - you just need the right space to unlock it. My goal is to help you see the world through fresh eyes, build confidence, and nurture the skills you already have in a supportive, welcoming environment. Whether you're a complete beginner or a seasoned creator, this is a space for exploration, growth, and self-expression - no pressure, just possibilities!

For full list of classes go to:

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

# READY FOR LIFT-OFF!

**With plans for a Discovery Centre in Kinross gathering pace, a community consultation recently took place at the Loch Leven Community Campus.**



**FLIGHT AND THE** exploration of space fires the imagination captivating generations young and old. But these days, aerospace goes far beyond science fiction, instead serving up equal measures of career opportunities and business breakthroughs. In 2023, the UK aerospace industry turned over £30.5bn, up 14% in 10 years, and employed more than 100,000 workers - 6,000 of whom were apprentices.

By definition, flight and space exploration may be up in the air, but its impact is coming down to earth. Indeed, one of the most exciting aerospace developments in Scotland is heading for Kinross.

Loch Leven Community Campus was recently the setting for a community consultation to consider the creation of the Aero Space Kinross Discovery Centre, which will be located within the campus grounds. For many, the event provided an opportunity to find out more about this much-discussed development and, more importantly, take a closer look at the plans.

On hand to share the vision was Aero Space Scientific

Educational Trust's (ASSET) chairman Alisdair Stewart, who explained the public session was the culmination of years of behind-the-scenes work to find a suitable site.

'There have been a lot of detailed discussions and background work in order to bring these plans to fruition,' he noted. 'For a lot of the team who have been involved in the project, presenting them at the Campus and sharing our vision with the people of Kinross is a hugely significant milestone.'

Following PKC's decision to agree in principle to Aero Space Kinross (ASK) leasing a plot of land within the grounds of the Campus, the next stage for the ASSET team was to reveal the plans to the local community.

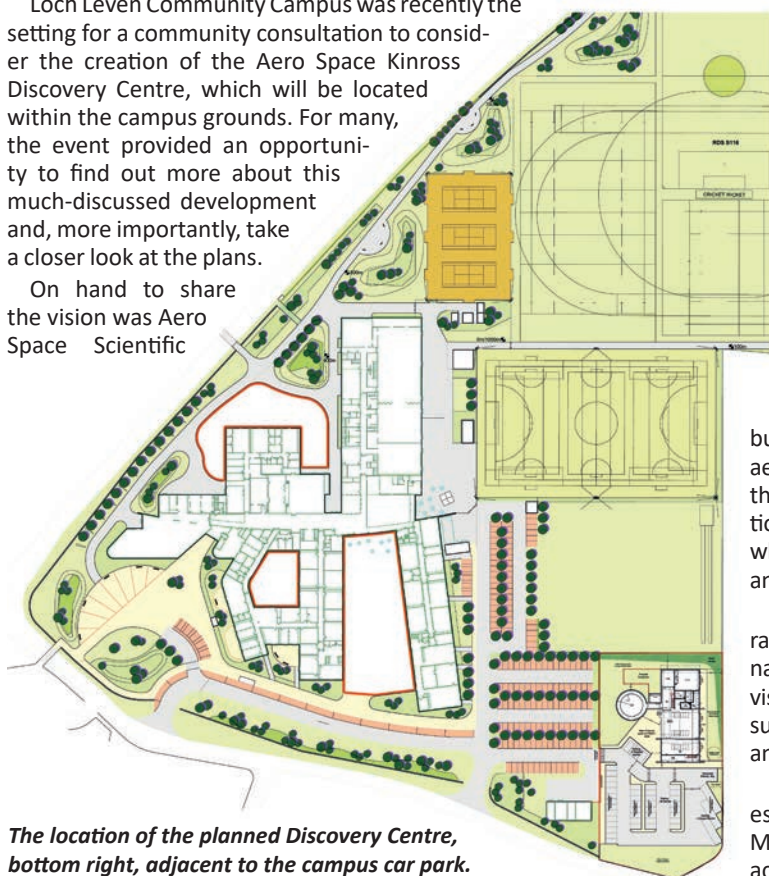
'We knew the local community were keen to see how the project was progressing, so it's been extremely satisfying to present our ideas for what happens next,' said Stewart.

Over the years, a number of potential sites were identified for the Discovery Centre around the fringes of Kinross. Until now, none proved viable. However, with its central location and proximity to an established place of learning, the Campus site was identified by ASK and emerged as a strong candidate. With the Council's agreement in principle, it became the clear front-runner.

The comprehensive plans and displays which formed the bulk of the presentation outlined the objectives of the new aerospace discovery centre as well as some of the benefits that could flow from a project of this kind. The consultation presented the architect's drawings detailing the facility which will include interactive exhibits, flight simulations and an iconic full-dome planetarium.

The ASSET team were joined by long-term ASSET collaborator and architect Simon McGrechan from Sedgwick International which is based in Glasgow. Collectively, they guided visitors through the concepts and were keen to discuss any suggestions or ideas. The feedback they received was helpful and encouraging.

'It was great to engage with the public, with a lot of interest shown in the educational function of the centre,' noted McGrechan. 'The floor plan has been designed to be fully accessible both physically and in terms of understanding



**The location of the planned Discovery Centre, bottom right, adjacent to the campus car park.**

that education comes in many different forms. One of the key ambitions of this project is to facilitate many types of learning.'

He continued: 'An iconic feature at the Aero Space Kinross Discovery Centre will be a 10 metre-wide planetarium where audiences will be immersed in astronomy, space exploration, films and music.'

The Discovery Centre will be a place of learning and exploration, where the aerospace industry can be showcased and future generations are inspired to seek out new adventures and career paths in this increasingly important sector.

As well as introducing school pupils to the science, technology and engineering that underpins flight and space exploration, the new Discovery Centre will also be a destination where corporates and academic organisations will be invited to showcase their achievements and cutting-edge R&D projects in the centre's flexible exhibition and event spaces. This valuable addition to Kinross will provide a new adaptive venue



**Yvonne Alexander, Aero Space, with architect Simon McGreachan and ASSET Chairman Alisdair Stewart**



Designed for everyone, The Discovery Centre will be an exciting addition to Kinross and the surrounding areas. 'The consultation had an upbeat feel to it with a huge sense of accomplishment for those involved,' Stewart said. 'We're excited for what lies ahead and hope the people who kindly visited the consultation are too!'

and a much-needed boost to the local economy.

Another key consideration is providing access to the general public, who will be able to delve into outer space and expand their knowledge of the universe. It may seem like a grand ambition, but the new Discovery Centre will inspire, educate and entertain in equal measure. The ambition is to bring the extraordinary to the people of Kinross and let them explore it.

The consultation took place on Tuesday 21 October in the campus library (with the visuals remaining in place for a few days afterwards). One local visitor summed up the excitement surrounding the event.

'It was fascinating to see the plans for the Discovery Centre, as well as the proposed location which is ideal,' said Kevin Heneghan. 'The information provided was detailed and inspiring. It's clear one of the goals is to provide a springboard for young people to get involved in the aerospace sector which would be great.'

The team is now in the process of preparing a formal planning application to create a facility that will celebrate innovation and salute adventure.



November

**ANNIVERSARY OFFER**

**Back and Face Massage  
£35**

1 Parliament Square, Kinross  
01577 863364  
www.thecompletelook.co.uk



**GLEDEVON ENERGY**

**WE ARE BIOMASS & HEAT PUMP EXPERTS**

01577 840579  
Sales@glendevonenergy.co.uk

servicing, repairing, installing or replacing

**Sandport**  
BATHROOMS & TILES



**BATHROOMS  
TILING • FLOORING  
WET WALL  
INSTALLATIONS  
BESPOKE VANITIES**



07585410393

[mfo@sandportbathrooms.co.uk](mailto:mfo@sandportbathrooms.co.uk)

205 HIGH ST KINROSS KY13 BDL

**Kinross Painted  
Kitchens**

Before



After

**Contact US!  
07464440264**



**ARTS**  
@ St Paul's

**MEET LOCAL ARTISTS AND MAKERS  
at our upcoming shows**

8 & 9  
Nov

The Wee Pixel - photography  
Greg Drumm - painting  
Gillian Skene - jewellery  
Anne Taylor - cards & prints (Sat)  
Wooly Wonders - knits (Sun)

22 & 23  
Nov

Richard Ibbotson - painting  
Josephine Smith - painting  
Poppies - ceramics  
Wooden Wonders - woodturning

6 & 7  
Dec

Colin Joyce - painting  
CraftyThistle - wood and resin  
Gillian Skene - jewellery  
plus a selection of work from  
Arts @ St Paul's members!

Find out more at [www.artsatstpauls.com](http://www.artsatstpauls.com)

**LEWIS KERR**  
ELECTRICAL



- Extensions
- Rewires
- Renovations
- Smoke detectors
- Fuse board upgrades
- Fault finding

[www.lewiskerrelectrical.com](http://www.lewiskerrelectrical.com)

07548717546

[lewiskerrelectrical@gmail.com](mailto:lewiskerrelectrical@gmail.com)



# EX-CHINDIT ROBERT, 101, HAS ASHES SCATTERED IN LOCH LEVEN

ON FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER the family of Thomas Robertson's late brother Robert came up to Kinross from their homes in England to scatter his ashes in Loch Leven. Tommy attended, along with his wife.

Thomas's brother and the rest of his siblings were all born and brought up in Kinross. Robert went into the RAF and died in March aged 101. Mare became a nanny and celebrated her 100th birthday on 3 October. Chrissie was a housewife and passed away in 1996. Jessie was a civil servant and passed away in October this year at 95.

Thomas told the *Newsletter* he is 'still going' at 90 years of age and has a Master Certificate in the Merchant Navy.

Their father (another Robert Robertson) was killed in an RTA on 19 November 1944. At that time he was a railway signalman, but also a town councillor, Dean of Guild and a Justice of the Peace.

Robert attended Dollar Academy when WW2 broke out and

on 23 November 1939, the date of his 16th birthday, he left school to join the RAF as a cadet at Cranwell. When his father was killed he was serving in Burma, attached to the Chindits.

Robert remained in the RAF till 1975

when he retired after a heart attack as a Squadron Leader. He then went into teaching. He died in March 2025 at the age of 101 and requested his ashes be scattered in Loch Leven. Unfortunately, Thomas believes few of their contemporaries will still be alive in Kinross.



Robert Robertson, aged 101, in his Chindits hat, at the 2025 Remembrance Day parade in London

# SEAMAB AWARDED FUNDING

SEAMAB, A CHILDREN'S charity, based in Rumbling Bridge is celebrating today after being awarded £4,760 in funding from the SafeDeposits Scotland Community Fund.

Seamab provides care and education to children aged between 5 and 18 years old, many of whom have experienced complex issues such as trauma and neglect. Following a highly successful pilot with five of our children and young people in early 2025, this involved the use of digital resources to help them take ownership of their individual journeys through care, education and therapy during their time with us. The charity will use this generous grant to allow us to expand this work and purchase 14 iPads that our children, with support, will use to document their individual journeys from the point when they arrive at Seamab until such time as they move on to their 'forever home'.

Lynn Walker, Seamab's Training and Wellbeing Lead said: 'Thanks to the SafeDeposits Scotland Community Fund, this grant means that we can help our children convey their own stories digi-



tally and give them the opportunity to participate in important meetings surrounding their care and education remotely if this is their preference. Not only this, it also provides them with the means to create memories and document their time with us using a variety of mixed-media formats including having the ability to access digital Talking Mats, a therapeutic intervention which helps our children and young people communicate their needs in a way that is user friendly to them'.

Stuart Provan, Chief Executive Seamab continued, "This grant comes

at an exciting time in Seamab's development as an organisation, where we are continually looking at ways in which we can centralise and streamline some of our processes in relation to our children's care and education to their benefit; with the aim to provide them with an all-encompassing digital record that can remain with them after they have moved on"

To find out more visit [www.safedepositsscotland.com](http://www.safedepositsscotland.com) / [www.seamab.org.uk](http://www.seamab.org.uk)

**Dial-A-Tow**  
24 Hour Breakdown & Accident Recovery  
**07713 118055**

**Podiatrist/Chiroprapist**  
HPC Registered

**Kate Miller** Bsc MChS

**Tel: 01577 863498**

# Corporate and Private Client Insurance Broker

Providing Insurance and risk advice to businesses, owners and directors.

- Shop, Office, Hospitality, Retail, Leisure, Farm and Rural Insurances
- Motor Fleet Insurance
- Motor Trade Insurance
- Property Insurances
- Liability Insurances
- Business Interruption
- Cyber and Management Liability
- Professional Indemnity
- Private Medical Insurance
- Employee Benefits
- Connected Private Insurances

anderson  
smith   
insurance brokers



 British Insurance Brokers' Association  
Member

email: [info@anderson-smith.co.uk](mailto:info@anderson-smith.co.uk) | tel: 01577 333 177 | web: [anderson-smith.co.uk](http://anderson-smith.co.uk)

Anderson Smith Group Ltd T/as Anderson Smith Insurance Brokers is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

# Ready for Autumn

We install, service & maintain stoves



The fires aren't lit just yet, but Autumn's on the way. Now's the perfect time to book a stove service or flue sweep. Or if you're thinking of a new stove, we install those too.

62 Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AU  
[enquiries@stovestuff.scot](mailto:enquiries@stovestuff.scot)  
01577 330526

# A TAPESTRY OF TALENT



*Landscape dress – Anne Taylor  
Piscean Waters – Julie Close  
Gillian Skene Jewellery  
Wooly Wonders - Debbie Stuart*

On 8 and 9 November, Kinross has an exhibition filled with imagination, creativity and skill. Come and see how Anne Taylor's "Landscape Dress" was re-imagined inspiring Julie Close's Wee Pixel Composite Photography and creative writings which take you into a story and make the most unusual and precious handmade gifts. Marvel at the dramatic mountain landscape paintings of Greg Drumm inspired by his love of the Scottish landscape and mountaineering. Be tempted by Gillian Skene Jewellery! Gill's creative use of river pearls, silver wire, beads and semi-precious stones never ceases to amaze us. The variety is endless, and all are affordable, beautifully crafted and designed to enhance any outfit. Be warned they are irresistible!!



On Saturday 8 November you will find a fine selection of Anne Taylor Cards and Prints capturing her original artwork available for sale. All inspired by

her love of flowers, trees and what she experiences on walks in Portmoak Moss, around Loch Leven and on the Fife coast.

Find that winter insulation you need on Sunday 9 November as Debbie Stuart returns for the day with her beautiful Woolly Wonders - hats, scarves and seamless socks produced on antique knitting machines. The socks are made using the original pattern on a lovingly restored knitting machine which manufactured socks for the soldiers serving in the First World War. Incredibly well made, in vibrant Fair Isle wool pattern these are wonderfully warm and hard wearing too so they are a must have! *Please note late opening at 11.30am on Sunday 9 November in respect of Remembrance Day ceremonies.*



On 22 and 23 November there will be a feast of paintings, ceramics and origami, and wonderful wood.

Richard Ibbotson's atmospheric landscape paintings have evolved to have an ethereal quality that can take you to another place. He also has a sense of humour, so his artwork is peppered with the occasional wacky alternative subject - like a portrait of two Emu's in conversation or a Christmas pig named Ham-ish! He has been experimenting with techniques recently

so this may produce something completely different too.

Josephine Smith is exhibiting with us for the first time this year and you will enjoy her vibrant use of colour and mixed media in her botanical, landscape and still life paintings. Both will have cards of their work available, so you may pick up that special Christmas card you are looking for at this exhibition!



Joan Borland - Poppies Ceramics will have her delightful range of hand made ceramics inspired by nature and some of her exquisitely clever transforming Origami Christmas decorations for sale.

And then there are the Wooden Wonders of Colin McKenzie, lovingly turned in a variety of woods and uniquely decorated to create statement bowls, platters, boxes and other smaller items.

Beautiful and original art and craft work to admire and enjoy. No obligation to buy but come and look and talk with the artists and makers. And as a bonus perhaps you might also find that special present you are looking for!



*Twiggy Christmas card – Richard Ibbotson  
Poppies Ceramics – Joan Borland  
Wooden Wonders - Colin McKenzie  
Josephine Smith painting*

# Shop local

for your next home appliance

 euronics  
Sony Centre

**Fast & Free Delivery to Kinross Areas**  
**Installation services available.**

Sony  
Samsung  
Sonos  
Bosch  
Blomberg  
Neff  
Ninja  
Shark  
Dyson  
Sensis  
Hotpoint  
Beko  
& more



TV | Washers | Dryers | Fridges | Ovens | Dishwashers  
Cookers | Hobs | Vacuums | Air fryers & more

**"we match Curry's, John Lewis and AO's prices,  
they don't match our service"**

## McMichael's

Family Business  
established 1910



01259 724230  
www.mcmichaels.co.uk

**ALLOA**  
1-9 Mill Street,  
FK10 1DT

**TILlicOUNTRY**  
Sterling Home  
FK13 6NS  
01259 755158

# GEORGE IS UK DAHLIA CHAMPION!



George with his winning UK National Championship exhibit.

**YOU MIGHT** remember George Reid and his passion for dahlias. George has had a tremendous competition season. We caught up with him on the dahlia plot where he was cutting down his plants in anticipation of the first frosts before digging up the tubers ready for next year's propagation cycle.

2025 was a tricky season for growing exhibition dahlias across the country. The lack of rain was problematic and the

extended dry and warm weather meant ideal conditions for pests.

In spite of this, George had a great show season with the highlight being his win in the UK National Dahlia Championship at the RHS Wisley Flower Show, just south of London in September. George won the title by just one point, with exhibitors from Essex and County Durham in second and third place respectively. The following week, George's

consistency shone through, taking second place in the overall Scottish National Championship, winning the miniature flowered title class and the award for best vase in show.

Along with a clutch of titles at domestic shows throughout Scotland, it's no surprise that 2025 has been George's most successful show season to date.

A very contented George is now busy making preparations for 2026!

## ELOISE'S MILLION STEP SUMMER

**CHALLENGED BY HER** guide leader to raise money for charity over the summer, Eloise decided to walk 1,000,000 steps during the holidays in aid of Cancer Research UK.

Dog walks, park runs and travelling everywhere possible on foot all went towards Eloise hitting her step target the week before going back to school. She celebrated by holding a bake sale to raise further funds and to thank those who had sponsored her.

Eloise raised a total of £545 which has now

been transferred to Cancer Research UK and will go towards helping researchers find new ways to prevent, detect and treat cancer.

Her Mum and Dad are incredibly proud of how hard she worked to raise the money and achieve her target.

Eloise would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful neighbours, family and friends who were so incredibly generous in both their sponsorship and attendance at the bake sale.

Well done, Eloise!



## PARK AND RIDE NEWS

- ✓ Cycle parking/bike sharing docking station
- ✓ Bike repair stand, tools and pump
- ✓ Textured access ramp
- ✓ Selection of plants and shrubs
- ✓ Totem and QR code with local transport information
- ✓ Accessible seating area with coffee table
- ✓ 6x2 metres (6x3 metres with access ramp)
- ✓ Modular design allows for easy transportation

### POP-UP MOBILITY HUB

PKC will be installing a pop-up mobility hub on 10 November which will be in place until mid-December (graphic shown above).

Funded by Tactran and delivered by CoMoUK, it will be used to run Active Travel community events that are currently being organised along with community groups.

The hub will also have a QR code that directs people to a questionnaire to give feedback and tells us what they would like to see improved at the site. This will hopefully help PKC identify any further opportunities that we can deliver as part of the permanent works.

It will be located adjacent to the existing information board and will require the removal of two disabled bays to accommodate it.

These will be relocated elsewhere in the car park for its duration to ensure no reduction in available disabled bays on site.

### PERMANENT PARK AND RIDE IMPROVEMENTS

PKC are also currently looking into bus shelter designs, secure cycle parking types and other smart technologies/services which they can accommodate at the park and ride. They also intend to install a new pedestrian crossing to link into the bus stop on the opposite site of the road and the footpath that heads southbound through the housing estate. A spokesperson said, 'we plan to start works on site in February with a view to having the improvements fully in place in March. Plans will hopefully be formalised following the pop-up mobility hub and sent out for comments in plenty of time before the works start date.'

# SPECIAL MEMORIES AT CHAS PROM

**MAGICAL MEMORIES TO** last a lifetime were made at a special prom event at CHAS. Five youngsters took part in the event at Rachel House which gave them the opportunity to enjoy the joy and excitement of a prom that they otherwise might not be able to experience due to their complex health conditions.

In the morning, families gathered for a workshop to create corsages and buttonholes with Blooming Lovely Flowers. The hospice was transformed into a hair and beauty salon in the afternoon. A red carpet was rolled out for all the children as they made their special entrance and they were each piped in by Owen Stark.

Billy Reekie kindly provided the entertainment for the evening. Families enjoyed a delicious sit-down buffet featuring a 'Prom 2025 Doughnut Wall' and lots of other tasty treats from Mimi's Bake House.

Portrait shots were captured by Chris Watt and pamper bags donated by The Old Course Hotel in St Andrews. The prom was a huge success with families commenting afterwards that they had 'made lots of magical memories.'

One parent said, 'The CHAS prom meant the world to us, recognising that Kaela has made it to this place in her life and celebrating everything she has gone through, and made it to the other side. Thank you for making us all feel so spe-



cial. The memories will last forever.'

CHAS Play Assistant Lisa Hunter said: 'We feel proud to have helped our families enjoy this experience. We are incredibly grateful to all the local hair and make-up

artists who gave up their time to help the children and their families feel special on the night. Thanks must also go to all who provided their services to help make this prom such a huge success.'

## BURLEIGH BARRIER CONFIRMED

**NATURESCOT'S PLANNING** application to install a barrier and gate at Burleigh Sands car park has been unanimously approved by PKC councillors. They intend to install the barrier this winter.

They argue that visitors to the car park have gone beyond the definition of 'wild camping'. During 2024 more than 800 motorhomes used the car park, and many vehicles with no on-board toilet facilities.

The site has been described as like 'the wild west,' with campers verbally abusing and threatening staff, and leaving behind litter and human waste. In order to tackle the problem, NatureScot propose installing a bright yellow 2.1m high barrier and six-metre long hinged gate across the car park's entrance.

LOCH LEVEN CHURCH AND KINROSS-SHIRE PARISH CHURCH INVITE YOU TO

**THE SHEPHERD'S QUARTET**

*Advent Concert*

**19 DECEMBER AT 7 p.m.**

EXPLORING THE CHRISTMAS STORY THROUGH CLASSICAL MUSIC

*Family friendly concert with singing and refreshments!*

KINROSS-SHIRE PARISH CHURCH, STATION ROAD, KY13 8TG

DONATIONS WELCOME

## Fly Through The Bible

*Part 3: Five Gifts God Gives Every Christian*

- 9 November The Holy Spirit  
*Neil Martin, Hillbank Church*
- 16 November Faith  
*Richard Gibb, LLC*
- 23 November Forgiveness  
*David Wylie, Greenview Evangelical Church*
- 30 November The Church  
*Allan McKinnon, Tilsley Bible College*
- 7 December Heaven  
*Sir Brian Souter, Souter Foundation*

**Join us in the Loch Leven Community Campus every Sunday morning from 10:30 a.m.**

**Loch Leven Church**  
info@lochlevenchurch.com  
www.lochlevenchurch.com  
Find us on Facebook: We Love Loch Leven  
Charity No: SC049050

# Winter Festival Events from KLEO

**KINROSS-SHIRE'S WINTER FESTIVAL** brings fabulous community events right to your doorstep.

The popular Festive Market will be indoors again! There will be over 100 stalls and lots of other fabulous entertainment on Saturday 22 November from 10am to 3pm at Loch Leven Community Campus. Enjoy a bustling festive atmosphere and fit in some Christmas shopping! Great festive entertainment with live music, delicious hot food and mulled wine! Some



of the entertainment on offer:

**GillyShack, Shrinking Violets (Kinross Men's Shed), Matthew Dance Academy, Ray Kelly, Dance Connect Ewan Hutchison, Perthshire Ukuleles, MYStrO, Portmoak Community choir**

## Events Starting To Sell Out!

THERE ARE only a few tickets left for Eddi Reader and Anthony Toner. **The Comedy Night (8 November) is now sold out.**

The headline act for this year's Kinross-shire's Winter Festival is singer and songwriter Eddi Reader on Friday 28 November, 8pm at Loch Leven Community Campus. Tickets £27.



## LOCAL LANDSCAPE AREA REVIEW SURVEY

**PKC CREATED THE** term 'Local Landscape Areas' (LLAs) to identify, protect and manage landscapes that are of particular value or are under threat. These areas are recognised for their unique characteristics and the need for conservation and enhancement efforts. The original areas were identified in 2014. Given changes in national policy and guidance and from development, they are now reviewing and updating the current set of LLAs.

Contributions are welcome from all communities, groups and stakeholders with an interest in their landscapes. These will help PKC to review the boundaries and special qualities of these landscapes. The survey can be found on PKC's Consultation Hub.

The revised LLAs will form part of the next Local Development Plan. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Team by email at [developmentPlan@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:developmentPlan@pkc.gov.uk)

Belfast-based songwriter **Anthony** makes a welcome return with a unique afternoon concert on Sunday 16 November, 3pm in Milnathort Town Hall. Tickets £10.

Tickets available at Morgans Estate Agent's in Kinross or you can purchase tickets online through [www.kleo.org.uk](http://www.kleo.org.uk)

## Kinross Kacophony Orchestra Concert

The Kacophony Orchestra led by Dougie Flower will entertain you on Wednesday 26 November, 8pm at the Campus.

The Choirs Together concert on Sunday 9 November, 7pm at Loch Leven Community Campus, showcases local choirs and singing groups Cantie Choir, Earn Singers, Leven Voices, Kinross Parish Church Choir, Perthshire Ukuleles and Earnsong in Comrie. They will provide a great programme covering a wide range of musical genres and singing styles. Tickets for both are £5 at door or available from [www.kleo.org.uk](http://www.kleo.org.uk).

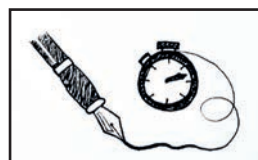
## Bookweek Scotland Events

LOCH LEVEN Community Library and KLEO are delighted that the following authors are coming to Kinross during Bookweek Scotland. Come to the library and meet these award winning authors. You can also have your books signed.

Dr Sandy Winterbottom will talk about whales, whaling, Antarctica and the climate crisis, all come-together in a fascinating new non-fiction book, *The Two-Headed Whale* on Tuesday 18 November, 7pm. Join crime author Heather Critchlow, the author of the Cal Lovett series and speculative thriller *The Tomorrow Project*, on Thursday 20 November, 7pm.

Bestselling author Elisabeth Gifford (*A Woman Made of Snow* and *The Lost Lights of St Kilda*) will talk about her new book *The Mischief Makers* on Sunday 23 November, 1.30pm.

All author events take place at Loch Leven Community Library. Tickets £6 available at the library or through [www.kleo.org.uk](http://www.kleo.org.uk)



## Take Part In 'Ten Minute Tales'

**WRITE A** personal story and read it at a short story event in the library as part of Book Week Scotland on Monday 17 November at 7pm. We invite anyone to

take part, you don't have to be an established author and the event is for all ages. However, the limit of your tale has to be 10 minutes!

The theme is **FRIENDSHIP**. The story should be about a personal memory or experience, and could explore friendships that are deeply connected to our youth or maybe new and unexpected friendships. The only stipulations are that it is a true story and it takes no longer than ten minutes to read (about 1400 words.)

We are looking for 8 or 9 people to present their stories. If interested in taking part please send an email to [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk) to confirm so we know how many people are taking part.

We will then send you some more specific guidelines for writing your piece and you have until 17 November to complete it. It will be a very varied and fun event. Everyone is welcome to come along to listen to the stories!

For more information about KLEO events go to [www.kleo.org.uk](http://www.kleo.org.uk)



# ROADWORKS ROUNDUP

**MONTGOMERY STREET/B996 HIGH STREET/SCHOOL WYND/MONTGOMERY ROAD/MYRE TERRACE/SMITH STREET – KINROSS**

**11 November for two weeks.**

Proposed **Carriageway Resurfacing Works** are due to take place for two weeks in November which will prevent traffic from **driving, parking and loading on Montgomery Street, from the junction with the High Street To Myre Terrace.**

If this work goes ahead, vehicles will not be able to park on:

- B996 High Street, Kinross from 142 to 118 High Street.
- Montgomery Road, from Montgomery Street to junction with Bowton Road

Vehicles will also be unable to travel:

- Northbound on Myre Terrace, From Junction with Montgomery Street to Junction with Smith Street
- Westbound from Smith Street, Kinross to junction with Myre Terrace to Junction High Street
- Eastbound on School Wynd, Kinross From Junction with Bowton Road to Junction with Swansacre

The alternative route for vehicles is via –

*Swansacre - School Wynd - Bowton Road - Montgomery Road - Montgomery Street - Myre Terrace - Smith Street*

**STATION ROAD – CROOK OF DEVON**

**14 November 2025 for one day.**

**Parking and loading on Station Road, Crook of Devon from Station House to junction with A977 Main Road.**

**C493 CLEISH**

**BT Openreach works 10 November 2025 for five days.**

Prevention of traffic from Driving, parking and loading on the **C493 Cleish from its junction with Woodlea to junction with Number 3, West Mains.** Pedestrian and emergency vehicular access to premises will be maintained. The alternative route for vehicles is via – B9097 - C494 - A977 - A823

**A922 SPRINGFIELD ROAD/B918 STATION ROAD/B996 HIGH STREET – KINROSS**

**Carriageway Resurfacing 13 November for two weeks.**

**A922 Springfield Road, Kinross from junction with High Street to junction with Leven Place.**

The order will also temporarily prohibit all vehicles from parking and loading on the following length of carriageways:

High Street, Kinross from junction with Station Road to junction with the A922 Springfield Road.

Station Road, Kinross from junction with the A922 Springfield Road to its junction with the High Street. *The alternative route for vehicles is via –B918 STATION ROAD - B996 HIGH STREET - A922 SPRINGFIELD ROAD*



**Pedestrian and emergency vehicular access to premises will be maintained. (Please note all roadworks may be cancelled due to weather).**

## CARNBO HALL

**Quiz Night – Friday 21 November, 7.30pm**

Join us for an evening of friendly competition and fun at our Quiz Night! Tickets are £5 per person, with teams of up to six people (you can join a team on the night). Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

**Transport Available:** The Fossoway Community Bus will be running for residents of Fossoway and Muckhart. The service is free of charge (donations welcome) but booking is essential as seats are limited.

To book a quiz ticket or reserve a bus seat, email [carnbohall@gmail.com](mailto:carnbohall@gmail.com) for more information.

**Hall Talks – 7pm, All Welcome**

**Monday 3 November:** Dorothy Thomson: *The making of the book – The Barony of Burleigh*

**Monday 1 December:** Keith Broomfield: *Wild Edinburgh*

**Coffee & Chat – Wed 19 November, 10am–12 noon**

Join us for a cuppa and a chat, and some delicious homebaking. All ages welcome! Contact: [carnbohall@gmail.com](mailto:carnbohall@gmail.com)

# COLLABORATIVE CROCUSES

**PREPARE TO SEE** thousands of crocus bulbs in Kinross when spring comes. Kinross in Bloom organised a crocus planting session in October and many volunteers gathered along the footpath beside the park at Levenfields.

It was a beautiful sunny morning for the Rotarians, P7 Kinross Primary pupils and senior pupils from Kinross High School who joined members of Kinross in Bloom to plant the bulbs together. Their hard work leaves a gift to be

enjoyed by all who will pass by next spring and for many years ahead.

Around 10,000 bulbs were donated to Kinross Rotary Club and Kinross in Bloom by Perth and Kinross Council.

The day was a perfect example of cooperation between various local community organisations and was a great team effort by all involved.

We look forward to seeing them in all their glory in springtime!



**OPENING FROM THE 21st NOV**

**Mon - Fri: 8am - 6pm**  
**Sat - Sun: 9am - 5pm**

**Tel:- 01577 865500**

**THE KILTED CHRISTMAS TREE COMPANY**

**Free Delivery to Kinross & Milnathort**

**TILLYOCHIE FARM  
BALADO KINROSS  
KY13 0NL**

- FRESH CHRISTMAS TREES
- FRESH NOBLE FIR WREATHS
- TREE STANDS & LIGHTS
- LARGE SELECTION OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

REVITALIZE YOUR GARDEN TODAY!



**Lawn need a boost?**  
Eliet scarifiers remove thatch and weeds, improving soil and growth.



**Green waste piling up?**  
Eliet shredders tackle tough garden waste, reducing volume and speeding up composting.

ALL AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT



CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION

TEL: 01577 524 007 | MOB: 07923 175 327 | EMAIL: OFFICE@KIPPERHIRE.COM



**Need to split timber?**  
Oxdale log splitters make fast, reliable work of logs of all sizes—safe and durable.



**Tired of uneven grass?**  
Sabo mowers deliver a precise, even cut with power and comfort—perfect for any lawn! Battery and petrol power available.

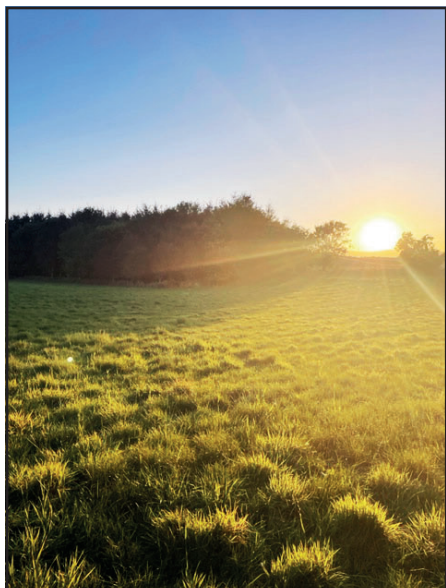
4 MACDUFF PLACE, KINROSS, KY13 8FU

[WWW.KIPPERHIRE.COM](http://WWW.KIPPERHIRE.COM)

## ROSEMOUNT MOVE

**ROSEMOUNT NURSERY IS** all set for its move to new premises at Orwell Farm, where planning permission has been secured for its relocation from its current base on Kinross High Street.

As part of the plans, the farm will deliver a change of use from office to nursery, enabling Rosemount Nursery to move to a purpose-built, outdoor-focused early years facility, designed to connect children with nature while providing first-class care and education.



connect children with nature while providing first-class care and education.

The project has received huge local support from the community. This now means that Rosemount Nursery will be able to move children and families to a nature-based nursery with outdoor learning at its heart.

They are now working on the next phase to al-

low them to continue to provide funded ELC when they move from the High Street and they are working in partnership with the care inspectorate to achieve this.

Louise Smart, owner and manager of Rosemount Nursery added 'We are delighted that consent to planning has been granted allowing us to move forward in our vision to relocate to this wonderful setting at Orwell Farm. This has already become a special place where staff have embarked on outdoor learning themselves as we begin to prepare to connect all our little learners with nature and the potential that will bring.'

## Linette Leaves!

**IN JANUARY 2012** Linette Mann took the big leap and started her High Street Sewing business from her dining room, full time. She never thought for a minute it would grow into the busy workshop it has become today. She has her loyal customers to thank for that, many of whom have since become good friends.

However, 14 years later, she has finally decided it is time to take another leap of faith and start an exciting new chapter. Her new home will be Thornton, in Fife, where Linette will continue her business. The good news for those in Kinross is that from 10



November Linette will still do alterations and repairs through Richard and his team at Loch Leven Laundry on the High Street. If you know what alterations you need, just drop the items off during the laundry's open hours. Linette will aim to collect and drop off weekly, possibly on a Friday.

Linette said, 'Unfortunately one-to-one fittings will not be available at the laundry. Please contact me directly to book an appointment.'

## STATION RD ASSAULT: APPEAL

**AROUND 8.30PM** on Tuesday 30 September, a man approached a woman on Station Road, Kinross, assaulted her and attempted to steal her handbag. The suspect is described as white, around 5ft 8ins with dark hair. He was wearing a dark coloured waterproof jacket with the hood up and dark trousers. Enquires are ongoing and anyone who may have seen a man matching the description in the area or who may have private CCTV or dashcam footage is asked to contact Police Scotland quoting incident 3332 of 30 September.

## OLDER ENTREPRENEURS – JUST STARTING OUT?

**DO YOU HAVE** the skills to work for yourself, start your own business, or are you in the early stages of a new enterprise?

If you're over 55, you can benefit from a new GrowBiz programme. Funded by the Scottish Government Ecosystem Fund, its aim is to give you the confidence, skills and support to build a business that works for you.

The programme includes one-to-one advice and guidance, business mentoring, online and in-person workshops and peer support network. It's flexible, providing support at the pace and frequency that fits your needs and schedule.

GrowBiz has almost 20 years experience. A network of fellow older entrepreneurs will create a space to share challenges and be inspired.

Whether you need technical support, skills development, confidence, or are interested in being part of a vibrant community, there is something for you.

Visit [www.growbiz.co.uk/olderpreneur-programme](http://www.growbiz.co.uk/olderpreneur-programme) and fill in the confidential online form to register your interest.

# SN DECORATORS



## PAINTER & DECORATOR

**07475 672038**  
**01577 863235**

Over 30 years experience  
Free Quotations  
All decorating work undertaken  
Fully qualified & insured


## complete design solutions

for start-ups

- quality logo design
- competitive print prices
- leaflet and flyer design & print
- corporate stationery
- photography and video
- photo manipulation
- vehicle livery and shop signage



**Cree8** Kinross Business Centre 62 The Muirs Kinross KY13 8AU  
tel: 01577 863186 mob: 07900 403 708 email: lee@cree8.co.uk





\* Romantic Castle \* Rustic Barn \* Festival \*

Whatever your wedding style, we've got the space and flexibility to suit.

Tullibole is yours exclusively for the whole weekend so you can enjoy a relaxing barbecue with friends and family the next day.

Visit us for a show round, please email [hitched@tullibolecastle.com](mailto:hitched@tullibolecastle.com)



CROOK OF DEVON, KINROSS KY13 0QN T: 01577 840236 W: TULLIBOLECASTLE.COM

**BINN GROUP** Your local provider of recycling and Waste Management Services

**Industrial** Helping manage your environmental issues

- Dedicated Site Liaison & Account Managers
- Single-source supplier for waste & recycling
- Guidance & compliance on waste legislation

**Hire**

- Skips 4-16 cubic yards
- Bulk Containers 20-50 cubic yards
- Open
- Closed
- Compactor

**Construction** Supporting your construction programme

- On-site waste audits
- Support from our expert team
- Modern fully equipped vehicle fleet

**Trade** Efficient trade waste management solutions

- Recycling
- Waste minimisation
- Value for money

**Food** Recycling food waste from your business

- Comply with legislation
- Help cut back on greenhouse gases
- Prevent waste to landfill

**Baler Rental**

- Cardboard
- Polythene
- Plastics

**Scrap Metal**

We buy Ferrous & Non Ferrous metal. See website for details

[binngroup.co.uk](http://binngroup.co.uk) 01577 830833



We are pleased to be open for routine eye care\*, with enhanced cleaning & distancing measures

**FERRIER & MACKINNON**  
OPTOMETRISTS

We're here to help

74 High Street, Kinross 01577 864009  
[www.fmoptom.com](http://www.fmoptom.com)

Find us on

# GALLIPOLI PILGRIMAGE

IT WAS JUST BEFORE dawn when the coach carrying members of the King's Own Scottish Borderers (KOSB) Association arrived at the rugged beaches of Cape Helles. As the first pale light crept across the Gallipoli Peninsula, in SW Turkey, the assembled group—veterans, serving soldiers, descendants and school children—fell silent. Here, 100 years earlier, on 25 April 1915, more than 800 men of the KOSB landed, and fought the Turks—many never to return.



That was ten years ago. Now a smaller, self guided pilgrimage was organised to mark the 110th anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign. We wanted to keep alive the enduring legacy of those 1,002 Borderers who fell in 1915, their names etched into memorials, regimental history, and family lore.

The first day took us to V, W and Y Beaches, the latter being the landing place of the 1st Battalion, KOSB. The rocky terrain, steep ridges, and unforgiving scrub are far more daunting in reality than in any photograph or map. We looked at the cliff faces, and wondered how the Jocks had climbed them, and how they had fallen.

The Turks pushed us off the top of Y beach cliff in 24 hours of fierce fighting, where we lost 296 young men in 24 hours. We later visited their graves—those who had one—many have no known grave, such was the chaos and carnage.

Across the peninsula, we also visited the ANZAC sector, where Australian and New Zealand troops had come ashore under fierce fire on 25 April 1915. The ANZAC Cove landing, just a few miles north of the KOSB beaches, remains one of the most iconic episodes of the campaign. Standing on that narrow strip of sand, we were struck by how small and exposed it was—how the men of the ANZACs clung to the ridges above, for months against impossible odds. The shared suffering of Commonwealth troops was palpable, and it deepened our understanding of Gallipoli as a place of collective endurance and courage, not confined to any one regiment or nation.

We moved to the huge Helles Memorial, the great obelisk overlooking the Dardanelles. It commemorates those Commonwealth



soldiers with no known grave from the entire campaign. Here, we laid a wooden cross against our name panels—840 of them from the KOSB alone.

The inspirational Turkish leader Kemal Attaturk wrote very movingly later,

*'Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives. You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore, rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehments to us, where they lie side by side, here in this country of ours.'*

*'You, the mothers, who sent their sons from far away countries, wipe away your tears. Your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace, after having lost their lives on this land, they have become our sons as well.'*



Pte Robert Gilbert, 1/5th KOSB KIA 12 Jul 1915, Gallipoli, age 17, from Newton Stewart and on right Pte Jim Turnbull, KOSB, killed in action on his 17th birthday, 12 July 1915.

Despite taking huge casualties, the Allies battled on for eight months against courageous Turkish soldiers, desperate to defend their homeland. Trench warfare again broke out, but this time in blistering heat. Swarms of flies attended the soldiers' every move, bringing disease and sickness. So great were the casualties that more troops were sent out, including the famous Scottish 52nd Division, with 2000+ Territorials from the Borders, and Dumfries and Galloway.

As the battles wore on, so many were lost that postmen in the Borders stopped delivering mail, so great was the sorrow back in Scotland, the postie's arrival having become synonymous with bad news. Some of them weren't even 18...

One of the most moving aspects of the pilgrimage was the recognition that Gallipoli is not just a story of British sacrifice, but of all who fought: Turkish, ANZAC, French, Indian and others. In recent years, Turkey has done much work to preserve cemeteries and monuments, ensure respectful access, and welcome pilgrims from overseas. Coach loads of Turkish people were visiting their own memorials. We met several Aussies and Kiwis, but no other British at all on the British beaches and cemeteries. Scots soldiers from the following Regiments fought and died there in large numbers:

Royal Scots,	Ayrshire Yeomanry,
Royal Scots Fusiliers,	Fife and Forfar Yeomanry,
King's Own Scottish Borderers,	Lanarkshire Yeomanry,
Cameronians (Scottish Rifles),	Lovat Scouts Yeomanry,
Highland Light Infantry,	Scottish Horse.
Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders,	

On the return coach journey up to Istanbul airport, we were quiet. This pilgrimage had given us more than history; it had given us connection to the men who died—on both sides—the soil they died in, and the lives they left behind. Gallipoli is a land of graves, of names, of wind-whipped ridges that still bear the scars of 1915. But it is also a land of friendships, of shared respect, and of memory kept alive by



# KIRKLANDS

Open daily from 9.00am for morning coffee and bakes, lunch and dinner. Private dining options and our famous drinks menu.

[www.thekirklandshotel.com](http://www.thekirklandshotel.com) 20 High Street, Kinross 01577 863313



# STEWART

— FUNERAL DIRECTORS —

Funeral Planning ~ Funeral Service

~ Memorial Sales ~

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

**24 Hour Emergency Service Tel. (01577) 864607**

— Argyll House, 45 High Street, KINROSS KY13 8AA —  
Tel: 01577 864607 email: [office@stewartfuneralgroup.co.uk](mailto:office@stewartfuneralgroup.co.uk)



every pilgrim who walks those cliffs, every person who learns their stories, and every family who honours a relative's name.

After eight months hard fighting with appalling casualties, both from disease and combat, the allied forces withdrew in January 1916, in ironically the most successful part of the whole operation, without losing a single casualty, but thousands had already paid the ultimate price with their lives.

My grandfather, Captain George Middlemiss RAMC, was a young doctor on a hospital ship, taking wounded and sick off the beaches. It is important to remember that these men of the KOSB, and thousands of others on both sides, showed incredibly brav-

ery and guts in terrible conditions. So, the conclusion of the trip was a small ceremony in one of the beach cemeteries – prayers and readings. It was incredibly powerful and emotional to be there, to remember, and to see what was lost in human sacrifice. The 1,002 Borderers who fell in Gallipoli may have died in one campaign, one place; but through remembrance, their voices (faint though they are) continue to echo, 110 years on. And as long as their names are spoken, their sacrifice remains present, not past. It is the Remembrance season, so...

Let Us Not Forget

Andy Middlemiss BEM DL

# HAPPY 40TH, ROAD RUNNERS!



The Road Runners in 1995 pictured outside Loch Leven Leisure Centre. Anne Wilson is holding the trophy (centre). Anne is still a KRR member today. The photo is KRR members and their children. The trophy may have been for first female KRR at the Loch Leven Half Marathon.

**KINROSS ROAD RUNNERS** were formed in September 1985. After the 2nd Loch Leven Half Marathon (then organised by the Kinross Tourist Association), Martin Mather and his wife Alison decided it would be a good idea to form a running club in Kinross and area. They wrote a letter to all the local entrants of the Half Marathon, and delivered it round the doors in Kinross, Kelty and area. The letter suggested that a local running club would meet a demand in the community.

Other founder members of the club were Terry Quigley, John Barclay, Jock Hargreaves, Michael Hughes, Graham Hartley, Jean Smith, Bill Nouillan and Alison Mather. The first meeting took place at the Tourist Association Offices at Turfhill, Granada, and it was decided to call the club Kinross Road Runners.

Over the years the club has grown from strength to strength. We now have around 160 active members in the club who participate in a variety of distances from 5k parkruns on a weekly basis through to Ultra Marathons.

Catherine McAdams

**LIGHT UP KINROSS**  
**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON**  
**SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER**  
**AT GREENS' CAR PARK,**  
**HIGH STREET**



**ALTERED IMAGES**  
 UNISEX HAIRSTYLING  
 in the comfort of your own home  
 Call LINDA on 07765 278046

# How financial planning transforms lives

Cailean

TAILORED  
FINANCIAL  
PLANNING

**From sudden life changes requiring swift financial decisions to longer term retirement planning, clients come to Cailean for a variety of reasons. One thing they have in common: working with us has had a transformational impact on their lives.**

Here are some of the comments our clients have made about the Cailean team, which is led by founder and financial planner Colin McCugan...

"Colin has been our financial adviser for over 20 years and we could not be happier with the clear, sympathetic and very effective advice he has given. Now we can see that the plans he made for us over the years have created a solid financial basis on which we can enjoy a stress-free and comfortable retirement."

"The advice Colin gave... in relation to planning a lifestyle retirement allowed me to pursue personal ambitions that may not otherwise have been possible. I highly recommend Cailean to others who are considering a change of life direction and need first rate financial advice to make that change happen."

"Colin has been our financial adviser for over 20 years, during the most critical points in retirement and financial planning. Our goal was for my husband to retire at 63 and me at 60. It's great to be able to say that the plan delivered."

Read more testimonials at [cailean.co.uk](http://cailean.co.uk)  
or call **01577 212 577**

Cailean is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.  
Cailean Ltd, The Court House, 21-25 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW



Visit our website

## *Festive News* from Loch Levens Larder

Christmas  
**FOOD**  
To Order

### Create your perfect Winter Hamper

Build your own bespoke hamper filled with seasonal treats and local delights – or pick up one of our beautifully pre-made hampers, ready to gift and enjoy.

### Christmas Food & Festive Food to Entertain

Available from 1<sup>st</sup> November  
Full details and how to order online at:  
[www.lochlevenslarder.com](http://www.lochlevenslarder.com)



Left: Roadrunners 40th birthday cake!

Above: 2005 Flora London Marathon. The photo has one of the club founders in it, Bill Nouillan. From left to right: Anne Wilson, Bill Nouillan, Gill Lopez and Gary Hutt.

Below: 2018. Money raised from knitting woolly hats in club colours and selling them to members. Sarah Eaton who is presenting the cheque also knitted the hats.



Below from top to bottom: Alloa Half Marathon in 2006  
Loch Leven Parkrun takeover, 2025  
2013 Group Training Photo



**Jackson's**  
Accident Repair Centre

HAD AN ACCIDENT THAT WASN'T YOUR FAULT?  
CALL US FIRST TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN SAVE YOUR  
EXCESS AND BE IN A LIKE FOR LIKE HIRE VEHICLE  
FOR THE DURATION OF THE REPAIR

**ACCIDENT REPAIRS  
SPRAY PAINTING  
VAN LIVERY IN FLEET COLOURS**



**WE DO IT ALL**

FREE NO OBLIGATION ESTIMATES  
[www.jacksonarc.co.uk](http://www.jacksonarc.co.uk)

**77 OAKFIELD STREET, KELTY, KY4 0BX  
01383 830 645**



*Barry McGuire*  
Painter and Decorator  
Interior & Exterior

all aspects of the trade covered,  
high quality work by skilled tradesmen

tel: 01577 864101

mob: 07941 396 266

full public liability insurance



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

**HEATHERTYFORD**  
**THE GROUSE & CLARET**  
RESTAURANT



A unique country Restaurant nestled within its own  
exquisite country parkland setting  
Ideal for Corporate Days Fishing, Eating & Drinking  
**Small Country Weddings a Speciality**  
Perfect for Birthday, Anniversary & Celebratory Parties  
Our kitchen boasts a modern Scottish essence with  
some Oriental flavours. You can visit us for a informal  
light lunch to a delicious 5 course dinner.

Find out more at [www.grouseandclaret.com](http://www.grouseandclaret.com)  
T: 01577 864212 E: [grouseandclaret@lineone.net](mailto:grouseandclaret@lineone.net)

## ACTIVE PEST SOLUTIONS

DISCREET SERVICE GUARANTEED

DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL  
& INDUSTRIAL ENQUIRIES

FREE QUOTES  
FULLY INSURED

T: 01577 862035

OR 01592 240091

M: 07764 768151

9 ALEXANDER DRIVE, KINROSS

**SPECIALISTS  
IN RODENT  
CONTROL**

**RATS  
MICE  
MOLES  
ANTS  
FLEAS  
INSECTS  
RABBITS  
WASPS**

**BIRD PROOFING  
SQUIRRELS**

**MOTHS & ALL INSECT  
INFESTATIONS**



**AVAILABLE 7 DAYS**

## Councillor Neil Freshwater



### Windfarms: Concerns about Community Representation

THERE ARE ongoing concerns about limited community engagement over the Brunt Hill and Craighead windfarm proposals. Both are now being considered by the Scottish Government, not Perth and Kinross Council (PKC), though for different reasons. At last week's Fossoway CC meeting, residents voiced frustration that PKC cannot take local views into account, so I sought clarification from planning officers. Brunt Hill is being assessed by the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) due to its size, and Craighead has been appealed to a Scottish Government Reporter because PKC had not made a decision on the applications. Community views should now be sent directly to [representations@gov.scot](mailto:representations@gov.scot) (ECU for Brunt Hill) and [CDPEA@gov.scot](mailto:CDPEA@gov.scot) (Reporter unit for Craighead). Additionally, for Brunt Hill, councillors on PKC's Planning and Placemaking Committee will consider the Council's consultation response in December (See PKC website).

### Narrowing of B996 Road Markings: Update

CONCERNS WERE raised at Cleish & Blairadam CC about the narrowing of the B996 just over the Fife border near Maryburgh/Keltybridge. The pavement has been widened as part of the new cycle and walking path up to the border, which reduced the width of the road. However, as the new road markings were delayed, there were reports of near-misses from drivers coming from Kinross-shire who hadn't realised the road was narrower.

I have been lobbying Fife Council roads department and neighbouring ward member Cllr Watt on this issue, and I'm pleased to report I have been advised by Fife that the road markings have now been completed.

### Path and Accessibility Concerns in Kinross

FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIONS, I've raised concerns with the Council about the poor surface of the public path linking Talla Park and St Ronan's Drive, where uneven ground and puddling create hazards for pedestrians and mobility scooter users. I've also asked the relevant department to look at the junction off Springfield Road (between Springfield Park and Sutherland Drive), where the absence of a dropped kerb forces mobility aid users onto the carriageway.

### Kinross P&R Bike Lockers and Parking Capacity

I HAVE BEEN pushing for the return of the bike lockers at the park & ride, which went off for 'repair' a few years ago, never to be seen again! Plans have been afoot to create a more useful facility which is good, albeit has led to delays in replacing the still missing lockers. There will now be a pop-up mock-up of the what could be on site as part of a community consultation from 10 November to mid-December. This will mean a few parking spaces will be lost temporarily but readers can pop along, have a look, and submit their views. I am very supportive of the proposals, but wish it could have happened sooner. However, I have also raised my concerns about the parking capacity owing to the increased success of the park & ride (due to the superb new bus services) and I would like to see PKC make some medium to long term plans for expanded P&R parking provision in future. Whilst I wholly encourage increased bike and bus travel, there is a continued need for car users, given the rurality of Kinross-shire, not to mention the proposed housing increases.

### Possible Relocation of Drum VAS

RESIDENTS ON the A977 at Drum have noticed fewer drivers slowing down for the flashing speed warning signs (VAS) since the new traffic lights at the Drum junction were installed. This may be because the lights draw attention away from the VAS. I've asked PKC roads officers to consider moving the sign further east, so it appears earlier in the 40mph zone and away from the junction lights.

Councillor Neil Freshwater

**J&D Funeral Directors**  
We care for your loved ones

7 South St, Milnathort. KY13 9XA

Personal 24 hour service.  
01577 208070  
[jdfuneraldirectors@gmail.com](mailto:jdfuneraldirectors@gmail.com)  
[www.jdfuneraldirectors.co.uk](http://www.jdfuneraldirectors.co.uk)

**CRAIG CAMPBELL**  
**PAINTER & DECORATOR**  
KINROSS-SHIRE

FREE QUOTATIONS  
ALL ASPECTS OF DECORATION  
INTERIOR & EXTERIOR  
ALL WORK GUARANTEED

TEL: 01577 527 327  
MOBILE: 07964 020 844

Check out our fabulous purpose-built dance space!

**MATTHEW DANCE ACADEMY STUDIOS**

**CLASSES FROM THE AGE OF 2½ TO PROFESSIONAL TEACHER DIPLOMA LEVEL**  
**WE ALSO PROVIDE ADULT CLASSES!**

SOME OF OUR CLASSES AVAILABLE ARE:  
Ballet, Tap, Modern Dance, Jazz, Street / Commercial, Contemporary, Stretch Flex, Competition Team, Choreobics, Cize, Boogie Bounce, Zumba Gold

Many other classes are available!  
See our website for updates!

**B.A.T.D DANCE EXAMS \* DANCE COMPETITIONS**  
**STUDIO TRIPS \* DANCE SHOWS IN PROFESSIONAL THEATRES**  
**GUEST INSTRUCTORS \* FETES, GALAS AND FUN DAYS**  
**WORLDWIDE CAREER & STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

CALL 07869 120 989  
[www.matthewdanceacademy.co.uk](http://www.matthewdanceacademy.co.uk)  
Matthew Dance Academy Studios,  
27c Stirling Road, Milnathort, KY13 9XS  
[mda-studios.class4kids.co.uk](http://mda-studios.class4kids.co.uk)

## Councillor Dave Cuthbert



### Milnathort Power Cuts

STORM AMY caused widespread disruption across Perth and Kinross, with dozens of road closures and power outages. Parts of Milnathort were without power for a second storm in a row. Naturally, residents were upset.

I was contacted by a constituent about this and so, I set about trying to find out what had been happening, why it had been happening and what could be done about it.

My initial enquiry indicated that the problem related to tree debris falling onto an electricity substation just off Curler's Crescent in Milnathort. So, I approached officers in the Council's Greenspace department. There was a lot of work done by officers for which I am grateful. This included making sure which substation was involved, checking to see if any planning conditions were attached to the site, checking for tree preservation orders and whether the council were responsible and so on.

Officers asked if I would contact SSEN to see where they stood on this issue, and so after a few abortive attempts I managed to connect with the correct department and put them in contact with the Council's greenspace team. The upshot is that SSEN have said that they will remove the trees and Greenspace will collect the down takings and remove them. So, hopefully, this will solve the power cut problem in Milnathort, once it is done. I have asked for a date for the work. Once done, the substation will probably need to be hidden again, so I asked Milnathort CC if they could look into this.

### Kinross Park and Ride – Active Travel Hub

A POP-UP mobility hub is to be installed at Kinross Park and Ride on 10 November and will be in place until mid-December. Officers tell me that 'it will be used to run Active Travel community events that are currently being organised along with community groups. The hub will also have a QR code that directs people to a questionnaire to give feedback and tells us what they would like to see improved at the site. This will hopefully help us identify any further opportunities that we can deliver as part of the permanent works.'

They have also said 'We are currently looking into bus shelter designs, secure cycle parking types and other smart technologies/services which we can accommodate at the park and ride. We also intend to install a new pedestrian crossing to link into the bus stop on the opposite side of the road and the footpath that heads southbound through the housing estate. We plan to start works on site in February with a view to having the improvements fully in place in March.' So, this is good news.

In reply, I said, 'The new pedestrian crossing which will link into the bus stop on the opposite side of the road and the footpath that heads southbound through the housing estate, will be very welcome, as it can be difficult to cross the road here. Could I ask please what type of crossing you are proposing at this location?'

'I am also aware that pedestrian and wheeled access from the North to the Active Travel Hub is difficult, when crossing Station Road and Springfield Road.

'I believe that the local members have been asking for a light-controlled crossing on Springfield Road at its eastern end for some time and I think this warrants some consideration.

'This crossing would also encourage pedestrian and wheeled access to Sainsbury's, which is the principal supermarket in the area. When considering the new bus shelter, would it be possible please to consider the number of people who regularly queue for buses in this area. I have counted as many as 30 people in the past.'

### Change of Leadership at the Council

ON 22 SEPTEMBER, the former Leader of the Council announced that he was resigning from his post and would be leaving the SNP party. The reason given was that he had been charged with embezzlement. Council officers were quick to put out a statement to say that this was a personal matter and not to do with Council funds.

Following an election within the SNP group, Eric Drysdale was appointed Leader with two new Deputies, being John Rebbek and Ian Massie. The Leader of the Council is the single most important elected member's role in the Council and historically most decisions of Council are passed by the holder of this position.

I noted that the Leader and two Deputies all represent wards in Perth and raised this with the new Leader. He has assured me that there will be a strong focus on the rural areas of Perth and Kinross and that he was in the process of appointing a Tsar for the rural areas. We will need to see how this goes!

### Perth, Perth, Perth, Perth

ON THIS POINT, I continue to point out to officers that much of the business considered by Council is focused on Perth. On 10 September at a Full Council meeting, a paper came forward, entitled 'Perth City Centre Development & Design Framework Review Update'.

During the debate, I asked if and when we might have similar reports for towns around Perth and Kinross brought forward, so Blairgowrie, Rattray, Crieff, Auchterarder, Kinross and so on.

Officers responded by saying that they had discussed this in their team and were looking at bringing forward similar reports, over the coming period for our key towns, albeit, perhaps not in such detail. The 'coming period' was not defined... Watch this space.

### South Kinross Flood Defences

A PUBLIC hearing is to take place on 28 and 29 October into the flood defence project proposed by PKC for South Kinross. I look forward to hearing the results.

### Former British Car Auction (BCA) site, Kinross

A PRE-APPLICATION notification paper came to the Council's Planning and Placemaking Committee on 8 October, outlining a future application for circa 95 homes by Cala Homes on the former BCA site. Pre-application papers allow members of the committee to identify issues which should be covered in the report of handling when the full application comes to committee.

I noted my disappointment that the BCA site had been marked in the Local Development Plan as white land, and that the loss of the BCA site to housing would radically reduce the availability of employment land in Kinross. For this reason, I asked that an assessment be carried out on the availability of deliverable employment land in Kinross-shire.

I asked that the right of way through the BCA site be re-aligned to take two-way vehicle traffic directly to the pier. I noted that the right of way had been realigned and made pedestrian only in the past, to allow security fences to be erected around the BCA site.

I noted that Kinross-shire had already had the number of homes built which were allocated to it in the Local Development Plan, despite there still being 3½ years to go in the plan and homes still being built in the area. I therefore asked that an assessment of need for more housing in Kinross-shire to be carried out.

The population of Kinross-shire has grown by 80% over the last 40 years. This has had a major impact on the infrastructure in the area. I therefore asked for impact assessment to be carried out on the effect of developing this site for housing on the infrastructure of Kinross-shire.

Finally, I noted that the building had been demolished without planning consent and was told that as it was not in a conservation area, was not a protected building and was not a house, no permission was needed. Who knew!

LOCATION	START DATE	DAYS	AREA	WORK TO BE DONE
South Street, Milnathort	29/09/2025	15	At existing zebra crossing	Upgrade Zebra Crossing to Puffin Crossing
Stirling Road, Milnathort	13/10/2025	15	Near junction with Bridgefauld Road	New Puffin Crossing installation
Montgomery Street, Kinross	11/11/2025	9	Myre Terrace to High Street	Carriageway Resurfacing
Springfield Road, Kinross	13/11/2025	7	B996 Junction to Argyll Road	Carriageway Resurfacing
Stirling Road Car Park, Milnathort	19/11/2025	11	Stirling Road Car Park	Stirling Road Car Park Resurfacing

**Roads Maintenance and Road Safety**

AS I WRITE this on 12 October, there are a few roads maintenance and road safety jobs in progress or planned for Kinross-shire, as shown above.

In addition to this, the Scottish Government’s 20mph strategy is continuing to be implemented in the area and the Street Lighting

Partnership is continuing to upgrade the lights in Kinross-shire.

I apologise for the disruption that these works cause, but they do need to be done. I have asked for several other areas to be looked at, as some of the roads and pavements in Kinross-shire are badly in need of work.

*Councillor Dave Cuthbert*

**Councillor Willie Robertson**



**Speed Limits and Speeding**

THE NEW 20mph limits have now been put in place in the majority of Kinross-shire’s settlements. South Street in Milnathort, where I live now has a 20mph limit but this appears to have made no difference to traffic speeds. Given the enormous costs involved in their introduction I hope they are being effective where you stay. I recently witnessed a car travelling through Carnbo at 45mph – the speed limit is 30mph. The Police have carried out additional speed checks there and on Saturday 13 and Tuesday 23 September officers issued six Conditional Offers for driving more than 30mph over the speed limit. In addition to this, eight reports have been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal for persons driving more than 20mph above the 30mph speed limit!

**New Path Surfaces**

TRACKS HAVE almost completed the resurfacing of the paths that link from Kinross, Milnathort and Findatie onto the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. We have even managed to improve the path leading from Burleigh Sands, through the wood to the old railway line. It is now cyclable with care although because of the space available we could not make it wide enough to be an actual cycle path. I hope everyone



is pleased with the finished works, the funding for which came from The Arthur and Margaret Thomson Trust, Perth & Kinross Council and Paths for All.

**New Crossing Points**

AS I WRITE this the new Puffin crossing in South Street, Milnathort is almost complete and work has begun on a similar crossing in Stirling Road. These much needed crossings will greatly improve the safety of children going to and from Milnathort Primary School. One of the spin-offs of the South Street crossing is, hopefully, the fixing of the flooding issue on east side of the road.

*Councillor Willie Robertson*

**THE KINROSS NEWSLETTER  
ALL PROFITS RETURNED  
TO THE COMMUNITY**



## TAILORED FOR YOUR HOME

Whether you prefer modern and trendy design or a cosy and inviting ambiance, Alan Johnstone Studios offers a variety of traditional, contemporary, and modern designs tailored to your preferences, your home, and your lifestyle.

For more information, please contact us or visit our showroom at:

— ALAN JOHNSTONE STUDIOS —  
KITCHENS · BEDROOMS · BATHROOMS

153 Linburn Road  
Dunfermline  
KY11 4FB

Tel 01383 324600

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

# DOUGLAS ERSKINE

Dip.W.C.F

## BLACKSMITH

**GATES & RAILINGS**

**HANDRAILS**

**BESPOKE IRONWORK**

**ETC**

**T: 01577 863468**

**M: 07812 952 871**

**E: douglas.erskine123@btinternet.com**



**NEW COLDON, GAIRNEYBRIDGE, KINROSS KY13 9JZ**

# HEATING PHS SERVICES

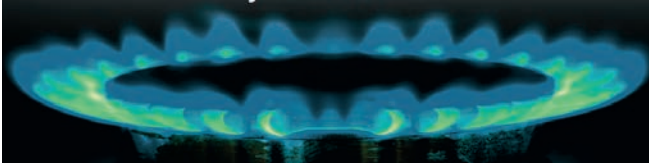
-  Servicing - Covers all Fuel types
-  Breakdowns
-  Boiler Installation
-  Upgrades
-  Plumbing
-  Bathrooms



**07723 120 767**  
[pheatingservices@gmail.com](mailto:pheatingservices@gmail.com)



John Parish



## Jim Fairlie, MSP



ANYONE LIVING in Kinross knows how difficult day-to-day banking has become in recent years. The closure of local bank branches has left many residents – particularly older people, small business owners, and those without easy access to online banking – struggling to manage their money.

It's an issue that comes up with me time and again, and I completely understand the frustration and worry it causes.

Just along the road, towns like Crieff and Auchterarder have faced exactly the same problem. Both lost their last bank branches and were left without any local banking facilities. But earlier this year, Auchterarder opened its brand-new Banking Hub, following on from Crieff's in 2024 – and both have already made a huge difference to their communities.

Run by Cash Access UK, these hubs allow people to withdraw and deposit cash, pay bills, and speak directly with community bankers from the major high street banks on set days each week. They've been a lifeline for older residents and small businesses alike, and a brilliant example of what can be achieved when a community pulls together.

That's why I'll be working closely with Councillor Richard Watters to push for a similar Banking Hub right here in Kinross. Richard submitted an application to Cash Access UK last year, but unfortunately it was rejected – and frankly, under questionable pretences.

This time, we'll be doing everything we can to address their concerns and make a strong, united case for Kinross to get the banking services it needs and deserves.

Access to basic financial services isn't a luxury, it's essential. And for many people, particularly the elderly, the unwell, or those

with mobility challenges, travelling miles to the nearest branch simply isn't realistic.

Not everyone can or wants to do their banking through an app or website, and they shouldn't be disadvantaged because of that.

I've seen first-hand in Crieff and Auchterarder how something as simple as access to banking can help strengthen a town. When people can manage their money locally, they spend locally, and that supports the small businesses, cafés, and shops that are the beating heart of our communities.

Access to essential services like banking isn't just about convenience – it's about building and sustaining strong, thriving communities.

*Jim Fairlie, MSP*

Est 2004

Moving house?  
Down sizing?  
De-cluttering?  
Need business space?  
Looking for good quality self storage?

**Fruix Storage**  
CONTAINERS-STORAGE ROOMS  
GARAGES- COMMERCIAL UNITS  
Fruix Farm, Kinross, KY13 0LA

Safe & secure yard with CCTV  
Find us at J5 of M90, 5 mins from Kinross

07787 180399  
andrew@fruixstorage.co.uk

**NORTH ROAD GARAGE Ltd.**  
Great North Road, Kelty  
Tel: 01383 830404 Home: 01383 831298  
Member of Scottish Motor Trade Association (SMTA)

We are now in our new purpose built workshop where you can wait in warmth to have fast repairs carried out such as brakes, tyres, exhausts etc. fitted.

MOT Testing classes 4 & 7 (Sundays by appointment)  
Servicing and repairs to all makes  
Welding to proven MOT standards  
New tyres supplied fitted and wheels balanced  
Puncture repairs Suspensions pressurised  
Brakes Shockers Starters Alternators etc. etc.

All parts supplied Shop & Accessories  
Full car valeting  
12 months/12,000 miles parts & labour warranty

Used car and van sales  
with full warranties  
Finance up to 60 months (keen APR rates)  
with payment protection

Cars and vans bought for cash (HP cleared)  
Calor Gas stockists. Delivery to Kelty area

Recovery service, Courtesy cars available  
Monday to Friday 7am - 7pm  
Saturday 8am - 5pm Sunday 10am - 4pm  
For prompt attention ask for Alex Campbell

**Bartlett ELECTRICAL**

**All Electrical Work Undertaken**  
Fast, friendly and reliable service  
Established 1980

• AWARD WINNING LIGHTING DESIGNS •

Specialised Lighting Design for your home inside and out  
26 Years of Service based on an unrivalled reputation

FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION CALL TONY NOW ON  
**07711 863 872 (Mobile)**

Tel/Fax : 01577 862769 (Office)  
E-mail : info@bartlettelectrical.com  
Web : www.bartlettelectrical.com

Taking you, where you want to be!



**Taxis Service & Airport Transfer**

Professional Friendly Service  
Local And Long Distance  
Prompt Reliable Service



**DRT**



**07508 126720**  
angelascars21@gmail.com



**ANDY LAW**  
PEST CONTROL  
**7 DAYS A WEEK SERVICE**  
**RATS & MICE**  
Elimination Guaranteed  
All pests professionally dealt with



Domestic • Commercial • Free Surveys  
Fully Insured • Contract Work • One-off visits

rats • mice • moles • rabbits • squirrels • birds  
flies • moths • bedbugs • fleas • ants • wasps • spiders  
bird proofing • rabbit fencing • all problem pests

Call us to sort out any of your pest problems

Bridge of Earn, Perth & Covering all of central Scotland



**01738 813 751 07767 35 35 35**

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

# Ashley House

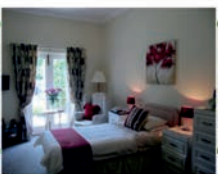


## A Truly Exceptional Place to Stay

Ashley House is situated within its own secluded landscaped gardens, which boast beautiful views including Loch Leven and the surrounding hills. Our highly trained staff are carefully selected to deliver an excellent standard of care, whilst providing our residents with a real home from home atmosphere.

*Write or phone for full details and new colour brochure.*

Registered with the Care Commission



## Ashley House Care Home

18 Perth Road Milnathort KY13 9XU Tel: 01577 864438  
Email: [info@ashleyhouse.org](mailto:info@ashleyhouse.org) Web: [ashleyhouse.org.uk](http://ashleyhouse.org.uk)

# MARK BREMNER

JOINERY PLUMBING ELECTRICAL



Kitchens & Utility Rooms  
Luxury Bathrooms  
Ensuite & Shower Rooms  
**SUPPLIED & FITTED**  
Property Maintenance  
General Repairs  
Fascias & Guttering  
Replacement Windows  
**ALL TRADES  
UNDERTAKEN  
FREE QUOTATIONS**

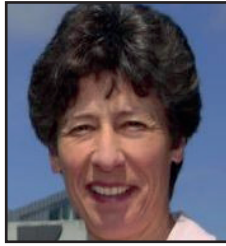
E: [markbremner\\_hms@icloud.com](mailto:markbremner_hms@icloud.com)

**Mobile: 07739 884111**

**TELEPHONE: 01577 865412**

## Liz Smith, MSP

CALA HOMES recently submitted a Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) to build almost 100 properties on the old British Car Auction site at Bridgend in Kinross.



The homes will be gas-free, include EV charging points and will be in line with Cala Home's urban wildlife strategy and biodiversity enrichment plan. Also within the proposal are plans to improve active travel routes between the High Street and Loch Leven car park and to deliver a community pledge to invest in the Kinross community. It is good to see that this 9.3-acre brownfield site is gaining interest as the local development plan had identified it as 'white land' suitable for redevelopment for a range of uses.

I am very much aware that there are mixed feelings locally about the proposal. There are many who wanted the site to be a retail park development with amenities such as a Lidl store, but unfortunately these plans did not progress further.

There are also ongoing concerns about the increasing size of the population in Kinross and that local services are not matching the pace of growth in the town. Residents have raised legitimate concerns that if this site is used for residential purposes there will be no land remaining for retail provision, and I am sure this will be a major focus during the next local development plan process.

I therefore hope residents were able to express their views to the project team during the public event on 17 September. The other consultation meeting scheduled for 29 October at Loch Leven Community Campus was postponed and I understand a new date will be published within local communication channels soon.

I am pleased that the vacant site is gaining attention and that plans to revitalise it are in fruition. It is important, however, that whatever the site eventually becomes, it is broadly supported by residents and will both enhance and bring benefits to the local community. I am continuing to monitor the situation closely, alongside Councillor Neil Freshwater, and we would very much welcome your views on the future of the site in the meantime.

*Liz Smith, MSP*

## Pete Wishart MP

SINCE MY last column, we've marked World Suicide Prevention Day, which is an important opportunity to talk about mental health, raise awareness, and encourage people to reach out for support when they need it. Every year, it reminds us that mental wellbeing is something we all need to look after – just as we do our physical health.

As the seasons change and the weather starts to turn, many people find this more challenging. Scotland is a fantastic place to live in so many ways, but the shorter days, less sunlight, and colder weather can all take their toll, particularly for those who already struggle with their mental health. It's a good time to check in with ourselves and with others, and to remember that there's no shame in asking for help if you're finding things difficult.

The Scottish Government continues to make mental health a national priority. The Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy is focused on improving access to care, reducing stigma, and promoting wellbeing in communities across Scotland. This comes alongside record investment, with over £1.5 billion now being spent each year on mental health services. That's around 10% of total NHS spending.

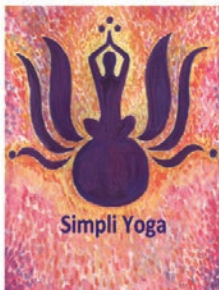
Within that, the Government has committed £123.5 million in recurring funding to expand frontline mental health services and reduce waiting times. And in addition, £96 million has been committed through the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for Adults, which supports local community projects that prevent isolation and promote wellbeing. There's also new investment in school counsellors and community link workers to help people access support early, before things reach crisis point.

Here in Perth and Kinross, we're lucky to have several excellent local organisations offering support and advice. Mindspace, PKAVS, and Perth & Kinross Council's Wellbeing Support Services all provide confidential help, counselling, and wellbeing activities. And for anyone who feels they can't cope, the NHS 24 Mental Health Hub is available day and night by calling 111.

As we head into the darker months, it's worth remembering that small acts of kindness – checking in with a neighbour, having a cuppa with a friend, or taking time to listen – can make a real difference. By looking out for one another, we can build a community that's open, supportive, and where no one has to face things alone.

*Pete Wishart, MP*

## Yoga & Meditation



### Public Classes & Online

Come along and enjoy a balanced guided practise for your mind and body in Kinross or Perth. Morning and evening sessions available locally or online. We offer sessions for adults, kids, pregnancy and babies.

[www.simpliyoga.com](http://www.simpliyoga.com)

**Colin M. Stewart**  
JOINER & CONTRACTOR  
Est. 1986

**LOFT CONVERSIONS • EXTENSIONS  
DOORS • WINDOWS • VELUX  
KITCHENS • GENERAL REPAIRS**

All types of Joinery & Building work undertaken at reasonable prices  
For a FREE Quotation

**Call: 01577 862315 • Mob: 07714 202405**

# Kinross Hub November Calendar

**Local Advice Hub @ Loch Leven Community Campus in ITC Meeting Room 2.**  
**Contact [admin@brokenotbroken.org](mailto:admin@brokenotbroken.org) or 07518 913107**



Sessions are drop-in. If you prefer an appointment, please phone the number detailed for the agency. In case of last-minute changes it is beneficial to phone the agency first or contact [admin@brokenotbroken.org](mailto:admin@brokenotbroken.org) or call 07518 913107.

<b>Wed 5</b>	1pm–3.30pm	<b>CATH</b> will support with form filling – PIP, Universal Credit etc <b>07955 333163</b> or <b>07739 858987</b>
<b>Thu 6</b>	10am–12noon 1pm–3pm	<b>Broke not Broken</b> – to offer advice, connections for support and also for foodbank referrals. <b>07518 913107</b> <b>Change Mental Health</b> – to offer advice, support and guidance around any mental health issues or queries.
<b>Thu 13</b>	10am to 12.30pm 1.30–3.30pm	<b>PKC Skills &amp; Employment</b> offers support & advice re CVs, Job search, support after redundancy etc. <b>07867 351268</b> <b>PKC Employment Support Team</b> – Job advice and help for those who have learning disability, acquired brain injury, mental health issues, autistic spectrum, sensory loss and physical disabilities. <b>07788 389659</b>
<b>Wed 19</b>	1pm–3.30pm	<b>CATH</b> will support with form filling – PIP, Universal Credit etc <b>07955 333163</b> or <b>07739 858987</b>
<b>Thu 20</b>	10am–12noon 2pm–4pm	<b>HEAT PROJECT</b> Craig will be here providing free energy advice to households, helping them become more energy efficient and reducing energy bills. <b>07868 864418</b> <b>Camille Vickers, Social Prescriber</b> – Community Connecting / Signposting <b>07775 701630</b>
<b>Wed 26</b>	1pm–3.30pm	<b>Alison Tanner Support Choices</b> , provides free, independent information and advice about getting social care and support in Perth and Kinross <b>01350 729130</b>
<b>Thu 27</b>	10am–12noon 2pm – 4pm	<b>PKC Trading Standards, SCAM AWARENESS</b> Melanie will give advice & information on avoiding scams and dealing with cold callers. <b>07557 214420</b> <b>PKC Housing Team</b> for housing advice and signposting to their service. <b>07917 552231</b>

**THE KINROSS NEWSLETTER**  
**ALL PROFITS GO TO LOCAL GOOD CAUSES**

**HIGH STREET SEWING**  
**I HAVE NOW MOVED TO THORNTON, FIFE**  
 Clothing and Curtain alterations, repairs and zip replacements are welcomed.  
 Worn items **MUST** be cleaned before I can work on them.  
 This can now be handed into Loch Leven Laundry.  
**NO drop-in one-to-one fittings.**  
 Please contact me directly to make an appointment.  
**Many Thanks,**  
**LINETTE MANN**  
**07732 902419**

**We are a Fairtrade Zone**  
 FAIRTRADE  
 Look for products with this Mark  
 Perth & Kinross – Proud to be a Fairtrade Zone

**PIANO TUITION**

Tuition for all levels from complete beginners to those wishing to refresh their skills. All styles of music available to enjoy from school exams to playing for fun. Teacher with over 30 years' experience.

**Contact:**  
**Mrs Michelle Smith**  
**07925 267997**

# CHOOSING LIFE, DAY BY DAY

**WINNING WAYS** by Jo Middlemiss

**NOVEMBER. A MONTH** when our thoughts often turn to those who have died. A month of mourning especially on the Christian Feast of All Souls. A time to reflect on those precious people who have gone before us.

Some 23 years ago I was staying in Ireland as my elder sister Mary was newly diagnosed with cancer. She asked me to come to her, but in all honesty I needed to be there more than she needed me.

When I arrived, she was on the point of receiving her first dose of chemo therapy, which is a scary old business no matter how cool or laid back you are. One way or another it was a challenging but fantastic time. It is one of the great conundrums of life that the worst of times can actually be the best of times. Even while experiencing bad times, there can be recognition that there is something to learn, something to understand and perhaps something to share. So, what did I learn during this unplanned time in my life?

Firstly, Ireland is quite different from Scotland. The differences are little and subtle, and you might not become conscious of it immediately, but if you listen to the radio at all, you will soon tune in. When listening to *Road Watch* on the main RTE station the announcer mentioned a big traffic jam outside of Dublin and then said 'God love them!' Can you imagine that in the UK? Whenever anyone is involved in a transaction they are immediately on first name terms with you; even the man delivering oil, or a shopkeeper in the supermarket. It didn't seem over familiar to me, just friendly. When my sister came out of hospital her legs and feet were badly swollen, and she couldn't get into any of her shoes. She lives in a tiny town which does have about one of everything, but we did not expect to find a perfect pair of orthopedic shoes in the souvenir shop! Neither did we expect to get a deal because, 'It's a perfect shame your feet are swollen.' The shopkeeper also threw in a free hat.

But mostly I have learned a lot about cancer. I thought I knew a lot. but still there was so much that I didn't understand, about what it is actually like to be in the early throes of an illness. It is a huge challenge to deal with it, and to deal with everyone else's response to it.

To the lay person. the medicine has such long and complicated names. There seems to be so much of it too. Even though it is your body and your disease, so many other people have suddenly got a say in what is to happen. There are many health professionals with different tasks to do. It is easy to hold the great consultants in awe as the owners of the secrets of recovery. They have after all studied for years, seen this sort of things lots of times before, and just seem to know more. There is the general physician, the pain

management expert, the oncologist, the assorted nurses, the G.P and the pharmacist. Dealing with ill people is their bread and butter. It must be hard for them to realise that most of the world is not sick. I wonder how they stay well themselves. In the Galway Clinic where Mary was being cared for, there was a Sudanese saying, written very largely on the wall.

***Health is a crown worn by the well, but seen only by the sick.***

That struck a real chord with me, and gave me a determination to consciously appreciate my own good health.

The hospital surroundings were beautiful and the staff were dedicated, knowledgeable and supportive. Still you don't want to be there if you can possibly help it. Those of you that have spent any time in hospital will know that the longer you are in, the harder it is to come out. You become interested in the other patients, and the staff, and that microcosm of life that is a hospital, but not really anything to do with your outside life, but all to do with your illness. The term 'institutionalised' takes on a real meaning. Therefore the sooner you get home the quicker will be your return to health, if that is to be the way of things.

That is what my nieces and I wanted for my sister, and although she was a little reluctant initially, when she saw her home and her furniture and her garden she was delighted. When she started to eat some meals of variety, it was a bit like putting a flower in water as we watched her perk up.

One of the real bonuses of being there on an extended visit was getting to know my nieces in a different way from the manner of flying visits. Two wonderful young women full of fun, wisdom and love. The day after Mary's cancer was diagnosed a new grandchild was born. You can imagine the mix of emotion.

But it also illustrates the variety of life that just keeps steaming on regardless. This little child dropped into the world totally and blissfully ignorant of the story surrounding him, but bringing forth smiles wherever he is. Silver linings are everywhere. No matter what is happening we just have to search them out. We also have to make a conscious decision to accept each day as it comes. No two days are ever the same, so it is up to us to consciously choose life every day.

Sadly Mary did die a few weeks later but I was gifted precious time with her, time when as adults we talked and laughed about our childhood, shared a few secrets and were able to say a meaningful farewell. My November reflection reminds me that our loved ones are never far away. 'The Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand.'

Jo Middlemiss



**Angela McCormack**  
CIVIL CELEBRANT

*"Making a final farewell a special one"*

My role is to spend time with you after the loss of a loved one so that I can learn all about their life and personality, in order to then write and deliver a heartfelt and meaningful tribute

Tel: 07896639546  
Email: angelamcc1975@gmail.com  
FB: www.angelamcccivilcelebrant.co.uk



**Evelyn's**  
fitness flow

Milnathort Town Hall  
Monday 6.30pm - 8.00pm.

Yoga is for flexible people.

Dynamic, Inclusive, Engaging  
Learn more: facebook.com/EvelynsFitnessFlow



## Free estimates and advice

PAT Testing

New Builds

EICR Reports

Electric Vehicle Charge Points

Home Network and Media Solutions

Call **01577 335680** or **07813 331740**

[andy@acraigelectrical.co.uk](mailto:andy@acraigelectrical.co.uk) | [www.acraigelectrical.co.uk](http://www.acraigelectrical.co.uk)

myenergi



## AndrewMegginsonArchitecture

High quality, practical and innovative  
architecture and design

[andrew@andrewmegginsonarchitecture.com](mailto:andrew@andrewmegginsonarchitecture.com)

07583 404 422



## LAW & PROPERTY

PROVIDING LEGAL SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES  
OF THE KINROSS AREA SINCE 1888

ESTATE AGENCY • CONVEYANCING • EXECUTRIES • WILLS • TRUSTS  
POWERS OF ATTORNEY • MATRIMONIAL LAW

01577 862302 | 18 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AN | [contact@jgwilson.co.uk](mailto:contact@jgwilson.co.uk) | [www.jgwilson.co.uk](http://www.jgwilson.co.uk)





# SARAH RANKIN COOKS

I POPPED DOWN to the Gairneybank Pumpkin Patch earlier in October and what a lovely spot it is. It was a glorious autumn day and they had a huge range pumpkins in all kinds of varieties and sizes. I'd definitely recommend a visit! I was inspired and this is just one of the recipes I've made.



## PUMPKIN LAKSA

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 pumpkin
- 1 tin bamboo shoots, sliced into matchsticks
- 1 inch grated ginger
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- 1 tsp dried chilli flakes
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1 tsp turmeric
- 1 tsp curry powder
- 1 tin coconut milk
- 1 spring onion
- 2 tbsp peanuts, chopped
- 2 packs ready-to-eat noodles

Preheat the oven to 180°C.

Cut the pumpkin into wedges, removing the seeds, toss in oil and roast for 30 minutes or until tender.

Heat the curry powder, cumin, chilli flakes, coriander and turmeric in a dry pan until fragrant and add a little oil and the garlic and ginger. Fry gently and add the bamboo shoots. Pour in the coconut milk and fill the tin with water and add that too.

Simmer for 3 -4 minutes. Add the ready-to-eat noodles and heat through.

Spoon into bowls, top with a few wedges of roasted pumpkin, sprinkle with spring onions, peanuts and a drizzle of sesame oil.



find Sarah on social media @sarahrankincooks  
[www.sarahrankincooks.com](http://www.sarahrankincooks.com)



TIMBER BUILDINGS BUILT IN THE TRADITIONAL WAY

ESTABLISHED 1979

- ✓ GARDEN SHEDS
- ✓ SUPPLIERS OF DOMESTIC & AGRICULTURAL FENCING
- ✓ CONSTRUCTION TIMBER
- ✓ AGGREGATES
- ✓ DECORATIVE AGGREGATES
- ✓ IRONMONGERY
- ✓ GATES
- ✓ DELIVERIES AVAILABLE

**WE HAVE MOVED**

QUIECHSIDE YARD, GALLOWHILL ROAD, MILNATHORT KY13 ORD.

tel: 01577 865 251

**THE BAYNE'S MORNING ROLL**

*Unique in taste and freshly baked every day  
by our skilled craft bakers.*

Visit our shop at **101 High Street, Kinross**

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

# Community Council News

The Community Council News is based on draft minutes of local CC meetings. Full draft minutes are posted on local websites and notice boards. Please note, the Community Council News is not a verbatim reproduction of CC minutes. Where there are two months' worth of reports, there will be a considerable amount of editing.

## Kinross Community Council News from the October Meeting

Present at the meeting on 13 October were Cllrs D West, M West, A Vaughan (minutes), L McKay, B Freeman, E Gilmour, C Collins, C Willsher and 1 MoP.

### Apologies :

Cllrs D Cuthbert, W Robertson, N Freshwater, R Watters, PC B Samson. Cllrs D MacKenzie and S Sharp have resigned.

### Police Scotland Report

Circulated to members prior to meeting. A few minor incidents recorded. One more worrying event was setting fire to a caravan in Bowton Road, which is subject to live investigation.

### Update from Chair

David thanked all current members of KCC for their service. Following the election, six KCC councillors have been appointed, this means KCC has sufficient membership to continue. It was noted that co-opting further CCs can happen after three months of the new KCC being established.

### Update from Secretary

AV confirmed he had moved out of the area and therefore would not continue as CC. He has provided a written handover to the Chair to help the next appointed Secretary. AV was thanked by several Cllrs for the job he has done.

### Update from Treasurer

LM passed on request from PKC for return of CIF outdoor gym funds (£1000) which had been held in KCC bank account for some time as the project has not been implemented. MW agreed to transfer £1000 back to PKC and cc LM.

CAP local budget award of £5000 is finally happening, with transfer to KCC account expected this week. MW will then be able to repay KLEO for CAP expenses.

KCC bank balance now at a level to enable maximum award for Admin Top Up Grant from PKC. A pro-forma issued by PKC to use for the annual accounts has been completed and will be submitted to PKC. Copies were distributed to those present for discussion and the accounts were formally proposed, seconded and adopted.

### Update on CAP

BF outlined some of the top issues coming out of the CAP launch event, e.g. LDP3 consultation, bank hub, bus links, road safety, paths and cycle routes, increasing visitor numbers. The issue of the former BCA site is still seen as very important,

particularly the wish to have a retail development and not housing. Efforts are going on to try to influence the outcome and local ward councillor support is needed.

### Updates from Community Councillors

LM suggested bollards are needed to stop parking on the pavement near Raj Mahal Indian restaurant and Central chip shop. This needs to be raised with Councillors next time.

LM raised concerns at the height barrier to be installed at Burleigh Sands, it is felt this is the wrong approach and will not discourage campers in cars who then set up tents and light fires.

LM queried the poor installation of 20mph speed limit signs, particularly in Springfield Road, follow up with Ward Councillors at next meeting.

LM: £5000 earmarked by Kinross Newsletter Charity for outdoor gym is no longer required.

LM raised the Remembrance Sunday event to check plans and actions were being made in time.

BF to action, including arranging for road closures. DW will attend the event on behalf of KCC. CW circulated a planning update prior to the meeting, which included several points in relation to the BCA site redevelopment.

### AOCB

Notification of the need for an AGM in October came very late from PKC. However, the annual accounts were presented and passed. Other AGM items will be addressed at the next KCC meeting

**Puffin Crossing installation** on A71 Milnathort near school, 13 October, 3 weeks work.

**Kinross-shire & Glenfarg Stronger Communities** – next meeting 18 November, 10.30am.

**LLCC SKFDS:** Local Authority Hearing on 28 and 29 October. Available to view by live webcast using the link [www.pkc.gov.uk/article/24813/South-Kinross-Flood-Protection-Scheme-Local-Authority-Hearing](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/24813/South-Kinross-Flood-Protection-Scheme-Local-Authority-Hearing)

**Davies Park damage:** LM to raise this with PKC to get repairs done.

These minutes should be available to view in the following places:

*Kinross Newsletter* (1 November)

KCC webpage

KCC Facebook page

KCC notice board

**JAMES A. SCOTT**  
SLATERS & PLASTERERS



Telephone  
07734 906241



Grate Building, Tiling etc.

**SHANE CRAWFORD**  
**PAINTER & DECORATOR**

THE NAME FOR PAINTING IN THIS AREA FOR OVER 60 YEARS

**FREE ESTIMATES & ADVICE**

**TELEPHONE: 01577 862865**  
**MOBILE: 07719 211 220**



## Community Council News

Community Board at Sainsbury's  
LLCC library

The next meeting of Kinross Community Council is on Monday 10 November in Loch Leven Community Campus. All are welcome to attend.

## Portmoak Community Council

### News from the September Meeting

**Present** at the meeting on 9 September were Cllr W Robertson; Cllrs A Miller, A Davidson, S McGregor, J Hornal, L Hatch, A Clark; and 4 MoP.

Apologies: Cllrs R Watters, D Cuthbert, N Freshwater.

### Matters Arising

#### Kinross-shire Committee update

Chair expressed his thought that it would be a good idea to have an update of all the Kinross-shire committees, for which meetings took place every month, including the KC update, as there were a number of different local committees and topics which overlapped.

Health & Social Care Partnership meeting on 19/08/25: L Hatch had been scheduled to attend this but it had been cancelled. Kinross and Glenfarg Stronger Communities meeting on 26/08/25: L Hatch had attended this meeting. It was understood PKC were wanting the Community to take back running the meetings of the Community Engagement Team, but there was no information on how future meetings would be run or financed. The Representative from Broke not Broken expressed willingness to take over running Community Engagement meetings. Agreed that more information was needed before the next KGSC meeting on 18/11/25. On the topic of transport another Kinross-shire CC had acquired a community mini bus, and it was noted that extensive paperwork was required for this process, the CC representative had offered to assist with similar applications from other CCs if required. On use of Glenfarg Community Bus the RidePingo App was flagged for booking the service, available to all for download from [www.ridepingo.com](http://www.ridepingo.com). The KGSC meeting also included an interesting presentation from the Kinross Trishaws Charity.

Regarding the extension of the Glenfarg Community Bus for pilot of an on-demand bookable service around the loch road there was no update at this stage. PCC were keen to promote the pilot in Portmoak. W Robertson promised to speak with other Cllrs re the pilot service and thought the Glenfarg Transport Group were currently working on this item. There was apparently capacity to offer this service but there are some difficulties ensuring that the on-demand service would not conflict with the 201 service that currently operates along the A911. Update for the October meeting.



#### Kinross-shire Active Travel Master Plan:

There was no further update since August meeting. R Watters had given an update in Aug on the Core Path Mapping App being developed by PKC.

#### Road Safety Action Update: Speedwatch

The Chair had chased MOCC this month but had not had a response yet.

**Speeding and 20mph restrictions:** A Clark had highlighted the need for a speed restriction from Scotlandwell along the Causeway to Lochend Farm to reduce the speed from 60mph, especially as there was now an access across the Causeway from Lochend to the LLHT. W Robertson had attended a meeting on site at Lochend following a series of incidents of cars going too fast and leaving the road at the Lochend bend. W Robertson favoured a speed restriction at this point and encouraged PCC to write to D McEown at PKC to request speed restriction signage at this spot. There was opinion as to the efficacy of speed restrictions unless there were physical restrictions as well e.g. road tables. A resident asked about speed mitigation through Easter Balgedie, PCC had put in a request to PKC asking to include Easter Balgedie in the roll out of 20mph temporary traffic road orders (TTROs) that were happening locally, but at time of meeting PKC had not yet received a response on this request.

#### Scotlandwell to Portmoak Church Path

No further update since August meeting. Chair intends to engage with the PKC Officers who were involved with the project and identify the next steps. The cemetery extension is being discussed as a separate item.

#### Portmoak Church – the future for the church and car park

Fundraising and negotiations are ongoing for this Community Right to Buy project. The fence along the lower side of the carpark is quite dilapidated and may need repair in time as an issue of safety. W Robertson has suggested that PKC would be best placed to take over stewardship of the carpark for maintenance and insurance purposes.

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

Chair confirmed that at time of meeting the adoption has still not happened. W Robertson updated on the work that remains to be done, the latest from PKC is there are still some works to be done. PKC are using the Bond paid by the developer in order to do the last of the work, after which the road will be adopted.

### New Matters

#### 2025 Community Council Elections:

Nominations to join PKC Community Councils were invited to be submitted by 4pm Thu 25 Sep 2025: The secretary had posted to FB and circulated to PCC subscribers. All current members need to submit nomination forms for the Elections. Any other members of the Community are also able to apply by sending in a form. On the PCC AGM, it was advised by PKC that AGMs should be held in October, but in 2024 PCC had held over the AGM to November. Secretary to check with PKC if AGM is ok to defer until Nov for the 11/11/25 meeting.

#### Buchan Avenue, Kinnesswood: proposed parking restrictions:

PKC had raised a Road Order consultation to put in double yellow lines around the entrance to Portmoak Primary School to stop parked cars blocking the entrance to the school for school buses, emergency vehicles and bin lorries. The request had been raised approx. 6yrs previously by the then Headteacher at Portmoak Primary School and in 2023 had subsequently been prioritised at public meeting by PCC in response to a request by PKC to rationalise a large list of road requests across Portmoak. Comments to PCC from Kinnesswood residents had been largely not in favour of the proposals in Buchan Avenue, particularly from Buchan

Avenue residents, though there had been a few comments in favour of the proposals also. There was a feeling that another Kinnesswood location at the bottom of Bruce Rd at the junction with Main St was a more important place to impose parking restrictions, however, Bruce Rd was not the item under discussion under this proposal. The Secretary had reached out to the Headteacher at Portmoak Primary School but had not yet had a response. Cllr W Robertson advised that affected residents will be notified directly with PKC, allowing direct objections to be made to PKC. While PCC were asked to provide comment they were only the conduit for providing representation of a community view. There was discussion about the possibility of suggesting limited parking restrictions, for example restrictions only during school hours, though this posed difficulty for residents too. It was noted that Glenfarg Primary School has a school exclusion zone to provide safety for children going to school. J Hornal commented that it was unfortunate that residents would suffer some restriction in parking and was sympathetic to the inconvenience this could cause, but to present a balanced view on the issue the access to the school for buses and emergency vehicles was an issue that affected the children and parents in the whole of Portmoak and that safety around the school for children was a clear priority. A resident of Kinnesswood commented that of the two locations the Bruce Road location was the more important and that to put double yellow lines outside houses on Buchan Av would have a significant effect on the residents particularly the residents at 1, 3 and 5 Buchan Avenue.

### Police Reports

A Police Report had been supplied by Liaison Officer. Of note were six offences of speeding that had been committed within Portmoak. The Police highlighted that to make them aware of regular speeding issues, please email [taysidekinross-shirecpt@scotland.police.uk](mailto:taysidekinross-shirecpt@scotland.police.uk), or phone 101 to provide full details. There was also an update on community activities that had taken place through July and August.

### Planning

**Brunthill Wind Farm update:** W Robertson had provided an update on the Brunthill Windfarm from PKC Planning Officer notifying of why the planning decision was delayed. Historic Environment Scotland had opposed the Brunt Hill proposal on the basis of the impact it would have on Kinross House. Following discussion between the Applicant and HES it was agreed that the development could be amended to reduce the visual impacts of the wind farm on Kinross House and its Garden and Designed Landscape. PKC Planning had agreed to withhold their consultation response to the development until the amended scheme was submitted, and this was the reason for requesting the extension of time that was previously agreed with the applicant and the ECU.

The Chair expressed dissatisfaction with the HES objection on the basis that Kinross House was a privately owned residence and a business and other relevant objections from other local businesses had been submitted but had been ignored. The Scottish Gliding Centre had put in a very succinct report on the impact the proposal would have on the Gliding Centre's future business and gliding flying access routes over the Ochils to the North of Scotland, this appeared to have been disregarded entirely. W Robertson agreed that the situation was galling and out of balance but Historic Environment Scotland were a consultee in the planning process to which the Planning Authority were obliged to consider. The Secretary pointed out that Kinross House and its landscaped gardens were A-listed and that an objection from Historic Scotland in the context of the historic building itself was relevant, while also agreeing with W Robertson and the Chair that it was disappointing that the Scottish Gliding Clubs objection had been ignored. It was

felt that the Planning process was flawed in its process where a private residence held more sway over the planning authority than a business that had more influence and involvement in the community and surrounding area.

### Westfield Site Update

#### Progress with Developments: Westfield Community Liaison Committee

K Donaldson had been intending to attend the Liaison meeting but was not in attendance. Update in October.

#### Westfield Paths Feasibility Study:

**Paths Group update:** The group had been out three times through August trimming back the burgeoning summer growth in bracken and gorse along the MB Way and Stephen' field. Upcoming plans included working with PKC to clear the Dryside Way and the path to the Moss by deployment of the PKC flail. The Paths Group has acquired some new volunteers and now has six active participants, which is great news. New volunteers are always welcomed.

#### Treasurer CC Accounts:

**PCC Account:** £ 325.09

**MB Way:** £ 1276.50 - no change since August

PKC had tried to pay in a grant for the Paths Group but there had been an issue with bank account details, and the payment had not been actioned. This payment should take place in September

### Councillors' Reports

Cllr W Robertson gave an update. The A911 through Scotlandwell was to close through first 2 weeks in October for two weeks. Road is undergoing a full resurface. Diversion will be via Auchmuir Bridge.

PKC Tracks had secured grants of £100K to upgrade paths. It was intended that the zig-zag path down from Findatie car park to the LLHT would be resurfaced with a new more resilient material to resist being washed away. W Robertson encouraged PCC to suggest that the Paths Group try to purchase their own equipment such as a flail to help them carry out their work. Milnathort Paths Group had done this, and W Robertson can help with connecting Portmoak Paths Group to the Milnathort contact.

### AOB

Race NIGHT on Friday 19/09/25: Family friendly games, bar and pizzas

Picking up on paths: J Hornal commented on the alternative long sloping path at Findatie which was better access for wheelchair users and bikes could also do with resurfacing in the same way. Also, the gate at Levenmouth was also not very accessible as it was a wooden gate with a bolt on the

## Are you looking for a cleaner?

Weekly, Fortnightly & Monthly spaces available,

Holiday Accommodation (cleaning & laundry).

Commercial Cleaning.

C.I.A Cleaning, 77 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AA.

Call: 01577 862 696 / 07 999 510 500

e-mail: [ciacleaning@live.co.uk](mailto:ciacleaning@live.co.uk)

Proudly providing cleaning services to Kinross-Shire since 2006.

## Community Council News

other side which would be difficult for wheelchair users to negotiate. W Robertson offered to investigate adding the other Findatie path also for repair and a new surface, and to get a new accessible gate opening mechanism.

The Treasurer asked W Robertson to pass on thanks to the drain clearing team for drains cleared in Glenlomond.

*The next meeting of Portmoak CC is on Tuesday 11 November at 7.30pm.*

## Cleish & Blairadam Community Council News from the October AGM

Present at the AGM and meeting on 6 October were F Principe-Gillespie, C MacLaren, F Whalley, S Gordon, Cllr D Cuthbert, Cllr N Freshwater.

Apologies: Cllr W Robertson, Cllr R Watters, PC B Samson.

### Chairman's Report

It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve as Chair of Cleish and Blairadam Community Council for another year. I wish to thank all of the Community Councillors for their continued diligence, support, guidance and for the time and effort that they give freely to our local Community.

I would also like to thank our elected Councillors for their full and conscientious support. I know their job often thankless, however their continued support for our community is much appreciated and they all have my thanks.

My thanks also go to all those members of the community who attend our meetings, read our notices and minutes and participate in the ongoing discussions.

We hope in the next few months to complete the Community Action Plan and Local Place Plan and see that document become a reference for the next Local Development Plan. We also hope to improve communications with the community and encourage new members to join the Community Council.

I wish you all success in your endeavours for the coming year.

Sincerely, Francis Principe-Gillespie, Chair, Cleish and Blairadam Community Council

### Treasurers Report

The accounts for 2025 were presented, with the year-end CC bank balance at £88.26. The final accounts will now be submitted for audit.

## News from the October Meeting

### Matters Arising

At the last meeting the CC raised concerns about the lack of road markings at B9097/B996 junction, these road marking have still not been repainted.

Cllr Freshwater took an action to raise this with the PKC Roads Department.

## Crime Prevention & Police Report

From 4 August 2025 (last report) there have been approximately 23 calls to Police from the Cleish and Blairadam area and 12 crimes recorded on Police systems (9 of these relate to Road Traffic offences).

### Reported Crimes since last CC meeting:

17/08/2025 Causing death by driving without a licence and insurance (B996 Kinross to Kelty road), subject to live investigation

24/08/2025 Fail to stop / report RTC (Access road to Blairforge), subject to live investigation

01/09/2025 – 02/09/2025 Theft by opening lockfast motor vehicle (Chance Inn Farm), subject to live investigation

### Traffic

Community Police officers are aware of regular areas where there are complaints about speeding in and around Cleish and Blairadam. These have all been added to the speeding matrix and they will continue to make efforts to carry out speed checks across the area during patrols.

Recent complaints about speeding in Maryburgh which have also been added to the matrix.

Local officers and also Roads Policing officers have been carrying out speeding checks in the area, notably at Gairneybank, Gairneybridge and Lochran. These have been detailed below. As well as this, Roads Policing officers have also been doing checks on the M90.

25/08/2025 Speeding (Gairneybank/Gairneybridge), 57mph in a 40mph zone: 1 x issued with a conditional offer (ticket)

25/08/2025 Speeding (Gairneybank/Gairneybridge), 50mph in a 40mph zone: 1 x issued with a conditional offer (ticket)

25/08/2025 Speeding (Gairneybank/Gairneybridge), 50mph in a 40mph zone: 1 x issued with a conditional offer (ticket)

25/08/2025 Careless driving (B9097 at its junction with J5 M90), Pulling into the path of another vehicle and causing a collision: 1 x issued with a conditional offer (ticket)

13/09/2025 Driver failure to wear seatbelt (B996 at Lochran): 1 x issued with a conditional offer (ticket)

13/09/2025 Speeding (B996 at Lochran), 62mph in a 40mph zone: 1 x charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal

13/09/2025 Speeding (B996 at Lochran): 62mph in a 40mph zone: 1 x charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal

### Correspondence

#### Closure of Black Road causing traffic and safety issues

Black Road in Kelty is currently closed for major sewer works and is forecast to be closed for the next five months. Traffic has already started using the narrow road through Maryburgh and Keltybridge as an alternative way in and out of Kelty to the B996.

Multiple residents have expressed concern that much of the new traffic passing through Keltybridge and Maryburgh as a result of this road closure is traveling in excess of the posted 20mph speed limit.

This road is a school bus route where young children wait for the school bus and cross the road to and from the school bus. In addition, we have dog walkers, cats, red squirrels, deer and other local residents regularly using the road, which does not have a pavement for much of its length. As a result, they are required to walk on the carriageways, making the speeding and increase in traffic even more dangerous.

When the speed limit through Keltybridge and Maryburgh was reduced the plan was that 'shared space' signs would be put up reminding drivers to be aware that there would be pedestrians, horses or cyclists sharing the road but to date nothing has happened.

One option raised by the local councillors was to use the Local

## Celebrant Ceremonies

by Elaine

Independent Celebrant

Call or message Elaine on 07545 138436  
www.celebrantceremoniesbyelaine.co.uk

End of Life Services and Ceremonies

Love and Commitment Ceremonies

Naming and Re-naming Ceremonies

Beautiful

Inclusive

Heartfelt

Personal

Speed Watch initiative, where local residents are trained to use speed detection devices and can report speeding to the Police. This has been successful in other areas, and the local efforts are being coordinated by Milnathort CC.

The CC will write directly to the Head of Roads at PKC to share their concerns and those raised by a number of local residents regarding this increase in traffic and speeding. The issue will also be raised with the Scottish Water coordinator in charge of the road works on the Black Road.

**Inconsistent speed limits around Green Acres and Gairney Bridge**

The Community Council received a number of representations from local residents concerned about the inconsistent application of the 40mph speed limit around Lochran, Green Acres and Gairneybridge. While the addition of the 40mph speed limit through Lochran and Green Acres has been welcomed, a number of residents expressed concern that the speed limit had not been extended to join up with the existing 40mph speed limit at Gairneybridge. This means that the junctions between the B996 and the B9097 remain at 60mph, despite the fact that these two junctions are the major accident hot-spots on this road.

Cllr Freshwater will raise this issue with the PKC Roads Department, and the CC will write directly to the Head of Roads at PKC to share their concerns and those raised by a number of local residents.

It was also noted that some the 40mph speed limit signs have moved since they were installed, such that two of the signs are not readable from the road.

**Drainage**

**Cleish**

Blocked gullies are being reported, but the Council's reporting system prematurely closes these requests, citing that the gully cleaning is 'on the schedule', but does not provide a clear timeline which is highly frustrating for residents reporting problems, but undoubtedly improves the PKC Roads Departments efficiency metrics!

A useful improvement to the reporting system would be to allow the gully cleaning schedule to be viewed by members of the public.

**Financial Update**

The CC bank balance at year-end is £88.26, with the final accounts prepared and ready for audit. Once the audited accounts have been approved, the CC bank account will receive the annual administrative top-up funding from PKC.

The Community Council still intends to move away from Bank of Scotland due to their increased fees; however, this move will be postponed until the top-up funding is received.

**Planning**

Under the new guidance, an objection by the Community Council automatically refers an application to the Planning Committee; otherwise, it requires six objections from separate households to refer an application.

**Applications Pending**

25/01416/CLP Installation of replacement windows (proposed) at 20 Main Street, Keltybridge.

25/00333/FLL Renewal of permission 21/02257/FLL (Erection of salesrooms, workshops, formation of parking, access road and associated works; erection of replacement domestic stables, storage building and associated works) at Land 90 Metres North Of Nivingston West Cleish.

**Applications Approved**

24/01751/FLL Change of use from agricultural land to form extensions to storage facility including erection of 5 buildings containing 36 storage units, formation of bund, hardstanding

and associated works (in part retrospect) at Fruix Farm Gairneybridge.

25/00441/FLL Erection of an agricultural building for free range egg production with separate manure store building, siting of residential caravan (for a temporary period), formation of vehicular access and associated works at Land 300 metres north of Mawmill Farm Bungalow, Cleish.

**Community Action Plan**

The Cleish & Blairadam Community Action plan is now out for consultation until 29 October 2025. Documents are publicly available and can be found at the Cleish and Blairadam Community Council website.

**Village Updates**

On-going pavement parking problems, particularly in the section of Keltybridge where the road is at its narrowest.

Forestry office at Blairadam has been confirmed as closed, with all services and personnel moved to rented offices at Halbeath.

Cleish Village Trust: To date, pledges from the local community have matched the value of the church building and fundraising ongoing. The trust is also awaiting the outcome of funding decisions from Architectural Heritage Trust. The plan is still to try to purchase the church, glebe and cottage, but that will be dependent on the ability of the trust to raise the necessary funds.

The successionist Church monument in Gairneybridge has become overgrown and is in a generally neglected state. Cllr Freshwater took an action to investigate the monument's ownership and who is responsible for the maintenance.

Scottish Woodlands are planning to undertake work on the forest paths around Cleish, including some which form part of the Core Path Network.

**Next CC Meeting**

2025 is the year of the CC Elections in Perth & Kinross, so the next CC meeting will be the EGM where the new CC will be convened.

This will be a short meeting and will be held as a virtual meeting. Details of this meeting can be found on the CC website. Following the EGM, the dates for the new CC meetings will be announced.

**Virtual / On-line CC Meetings**

The CC uses Microsoft Teams for the on-line meeting.

Details of how to join the virtual CC meeting will be published in the normal way, and if you are interested in attending virtually, please e-mail the CC Secretary for details (cc-sec@blairadam.net)

## Community Council News

### CC Website

All information relating to the activities of the CC is published on our website where you can also subscribe to receive updates whenever any new information is published on the site.

*The next meeting (EGM) of Cleish and Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 24 November and will take place as a virtual meeting. Instructions for joining are at the CC website.*

## Milnathort and Orwell Community Council

### News from the September Meeting

**Present** at the meeting on Thursday 11 September were Cllrs K Heneghan, J McCracken, A Wanless, Cllr Watters, PC B Samson and one MoP

**Apologies:** Cllrs N Bingham, P Britton, A Macrae, Cllrs D Cuthbert, N Freshwater, and W Robertson.

#### Police update

PC Samson stated that there had been 26 calls to the local police in the last month with one crime of note on their systems being an incident of vandalism on Church Street, when a youth kicked the door of a property.

A traffic and speeding update was provided with the highest levels and instances confirmed as occurring on the M90. Three offences of note were (i) 93 mph recorded at the Milnathort junction (J8) of the M90 on 15 August; (ii) 112 mph recorded on the M90 on 22 August; and (iii) driving while using a mobile phone on 04 September. Items (ii) and (iii) have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

PC Samson raised awareness of the Neighbourhood Watch Scotland website [www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk)

A member of the public raised the issue of fly tipping and specifically an issue in the field behind Orwell Church where waste, which includes asbestos, has been dumped for over two years and continues to be added to. This is especially dangerous as there have at times been horses in the field as well as it being used by children as a play area. It was stated that the issue has been reported to PKC a number of times but no action taken and the waste remains.

PC Samson confirmed that the police will investigate fly tipping of dangerous materials however general fly tipping should be reported to PKC. PKC will only uplift materials on public land, not private, but will investigate all instances reported.

#### Correspondence

PKC – proposed path improvement between Kinross and Milnathort.

PKC has been working with the Persimmon Homes, Tracks, Kinross Trishaws and Community Cycling, and Sustrans on

plans to create an improved link for cyclists and walkers.

#### Royal Society of Edinburgh Fund – apply for funding.

A fund aimed at supporting community-led research projects focused on climate, nature, and food for a healthier planet and healthier people. Awards of up to £5,000 to support projects can be applied for. The deadline for applications is noon on Thursday 4 December.

#### Roads

A91 New Road, Milnathort. Scottish Water Ironwork, parking and loading from 15 New Road to 61 New Road, a distance of 164 metres, from 03 October 2025 for two days.

A91 Stirling Road, Milnathort. Puffin Crossing Installation works, parking and loading from 84 Stirling Road to 74 Stirling Road, a distance of 74 metres, from 13 October for a period of three weeks.

Cllr Watters stated that the puffin crossing will be beneficial for the primary school's 'bike bus' as there will be a wider pavement and better visibility.

#### Planning

##### Applications:

25/01113/FLL Blairhead Farmhouse, Milnathort, Extension to dwelling house, awaiting decision.

25/01056/FLL Ledlation House, Milnathort, Erection of ancillary accommodation unit, awaiting decision.

25/01035/FLL - Shanwell House, Milnathort, Erection of two garages and associated works.

##### Decisions:

25/01072/FLL: 10 Balfour Crescent, Milnathort, Extension to dwelling house, application approved.

#### Milnathort Core Paths Group update

Cllr Heneghan, Chair of the MCPG, provided an update on work carried out by the volunteers over the last month which included cutting back hedges and trees overhanging the paths; undertaking the last flailing of the paths for this growing season; and widening pathways through removing soil and moss that has encroached over the years by using the PKC flail with a brush attachment.

Cllr Heneghan highlighted on screen two Core Paths on which work was about to be undertaken. One Path (MTHT/134) will be reinstated, the other Path (MTHT/128), which was prone to flooding and becoming extremely muddy, will be completely resurfaced. MTHT/134 will be waymarked in due course. Funding for this work was secured by the MCPG from the PKC

#### Community Greenspace – Resilience Support Budget.

Funding is being sought to enable a number of MCPG volunteers to control the proliferation of giant hogweed in our area.

#### Local Councillors' reports

PK Cllr Watters provided an update on PKC's universal packaging responsibilities initiative.

*The next meeting of Milnathort and Orwell CC will be on Thursday 13 November 2025, 7.30pm at Milnathort Town Hall*

## Fossoway Community Council

### News from the October meeting

**Present** at the meeting on Tuesday 7 October were Cllrs S Bruce Jones, A Carter, T Lamb, N Marchant and K Williamson; Associate Cllr Farquhar; Cllrs N Freshwater and R Watters and 11 MoP

**Apologies:** Cllrs A Cheape and G Pye; Cllrs D Cuthbert and W Robertson.; PC B Samson.

#### Police Report

From 2 September 2025 (last report) there have been approximately 56 calls to Police from the Fossoway area

## MEETING ROOM for HIRE

### St PAUL'S CHURCH, Muirs, Kinross

**MEETING ROOM** Comfortable, modern, bright, warm, carpeted with flexible table and seating arrangement and Wi-Fi.

**KITCHEN AREA** Sink unit, fridge, kettle, and microwave.

**ENTRANCE HALL** Two accessible WCs and baby changing facility.

**WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE** Wheelchairs available if required.

**GARDEN AREA** gives additional and adjacent outdoor space.

Accommodation is highly suitable for meetings, family gatherings and celebrations, receptions, exhibitions, small group activities, classes or clubs.

**HIRE RATE £10 per hour** or part hour on weekdays. Reasonable weekly and weekend hire may also be negotiated.

**Enquiries to Peter Croft - Tel: 01383-223004**

and 26 crimes recorded on Police systems (this includes 20 speeding offences).

14/09/2025 Speeding (A91 Carnbo) 42mph in a 30mph zone 1 x issued with a conditional offer (ticket).

16/09/2025 Speeding (A91 Carnbo) 1 x reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

26/09/2025 Speeding (A91 Carnbo) 43mph in a 30mph zone 1 x issued with a conditional offer (ticket).

26/09/2025 Speeding (A91 Carnbo) 1 x issued with a conditional offer (ticket).

Between 3 and 4 September there was a theft (A977 at Powmill) of an unattended winch. This is subject to a live investigation.

Between 9 August and 2 September there was the theft of a bike and strimmer from a rear shed in Naemoor road. The rear shed was broken into by cutting a padlock. This is subject to a live investigation.

### Matters Arising

**AGM:** CClr Marchant reported that the AGM will be held on Tuesday 4 November as this will be the last meeting of the current CC.

### Windfarms

#### Brunt Hill

CCllrs Bruce Jones, Marchant and Williamson attended the open evening in Carnbo Village Hall on 25 September where the revised planning application was on show. The CC intends to submit an updated objection to the plans stating that the reduction from 18 to 13 turbines does not resolve the accumulation of turbines in the Ochils, and in addition there is still no adequate mitigation proposals to resolve the concerns that we identified in our original objection.

#### Craighead

The CC submitted our comments on the proposed planning conditions provided to the DPEA by the Developer, which have been accepted. PKC have now provided comments on proposed planning conditions which can be found on the DPEA website.

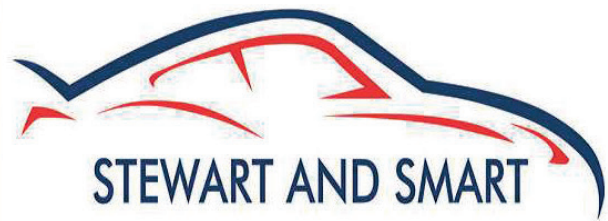
The CC are extremely disappointed that in PKC's response they have suggested extending construction working hours from 6pm to 7pm, including HGV movements. In addition, PKC have also proposed removing the statement:

'no HGV movements to or from site taking place on a Sunday or Public Holiday. Outwith these hours, and subject to paragraph (1), HGV movements are to be limited to wind turbine delivery (unless otherwise approved in advance in writing by the Planning Authority)'

The CC agreed to email the DPEA regarding their concerns with the PKC response and requesting that the original times be maintained.

A MoP reported that they had written to PKC elected members outlining their dissatisfaction with the way PKC Planning have been and are dealing with the Craighead and Brunt Hill windfarm proposals. They are deeply concerned about the cumulative effect of wind farms in the Ochils. In addition, the MoP is very concerned that they have been advised by PKC Planning that the public have no right of audience at a Planning and Placemaking Committee where PKC's response to ECU proposals is discussed, and hence the community has no voice. To date they have not received a response, and their letter has been published in the *Kinross Newsletter*.

The CC asked the Local Cllrs to seek a response regarding a justification for PKC comments on the Craighead planning conditions, and also request that their comments regarding construction hours are rescinded.

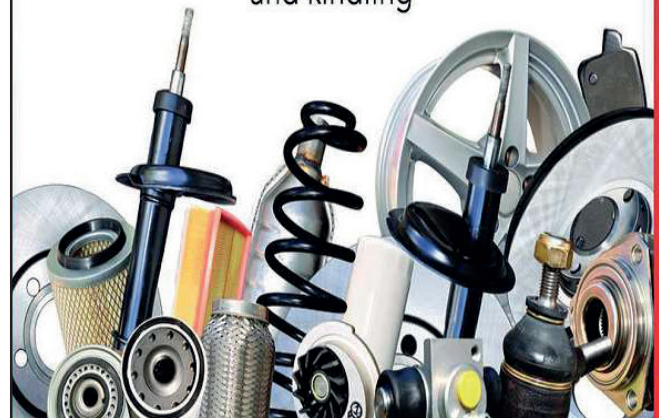


## STEWART AND SMART

### Motor engineers

**tyres | exhausts | batteries**  
**MOTs | servicing**

- Service centre with latest technology
  - MOT centre
  - approved by the Ministry of Transport
- Modern, independent repair workshop for cars/light commercial vehicles
  - All makes of tyre supplied and fitted
    - from budget to brand
  - Four-wheel laser wheel alignment
- Parts – original manufacturer or pattern parts
  - Forecourt with self-service fuel pumps
  - Courtesy car (plus collection/delivery) available, if required
  - Full after-sales service
- Garage shop stocking car accessories, oil, batteries, sandwiches, drinks, confectionery, newspapers and magazines, logs, coal and kindling



01577 862423 [www.stewartandsmart.co.uk](http://www.stewartandsmart.co.uk)  
8-16 Stirling Road, Kinross KY13 9XG

## Community Council News

### Community Development Trust (CDT)

The Trust had a successful day at the Fossoway Gathering raising funds, and more importantly 19 new members on the day and a further two members after the event.

Road Safety in FDCC area including A977 mitigation measures At the September Kinross-shire Committee Cllrs and CCllrs received an update from Daryl McKeown, Senior Engineer PKC's Traffic and Network Department:

The Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTROs) for 20mph are now being rolled out including those in Fossoway. Signs, road marking and VAS are now in place. If any Vehicle Actuated Sign (VAS) is not set correctly, please advise PKC. These TTROs will be in place for 18 months when, following review, they would be made into permanent Traffic Regulation Orders. The additional restrictions that the CC has proposed will be further reviewed during this period. The inclusion of the 40mph limit to the west of Crook of Devon on A977 is currently a TTRO and will be reviewed.

The proposed change to 30mph from Crook to Drum crossroads TTRO will go ahead, although no date is available at the moment.

The department are currently reviewing the mitigation measures in place on the A94 (Tay Crossing), such as sleeping policemen, to see if they are viable and appropriate, and this evidence will be used to review what further mitigation can be used on A977. Initial evidence is that whilst cars slow down at entrances to villages they then speed up and average speeds and volume of traffic have not been affected.

CCLlr Bruce Jones noted that we have still not seen a review of the A977 mitigation measures already in place, and requested that this was done as a priority. What works on the A94 is not necessarily appropriate for the A977 or A91. Also, the CC has still not seen evidence from traffic surveys on A91 that were promised Regarding collecting evidence on accidents on roads, PKC is still looking at how best to collate information on damage only incidents and as this is an issue that affects all councils an initiative with Police Scotland would be welcomed. In the meantime, the public or CC should report damage only accidents using the 'Report a fault or an enquiry on a road or street' option on the My PKC portal at <https://my.pkc.gov.uk/>

The CC will continue to press PKC on road issues via our Cllrs. A schedule of completed and proposed road surfacing works was provided. There is to be full carriageway repairs on the A977 from Gelvan Moor Road to east of North Kilduff in the next financial year (26/27).

### Fossoway Area Transport

CCLlr Lamb reported that the 23 Glenfarg service did run late due to the roadworks on the A977 and modifications to pick up points with Powmill becoming bookable. The service is now running normally again and is approaching 2000 passenger journeys on the 55 and 23 over six days. MoPs noted that the service is excellent.

Glenfarg are also running a pilot digital DRT service bookable from Carnbo and Muckhart, which will be reviewed next week. A request that had been formerly made to link up with Alloa Station and Town, is unlikely to be formally considered as other areas of development of the service are viewed as more widely needed at the moment.

The Community Bus is proceeding well and there are several trips planned, including IKEA on Monday 13 October.

On 8 October, there is an open PKC consultation on public transport in Kinross at the Day Centre; CCLlr Bruce Jones will attend to reiterate feedback.

### Seamab School Construction Work

The CC had written to Cllrs and PKC Environmental Health Officers seeking an urgent independent analysis of the soil. In

response PKC's Environmental Health Office advised that at this time, they don't want to give any wrong advice to members of the public until the matter has been investigated by HSE. However, in the interim they have sought advice from PKC's own asbestos officer and will pass on any guidance once received.

PKC have also passed on the CC's contact details to HSE so they can provide us with updates on their investigation directly. Cllr Cuthbert had notified the CC that HSE intend to take further samples from the site and road.

Stuart Proven from PKC has agreed to meet with the new CC regarding ongoing works at the school.

A MoP reported that Seamab have notified the Police that the MoP was harassing and campaigning against the School. MoP have had no communication with HSE.

### New Business

The CC has been invited to be part of the screening process for applicants to the Green Living and Fairer Communities Funds. At the Kinross-shire Committee meeting the Emergency Planning and Community Resilience Team (EPCR) gave a very useful update about resilience groups. Currently there are 64 community resilience groups within PKC, run by a combination of CCs, CDTs and individuals.

The CC will ask the FCDT to look at the option of forming a Civil Contingency Group as a sub-committee of the Trust, working in conjunction with Hall Committees and other community groups. The PKC contact is Frank Campbell on [civilcontingencies@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:civilcontingencies@pkc.gov.uk).

### Community Council Business

#### Fossoway and District CC Elections

CCLlr Marchant was delighted to announce that there are six declared elected members of the Fossoway and District CC: Angus Cheape, Jill Hampson, Karen Morrill, Mark O'Bryen, Graham Pye and Hugh Wallace. New members are elected effective from Thursday 6 November; until this time the current Cllrs stay in role. The first meeting of the newly elected CC will be called by a local elected member of PKC. The first item on the agenda will be the appointment of a chairperson who will take over the chair at that point. It is anticipated that this will be on Tuesday 2 December.

#### Muckhart & Cleish CC Local Place Plan (LPP)

The CC have been asked for comments on this draft LPP. Cllr Marchant attended a meeting showcasing the draft Community Action and Local Place Plans, and passed on comments.

#### Meetings Attended

CCLlr Bruce Jones attended the Kinross-shire Committee on 18 September.

#### Councillors Reports

Cllr Freshwater reported that many Kinross residents are concerned about the proposed 1200 houses on the former BCA site which could result in more pressure on Kinross infrastructure. However plans would deliver more affordable houses, but this may result in the loss of the site which could have been used for an additional supermarket and other retail or small businesses. However, the CC understand that space for additional retail will be considered in LDP3.

There is a public enquiry on 28 and 29 October into the flood defence schemes for Kinross.

Cllr Watters reported that he had visited the new Devonshaw development site, and was extremely concerned about the road and proposed pavement layout, and the safety of a crossing site. He has asked PKC Officers to investigate this and the speed limit.

## Planning Matters

### Planning Decisions

25/00997/FLL Alterations to dwellinghouse and formation of patio at 1 Barnhill Farm, Powmill. The application was approved, the CC had made no comment.

25/00836/42L S42 application to vary condition 3 (retail event restriction) of 22/02090/FLL at Solsgirth Home Farm, Solsgirth, Dollar. The application was approved, the CC had made a supportive comment.

25/00391/FLL Extension to dwellinghouse and installation of a flue at Townhead Cottage, Carnbo. The application was approved, the CC had made no comment.

### Planning Applications

25/01270/FLL Erection of dwellinghouse and associated works at Land 20 metres west of Devonview, Main Street, Crook of Devon, the CC had objected.

25/01273/FLL Siting of residential caravan (for a temporary period) (in retrospect) at Land 250 metres north of The Farmhouse, Easter Muirhead Farm, Blairingone, the CC had objected.

### AOCB

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

The next meeting of Fossoway CC will be on Tuesday 4 November 2025 at 7.30pm at Carnbo Village Hall.

## Fossoway Development Trust News

[www.fossowaytrust.com](http://www.fossowaytrust.com)

### Fossoway and District Community Action Plan 2025-2030

#### Nicola Marchant

##### Funding

The Trust has a JustGiving page where members and others can make donations

##### Fossoway Gathering 6 September and Membership

The Trust had a very successful day at the Gathering where we had the opportunity to meet some of our existing members and attracted 19 new members. We also raised a total of £327. Following on from the event we have 2 additional members making a total of 83 household memberships, 3 of which are Associate Members.

We are now registered with HMRC for Gift Aid retrospectively and will be writing to members shortly about this

### Theme 1 – Traffic Transport and Active Travel

#### Tony Lamb

##### Project – Community Bus

**Drivers:** We now have two potential drivers going through the approvals process. All being well, we could have 4 drivers by Christmas.

**Events:** We have supported several local events but with minimal use of the service offered. We believe that it will take 12-18 months to build the use of the Community Bus. We intend to run trips to live music events at the Green Hotel. All trips will be posted on our Facebook page, website and will be bookable with a £5 donation.

##### Fossoway Community Bus | Facebook

A run to Edinburgh IKEA will definitely be advertised and other Christmas events.

### Theme 2 – Local Economy and Service, No projects

### Theme 3 – Community Facilities, Activities and Events

#### Marion Anness

**Project: Replacement of Village Noticeboards and Moubray Hall Survey**

#### Nicola Marchant

We now have a confirmation of funds letter from PKC and can engage a surveyor for Moubray Hall and work with representatives from the Blairingone, Rumbling Bridge and Carnbo communities and the owners of Devon Stores to choose new noticeboards.

#### Project: CAT of Blairingone School

##### Marion Anness

PKC have presented an alternative proposal to leasing the building to the Directors, which is being considered, and will be discussed at our next Members meeting. In parallel the Blairingone working group continue to actively seek an anchor tenant.

### Theme 4 – Environment and Heritage

#### Mike Barnacle & Sarah Bruce Jones

##### Project 1: New Bridge Over River Devon

##### Mike Barnacle

The Trust is in dialogue with TRACKS regarding survey work they undertook at the request of the CC. Once we are in receipt of the reports the Trust will undertake a gap analysis to determine what work is required to prepare a costed proposal for new bridge options to present to Members. A project brief in draft is being worked in this regard.

##### Project 2: Creation of a Local Paths Group

##### Mike Barnacle & Sarah Bruce Jones

Several Members have volunteered to be involved in the new Paths Group, and an initial meeting will be arranged to discuss rem it and scope. The Trust has an assigned PKC Ranger to work with, and Milnathort Paths Group have kindly agreed to share their experiences.

##### Project 3: Creation of Heritage Trail and Protection of Local Heritage

##### Sarah Bruce Jones & Nicola Marchant

The Trust now has a list of oral historians and potential costings for the recording of our local heritage, writing and printing of a booklet. A project scope has been drafted, and Sarah is meeting with Fossoway School early in November to discuss how the children can best be involved. The Trust is working with a member to get a quote for a survey of the proposed repair of the lade. Several members have indicated that they would like to be involved in the project.

### Theme 5 -Future Development and Sustainability

#### Nicola Marchant

##### Project: Supporting Our Village Halls And Residents In Reducing Energy Usage.

We await the report from the HEAT Project.

Next Members Meeting and AGM is 11 November 7-9pm  
Crook of Devon Village Hall

**Loch Leven**  
**MUSIC**  
tuition

"Absolutely fantastic enthusiasm,  
hugely talented..."  
Fiona Stalker,  
BBC Radio Scotland.

Guitar

Bass

Drums

Ukulele

Theory

**Email:** lochlevenmt@protonmail.com  
**Phone:** 07938 663269  
**Visit:** lochlevenmusictuition.com

# Andrew Baillie

SOLICITOR & NOTARY PUBLIC



103 HIGH STREET, KINROSS KY13 8AQ  
 T: 01577 861000 [www.andrewbaillie.co.uk](http://www.andrewbaillie.co.uk)  
 E: [andrewbaillie@btconnect.com](mailto:andrewbaillie@btconnect.com)

HOUSE SALE & PURCHASE	COMMERCIAL LAW
REMORTGAGE	COMPANY INCORPORATION
WILLS	COMPANY SALE & PURCHASE
EXECUTRIES & TRUSTS	PARTNERSHIP



# COLVILLE WINDOW BLINDS



Colville Window Blinds carry a huge range of high quality window blinds.

We are a Fife based company providing a first class home visit & blind supply & installation service.

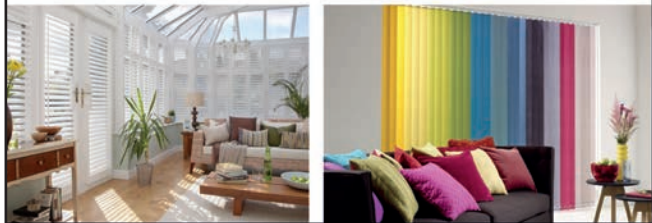
Our FREE home visits take the hassle out of choosing blinds that are best suited for you and your home.

Colville Window Blinds offer FREE measuring, FREE quotations, and a FREE installation on a wide range of window blinds.

**Call Gary on 07508 808574**

if you have any questions or would like to arrange an appointment or consultation.

Email: [enquiries@colvilleblinds.net](mailto:enquiries@colvilleblinds.net)



# DANCE CONNECT

DANCE SCHOOL

BALLET JAZZ STREET TAP

HIGHLAND DDMIX

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

Full timetable of all Dance Styles Classes and Times

Adult mat based Pilates

Wed @7.30 pm & Thurs @10.30am

Please contact us to book a space  
 - Age 18 Months to Adult



@ [www.danceconnect@btinternet.com](mailto:www.danceconnect@btinternet.com)

07920424925 Dance Connect

# JL ROOFING & BUILDING

ALL ROOFING & BUILDING WORK

POINTING & MORTAR WORK

SLATE & TILING WORK

ROUGH & FINISHING JOINERY

ALL LEADWORK & REPAIRS

All work is carried out by trained craftsmen and is fully guaranteed

Call for a FREE no obligation estimate

**01577 898 631**

**07856 918 044**

[jlroofingbuilding@outlook.com](mailto:jlroofingbuilding@outlook.com)



### Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

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

It's time to beat seasonal affective disorder, SAD. Boost your endorphin levels by exercising outdoors and get that feel good factor by socialising with fellow ramblers.

If you are a member of the Ramblers you can enjoy a meal before the AGM on 8 November.

#### 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 4 November, Witches Sizzler

A flat circular walk within Fossoway, Crook of Devon. A leisurely 4 miles.

##### Tuesday 18 November, Lochore Meadows Circular

An informal easy 4-mile walk. The walk is a flat walk around the loch with lovely views.

For further details of how to book a place and where to meet us for Tuesday walks, or for general enquiries, please contact: Susan Tester on 01786 834535

#### 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 8 November, AGM

Details of the walk, meal and meeting venue will be available from either Carol or Susan.

##### Sunday 9 November, House of Binns and Abercorn

This walk follows part of the John Muir Way to Hopetoun House and Abercorn. Fairly good paths and tracks. Lovely views of the Firth of Forth and Blackness Castle. A moderate 8.5 miles. The plan is to stop for refreshments at Hopetoun Gardens.

*Ramblers at Maspie Den*

#### Saturday 22 November, Glenfarg Railway Tunnels and Wallace Road

A route along Wallace Road to West Dron Hill, returning via the old railway bridge through the tunnels. A moderate 10 miles. Please bring a torch for the tunnels. Car sharing recommended. Toilets and refreshments at the Bein Inn afterwards.

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

##### BE VERY AFRAID: POST-HALLOWEEN FILM NIGHT SHOWS 'NOSFERATU'!

October's film 'Conclave' screened to a packed audience who unanimously rated it 'excellent', and agreed that it deserved all the awards it garnered at the 2025 film awards ceremonies. The tense Vatican thriller gave rise to many animated post-film discussions over tea and cakes.

In an unusual departure for Portmoak Film Society, our November film will be gothic horror movie 'Nosferatu', the latest remake of the classic Dracula story based on Bram Stoker's 1897 novel. Set in 1830s Transylvania, it's director Robert Eggers' remake of the 1922 film, 'Nosferatu: A Symphony of Horror' and has garnered credits for its stunning visuals, atmospheric gothic setting, strong performances, and technical mastery. Not for the faint-hearted!

**Please note that the film will be shown on Sunday (not Saturday) 9 November.**

All films are shown at Portmoak Village Hall, Scotlandwell. Doors open at 7pm and films start promptly at 7.30pm. A season's membership is available for £40 covering all eight films, or you can pay £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.



### Kinross and District Town Twinning Association

The annual general meeting of Kinross & District Town Twinning Association will be held in 7 McWilliam Place, Kinross at 7.30pm on Thursday 20 November where the updated constitution will be discussed prior to its adoption along with the nominations for chairperson and treasurer positions which are due for re-election.

Following summer's successful 50th anniversary visit to Gace, 2026 will be a 'lie year' with no official exchange planned. The next official twinning visit will be when our Gace friends travel to Kinross in July 2027.

### Kinross-shire Civic Trust

Helping protect, conserve and provide a better built and natural environment

[www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org](http://www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org)

[Facebook.com/KinCivicTrust](https://www.facebook.com/KinCivicTrust)

Email: [KinrossshireCivicTrustSecy@gmail.com](mailto:KinrossshireCivicTrustSecy@gmail.com)



### Community Action Plan

The Trust had a stall at the Community Action Plan Open Day on 20 September. Our display covered our interests in planning and our raingardens project.

## TICK TOCK CLOCK & WATCH REPAIRS

All kinds of clock and watch repairs are continuing to be provided by Tudor House Antiques repairer, Fred Turvey. He was the main repairer and servicer for Tudor House Antiques, Milnathort for over 20 years.

## TICK TOCK

Clock & Watch Repairs  
(by appointment only)

4 Dean Acres, Comrie, Dunfermline KY12 9XS  
M: 07870 913004 E: [ftticktock@aol.com](mailto:ftticktock@aol.com)  
FRED TURVEY

The Trust has a representative on the CAP steering committee which organised the event. This was an opportunity for residents to vote for their priorities out of the themes that arose from the CAP survey that took place over the summer. The turnout of 341 members of the public on the day was excellent. There was a clear desire for consolidation, not expansion; people feel that more facilities and services are needed in Kinross rather than more houses.

A report of the event is still to be published, but reports of the survey and the community profile can be viewed at, or downloaded from [kinrosscommunitycouncil.com/cap](http://kinrosscommunitycouncil.com/cap).

The Community Action Plan will be published in early 2026.

### Local Landscape Area Review Survey

Perth & Kinross Council is currently carrying out a survey to obtain residents' opinions regarding the current Local Landscape Area (LLA) designations. The LLAs were first identified more than ten years ago, for the first Local Development Plan.

The Trust will be submitting comments, making a case for the Ochil Hills LLA to be enlarged and the Cleish Hills to be given a designation.

Individuals and organisations may comment. The survey, which closes on 5 November, can be found on PKC's consultation hub at [consult.pkc.gov.uk](http://consult.pkc.gov.uk)

### Trust Dinner

There will be a Trust Dinner on Saturday 22 November at the Grouse & Claret, followed by a talk on 'The Life and Landscapes of Michael Bruce' by Trust President David Munro, MBE. If you are not on our emailing list and are interested in attending, please contact us via [KinrossshireCivicTrustSecy@gmail.com](mailto:KinrossshireCivicTrustSecy@gmail.com) for further details.

### Climate Cafe® Kinross-shire

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

Climate Cafe® Kinross-shire meets 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.



We had a lovely meeting in October where we shared food, seeds and ideas.

This month we meet on Tuesday, 4 November. Trudy will be giving us a talk about chemicals in clothes/fabric.

Then we have a meeting on 2 December which is a joint Christmas themed evening with Repair Café.

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 Library for hosting our events and providing technical support for the speakers.

Contact Kara Mackay - [kinrossshireclimatecafe@gmail.com](mailto:kinrossshireclimatecafe@gmail.com)

### Kinnesswood In Bloom



Applications for funding for the Michael Bruce Cottage Garden continue with the help of Charlie Hardman from TAPIP. An application has gone in to the PKC green living fund and he is waiting to hear from the Landfill fund.

Our funding from the Community Investment Fund has mostly been spent and the last of the money will buy a new bench.

Six of us attended the online Beautiful Scotland Awards at Forteviot village hall. It was a lovely setting and we had



*KIB members at the Rose Garden with winning certificates.*

a buffet provided by various groups which attended the event. We were the only group from Perth and Kinross to take part in the competitions this year. Kinnesswood in Bloom were delighted to be awarded Gold in the small village category and the award for the themes of Biodiversity and Silver.

The Saturday work parties have continued starting about 10 am and finishing after an hour or two, depending on how much time folk have to offer. All volunteers are welcome to join in. We know there are lots of new folk in the village. If you want to come along just speak to us and we'll give you a job. At this time of year there are a lot of leaves needing swept up. Other jobs are available. The weather has been reasonably kind to us, even allowing a work party before the storm came.

By the October holidays we had worked with all the classes at least once and every child has gone home with a bag of vegetables. They have varied in content but most

had some tatties, a tomato, courgette or cucumber and half of a very large onion. Some of the parents have sent us pictures of the meals they have made with the 2025 produce and these can be seen on our Facebook page. The last group did a substantial job of leaf clearing and we plan to have a couple of sessions to clear the polytunnel and wash it down inside and out.

Both the Headteacher and Chair of the School Council mentioned Kinnesswood in Bloom in their annual review. It was lovely to be appreciated.

We hope to get some bulbs from PKC to add to our spring displays.

The wreath laying service at the War Memorial this year will be at 10am, not the usual time of 11am on Sunday 9 November.

The next meeting which is also the AGM is on Thursday 6 November at 7pm at the Well Country Inn.

## Fairtrade in Kinross-shire

### Choose Fairtrade for the Festive Season!



When you are thinking about buying presents, please consider buying gifts that are positive for the people who made them, and will bring pleasure to your friends and family. Please come to the Festive Market at the Campus and look for the Fairtrade stall where we will have food gifts such as Beer Bread and chocolate and also some lovely unusual toys which will be enjoyed for many years to come.

We would also ask that you sign this petition from the Fairtrade Foundation, which is asking for a new law to hold companies accountable and protect the millions of tea workers in India, Kenya and Sri Lanka who are facing low pay, unsafe conditions and climate breakdown. By doing this – and choosing to buy Fairtrade tea – you can make a difference to the world we live in.

<https://tinyurl.com/bddwz6ch>





### Common Grounds

[www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe](http://www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe)



For 25 years Common Grounds has been a social hub within Milnathort. During that time it has donated over £204,000 to a wide range of UK registered charities working in the poorest areas of the world.

A celebratory lunch was held at the end of September to thank all the volunteers, bakers, crafters, social innovators, management teams, regular donors and patrons, for their support and generosity over the years. Those present enjoyed a very interesting talk by Lois Boyle on behalf of the Mercy Ships, and a delicious lunch catered by Ann Whitelaw. A good time was had by all.

Our chosen charity for October was the Mercy Ships and therefore we were able to present a cheque to Lois Boyle following her talk at the anniversary lunch.

We continue to welcome all old and new friends to our coffee mornings on Tuesdays and Thursdays with a welcoming log fire on the cold mornings!

### Kinross-shire U3A

[kinross-shire.u3site.uk](http://kinross-shire.u3site.uk)

Find us on Facebook



Speaker Meeting on Tuesday, 4 November, 2025 in Kinross Parish Church. Doors open after 2pm for talk at 2.30pm. The speaker will be Jackie Sutherland and the talk is about Children of the Far East/Prisoners of War. Speaker Meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month from September 2025 to April 2026 with the AGM held in May 2026.

Annual Membership £15.00 full member and £10 Associate Member (Member of another u3a).

We have 12 current interest groups

- Places of Interest
- Film and Theatre
- Famous Scots
- Book Club
- Gardening Group
- Wine Group
- Scrabble
- Rummikub
- Wine Tasting
- Genealogy
- Walking Group
- And our most recent group, Gentle Exercise

New members welcome. Have a look at our Facebook page or our website [kinross-shire.u3asite.uk](http://kinross-shire.u3asite.uk).

### Kinross Handcraft Circle

As we approach the end of our autumn term it's time to look at our progress with this session's workshops.

Dorothy has been running a very busy knitting masterclass where members have been tackling beautiful intricate Sanquhar patterns. These are based on geometric designs

**Connect Counselling Scotland**  
 Accessible Counselling Service  
 Milnathort & Kinross Area

**Carrie Arnott PGDip**  
 Person-Centred Counsellor

**talk@connectcounselling.scot**  
**07425 167 569**

Cosca Membership No 3130




worked in two colours and often used for making gloves and hats. Meanwhile other members of her group are learning how to knit socks and in particular how to neatly turn a heel.

In our Applique group, Mary has been showing us how applique using our sewing machines. Leadership of this group now switches to Anne who is going to slow things down and teach us how to applique by hand.

Meanwhile Jean has been helping members to incorporate nature in their work. We started the workshop working outside in the sunshine hammering leaves to make botanical prints (Hapa Zome) which are being stitched into fabric books. Other members are busy making tiny baskets out of pine needles.

In addition to the current classes we are looking forward to a Macrame workshop on 11 November.

Meetings are held on alternate Tuesday mornings in the Gateside Memorial Hall from 9.45 until 12.15. For forthcoming dates please see the diary at the back of this magazine. Annual membership is £30 which covers the cost of the hall and coffee and biscuits. New members and always welcome. Annual membership is £30.

For more information please contact our Secretary Ann Caudrey [ann.jag21@gmail.com](mailto:ann.jag21@gmail.com)

## KADAC

### Kinross and District Art Club

Almost 30 club members attended on Tuesday 7 October for a workshop in pastels conducted by guest professional artist Hayley Mills, former Chair of North East Fife Open Studios. Members had been asked to prepare to produce a work of art in autumn colours.

The session began with a talk by Hayley on the kinds of things that often go wrong when using pastels and the importance of choosing the right background and colours of the pastels. She also demonstrated the use of brushes and rubbers to achieve texture and the effects that can be achieved by scumbling! Scumbling, according to the dictionary, and with



regards to pastels, is a technique where one or two colours are blended over an existing base colour that has been rubbed into the canvas by using a brush, or cloth, or by hand so that the base colour also shows through. It's frequently used when painting clouds or to give an atmospheric feel to the scene.

After this introduction to tools and techniques for the group, Hayley spent the two-hour session giving individual tuition to each and every one and it was a delight to see some very impressive works of art emerging. Several people remarked that they had always admired works done in pastels but were hesitant in using them because they are 'messy.'

Here are some of the comments from several participants:

- 'I'm just experimenting and having fun'
- 'I'm trying to learn techniques on how not to dirty and smudge my work'
- 'Aiming to get a better feel and understanding of the medium'
- 'Pushing myself out of my comfort zone'
- 'Trying to gain confidence in using pastels'

The highly skilled tuition from Hayley went some way to removing that reluctance and left members with a feeling of satisfaction in the outcome of their efforts. The work produced was most impressive as the photo shows!

*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 Community Garden Group

We had an excellent start to the winter season in October with a lovely talk from Elspeth MacIntosh who used to be in charge of alpines at the Edinburgh Botanic Garden. She gave us a very enlightening talk about her life working at the Botanic Garden and travelling to look at plants in their native state in Bhutan and Nepal – with some fantastic photos!

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 13 November at the Parish Church, Kinross at 2pm with Dorothy Warren – also known as the Foraging Faerie – who will talk about 'Foraging: plants and potions'.

Membership fees are £20 for the year and £5 for visitors. If you are new to Kinross-shire (or even if you are a long time resident) 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 by email at [acaroline1000@gmail.com](mailto:acaroline1000@gmail.com).*

**J MILLER**  
PROFESSIONAL CARPET & UPHOLSTERY CLEANING

**DOMESTIC & COMMERCIAL CLEANING**  
**FREE DEODOURISER - FREE NO OBLIGATION QUOTES**

Regular cleaning will prolong the life of your carpets & upholstery, saving you the cost of replacements.

**FULLY INSURED NCCA QUALIFIED**

**T: 01577 864 129 M: 07961 415 871**



## Portmoak Community Woodland Group



Game-changing plans for Portmoak Moss are being drawn up by the owners of the Moss, Woodland Trust Scotland, in conjunction with the government agency, Peatland Action.

The restoration project to return it to a lowland raised peat bog, which began in 1999, will be taking a leap forward. The remainder of the commercial spruce plantation will be felled, as well as other trees growing on the main area of raised bog.

The plan is to leave a fringe of trees round the edge which will be predominantly native species such as silver birch and rowan, more like it used to be. Where there are gaps, trees like hazel and Scots pine will be planted to create a wildlife corridor.

The majority of the Moss will be returned to an open, bog habitat with peatland restoration techniques being used on the areas where trees will be felled.

More work, such as damming and bunding (low embankments), will be done to prevent water run-off and create a typical bog landscape, with pools and sphagnum

mosses. It should put the Moss on a proper, sustainable footing, which is what Portmoak Community Woodland Group has been working towards for almost 30 years.

Everyone is welcome to a drop-in session at Portmoak Village Hall, 3-7pm, on Wednesday 10 December, when WTS, as well as Peatland Action and PCWG will be there to share information and answer questions.

The work is due to start later next year but plans are being finalised in the next few months, so this is the time to find out about them.

There were questions of an entirely different nature surrounding our annual apple day in the orchard in Kilmagad Wood on 5 October. Such as, would it go ahead? Storm Amy cut off electricity to Scotlandwell, initially preventing baking and threatening to cancel the event.

Luckily the power returned in time and the sun came out. It was one of the most successful days ever – attracting a record crowd of around 130 people and creating so much apple juice that we quickly lost sight of how many litres were pressed. A very big thank you to the volunteers from Scotlandwell, who erected gazebos and took charge of processing the juice.

Thanks also to Woodland Trust volunteers who were joined by an eager band of children to pick hundreds, if not thousands, of apples. For the first time, there are still many left on the trees. Help yourself!

Andrew Lear, aka ‘appletreeman’, had a steady stream of visitors to his stand, where he identified dozens of mystery apple species.

As well as juice, people took away bags of apples and enjoyed apple-themed baking. We received generous donations of £450, which will really boost our funds as well as pay for the event.

### Portmoak Hall 100 Club

#### SEPTEMBER DRAW

1st No 39 Katie Arbuckle Scotlandwell

2nd No 56 Norma Smith Kinnesswood

3rd No 91 Gordon Vance Leslie

## Kinross Camera Club

[www.kinrosscameraclub.wordpress.com](http://www.kinrosscameraclub.wordpress.com)

Find us on Facebook

### Thursday 6 November

#### Hall Presentation by George Robertson 'In The Throne Room of The Mountain Gods'

George is an award-winning photographer, International Mountain Leader and World Traveller based in Glasgow. We look forward to this presentation which will showcase the stunning images which George has taken on his visits to remote and beautiful areas of the world while leading mountaineering expeditions. The beauty, remoteness and challenge of travelling in the high mountain areas is reflected in his work. Through the interaction of the light with the natural landscape, George has captured the memories of his travels in his presentation. We meet in the church hall at 7.30pm.

### Thursday 13 November

#### The Robert Walker PDI Competition

We will be meeting in the hall for the first of our PDI (projected digital image) competitions of the season. We are delighted to welcome back Roger Stewart to be our judge for the evening. Members are invited to submit up to three digital images which will be displayed via projector in the hall.

### Thursday 20 November

#### Member's Talks

Two of our club members Dianne Whalley and Richard Dibley will be presenting a selection of their photographs via slideshow and in print together with a little background information about their images. We will meet in the church hall at 7.30pm.

### Thursday 27 November

#### Joint Meeting With Cupar Camera Club

We will be meeting in the hall at 7.30pm and look forward

*Our featured photo for November is this seasonal shot 'Collection of Bales' by Richard Jones.*



## Clubs & Community Groups

to welcoming members of one of our neighbouring camera clubs in Cupar. This evening event follows a very successful joint meeting we held last year where we enjoyed seeing and chatting about images taken by members of both clubs as well as a great opportunity for socialising with like minded folk from the area.

### Contact and Information

For further information about our syllabus events please contact our secretary by email at [secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk), visit our website or find us on Facebook.

## Kinross in Bloom



### Crocus Day

Friday 10 October was a perfect example of cooperation between various local groups. Thousands of crocus bulbs were planted on either side of the path to and from the playpark at Levenfields by members of Kinross in Bloom, Kinross Rotary Club, senior pupils from the High School and primary seven pupils from the Primary School. This was a great team effort.

Thanks especially to the school teams with their accompanying teachers and helpers and to the two Rotary members who had used a turf cutter the previous day to prepare the planting areas. Members of Kinross in Bloom marked out metre strips either side of the path and every young person was given 100 bulbs to plant in a metre strip. The rolled turf was then put back in place. Around 10,000 bulbs were donated to Kinross Rotary Club and Kinross in Bloom by Perth and Kinross Council. Stand back and wait for the Spring and a riot of colour.

The crocus is an emblem used by Rotary Clubs to draw attention to the work they are doing world wide to eradicate Polio. Jo Middlemiss briefly described this work with the school groups and also explained the importance of the crocus in publicising ongoing Rotary activity which will hopefully make polio a disease of the past.

1500 pansy plugs are thriving in the Kinross in Bloom



  
**REGENCY**  
 MEMORIALS



DESIGN, SUPPLY AND ERECTION  
OF NEW MEMORIALS

EXISTING STONES CLEANED & RE-LETTERED  
TABLETS, PLAQUES, VASES & GRAVEMARKERS

— Argyll House, 45 High Street, KINROSS KY13 8AA —  
Tel: 01577 864607 email: regency@stewartfuneralgroup.co.uk

**ANCHORTIMBERBUILDINGS** 

Wide Range of Timber Garden Buildings Starting from:

**Apex Range : From £349**

**Pent Range : From £389**

**Summerhouses : From £889**

**Play Houses: From £269**

Free Delivery & Installation within 50 mile radius of  
our fantastic indoor showroom based in Glenrothes, Fife, KY6 2RE

Telephone 01592 748 900

Email [info@anchortimberbuildings.co.uk](mailto:info@anchortimberbuildings.co.uk)

for more information or a quotation.



*The Inn*

**CROOK OF DEVON**

KINROSS-SHIRE

Tel: 01577 840207

**BAR MEALS SERVED DAILY**

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 5 - 10pm

Monday to Thursday - Closed

*Take Away Food Service*

*Room available for small parties & meetings*

*Front & Rear Car Parks*

**MODEL RAILWAY RUNNING DAILY**

**ARTEFACTS & CURIOS**

**QWERTY**  
**IT SERVICES**

**Your Local  
Computer Experts**



Friendly, local computer and laptop support.

Affordable rates and no call-out fees.



SERVICE  
& UPGRADES



SECURITY  
CHECK-UPS



HELP  
& TUITION



APPLE  
& WINDOWS

Get in touch to arrange a call-out using the contact  
details below. Ask for Dave or Alison and we will get  
you booked in.

**01738 479 564**

[info@qwertyitservices.co.uk](mailto:info@qwertyitservices.co.uk) [www.qwertyitservices.co.uk](http://www.qwertyitservices.co.uk)

polytunnel. These should be planted out by the start of November in various locations around the town to create another splash of Spring colour.

200 Club winners were as follows:

NO 81 Pauline Watson

No 88 Gus McLeod

No 45 Jim and Catriona Marshall

No 16 Edna Neilson

For information contact [susan.mitchell50@gmail.com](mailto:susan.mitchell50@gmail.com) or [daviddickson2@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:daviddickson2@hotmail.co.uk).

### Kinross-shire Trishaws...

We have managed to continue our full programme of rides this past month with this wonderful, mild spell of weather and our fabulous team of volunteers continue to be very busy. Rides will continue into the autumn and for as long as we have reasonable weather. In addition to delivering rides, we attended the Kinross Community Action Plan event at the Millbridge Hall on 20 September. We provided free trishaw rides and lots of opportunities for local people to learn more about the trishaws and the other 'cycling for health' services the charity offers.

Five of our team attended the Cycling Without Age Scotland Annual conference in Alva. They took part in a successful world record breaking attempt for the largest number of trishaws to ride at once in a trishaws parade. There were 45 trishaws with passengers cycling along the excellent cycle paths in the area – quite an amazing experience and a fantastic spectacle. We met pilots from other chapters across Scotland and it was a great chance to learn from others and see the latest trishaw model.

In addition to our timetabled rides, we were delighted to take Helen and her family out on the trishaws to celebrate her

84th birthday. Helen thoroughly enjoyed her birthday outing to visit the horses at Lethangie (with permission from the Paton family) and we were thrilled to be invited to be part of Helen's birthday celebrations. The trishaw looked so jolly with the colourful balloons



attached. If you know anyone that would like to book a free ride on the trishaws, please email [KinrossTrishaws@gmail.com](mailto:KinrossTrishaws@gmail.com).

We are delighted to have our three trishaws in full service again. One trishaw needed a major and very costly repair to replace the motor and associated electronics on the bike. We are hugely grateful to Kinross-shire Community Sport Hub for supporting us with a very generous donation towards these costs. As our services are always free, we rely on donations to help to keep our fleet well maintained and operational.

We were thrilled and surprised recently to learn that we had been awarded a donation from The Forties Charlie Oil Rig Charity Committee. The daughter of one of our pilots is a steward on the oil rig in the North Sea, and she had put forward the trishaws to be considered for a donation. The workers on the oil rig contribute to the fund through raffles and competitions and they select a charity to support each month. We were absolutely delighted to receive a £400 donation.

Thank you to TRACKS for their recent work upgrading the



## Clubs & Community Groups

Sunny Park to the Heritage Trail path. This excellent work will help to minimise wear and tear on the trishaws by having a high quality surface to ride on and it makes for a very smooth ride for our passengers too.

Another month of happiness and joy for Kinross-shire Trishaws.

## ... and Community Cycling

Our community cycling programme goes from strength to strength. Some of our more experienced female riders took part in a number of 'away day' adventure cycles to locations such as Glenfarg, Falkland and as far north as Little Gleshee and Kinloch Rannoch. This has given our new ride leaders opportunities to practice their skills and everyone enjoyed the days and of course, some delicious coffee and cake at local cafes. We have even tried a little bit of night riding around short stretches of the Loch Leven Heritage Trail.

Ongoing initiatives include the popular Mindful Miles sessions, which combine gentle cycling with mindfulness practice, and the Positive Spin cycling and wellbeing course. Both programmes continue to be well attended and plans are afoot for new social cycling programmes. Please keep an eye on our social media posts and our website.

All the newly ordered trikes have now arrived along with our new storage container including. Some of you may have spotted us out testing the eye-catching Fun2Go side by side tandem, which allows two riders to cycle side-by-side as opposed to the 'one behind the other' traditional tandem bikes. Details will be available soon of regular 'All Ability' sessions once we have finished our bike familiarisation and ride leader training.

Looking ahead, we plan to introduce Friday morning café tours and Saturday social rides throughout November; perfect opportunities to stay active and connected as winter approaches.

The Milnathort Bike Bus will restart on Friday 31 October when the new term begins. Unfortunately our last few Friday



bike buses were cancelled due to the road works on South Street to replace the zebra crossing.

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

## KYTHE

[www.kythe.org.uk](http://www.kythe.org.uk)



### Storm Outside, Celebration Inside: KYTHE Youth Awards Evening Shines Bright

While Storm Amy raged outside, the warmth and spirit inside the KYTHE centre were undeniable as we came together for our annual Youth Awards Evening. Friends, family, and the KYTHE team gathered to celebrate the incredible achievements of our young people over the past year.

We were honoured to welcome special guests Steven Grieg, Development Manager at the Gannochy Trust, and Brian Hutton, Improvement Officer and Duke of Edinburgh Awards Manager at Services for Young People and Families (Perth & Kinross Council). Their presence, on behalf of the Strategic Youth Work Partnership, added a special touch to an already inspiring evening.

Our awards programme recognises young people across three levels, and these are not just certificates – they're nationally recognised qualifications, appearing on SQA certificates and carrying SCQF points. From National 4 (Bronze) to Advanced Higher (Platinum), these achievements are as valuable as any academic subject.

This year, our young people dedicated an incredible 1,649 hours to their awards, resulting in three Hi5 Awards, 23 Dynamic Youth Awards and 12 Youth Achievement Awards.

The projects they undertook were as diverse as they were inspiring. One young person worked with a KYTHE team member to restore a BMX bike, learning mechanical skills like fitting a new brake system – ensuring the bike could stop as well as it could go!

Another group completed the APEX/PX2®





KYTHE annual Youth Awards Evening

programme, exploring how our brains work, how habits form, and how attitudes shape our lives. Their thirst for knowledge and commitment made them one of the most impressive cohorts we've ever seen at KYTHE.

One young person salvaged a trashed bike from the community, completely overhauled it, and returned it to the young girl, who was absolutely delighted. He then went on to complete another award involving technical soldering and electronics, supported by our brilliant volunteer, John – the only one who truly understood the 'electronic wizardry' involved!

Award hours varied, with one young person clocking an astonishing 186 hours of dedicated work for one award and then a further 120 for another.

A special moment of the evening was the presentation of our second Gold Youth Achievement Award to Liliias, who not only completed her Gold award but also achieved four additional awards throughout the year – a first for KYTHE and a truly remarkable accomplishment.

Congratulations to all our award recipients! Your hard work, creativity, and commitment continue to inspire us all. Here's to another year of growth, learning, and community spirit – no matter the weather outside!



## Kinross Radio Model Flying Club (KRMFC)

[krmfc.bmfa.club](http://krmfc.bmfa.club)

Find us on Facebook



The weather has been a bit mixed in the last month and has limited flying to some extent but when the weather gets wet or windy our members turn to building or buying models. There has been a good amount of that recently with a couple of sales of plane collections on offer and at least some of those planes having been sold already.

Along the same lines, by the time you read this the club will have had its first bring and buy sale (in recent years anyway), with members being encouraged to bring along any unused planes, equipment and materials so that potential buyers can be found! On the same day, the club will be having its second maintenance day of the year, with further layout changes on the field planned. We will give an update on how each of those went in the next newsletter.

Our indoor flying was of course unhampered by the weather (unless KHS main gym hall springs a leak!) and a good selection of helicopters, planes and drones were in

action. A vertical take-off plane (VTOL) made its first appearance at the October session, and worked extremely well in the vertical hovering mode although maybe a little fast in regular horizontal flight. This plane has a gyroscope in it to help with the balancing act. By the time you read this we will also have a video of the indoor event on our Facebook page if you want to see it and other planes in action.

The club will also be issuing its next newsletter in early Nov, with the usual excellent selection of articles describing what the members have been up to and investigating, along with all of the activities at the field and elsewhere.

*In general, if you just want to see what we are up to, the best way to see that is on our Facebook page.*

## Clubs & Community Groups

### The Rotary Club of Kinross and District

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



We're always busy and planning next steps at the Rotary Club of Kinross and District, but we're super excited about the year ahead! Our club will be 50 in September 2026! To mark this occasion the Club has set the task of raising **£50,000** to equip the new Sensory Room and provide Sensory Equipment throughout the redeveloped Rachel House. This project is being undertaken with the agreement and full support of CHAS, and the local fundraising will be supported by Rotary Grants. The redevelopment of Rachel House recently received planning permission and has a planned start on site of summer 2026

Our fundraising will include special events over the coming months such as a Casino Night in March and a concert next October. Our first event is a Murder Mystery on 21 November 2025 at Kinross Golf Club. This is a live action Murder Mystery with professional actors and a two-course meal – 1920s style dress is optional! Contact the secretary (details below) for ticket information... but hurry, tickets are selling fast.

If you require any information about the project, the special events or would be willing to offer any support to our fundraising, please contact by email to [secretary.kdrc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.kdrc@gmail.com)

#### Recent Meetings

The venue for our club meetings has changed over 50 years, but for a while now we have been enjoying the hospitality and good care of Shona and Anthony at the Kirklands Hotel. On 22 September, a plaque outside the hotel was unveiled, reminding guests that we meet there regularly. Our District 1010 (Scotland North) Governor, Graham Leith, was there to meet us all and reminded our many new members of the aims and objectives of Rotary.

One of the founder members of our club, back in 1976, is Stanley Bayne – well known to all in his connection to Baynes Family Bakers, established in 1954. Stanley spoke to the club on 6 October. Back then, the best sellers were morning rolls and sausage rolls...and they still are! Strawberry tarts and fudge doughnuts are enduring favourites, while coffee is now a best seller alongside the baked goods. Delivery vans no longer traverse the district but 6% of sales are currently delivered by Just Eat. The 70<sup>th</sup> Baynes shop has recently opened in Grangemouth as they celebrate 70 years serving our community and many others. Download the Baynes app for all the information you need.

At a breakfast meeting on 14 October, Rotarian Andy Middlemiss, back from a recent trip to the area, gave us a fascinating, albeit gruelling, insight into the events of the Battle of Gallipoli. As always, Andy's passion for his subject was matched by his detailed knowledge. As we move into the season of Remembrance, we are reminded that we must never forget the events and sacrifices of that time...

If you are reading this at the start of the month, you have a day or two to fill or complete a shoebox for Eastern Europe. Local primary schools have been encouraging pupils to participate. If you wish to make your own contribution, contact the secretary (see below) but all boxes need to be returned by 2 November.

Likewise, time is running out for pupils the Kinross High School to note their interest in competitions coming up soon. The Rotary Young Chef Competition is on the afternoon of Friday 7 November at Kinross High School. Any KHS pupils (all ages) interested in competing should speak to Mrs Cairney at school. The Rotary Young Musician Competition is on 9



December at the Campus. Interested young musicians and singers should see Mr Rosie at school.

What do 12,000 build bulbs look like? Take a stroll along the footpath beside the park at Levenfields next spring and you will see them all in their blooming glory. Kinross in Bloom organised a planting session 10 October. The Rotary Club of Kinross and District contributed 4,000 of the bulbs to mark World Polio Day (24 October – the purple crocus is a symbol of the worldwide Rotary mission to eradicate Polio completely. On a beautiful sunny morning, Rotarians, pupils from P7 at Kinross Primary School and S6 at Kinross High School joined members of Kinross in Bloom to plant all those bulbs – a gift to all who pass by next spring and for many years ahead.

Don't forget our ongoing SPECS APPEAL. Collecting bins can be found at Loch Leven Health Centre, Sainsburys, Ferrier and MacKinnon Optometrists, Kinross and Phoenix Eyecare, Milnathort...and now also in the Library at the Campus.

And finally, Santa's people have been talking to our people, and we have dates for his trip to Kinross-shire! He will appear at Milnathort's Switch On of Lights on Friday 28 November, Light Up Kinross on Saturday 29 November and Cleish Lighting Up Ceremony on Sunday 9 December. He will also be out and about around the streets on the last weekend in November and first two weekends in December. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and in the next Newsletter for precise details.

There is certainly a lot going on and we hope that old friends of Rotary and new will come along to some of these events or get involved. Contact our secretary for further details:

[secretary.kdrc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.kdrc@gmail.com),

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



It's been a busy start to the new session for members of Kinross Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association.

Our together Bible Story times have focussed on the parables of Jesus including the lost coin, the lost sheep and the prodigal (lost) son.

The first two Perth Battalion competitions have been won by the Kinross Company with the Perth Monopoly Challenge where teams were given a list of Perth buildings or street names to find within a two hour time slot, taking photos of themselves at these venues as proof. Two Kinross teams took part with the girls' team winning this popular event (attached photo) Kinross also had two teams entered in the Battalion Quiz Competition with the squad two team finishing top. The



Battalion badminton competitions for Juniors and Company members had to be postponed due to storm Amy. The annual enrolment service was held at Kinross Parish Church and the Hallowe'en party was enjoyed by all three sections. The Company now has a mini-bus thanks to the Perth & Kinross Council scheme to pass on Community Minibuses which have been replaced by new models. This will come in very handy for transporting members to a variety of events and competitions over the coming session and beyond. Company members will be marching with other local organisations at the annual Armistice Parade from the Parish Church to the war memorial to pay their respects for all the fallen - "We gave our tomorrow for your today."

### Loch Leven Library

[www.culturepk.org.uk](http://www.culturepk.org.uk)  
 Tel: 01577 867205.  
 Email [lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk](mailto:lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk).



#### 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.

#### Events

10 Minute Tales. Up to nine local people will each share a ten-minute story about a particular aspect of the theme of friendship. The story should be about a personal memory or experience, and could explore friendships that are deeply connected to our youth or maybe new and unexpected friendships.

If interested in taking part, please send an email to [info@kleo.org.uk](mailto:info@kleo.org.uk) so that we can confirm the numbers. We will then send you more specific guidelines for writing your piece, and you have until 17 November to complete it. If you'd like to be in the audience and listen to the stories, please come along to the library on the evening – no booking is required. Monday



17 November 2025, 7pm to 8.30pm. Admission is free. KLEO and the Library are delighted to welcome author Dr Sandy Winterbottom to Kinross on Tuesday 18 November, for "The Two-Headed Whale: Life, loss and the tangled legacy of whaling in the Antarctic." Tickets are £6 each and the talk starts at 7pm. Crime author Heather Critchlow comes to Kinross on Thursday 20 November. Heather Critchlow is the author of the Cal Lovett series and speculative thriller 'The Tomorrow Project'. Her debut novel, 'Unsolved', was published in May

## I.W. JOINERY

TRANSFORMING YOUR HOUSE INTO A HOME

- CONVERSIONS
- EXTENSIONS
- RENOVATIONS
- KITCHENS
- BATHROOMS
- ATTIC CONVERSIONS

**QUALITY WORK AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE**

**PHONE: 01577 865047 or MOB: 07870 291 783**

## Clubs & Community Groups

2023 by Canelo and was shortlisted for the Bloody Scotland Debut Prize. Tickets are £6 each and the talk starts at 7pm.

Bestselling author Elisabeth Gifford will be here on Sunday 23 November to talk about her new book 'The Mischief Makers', exploring the dark secrets that led to Daphne du Maurier becoming one of the greatest gothic novelists. Tickets are £6 each and the talk starts at 1.30pm. Full details on all these events can be found at [www.kleo.org.uk](http://www.kleo.org.uk).

## 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.

**Home Energy Advice.** On the first Tuesday of each month from 10.30am to 12pm, Scottish charity Scarf will be at the Library. Scarf is a charity and social enterprise offering free, impartial advice to help you save money and stay warm at home. From practical tips to funding support, they're here to make life a little easier.

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).

Interested in writing? The next Creative Writing Group sessions will be on Wednesday, 3 September, from 7pm to 9pm. Please contact the library if you would like more information.

Come along and join our fun storytelling sessions with your child every Tuesday at 4-4.30pm. Our storytelling sessions are suitable for primary school aged children. Booking is not required.

Bookbug sessions are held on Wednesday afternoons at

2-2.30pm and Saturday morning at 10-10.30am. They offer fun, friendly sessions of songs, rhymes, and stories.

These sessions are suitable for babies, toddlers, and pre-school children to enjoy with their parents and carers. To book a spot at any session, please contact the library.

A Knitting 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 and natter).

## Milnathort in Bloom

So much for winding down for the winter... we've been very busy this past month!

The first weekend of the month saw us clearing the large boxes and tubs of summer bedding and replacing with spring plantings. The troughs and baskets were also removed by Fergus' 'Hefting Group', cleared out and some of the plants saved for overwintering.

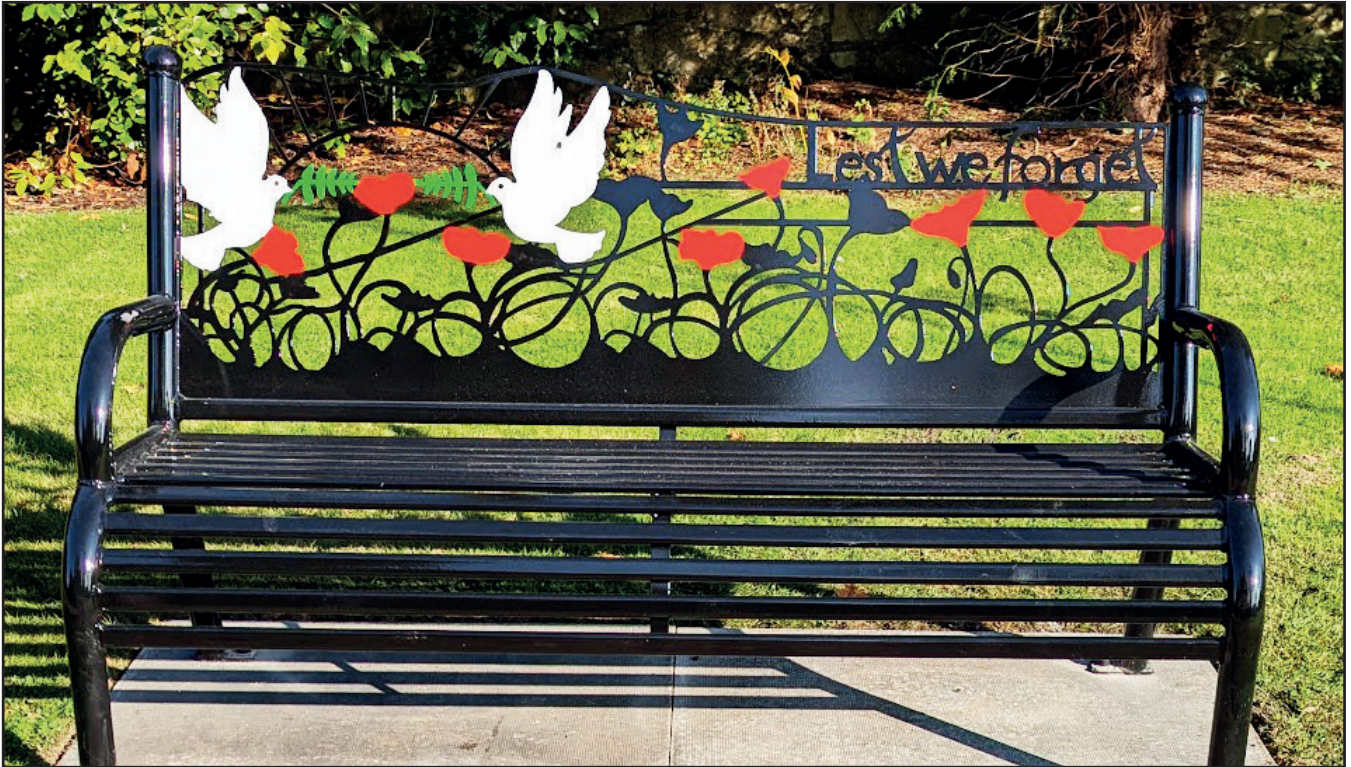
We've received a couple of concerns over the trees that were removed from the boxes. They had grown too large for the space and were competing with other plants for food and water. Because of the size of the roots of the trees, a couple had to be cut down before being removed. We managed to save large root balls from all three of the trees, and they will be replanted elsewhere where they will have a better chance to grow and flourish.

With many thanks to the Arthur and Margaret Thompson Trust, we were able to replace the flooring in half of our polytunnel with a grid and gravel system. Thanks to Peter for overseeing this and to a small group of hardy volunteers who helped clear the space and lay the flooring.

Following many years of wear and tear to our polytunnel covering, we have also had the tunnel re-skinned this month, again with thanks to the Arthur and Margaret Thompson Trust. It's looking fabulous and, along with the new flooring, will provide a safe and watertight environment for many years to come.

Last month also saw the erection of two beautiful commemorative benches at the war memorial in the village,





thanks to Perth & Kinross Council. Please go and have a look, they are lovely and totally appropriate for the space (pictured).

Talking of the war memorial... Your War Memorial Needs You! You may be surprised to hear that the Council only cut the grass at the war memorial and do not maintain the rest of the garden. Until recently, the garden was mostly maintained by one MiB member, Graeme Stewart, sadly Graeme passed away suddenly earlier this year. We are hoping to be able to establish a small group to maintain the war memorial garden – one local (ex-marine George Morrison) has already signed up. Would you consider helping George out, at most three or four times a year? If you could lend a hand, it would be most appreciated. You can contact us via our Facebook page or text Teresa on 07904 281828.

### Potager Garden

Autumn is upon us; we are losing 5 minutes of daylight every day, and the volunteers have been busy putting the garden to bed. We escaped relatively lightly in Storm Amy and hope that you did too. Our large bamboo poles in the Sensory Garden suffered some damage, also due to old age and will need some attention.

At the end of September, we were contacted by the mother of a Kinross High School pupil. She needed to write a piece about a local group that has an impact on our local community and design a logo. We were delighted to showcase her work on our Facebook page; she captured our aims beautifully. We opened the garden after school so Ella and her mother could visit us, and it was lovely to meet them. Head over to Kinross Potager Garden Facebook page to see her work.

We finished the season with an outing to Branklyn Garden, an interesting hillside garden in Perth which is cared for by the National Trust for Scotland. The autumn colours were wonderful, and it is full of interesting plants. The scones were good too!

Please follow us on social media, we have a dedicated

Facebook Page for 'Kinross Potager Garden' but also post on the Kinross-shire Community Group and Kinross-shire Plant and Seed Share or Swap. The Potager Garden is now closed for the winter and will reopen in the spring. If anyone wants to contact us over the winter you can contact Amanda James on 07963 476803 (Convener) or Pauline Cobbold (Secretary) on 07866 467982 or by email; [paulinecobbold@gmail.com](mailto:paulinecobbold@gmail.com) or [amandajames1577@gmail.com](mailto:amandajames1577@gmail.com)

## HELP WITH MATHS & ENGLISH

Is your child in need of some extra support  
in Secondary English and / or Maths  
for their upcoming prelims?

We are both highly experienced and committed teachers who will work with your child throughout secondary school to boost confidence, consolidate learning, help with revision, prepare for exams and achieve better results. In conjunction with your child, we will draw together a personal learning programme to meet their identified needs.

**Tel: 07947 233279**

Email: [englishandmathstutoringkinross@gmail.com](mailto:englishandmathstutoringkinross@gmail.com)  
for further details

Find us on Facebook at  
[https://www.facebook.com/  
englishandmathstutoringkinross/](https://www.facebook.com/englishandmathstutoringkinross/)  
or online at  
<http://englishandmathstutoringkinross.co.uk/>

## Clubs & Community Groups



### Kinross Day Centre

Well, this month has been busy with all our practicing, competing and celebrating with Go4Gold Challenge 2025 (pictured above).

The results are in, for Kinross Centre and the scores have been counted and in joint first place were The Proud Pipers and The Haggis Hurlers, very well done to them for their amazing effort.

Congratulations are also due to all other participants for their hard work. The process of preparing for and participating in this event has been thoroughly enjoyable. The numerous close results provided moments of shared enjoyment throughout.

We celebrated the result with a party on Wednesday 1 Oct, which coincidentally was 'older persons day'. Everyone who took part received a certificate and the winners also received gold medals.



Our celebrations were helped along with the Men's Shed band 'The shrinking Violets' coming along and playing us some fantastic tunes (pictured below.). A great time was had by all.

We would like to make everyone aware the results from the Kinross Community Action Plan are currently being displayed in the front foyer of the centre, please pop along and have a look.

Thanks to everyone that supports the centre and if you would like to come and join us, please just give us a call on 01577 863869.

### Kinross (Marshall) Museum



It's a busy time at the museum as we get ready for our new exhibition, 'Kirk and Community'. Friends of the Museum are invited to the official opening ceremony which will also include a talk by Catherine Kent on 'History in Stone; Interpreting Kinross's Dated Lintels'.

If you would like to become a Friend of Kinross Museum, the annual membership fee is £10. The Friends form is on our website, but currently finding it is a bit of challenge! If you can't find it there, you could ask for clues by emailing us at [information@kinrossmuseum.org.uk](mailto:information@kinrossmuseum.org.uk) or more simply call into the museum at the Campus when our study rooms are open (Thursdays 10am to 7pm and Saturdays 10am to 1pm).

As well as preparing for the new exhibition, we were pleased to be at the Kinross Community Action Plan event at the Millbridge Hall in September. It was encouraging to see so many people interested in the future of Kinross as well as its history.

Our ongoing graveyard survey has also been receiving encouragement from passers-by during our most recent recording activities in Fossoway Churchyard.

This survey began in 2013, at the Kirkgate Cemetery, and takes place on Sunday afternoons between 2pm and 4pm, weather permitting – which may have something to do with how long it is lasting. We have closed the survey for the winter, but will be resuming next year and would welcome more survey volunteers.

## Milnathort Bridge Club

The AGM for MBC was held in Orwell Bowling Club premises on Monday 13 October. Contrary to most Club AGMs there was an excellent attendance of 9 tables - 36 players out of a total full membership of 43. Officials for the forthcoming year were elected as follows :



President: Detlef Lorenz; Vice President: Liz Pottie; Secretary: Gloria Wilson; Treasurer: Jim Marshall; Committee Members: Linda Bayne, Janet Laird and Wendy Owens.

Willie Young, the outgoing President, who has acted as Director each evening for many years, is regrettably unable to attend regularly due to other commitments so Sandy Greenhill has agreed to act in this capacity each evening.

Prize Giving for the year 2024/25 was carried out immediately after the completion of the AGM and this was followed by 21 hands of play. The Jim Lawrie Pair's Cup was awarded to Ian and Pat Cook. Zandra's Quaich Best Individual was awarded to Pat Cook while the Mary Baxter Salver for best individual lady was won by Diane Parmenter.

### RESULTS

<i>North/South</i>	<i>East/West</i>
<b>29 Sept</b> Diane Parmenter/Wendy Owens Halliday	Allan Dearing/David
<b>6 Oct</b> Sandy Greenhill/Jan Hill	Richard & Ruth Baty
<b>13 Oct</b> Sandy Greenhill/Wendy Owens Ballantyne	Linda Bayne/ Susie
<b>20 Oct</b> Pat Cook / Ian Paton	Diane Parmenter

## Kinross Squirrels

On 12 September the squirrels took part in Jeans for Genes week as they were raising awareness and funds to support children and families affected by genetic conditions by getting sponsored to attend Squirrels wearing a pair of jeans. To keep with the jeans theme the squirrels were designing a pair of jeans with some very creative designs on show. Also,



the squirrels took part in a Nest Natter; giving ideas for what they would like to do at Squirrels next term. Our final activity saw the squirrels work on their All Together Challenge badge as they had to make a choice as a team to decide what game they would like to play.

After all that fun Rory and Joshua were awarded the Chief Scout's Acorn Award, which is the highest award in the Squirrel section. Bravo!

We also said goodbye to Lewis, Rory, Joshua and Hamish who are moving on to Beavers. Good luck for the next stage of your scouting journey.

Lochore Meadows was the destination for our next meeting as the squirrels had a great time orienteering at The Meedies. With maps in hand, they explored the great outdoors, working together to identify landmarks and find their way around - learning some navigation skills along the way. They all did well — true little explorers!

As we approached the end of September the squirrels were working on their All About Me Challenge badge. They were busy learning all about what makes them uniquely awesome – from their favourite colours and hobbies to their families





and what they love most about being a Squirrel! The squirrels found time to play some games as well.

We had planned to be out exploring the following week at Vane Farm for the Go Wild badge however, due to Storm Amy it was decided to cancel the meeting to keep our squirrels and volunteers safe.

At our final meeting of the term we had an amazing time revisiting a favourite activity: we gathered around campfires, sharing stories and getting ever so slightly sticky roasting marshmallows and Starburst (yes – they melt into chewy magic). The smiles were wide and the sugar levels were questionable!

At the end of the meeting we presented the badges which were achieved over the term. A big congratulations to all those who earned their badges – your hard work has been amazing!

We also invested our new squirrels; congratulations to Ben and Niall who were invested into the Drey! Finally, a big congratulations to the seven squirrels who were awarded the Chief Scout’s Acorn Award. Congratulations to Emory, Alex, Aaron, Alistair, Brodie, Reeve and Imogen!

*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 for more information.*

### Kinross Beavers

Our meeting on 12 September was all about tents and knots. Everyone did very well learning how to tie a variety of knots including a figure of eight knot. The beavers put up tents (inside due to the wet weather). Thank you to our Young Leaders who ran a successful meeting.



Joseph was awarded the Chief Scout’s Bronze Award, which is the highest award in the Beaver section. Bravo! We also goodbye to Jude, Will and Joseph who are moving on to Cubs. We hope you enjoy the next stage of your scouting journey.

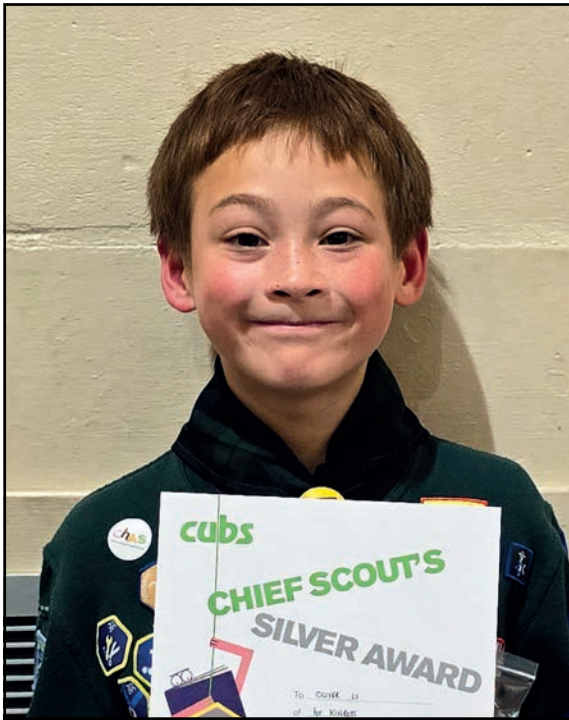
The following week the beavers were at Lochore Meadows. A great effort by all to walk the 5km circuit on a beautiful evening.

Our final meeting of September saw the Beavers meet at Kirkgate Park to complete their Cyclist badge. We split the Colony into groups and alternated every 15 or so minutes. The three groups all completed a variety of activities including a cycle to the Boathouse and back; bike safety where they learnt how to check brakes, chains, seats, handle bars, pedals etc. to ensure the bike is safe to ride and visibility which covered the types of clothing you should wear when cycling (especially at night) and also lighting. It was a great night and all the beavers did brilliantly.

After they had completed their activities Beavers Team Members Grant and Hannah (pictured) were both presented with The Chief Scout’s Commendation for Good Service by Daryl, District Lead Volunteer for Perth and Kinross District Scouts. This is awarded in respect of not less than five years good service, which stands out. It should be regarded as the Chief Scout’s recognition of the very real contribution made to the Scouts. Bravo!

With Storm Amy sweeping across the country, our penultimate meeting of the term saw the beavers meet at the Millbridge Hall. The beavers made bird feeders, played games and did a log chew to discuss what they would like to do next term. Despite the stormy night outside everyone had a great time.

Our final meeting of the term saw the beavers making campfires before gathering around their glowing campfires



to roast marshmallows and starbursts – delicious! They sang some classic campfire songs which along with the gooey treats made it a perfect final meeting of the term.

After the campfires and songs were finished the beavers were presented with the badges which they had earned over the term and we also invested our new beavers. Congratulations to Euan, Rory, Theo, Freddie, Joshua, Murray and Hamish who were invested into the Colony!

*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](mailto:kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk) for more information.*

### Kinross Cubs

It was a last minute change of plan for our meeting in September due to the weather as the cubs were working on their DIY badge. The cubs were identifying different tools, learning about how to be safe when working with tools and also identified different wood types and how they can be used. At the end of the meeting Charlie was presented the Chief Scouts Silver Award, which is the highest award in the Cubs section. Bravo!

We also said goodbye to Robbie, Charlie and Parker who are moving on to Scouts. Good luck for the next stage of your scouting journey.

The following week the cubs visited St Ninians, a former opencast mine just outside Kelty. They got a lovely sunny evening as they explored the half-finished remains of what would have been Scotland's biggest piece of landscape art. The area contains two artificial hills, one called the Europe mound and the other is known as the North America mound. The cubs walked up the imposing Europe mound which is well defined with three giant barbed mounds and a stone map of the continent at the top. The cubs had a great time exploring the area before walking back to the car park as the sun set in the distance.

On 24 September the cubs were working on their Road Safety badge. Over the course of the evening they learned all about staying safe on the roads — from understanding traffic signs and crossing the street safely to being responsible pedestrians, cyclists and even passengers. They worked hard, asked smart questions and showed real maturity as they explored how to stay safe while out and about.

Our penultimate meeting of the term was a fruitful success for the cubs as they had a blast making their own fruit kebabs — stacking up colourful layers of healthy fruit and sneaking a few



## Clubs & Community Groups

bites along the way! Also during the meeting the cubs were making campfires before gathering around it for some classic scouting fun which included toasting a few mini sausages. It was the perfect mix of learning, creativity and outdoor adventure.

The final meeting of the term on 8 October was full of fun, teamwork and big ideas as the cubs came together for an exciting Games Night and a Pack Forum. The cubs took part in a variety of games showing off their energy, creativity and teamwork in every game. Also, the cubs took part in a Pack Forum where they had their say—sharing thoughts, suggestions and ideas about what they love and what they would like to do next term.

At the end of the meeting there was a variety of presentations as we presented badges and also invested our new cubs. Congratulations to Conn, Lachlan, Hamish, James and Will who were invested into the Pack!

Congratulations are also due to Oliver who was presented with his Chief Scouts Silver Award. Bravo!

*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 for more details.*

## Kinross Historical Society

Kinross-shire Historical Society started its winter season of talks with *Kidnapped: Historical Wanderings* by Alan Fyfe exploring the route and events of the well known novel by Robert Louis Stevenson. His interest was first sparked in Stevenson's work as they had both been at the same school, Edinburgh Academy.

Alan Fyfe has researched the places and people in the story and traced the route starting off in the Borders where the main character David Balfour was living. He showed illustrations of various properties mentioned in the story, with often more than one claiming to be the real one.

The route followed was drawn on a map by Stevenson's cousin but again there were discrepancies between the map and the actual geography.

Some places were real, such as the Hawes Inn in South Queensferry. The 'charge house' in Limekilns is 'Breck House' built in 1680. Some of the people were real including the Red Fox, James Stewart of the Glen and the maid who rowed them back across the Forth. She was the mother of Stevenson's nanny.

Kevin Heneghan gave the vote of thanks for the great talk with the incredible detective work in finding locations, the use of maps, photos and sketches. The move from photo to sketch was amazing.

The next meeting will be on 17 November when Dr Allan Kennedy will give a talk on the Darien Scheme, the evolution and ramifications of the Scottish colony on 1690s. All welcome.

## Milnathort SWI

Milnathort SWI held their first meeting of the season on 18 September in Milnathort Town Hall. Ann Reid, our Secretary, welcomed members and two visitors, hoping everyone had a good summer break and were looking forward to our new programme. Ann then introduced Elinor Craig from The Flower Shed in Cleish. Elinor grows most of her flowers herself so it was lovely to see her arrangements with cottage garden flowers. She seemed to create two lovely arrangements with very little effort, or so it seemed to those of us who were not flower arrangers! It was a lovely afternoon for our first meeting of this season.

Ann dealt with business items and forthcoming events and then refreshments were served.

### Competitions:

**Favourite Miniature Ornament:** 1st Denise Stephenson, 2nd Kathleen King, 3rd Jennifer Wallace

**Flower of the month:** 1st Jane McConville, 2nd Kathleen King, 3rd Cathie Cochrane

There were lots of really lovely entries for both competitions. Ann thanked Elinor for bringing along her lovely flowers and her expertise in her arrangements. She thanked everyone for attending and hoped to see us all next month.

Our 16 October meeting was in the Town Hall at 2pm. Ann welcomed members and two visitors, and then introduced Melanie Smith from Trading Standards. Melanie gave us an in-depth look into fraud and scamming, which was really interesting. She also brought along lots of literature for anyone to take to keep up to date on these subjects. A really worthwhile speaker and recommended to other institutes.

Ann gave out future events dates. The menu for our Christmas Lunch at Milnathort Golf Club was circulated, please return to Denise by next meeting.

### Competitions:

**Poppy, any craft:** 1st Denise Stephenson, 2nd Kathleen King, 3rd Elspeth King

**Flower of the month:** 1st Aileen Hunter, 2nd Kathleen King, 3rd Cathie Cochrane

Ann thanked Melanie for her very interesting and informative talk and wished everyone a safe journey home.

**COLAB HEALTH & FITNESS**

*'Achieving your goals collaboratively'*

- Strength & Conditioning Training
- Sports Specific Training
- Personal Training
- Injury Rehab
- Nutrition
- Fat Loss

Private Fully Equipped Studio & Outdoor Space

Team GB Athlete

Bespoke Programming

07894 200 298  
info@colabhealthfitness.co.uk  
www.colabhealthfitness.co.uk

Drum, Kinross

COLAB Health & Fitness  
colab\_health\_fitness

**Book Your Free Consultation Today**



member after 55 years. She joined Glenfarg SWI in 1970. Helen has shown immense dedication and commitment to our club and the wider SWI community.

Helen is an SWI judge, travelling the length and breadth of Scotland judging craft work at shows and regularly judging at the Royal Highland Show. She is an example to us all. We are so lucky to have such experience and knowledge in our club.



### Glenfarg SWI

Glenfarg SWI have been making Linus quilts for children who have experienced trauma in their lives.

We have made them over several months at our fortnightly craft meetings. These mornings have been about sharing and learning new skills along with lots of chatter!

Michelle Miller talked about her work with Project Linus and the importance of these quilts which become part of the child's life and sense of security.

Helen Quartermaine (pictured above) was presented with a certificate commemorating her becoming an honorary

### Carnbo SWI

President Mhairi Lavender welcomed all members and guests to the October meeting.

After business Mhairi introduced our speaker Elaine Tait who gave a talk on how she got addicted to polo after a gift for her 53rd birthday.

She had all her kit with her and we were amazed at the weight of the hat, boots and knee and elbow pads, but necessary to avoid injury. We saw on screen photos of her various polo ponies and of her time spent in Argentina playing polo.

#### Glenfarg SWI

*Above: Ladies selecting fabric for their next craft project. 10 quilts donated all made from recycled material.*

*Left: Helen Quartermaine and Linda Martin.*

*Below: Left to right: Lillias Johnston, Michelle Miller, Alison Harrison, Sylvia Wall, Joyce Clark, Janet Stronach, Margaret Scott*



## Clubs & Community Groups



Above: Cleish SWI. Bulbs on display.

Mhairi gave a vote of thanks.

### Competitions

**Flower of the month:** 1st Carol Roddy, 2nd June Brunton

**Family Pet Photograph:** 1st Sheila Reid, 2nd Mhairi Lavender

Our next meeting is at Carnbo Hall on 17 November 7pm for 7.15pm start. All welcome.

## Cleish SWI

President Anne Douglas welcomed members to Cleish Village Hall on Monday 13 October for a talk by 'The Bulb Man'.

### Competitions:

**Flower of the Month:** 1st Alison Morris, 2nd Judith McLaren, 3rd Fiona Barnfather

**Flower Craft:** 1st Lynn Hewitt, 2nd Dorothy Morris, 3rd Fiona Barnfather

**Tray Bake:** 1st Fiona Campbell, 2nd Alison Morris, 3rd Anne



Powmill SWI. President Sharon thanking Helen

## Bayne

Our meeting is on Monday 19 November 7.30pm at Cleish Village Hall where we are having a 'Hands on Craft Night'.

### Competitions

Christmas card (any craft), Festive floral decoration (wine glass), Flower of the month

## Powmill SWI

Wednesday 15 October saw Powmill SWI meet in Moubray hall where president Sharon welcomed the evening's speaker, Blairingone SWI member, Helen Christie.

Helen delighted members with stories spanning her early childhood as a farmer's daughter and culinary career, sharing her love of cooking with seasonal produce.

Helen kindly judged the competitions, where the results were as follows:

**Traybake:** 1st Donna McBain, 2nd Nicola Marchant, 3rd Janice Young

**Interesting non-electrical kitchen gadget:** 1st Mary Wilson, 2nd Nicola Marchant, 3rd Donna McBain

**Greenfingers:** Janice Young

The next meeting is Wednesday 20 November, where Katie Robert's will be doing a talk on turning sheep fleeces into felted rugs.

# what's on?

## november & december

**gather & gab**  
Our late nights for November & December are now fully booked, be sure to keep an eye out for next year's dates!

**festive afternoon tea**  
Our beloved festive afternoon teas will be back and available from 21st November. Call the shop to book in as spaces will fill up fast!

**festive opening hours**  
We will be closing the shop for 1 day on November 11th to allow our staff to enjoy a day out together before the festive fun begins...  
We will also be closed 25th and 26th December as well as 1st and 2nd of January. Opening hours may vary over the festive period, keep an eye on socials for updates.

**milnathort winter market**  
Friday 28th November  
Join us for our 4th Winter Market around the village with over 30+ local businesses and tasty food vendors, as well as late night shopping in the local shops!

FREE ENTRY!

**follow us on social media!**  
Do you want to know what's going on at Heaven Scent?  
Follow us on socials to see our newest specials, events & seasonal drinks and pancakes specials!  
You can also share your posts with us - tag us in your posts and stories so we can see what you had for your Heaven Scent scan!

@heavenscentcoffeeshop  
Heaven Scent Coffee Shop  
www.heavenscentcoffeeshop.com  
01577 865377

**BKB**  
Tree & Hedge Surgery

Qualified ~ Insured

- Felling
- Pruning
- Technical Dismantling
- Pollarding
- Crown Reductions
- Emergency Tree Work
- Land Clearance
- Hedge Trimming
- Stump removal
- General Garden Maintenance

Call for a free quotation on: 01337 258625 / 07896086952

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

## Milnathort Golf Club

37 South Street Milnathort,

KY13 9XA

01577 864069

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

Booking via <https://visitors.brsgolf.com/milnathortgolfclub#/open-competitions>

Tel: 01577 864069

Email [office@milnathortgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:office@milnathortgolfclub.co.uk)

Thank you Winton's Deli for sponsoring the Hole in One on 25 September at our Prostate Cancer Charity where over £1000 was raised. Unfortunately, nobody managed a hole-in-one.

On 27 September, Milnathort Golf Club held their annual Ryder Cup event with members taking the part of USA and Europe golfers. USA managed to win with a score of 14 to Europe 11.

Winners of best dressed competition were Dave Wilson (USA), Bob Tolson (USA), Irene Mackintosh (USA) and Margaret Fleming (Europe). Well done to the European Team for winning the Official Ryder Cup in New York.



To our Golf Development Manager Stuart who has kept the ship on course.

To the army of volunteers who are too many to mention, thank you. We could not survive as a club without your invaluable help.

To all the visitors, visiting parties, Social members, Ladies and Gents who use our catering. Finally the biggest thank you goes to our members for supporting our club. As we enter the autumn/winter season there are plenty of opportunities to play golf, and to enjoy Angela's home baking with a cup of tea or coffee after a round.

On 8 October we had a visit from Heart Scotland Breakfast presenter Grado who was hand cycling from Aberdeen to Glasgow in aid of Global's Make some Noise. There were some inspiring individuals from Spinal Injuries Scotland, a small charity currently in funding with Global's M>ake Some Noise. They hand cycled the whole exhausting route with Grado.

## Orwell Bowling Club



It's been a busy wee period for the club over the past four weeks and there is plenty still going on despite the bowling season being over. During the day there are plenty of local clubs who take advantage of what the club can offer. There are Bridge and Whist clubs, our local Probus group also meet during the week. We also host funeral teas, birthday and anniversary celebrations. Anyone or any club can contact the club for any events that they are looking to hold.

Our 2025 winners and runners up of our internal competitions are as follows :

Gents Champion – Kieran Wilson (W) Gordon Clark (RU)

Ladies Champion – Jean Menzies (W) Maz Thorn (RU)

Senior Champion – Gordon Clark (W) Jim Whittet (RU)

Presidents – Gordon Clark (W) Graeme Duncan (RU)

Keir Cup – Kieran Wilson (W) Gordon Clark (RU)

Millar Cup – Sandra Fullerton (W) Maz Thorn (RU)

Centenary Trophy – Jim Whittet (W) David Winton (RU)

Hamilton Salver – Lorraine Schultz (W) Maz Thorn (RU)



With the end of the summer golfing season upon us, let's take a minute to thank the army of unsung people we rely on to create our fantastic club.

Firstly thank you to our Greenkeeping Team of Jason, Aaron and James who have overcome some challenging times in a very dry spell and also in some high winds which brought down a tree and branches around the course.

To the Ladies and Gents in our catering team. The team of Angela, Mandy and Marie have been assisted throughout the season by Fraser, David, Kaira, Bailey and Gail.

## Sports News

Sommerville Trophy - David Winton & Kieran Wilson (W) Tom Reid & Jim Whittet (RU)

Kinloch Trophy – David Winton (W) Roy Cochrane (RU)

Taylor Club Pairs – Sandra Fullerton & Maz Thorn (W) Gayle Spencer & Jean Menzies (RU)

Cunningham Cup – David Winton & Kieran Wilson (W) Bobby Brian & Paul Allcoat (RU)

Meldrum Cup – Jim Whittet & Ross Allan (W) Bob Bruce & Jean Menzies (RU)

Reekie Trophy – Maz and Mike Thorn (W)

Willie Dewar Quaich – Maz Thorn & Bobby Brian (W)

Roy Dougray Trophy – Jim Whittet (W)

Frank Adamson Mixed Triples – Jim Whittet, Tom Reid, Linda Reid (W) Lauren Winton, David Winton, Kieran Wilson (RU)

Ann Wilson Nom.- Sandra Fullerton (W) Linda Reid (RU)

4 Bowl pairs – Jean Menzies (W) Jeannie Jackson (RU)

Ladies Nom. – Sandra Fullerton (W) Lauren Winton (RU)

2 Bowl Pairs – Jean Menzies (W) Maz Thorn (RU)

Maclay Trophy – Jean Menzies & Graeme Duncan (W) Maz Thorn & Jim Whittet

Friday Night Points – David Winton 1st Sandra Fullerton 2nd Jan Shultz 3rd

These are our winners and runners up for this seasons competitions and on Saturday 29 November we will be hosting our Presentation Dance in the club which will commence at around 7pm.

Prior to that though, we will be holding our AGM on the same date but that will start at 5pm. We have had a successful year and we do hope that as many of our members (and social members) will attend both the AGM and presentation dance in what is a great way to end the season.

We also held a music night on Saturday 11 October – Chris White and his Organic Jukebox kept us all entertained. We held a fantastic Quiz Night on Saturday 25 October which was well supported and great fun – thanks to everyone who came along.

I would also again like to thank all our sponsors this year who have contributed – especially by bringing colour around the bowling club with their new advertisement boards.

Playing bowls should always be a great experience which has many benefits. It gets you out and about, it's a form of exercise, you can meet your friends or indeed catch up with old ones, and it is a very skilful and challenging sport at times – and it is a low-cost sport to get involved in. Whether a beginner or a season pro, if you are aged 8 to 88, bowls could be the sport for you. Please come along to the club and have a try – we are confident you will enjoy it !

And finally, as always, we will be sharing our events on our Facebook Page – Orwell Bowling Club – so please check us out. We appreciate your feedback and if interested in any of the above then please do not hesitate to contact us on 01577 863739 or at [orwellbowlingclub.weebly.com](http://orwellbowlingclub.weebly.com) – and as the year progresses, we will update you on events both on and off the green !



## Volleyball

Two Kinross High School teams took part in Scottish Volleyball's Senior Schools' Scotland East festival at Dunfermline Learning Centre. Youngsters enjoyed their day of volleyball giving them the opportunity to prepare for the forthcoming Scottish Cup match when they play Queensferry High School by mid November.

Senior pupils from Perth & Kinross secondary schools took a major step in their leadership journey by attending the Active Schools' Volleyball Ambassadors' course, a three-hour introductory award for aspiring coaches and young leaders. Senior pupils from Bertha Park, Blairgowrie High, Kinross High and St John's Academy learned what it takes to develop volleyball as a fun activity where boys and girls can have fun participating in one of the world's top team sports.

Led by Maddy Weber, Scottish Volleyball's Foundation Development Officer and supported by Active Schools' personnel, the youngsters learned about the physical, mental, technical and tactical aspect of their sport as well as developing their own personal skills.

Described as 'awesome' and 'inspiring' the young leaders will now put their leadership skills into action in their own schools to help grow the increasingly popular local sport.

Scottish Volleyball's first ever Tartan Talent Pathway Residential Camp, took place at Inverclyde, Scotland's National Sports Training Centre, from Thursday 16 – Sunday 19 October with local secondary school girl Eilidh Buchanan enjoying the four-day, intensive training programme which hopes to identify future international players and support them on their journey.

A number of the Kinross club players are now also playing for Volleyball Perth in Scottish Volleyball's national league as well as continuing to play for the club in the Perth & District Volleyball League with fixtures due to commence on 9th November at Perth College on Sunday evenings.

Monday evening training sessions continue at the Campus large games hall from 8pm till 9.45 pm with new members always welcome. The club operates one district premier league team and two district recreational league teams.



Photos show the three Kinross High School senior girls who completed their Active Schools' Volleyball Ambassadors' coaching qualification and Eilidh Buchanan who took part in the first Tartan Talent four day residential at Inverclyde. Team photo shows the pupils who played for the two school teams at the East Scotland Volleyball Festival.

### Kinross Tennis Club

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

Email: [kinrosstennis@gmail.com](mailto:kinrosstennis@gmail.com)/  
[kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com)

Find us on Facebook @[kinrosstennisclub](#) and

@[siobhanmacleodtennis](#)

As the days grow shorter and the autumn leaves begin to fall, Kinross Tennis Club is reflecting on another successful season of tennis. With a membership spanning all ages and abilities, it's been a joy to see the courts alive with energy and enthusiasm over the past months. Now that November is here and the official tennis season has drawn to a close, we want to remind all our members and the wider community that the club remains very much open for play throughout the autumn and winter.

One of the highlights this year has been the installation of our new, energy-efficient LED floodlights. Thanks to this improvement, the cost of using the floodlights during evening sessions has been reduced, making it easier and



**KINROSS**  
BOOKKEEPING

- Accounts Payable & Receivable
- Bank Reconciliations
- VAT Preparation and Submission
- Payroll

07521908305 • [hello@kinrossbookkeeping.co.uk](mailto:hello@kinrossbookkeeping.co.uk)

<https://kinrossbookkeeping.co.uk>

Sports News



more affordable for everyone to enjoy tennis even as daylight fades. We hope that this will encourage more players to make the most of our facilities during the colder months—there’s nothing quite like a brisk rally under the winter sky!

Coaching at Kinross Tennis Club will continue right up until the start of December. Our committed coaching team is on hand to work with players of all levels, so whether you’re looking to refine your technique or just keep active, there’s a place for you.

Through September and October we were able to complete all of our club championships and we would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to those who competed and congratulations to all the winners in the juniors and adult singles and doubles events.

If you’re getting organised early for Christmas, why not treat yourself or someone else to a Kinross Tennis Club hoodie — the perfect gift for players and supporters alike! Order yours here: [kinrosstennisclub.superlogoshop.co.uk](http://kinrosstennisclub.superlogoshop.co.uk).

Finally, a reminder that the club’s Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 20 November at 7pm. All

members are welcome to attend, share their thoughts, and help us plan for another fantastic year ahead. We look forward to seeing everyone on court and at the AGM!

**Kinross Golf Club**

Many congratulations are due to our golfing teams this season. Our Caledonian League Team won their League and then also won the Champions Cup by beating Kirriemuir in the final. Thanks to Team Captain Dougie Oliver and all his players for their efforts over the season.

Our Scratch Team fell at the final hurdle against Blairgowrie on the PGA course at Gleneagles losing out narrowly with three matches going up the 18th. To reach the final was a fantastic achievement. Similar thanks to David Campbell, Team Captain and all his players for the successes too

The Ladies Section Open Stableford on Saturday 6 September, was hugely successful with a great field, and a few Kinross winners.

Elspeith Caldwell won overall with a fantastic score of 40 points, closely followed by Betty Brannan and Jennifer Jackson on 36 points, Many thanks to all our assistants on the day setting




## Same Great Service - Different Company!

**Following Glendale Security Systems going in to administration, Safe Building Services have stepped in to provide all former Glendale Security Systems a continuation of service with the same friendly faces.**

**We are currently in the process of contacting all former Glendale Security Services customers and informing them of the changes.**

**All existing contracts, maintenance and monitoring arrangements will remain unaffected**

**[www.safebuildingservices.co.uk](http://www.safebuildingservices.co.uk) | [info@safebuildingservices.co.uk](mailto:info@safebuildingservices.co.uk) | 0131 467 7920**











### JKS Shojiki Karate

We have continued training as usual even throughout the October holidays.

There is some important events coming up for students with one being the opportunity to train with a 7th Dan Japanese Instructor on 20 October.

We will also be sending out examination invitations in about a months' time, so students are preparing as best as they can to give themselves the best chance at receiving one.

### Kinross Road Runners

<https://kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com>



This month at KRR we celebrated our 40th anniversary (see Features).

Kinross Road Runners were formed in September 1985 and we celebrated in style with two events.

On Saturday 13 September, we held a parkrun takeover at our local Loch Leven Parkrun. All of the volunteers who are needed to put on the event were KRR members and many of the runners were too. It was a beautiful morning and lovely to see a great turnout by the club.

In the evening there was a ceilidh at Milnathort Town Hall with the amazing band The Suited Bandits. Members and their families enjoyed a fabulous evening of dancing.

New members are always welcome. If you'd like to find out more why not come along and try out one of our training sessions, we train Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6.30pm. More details can be found on our website or Facebook.

off the competitors, our lovely flowers and also our very successful tombola which raised £261.

Our Ladies drew their season to a close with their finals day which alas suffered from inclement weather. Our 18 hole winner this year is Jean Graham and our 9-hole winner is Rena Duncan. Congratulations to them both.

And finally the club is proud to have one of our own Juniors win the Perth and Kinross District Junior Order of Merit. Robbie Hepburn is a young golfer with great promise and we wish him well for his golf scholarship with Gleneagles.

Do please follow the Kinross Golf Club pages on Facebook for all our upcoming social events over the winter. There are a great variety of events and activities planned. For anyone interested there is also a special winter offer for social membership.





## ROSEMOUNT NURSERY

### Come & see what makes us special

Nursery (0-5 years)  
OSC & Holiday Club (5-12 years)

**Graded Excellent in most recent Care Inspectorate report**  
Partner Provider Grant Funded Education  
(Escort/collection Kinross Nursery & Kinross Primary School)

Visit us at 55 High St, KINROSS  
**01577 864408**  
[www.rosemountnursery.co.uk](http://www.rosemountnursery.co.uk)  
[info@rosemountnurserykinross.co.uk](mailto:info@rosemountnurserykinross.co.uk)

**THE KINROSS NEWSLETTER**  
**ALL PROFITS GO TO LOCAL GOOD CAUSES**

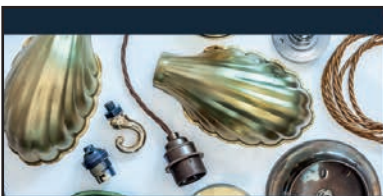


### w telford plastering

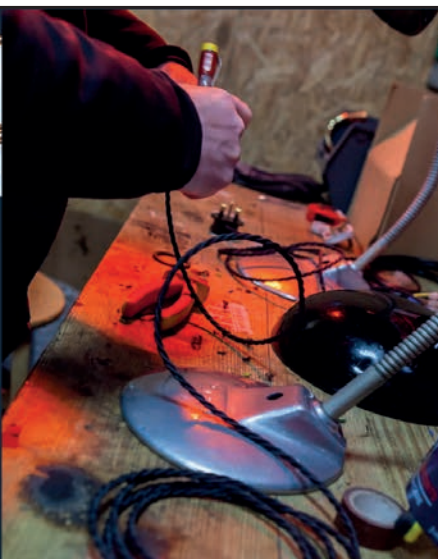
free quotations  
reliable quick service

‘get plastered with wayne’

92 high street, kinross ky13 8aj  
**01577 861 903 or 07738 514 342**



01577 864870  
 lighting@jmoncrieff.co.uk  
 www.jmoncrieff.co.uk  
 Unit 5 Clashburn Road,  
 Bridgend Ind Estate  
 Kinross, Perthshire  
 KY13 8GB  
 Scotland, UK



We are  
**JOHN  
 MONCRIEFF**

John Moncrieff Limited can perform lamp repairs and restoration to protect your cherished pieces.

LIGHTING  
 REPAIRS  
*and*  
 RESTORATION

Our qualified technician can rewire, restore and repair your lamps, light fittings and family heirlooms. We ensure that they are fully operational and PAT tested.

Contact us to discuss your requirements!



**BARRY WATSON JOINERY**

**Quality. Experienced. Tradesman.**  
 All internal and external joinery works.

4 Gallowhill Road, Kinross, KY13 8RA

T: 07725527818

E: barrywatson09@hotmail.com

"I would highly recommend Barry, he replaced all my windows and doors and I was extremely happy with the service and the aftercare."

Mrs Ruby Petrie,  
 Glenfield Court,  
 Cowdenbeath

"Barry does all my odd jobs about the house. He's polite, tidy and never lets me down."

Mrs Lesley Naismith,  
 Cromar Drive,  
 Duloch, Dunfermline

"I had a full house of windows fitted when I was renovating my home. Barry is a hard worker and delivered a great service - on time and on budget."

Mrs Lorraine McMillan,  
 Morar Road,  
 Crossford

**A bit about me...**

Originally from Cowdenbeath, I spent the last 10 years living in Dunfermline. I moved to Gallowhill Road, Kinross in August 2016, with my wife Jacqueline and our two year old son, Calum. I'm a time-served joiner with 17 years' experience.

**Fruix Storage**

Safe and secure, clean and dry space, flexible terms  
 Easy to find at J5 of M90, only 3 miles south of Kinross

Andrew and Fiona Turnbull, Fruix Farm, KY13 0LA

07787180399

andrew@fruixstorage.co.uk  
 fruixstorage.co.uk

**CLEAN & DRY, SAFE & SECURE SPACE.  
 7 DAY ACCESS AND YOUR OWN KEY.**

- Self Storage rooms - new for 2018, we will be offering 40 storage rooms in convenient sizes. The new rooms are ideal for storing furniture, belongings or hobby equipment
- Garages - great for classic cars or small business storage.
- Container storage - these can safely store the contents of a 3-bed house.
- Commercial units - suitable for all trades and local businesses.



# RSPB Loch Leven

Facebook.com/RSPBTaysideFife [www.rspb.org.uk/lochleven](http://www.rspb.org.uk/lochleven)

Telephone: 01577 862355



## SPOT THE GEESE!

**OCTOBER WAS THE** peak season for the pink-footed geese. At one point over 13,000 were spotted on Loch Leven! Other autumn highlights include whooper swans, lots of ducks such as gadwall, pochard and tufted ducks, and red squirrels are at their most active. It's a great time of year. To add to the excitement, we have more exciting workshops planned for the end of November.

On Saturday 22 November we will be hosting a festive Willow Weaving Workshop where you can make your own mini willow Reindeer with June McEwan from Willow Works. On Sunday 23 November we welcome back published author and poet, Anita John, for a Wildlife writing workshop, and on 30 November I'll be leading a Wreath Decorating Workshop. To find more information on the above events and to book a space please visit our website, or get in touch using the contact details below.

It is now possible to book teacher-led visits to our Loch Leven Reserve. We can provide access to self-led activity resources which have ideas for activities for your visit and ideas that can also be carried out in the playground when your visit is over. To find out more information please go to the main RSPB website and search for free self-led reserve visits.

As part of my role as Administrator here at Loch Leven I have been looking through some old photographs. The RSPB acquired the Vane Farm site in 1967 and the amount of work that has been done since then is amazing.

From building the original underpass under the road in 1982, to the new underpass in 2019 with the accessible path, there has been so much progress. In just two years' time it will be our sixtieth birthday! If you have any memories or photos from days gone by, please share them with us.

If you're looking for an activity for kids during the autumn and winter months, you can still hire our Nature Quest backpacks every day between 10-4pm. You don't need to prebook. To find out more about our events programme head to [events.rspb.org.uk/lochleven](http://events.rspb.org.uk/lochleven).

Our shop has some lovely Christmas gifts and Christmas cards in stock. We also have lots of bird food options for your feeders. Our staff are always happy to see you!

Our winter hours are: Café 10am-3pm / Shop and Visitor Centre 10am-4pm. As always, our car park, trails, hides and toilets are open all the time. Get in touch on [lochleven@rspb.org.uk](mailto:lochleven@rspb.org.uk) or call us on 01577 862355. We hope to see you soon!

Elinor Craig

**John Mclean**  
roofing and building contractors  
[www.johnmcleanroofing.co.uk](http://www.johnmcleanroofing.co.uk)

**All Aspects of Roofing Work Undertaken**

- SLATING & TILING
- LEAD WORK
- CHIMNEYS
- FLAT ROOFS
- GUTTERING
- ROUGHCASTING
- INSURANCE WORK
- FULLY GUARANTEED
- 24 HOUR EMERGENCY
- STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS

**FREE ESTIMATES & ADVICE**  
FROM MINOR REPAIRS TO COMPLETE ROOFS

**4B THE VINE, GREENACRES, KINROSS KY4 0JA**  
**MOBILE: 07708 322 007**  
**FREEPHONE: 0800 118 2593**

# NatureScot Loch Leven NNR



Photo by Lorne Gill

**OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER** are when bird numbers really peak on the loch. As well as the thousands of pink-footed geese who are back, mid-October we also saw the arrival of hundreds of whooper swans to the loch! Similar in size to our resident mute swans, whoopers have a yellow bill and a much sweeter face. They also make a distinct whooping noise so listen out for them. Last year we were missed by the waxwings, but we've got our fingers crossed that this year they make a return to Kinross.

The variety of fungus to be seen around the reserve this year is spectacular. The wetter but still warm weather we had in September and October has clearing been good for them. All the way from Burleigh around to Findate in the woods you can see plenty without even stepping off the heritage trail. From the iconic red spotted fly agaric to impressive Birch polypore bracket fungus, theres almost nowhere you would look where you wouldn't see something. Remember many fungus species can be poisonous so its often best to look and don't touch.

Along with our fabulous team of volunteers, we have recently been busy keeping the trail tidy, so there has been lots of grass cutting and loping back thorny foliage. We've also been cutting and lifting the vegetation on our meadows, an essential task to

ensure we continue to get lots of lovely wildflowers and a wider diversity of species growing.

Like last year we will be hosting our free wreath making event in our workshop, on 4 December. We use natural resources from around the reserve, and have expert help come along, as well as providing a lovely warm cup of mulled wine (non-alcoholic) and a mince pie, and playing Christmas tunes to get ourselves in the festive spirit. Last year we were fully booked, so if you want to reserve a spot, make sure to book. Booking opens on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November, to book please email [lochleven\\_nnr@nature.scot](mailto:lochleven_nnr@nature.scot). We have slots from 5:00-6:30, 6:30-8:00 and 8:00-9:30.

We will also be reinstating our festive character trail that we had up last year at Burleigh which was a big hit! And this year we will be incorporating a quiz into the trail.

This time last year we were seeing the aurora borealis over the loch! A great way to get a better look at it is to get to a place with little light pollution, and to get an even better look, look through your phone camera!

To keep updated with whats going on the reserve check our socials (Facebook and Instagram), and feel free to get in touch.

Sally

## Weather

### Recent Weather Reports From Kinross September 2025

Total Rainfall	<b>82.3mm/3.29in</b>	
Heaviest Fall	<b>18.6mm/0.74in</b>	(14 Sept)
Total Sunshine	<b>145.9 hrs</b>	
Sunniest Day	<b>9.3 hrs</b>	(1 Sept)
Max Temp Average	<b>16.6°C</b>	
Highest Temp	<b>20.5°C</b>	(9 Sept)
Min Temp Average	<b>2.72°C</b>	
Lowest Temp	<b>-6.4°C</b>	(21 Sept)

# HARVEST MEMORIES



**IT WAS A RARE**, early finish this year for the 'green dinosaurs', our beloved Claas combines. Driven by Andrew and Alastair, who together have clocked up almost 80 years of experience, they finished harvesting by 25 August.

It began with some contracting in Fife, cutting feeding barley for a farmer who values the straw most. He bales it to bed his cows through winter and sells the barley for feed. His crop yielded well, but it was a stressful start when the newer combine began spurting oil from the engine in the first field. Unsure of the cause, we all feared the worst, perhaps a new cylinder head? After a tense day of diagnosing, local machine man and legend, Ian Spence, confirmed it only needed a new 'O' ring, costing £28! Once fitted, the combine leapt back into action and glided through an average (poor) wheat crop at home, before moving on to better oats and barley in Fossoway, then back to late-sown spring barley near Cleish.

We can recall in the past 30 years only one other harvest finishing so quickly. In 2003, the year Alastair married Wendy. The sun gleamed that day. Kilts swished, hats and heels replaced wellies. Nieces and nephews bounded outside the church, and all the farmers chatted about the high temperatures and low rainfall. The perfect summer meant the harvest was done, everyone could relax, and it turned into quite a party.

Interestingly, grain quality in 2003 suffered from the dry conditions. With so little moisture, the seeds were smaller and of no use to brewers or maltsters. The same is true this year, the poor quality is coupled with a lack of demand so prices are taking a hit.

We did, however, experience a harvest when everything aligned, back in 1995, when Andrew and I travelled to Western Australia. We took a harvesting job with a chap called Frances McKee, originally from Northern Ireland. The youngest son of a large farming family, he'd decided to make a go of it in Fitzgerald, by farming on contract. By the time we arrived, he'd been at it for three seasons and had built up a collection of old machinery and taken on land, but making ends meet was still tough.

We stayed with Frances and his partner Emma, who cooked for us every evening, they weren't well off but very generous and even lent us their Subaru car to explore on days off. Frances was another machine man, always making an extra dollar by repairing things for neighbours. We each drove a harvester, while Emma

drove the chaser bin, harvesting 6,000 acres between us. Andrew kept commenting on how plump and good-looking the seeds were, he was surprised because the soil didn't look capable. At dinner, Emma kept reporting the tonnage brought in, a sign the crops were yielding well. Frances said it was because they'd had just enough rain at just the right time.

Farming in WA is unpredictable, many years the crops don't grow so there just isn't a harvest to bring in. Frances had experienced this and wasn't sure how he'd survive in the farming game. As the 1995 harvest went on, the farming papers reported strong demand for grain and at decent prices; it was one of those once-in-a-generation years when everything came good. When we left, eager to explore Alice Springs and then the east coast, Frances had a new upbeat walk across the yard in the morning. He was already pouring over leaflets for new machines, keen to reinvest and make the most of the prosperity. He knew that if he managed things carefully, he'd be much better set up for the future.

Harvests come and go, as do prices, but the truly golden years are the beautiful harvest wedding and our time spent working together in Oz. Unbeatable.

*Fiona*

*Above left: Sunset at harvest in WA*

*Above right: Andrew in field of barley, looking at soil which is a mix of sand and dirt with very little depth.*

*Below: Full grain bin at Fitzgerald.*





# McCaskie

## COUNTRY STORES

FARM SUPPLIES  
ANIMAL HEALTH PRODUCTS  
DOG SUPPLIES  
EQUESTRIAN FEED, EQUIPMENT  
& CLOTHING  
CAT FOOD  
SMALL HOLDINGS  
WILD BIRD FOOD  
GARDENING & TOOLS  
WATERPROOFS  
WORKWEAR  
SAFETY FOOTWEAR  
WELLINGTON BOOTS  
MENS & WOMENS CLOTHING



# KINROSS & MILNATHORT

Orwell Farm, KY13 9HB

08.30 – 16.30 Weekdays  
09.00 – 13.00 Saturdays



DIRECTIONS

# CALL: 01577 840 272

# Kinross-shire Centre

Scottish Charity SC004968

64 High Street  
Kinross  
KY13 8AJ

## Weekly Programme For November

Monday	Hearing Aid Clinic (3 Nov ONLY)	10am-12pm
	Careers Drop in (10 & 24 Nov ONLY)	10.30-3pm
	Exercise Class	11.30am
	Games: Indoor Curling, Quizzes, Scrabble, Dominoes	1.30pm
	'Stride for Life' Walking Group	2.00pm
Tuesday	Vision PK (4 & 18 Nov ONLY)	10-11.45am
	Exercise Class	11.30am
	Trishaws (weather permitting)	1.30pm
	Singing Group (11 Nov ONLY)	1.30pm
	Games: Curling, Quizzes etc	1.30pm
Wednesday	Church Service	11.15am
	Reminiscence Group (5 Nov ONLY)	1.30pm
	Fun Quiz (5,12,26 Nov ONLY)	1.30pm
	Craft Group (5 & 19 Nov ONLY)	1.30pm
	Music Afternoon: 'The Shrinking Violets' (19 Nov ONLY)	1.30pm
	Games: Indoor Curling, Quizzes	1.30pm
Thursday	Chiropody Service (27 Nov – appts only)	10am-1pm
	Interactive Games	11.30am
	Exercise Class with Kenny from Live Active	11.30am
	Games: Indoor Curling, Quizzes, Scrabble	1.15pm
	Art Group	1.30pm
Friday	Exercise Group	11.30am
	Trishaws (weather permitting)	1.30pm
	Bingo	1.30pm
	Board Games	1.30pm
	Life Story Books	1.30pm



Film shows • Cards  
Dominoes • Art Class  
Exercises • Chiropody  
Trips • Daily Papers

All Activities Subject To Change. Activities May Be Added.

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.

## KINROSS CENTRE

64 HIGH STREET KINROSS KY13 8AJ

TEL/FAX: 01577 863869; Email: [kinrossdaycentre@outlook.com](mailto:kinrossdaycentre@outlook.com)

COFFEE BAR OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC from 8.30am - 3.30pm

Dominoes; Exercises; Lunches Daily

### The Newsletter on Facebook

We use our Facebook page to announce:

- Our deadline and publication dates
- What's in the next issue
- Reminders of some local events
- Occasional breaking news

'Like' our page to be kept informed.

Search for *Kinross Newsletter* or go to:

[www.facebook.com/kinrossnewsletter](http://www.facebook.com/kinrossnewsletter)



## Here if you need us

### Talk to us, we'll listen

Call free day or night on

# 116 123

SAMARITANS

# Kinross-shire Churches Together



## Kinross-shire Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity no SC015523)

*Worshipping God – Following Christ – Serving the Community*

**At the start of 2025 the local Church of Scotland congregations united 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:** [kpcscotland](https://www.instagram.com/kpcscotland)

**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 Kinross Church events and Zoom details.

### REGULAR SERVICES AND EVENTS IN KINROSS

*Events are in Kinross Church unless otherwise indicated.*

#### 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 of the service. Within the church there is a corner for parents with babies and 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

#### Mondays

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

**2.00pm:** Bridge and Board Games Afternoon

**7.30pm:** Adult Dungeons and Dragons (fortnightly)

**7.30pm:** House Group Bible study & fellowship

#### Tuesdays

**10-11.30am:** Stepping Stones for babies, toddlers and carers

**2.30pm:** House Group

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

#### Wednesdays

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

**1.30pm:** Craft Group

**7.45pm:** Men's House Group

**8.00pm:** Women's House Group

#### Thursdays

**10.30am:** House Group

**11am-12pm:** Table Talk – chat on Zoom

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

#### Fridays

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

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

**Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association,**  
(Church Centre)

**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.*

#### OCTOBER

**Fri 31** **5.30-7pm: Light Party – Food, Fun and Festivities.**  
Organised by our Family Week team. No registration required. Dress up Light and Bright!

#### NOVEMBER

**Sun 2** **10.30am: Morning Service**, followed by  
**11.45am: Informal Communion**

**Mon 3** **8am: Guided Silent Meditation**

**Thu 6** **7pm: Introduction of Rev Anne Redpath** by the  
Presbytery of Perth at Errol Church as Associate  
Minister at 'St. Madoes and Kinfauns with Errol'.  
Anne was a member of Kinross Church.

#### Sun 9 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

**10.00am: Community Remembrance Service**  
with youth organisations, in the church.

**10.45am: Parade**

from church to War Memorial, County Buildings

**10.55am: Act of Remembrance**

at War Memorial, County Buildings

**11.15am: Sunday Service** in the church

**No Let's Sing this month.** Next Let's Sing - Sun 14 Dec

**7pm: Adult Dungeons and Dragons**

**Mon 10** **5.30pm: Youth Dungeons and Dragons**

**Fri 14** **11am: All Friends Together** for adults with learning  
disabilities

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

**Thu 20** **7pm: Sunday@7** informal worship

**Sun 23** **7pm: Adult Dungeons and Dragons**

**Mon 24** **5.30pm: Youth Dungeons and Dragons**

**Fri 28**

## 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.

**NOVEMBER**

**2 Nov: 9.45am, Sunday Morning Worship**

*Refreshments & Fairtrade Stall will be available after the service*

**Sun 2nd Nov 3pm: Time to Remember Service**

This service will offer a time to remember those no longer with us: the people, both family and friends, who shared our lives, shaped us, made memories with us. A time to give thanks for them, to light a candle, say a prayer, join in worship, if you wish.

*Refreshments available afterwards for those who want to stay for a chat.*

**9 NOV: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

**9.30am Sunday Morning Worship,**

*Village Hall, Crook of Devon followed by*

**11.15am Sunday Morning Worship at Cleish**

*Refreshments will be available after both services*

**16 Nov: 9.45am Sunday Morning Worship**

*Refreshments will be available after the service*

**23 Nov: 9.45am Sunday Morning Worship**

*Refreshments will be available after the service*

**30 Nov: First Sunday in Advent**

**9.45am Sunday Morning Worship**

*Refreshments will be available after the service*

**REFRESH THURSDAY**

**Thursdays 2.00pm - 4.00pm** in Fossoway Church Hall

*Join us for a friendly blether 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 7 Nov 7.30pm: MR BURTON (12)**

Discover how the son of a poor miner became one of the greatest actors of this century. Richard Jenkins (Harry Lawtey) lives as a wayward schoolboy but his natural talent for drama catches the attention of his teacher Philip Burton (Toby Jones). Richard thrives under his supervision and the guidance of a kindly landlady Ma Smith (Lesley Manville). Based on the true story, this film gives an insight into the early life of Richard Burton.

*Donations of £5 appreciated, including tea/coffee and biscuits. Please join us for the film, some refreshments and a blether. All welcome.*

**FOSSOWAY CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**Sat 15 Nov 1-3pm**

Browse our stalls incl home produce and handmade crafts, then stay for a chat over tea or coffee and a mince pie or shortbread.

**FOSSOWAY BABIES AND TODDLERS**

**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)



Scan here to arrange your quote by selecting the date and time that suits you or call **0800 200 444** to speak to our team.

**CR SMITH**  
the difference

[crsmith.co.uk](http://crsmith.co.uk) | CR Smith, Gardeners Street, Dunfermline, KY12 0RN. Registered in Scotland No. SC51530.

★ Trustpilot ★★★★★ Rated 'Excellent'

## Churches

### 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 27 Sept from 4-6pm at Orwell Church with all the usual crafts, activities, fun, and food.

#### NOVEMBER

- 2 Nov **Family Service** with the Praise Band  
3 Nov **Knitwitz Group** meets in Orwell Hall 2pm -3:30pm  
4 Nov **Guild Friendship Group** in Orwell Hall 2pm -3:30pm  
6 Nov **Ashley House Service** at 2.00pm.  
8 Nov **Christmas Fair** in Orwell Church 10am -12pm  
9 Nov **Wreath Laying Service**, Portmoak War Memorial 10am  
**Remembrance Sunday Service** at 10:30am  
**Wreath Laying Service**, Milnathort War Memorial 11:45am  
14 Nov **Tea and a Blether** in Orwell, 2pm - 3:30pm  
17 Nov **Knitwitz Group** meets in Orwell Hall 2pm -3:30pm  
28 Nov **Oasis Ladies Group**, Portmoak New Room 10:15 - 12pm  
*Bee Keeping by Cath*  
30 Nov **Praise Service** in Portmoak Church at 3.00pm  
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)



### St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Website: [www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk](http://www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk)  
[www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross)

**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 obeyance 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.

#### NOVEMBER EVENTS AND SERVICES

NB: There are no midweek Communion services at the present time.

- Sun 2 **All Saints Sunday**  
10am: Sung Eucharist.  
Sun 9 **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**  
8.30am: Said Holy Communion (this gives time for people go to the Parish Church for 10.00).  
Sun 16 **Pentecost 23**  
10am: Sung Eucharist  
Sun 23 **Christ the King {Charity Sunday – Tear Fund}**  
10am: Sung Eucharist.



## Acknowledgements

### SCOTT

CATHIE AND JOYCE would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their cards, flowers and messages of sympathy following the sad loss of their mum, Mary Scott. A special thanks to the staff at Loch Leven Health Centre for their dedicated care, the Rev. Alan Reid for his comforting service, to Stewarts Funeral Directors for their support and to all those who paid their last respects at Perth Crematorium and donated the sum of £400 in aid of Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance.

Sun 30 **Advent 1**  
10am: Sung Eucharist.  
*We begin Yr A for our Scripture readings*

#### DECEMBER

Sun 7 **Advent 2**  
10am: Sung Eucharist.

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Art @ St Paul's: Nov 8 & 9, 22 & 23. 10am - 4pm  
except on Nov 9 (Remembrance Sunday) when we open at 11.30

### 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. Our sermon series in November is 'Fly Through the Bible: Part 3: 5 Gifts God Gives Every Christian. This month we'll be hosting the following services:

- 5 Nov: **The Holy Spirit** (Neil Martin, Hillbank Church)  
16 Nov: **Faith** (Richard Gibb, LLC)  
23 Nov: **Forgiveness** (David Wylie, Greenview Evangelical Church)  
30 Nov: **The Church** – (Allan McKinnon, Tilsley Bible College)

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)

### 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.

### St. James' RC Church

#### Catholic Diocese of Dunkeld

5 High Street, Kinross KY13 8AW  
Te: 01577 863329 Mob: 07540 534480  
E-mail: [stjames@dunkelldiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjames@dunkelldiocese.org.uk)  
Website: [www.catholicinross.com](http://www.catholicinross.com)  
Weekly newsletter available online

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Martin Pletts  
**Permanent Deacon:** Rev. Des Connors

#### TIMES OF HOLY MASS

Sat: **Vigil Mass at 5pm**  
Sun: **Holy Mass at 10am**  
Confessions after Vigil Mass

## LOCAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Milnathort Filmhouse

Come join our brilliant community cinema group. We do screenings every couple of months in the wonderful Milnathort Town Hall. Help choose the films and dish out the popcorn! Email us [milnathortfilmhouse@gmail.com](mailto:milnathortfilmhouse@gmail.com) or contact Janieann McCracken on 077450 12315

### 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

SPARKs allows adults of all ages who have support needs or disabilities to meet together with their carers. For more information call 01577 867216/867218 or 07769 243282/07896 280843.

### 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?

Volunteer with Girl Guiding and help make a difference to the lives of girls. If you would like to volunteer call Alison on 07764 750212.

### 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

Could you become a volunteer driver for the Kinross-shire Volunteer Drivers? We deliver a vital service to help the elderly and disabled attend healthcare appointments. For further information please contact the administrator 01577 840196 or email [administrator@kvd.org.uk](mailto:administrator@kvd.org.uk)

### 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. Please contact [davidcolliar@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:davidcolliar@tiscali.co.uk).

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

## Notices

**LIGHT UP KINROSS  
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON  
SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER  
GREENS CAR PARK ON THE HIGH  
STREET AT 6.30pm.**

### KINROSS AND DISTRICT SHE SHEDS

WE PROVIDE A supportive and inclusive space for women in Kinross-shire. We aim to support:

- DIY jobs in the community
- community, creativity, learning, and wellbeing.
- social, creative, and practical activities.

Join us at the Kinross Rugby Club on Tuesdays from 2-4pm! Search for the group on Facebook for the latest information at Kimmy's Kinross She Shed est.2025

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**King George V Playing Field Management Committee, Kinross**

The AGM of the KGV PFMC will be held in the KGV Muirs Pavilion at 7pm on Tuesday 2 December 2025. It is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend.

The KGV PFMC in Kinross is a charity volunteer organisation made up of representatives from six local sports clubs; Kinross Hockey Club, Kinross Colts Football Club, Kinross Ladies Netball Club, Kinross Rugby Football Club, Kinross Road Runners and Kinross Tennis Club; and, a representative from the Kinross Sports Hub.

The charity has three Trustee officers; the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer; who are elected each year at the AGM.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
December	Friday 14 November	Saturday 29 November

### MUSIC IN DOLLAR *Programme for 25-26*

#### **Sunday 2 November 3pm The Scottish Chinese Ensemble**

Come and hear something completely different – traditional and Modern Chinese music, introduced by Eddie McGuire of Whistlebinkies fame, and an opportunity to play the instruments. This is a Community Concert and entry is **free to all!**

#### **Sunday 9 November 3pm ... Children's Piano Day**

**We play Piano** – Come and hear some wonderful young pianists. **free entry.**

#### **Sunday 23 November 3pm Tim Kliphuis 'jazz' trio**

We are so lucky to get this wonderful trio. The Award winning Dutch Violinist Tim Kliphuis has created a brand new style that embraces classical, gypsy jazz and folk. We are thrilled the trio will play for us in Dollar – do not miss this! 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!  
**The Gibson Hall, Dollar Academy, Dollar, FK14 7DU**

KINROSS-SHIRE PARTNERSHIP

# ? QUIZ ?

ALL FUNDS WILL SUPPORT LOCAL CAUSES

**SATURDAY 15TH  
NOVEMBER**

**MILNATHORT TOWN HALL**

DOORS OPEN 7PM - QUIZ STARTS 7:30PM

**TICKETS £10PP  
£100 PRIZE FOR  
WINNING TEAM**

PLUS RUNNER UP PRIZES

TEAMS OF 4-6 PLAYERS

BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED BY MESSAGING THE FACEBOOK PAGE, OR VISITING CELEBRATIONS IN KINROSS

## Gaelic Society of Perth

THE NEXT CÈILIDH of the season will be on 7 November at 7.30pm at St Matthew's Church, Tay St, Perth. We will have a stunning line up of singers and performers – all fresh back from the Mòd in Fort William - including Mòd Gold Medal winners Wilma Kennedy and Calum Angus MacDonald. Music will be provided by Stella Wilkie on the fiddle and we will also have a rare treat with the Inspire Highland Dancers! Come along and practice your Gaelic and enjoy the brilliant refreshments at half time – and a raffle! Admission on the door is £10 for non-members and £6 for members for a great evening's entertainment. Contact [acaroline1000@gmail.com](mailto:acaroline1000@gmail.com) for further information.

## MOBILE LIBRARY

**12 NOVEMBER**

[www.culturepk.org.uk/library/mobile-library](http://www.culturepk.org.uk/library/mobile-library)

<b>Kinnesswood (Opposite Shop)</b>	<b>09.30 – 10:00</b>
<b>Portmoak Hall</b>	<b>10:05 – 10:20</b>
<b>Scotlandwell (Leslie Road)</b>	<b>10:25 – 10:50</b>
<b>Levenmouth Farm</b>	<b>11:00 – 11:20</b>
<b>Causeway Court</b>	<b>11:40 – 12:00</b>
<b>Powmill (Mill Gardens)</b>	<b>13:20 – 13:40</b>
<b>Crook of Devon (Village Inn)</b>	<b>13:45 – 14:30</b>
<b>Carnbo (Pitcairnie Lane)</b>	<b>14:45 – 15:15</b>
<b>Whyte Court (Kinross)</b>	<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>

Contact us by phone on 01577 867205  
or by email at [lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk](mailto:lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk).

**BROKE  
NOT  
BROKEN**



## Christmas Hamper Donation List

Shortbread and Biscuit Tins  
Oatcakes, Crackers  
Jam and Chutneys  
Cranberry Sauce  
Turkey Gravy, Bread Sauce  
Seafood Sauce  
Christmas Pudding  
Mince Pies  
Christmas Cake  
Selection Boxes  
Chocolate and Sweeties  
Hot Chocolate & Marshmallows  
Sharing Crisps and Nuts  
Non-Alcoholic Festive Drinks  
Christmas Crackers and Napkins  
Gift Sets - small gift sets for  
adults and children



**P & K SCHOOL TERM DATES**  
In-Service Days: Thurs 13 / Fri 14 Nov  
Term Ends: Tues 23 Dec  
Christmas Hols: Wed 24 Dec - Tues 6 Jan

Pre-Christmas Coach Trip to MacKinnon Mills  
Sunday 28 November 10am to 3pm  
Leave Kinross 10am and return 3pm  
To book and pay £20 call  
Helen Duncan on 01577 863248

### 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.



# Feast book tour

AYE WRITE FESTIVAL

MITCHELL LIBRARY, GLASGOW

SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 11.00AM

SCRAN KITCHEN, EASTGATE CENTRE

INVERNESS

TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 5.00PM

WEE BOOKSHOP, DOLLAR

SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 11.30AM

SCOTTISH PUBLISHER BOOK FAIR

NEW TOWN CHURCH, EDINBURGH

SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER, 11.30AM

WATERSTONES, DUNDEE

TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2.00PM



## 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).**

St. James Church is holding a St. Andrew's Day Coffee Morning on Saturday 15 November from 10 am to 12.30pm in St. James' Church Hall. All welcome.

Notices

**MOBILE POST VAN AT  
BUCHAN AVENUE,  
KINNESSWOOD**

**MONDAYS 13.45 till 14.45  
WEDNESDAYS 12.45 till 13.45**

**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>

**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.



**Baby & Toddler Groups**

<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p><i>Milnathort Babies and Toddlers</i> Orwell Church Hall 9.30 -11am</p> <p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p><i>Portmoak Babies and Toddlers</i> Portmoak Church Hall 9.45-11.30am</p> <p><i>Stepping Stones</i> Kinross Parish Church 10-11.30am</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p><i>Breast Buddies</i> Health Centre 10-12pm</p> <p><i>Glenfarg Babies and Toddlers</i> Village Hall 9.30am</p> <p><i>Muckhart Babies and Toddlers</i> Church Hall 9.30-11am</p> <p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p><i>Montgomery Toddlers</i> Kinross Gospel Hall 9.30 -11am</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p><i>Portmoak Babies and Toddlers</i> Portmoak Church Hall 9.45-11.30am</p> <p><i>Fossoway Babies and Toddlers</i> Crook of Devon Church Hall 9.30-11.30am</p> <p><i>Please let us know if you have any info to add to this list.</i></p>
---	--	---



**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

## Community Councils

**Cleish & Blairadam:** Chair: Francis Principe-Gillespie  
Email: [cleishandblairadamcc@gmail.com](mailto:cleishandblairadamcc@gmail.com)

**Fossoway & District:** Chair: Nicola Marchant  
Email: [fossoway.cc@gmail.com](mailto:fossoway.cc@gmail.com)

**Glenfarg:** Chair: Douglas Fraser  
Email: [secretary@glenfarg.org](mailto:secretary@glenfarg.org)

**Kinross:** Email: [kinrosscommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:kinrosscommunitycouncil@gmail.com)

**Milnathort & Orwell:** Chair: Neill Bingham  
Email: [communitycouncilmilnathort@gmail.com](mailto:communitycouncilmilnathort@gmail.com)

**Portmoak:** Chair: Andy Miller  
Email: [portmoakcommunitycouncil@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:portmoakcommunitycouncil@pkc.gov.uk)

## Kinross Community Councillors

David West	Chair
Bill Freeman	Vice Chair
Andrew Vaughan	Secretary
Margaret West	Treasurer
Members	Chris Willsher, Elliot Gilmour, Chris Collins, Lynne Mckay, Steve Sharp, Dave MacKenzie

Have a look at our website [www.kinrosscommunitycouncil.com](http://www.kinrosscommunitycouncil.com)

## Portmoak Community Councillors

Andy Miller	Chair	E: <a href="mailto:Chair@portmoak.org">Chair@portmoak.org</a>
Ann Davidson	Treasurer	
Sue McGregor	Secretary	E: <a href="mailto:secretary@portmoak.org">secretary@portmoak.org</a>
Dave Patterson	Member	
Kenneth Donaldson	Associated Member	

Have a look at our website [www.portmoak.org](http://www.portmoak.org)

## Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

**CLlr DAVE CUTHBERT** (*Independent*)  
Tel: 01738 475110  
Email: [dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:dcuthbert@pkc.gov.uk)  
Address: 85 Bowton Road, Kinross, KY13 8EG

**CLlr NEIL FRESHWATER** (*Scottish Conservative & Unionist*)  
Tel (office): 01738 475108  
Email: [nfreshwater@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:nfreshwater@pkc.gov.uk)  
[www.facebook.com/neil4kinrossshire](http://www.facebook.com/neil4kinrossshire)

**CLlr WILLIE ROBERTSON** (*Scottish Liberal Democrats*)  
Mobile: 07909 884042  
Email: [wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:wbrobertson@pkc.gov.uk)

**CLlr RICHARD WATTERS** (*SNP*)  
Mobile: 07557 812513  
Email: [rwatters@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:rwatters@pkc.gov.uk)

## Pete Wishart MP

### Member of Parliament for Perth and Kinross-shire

Constituency office: 63 Glasgow Road, Perth, PH2 0PE  
Telephone: 01738 639598  
Email: [Pete.wishart.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:Pete.wishart.mp@parliament.uk)

## Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire

### Jim Fairlie, MSP

Constituency office: 63 Glasgow Road, Perth, PH2 0PE  
Telephone: 01738 620540  
Email: [Jim.Fairlie.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Jim.Fairlie.msp@parliament.scot)

## Members of the Scottish Parliament for Mid Scotland and Fife Region

All MSPs can be contacted at the following address:  
The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

**Claire Baker MSP** (Labour)  
Email: [claire.baker.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:claire.baker.msp@parliament.scot)

**Murdo Fraser MSP** (Conservative)  
Email: [murdo.fraser.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:murdo.fraser.msp@parliament.scot)

**Roz McCall MSP** (Conservative)  
Email: [roz.McCall.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:roz.McCall.msp@parliament.scot)

**Alex Rowley MSP** (Labour)  
Email: [alex.rowley.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:alex.rowley.msp@parliament.scot)

**Mark Ruskell MSP** (Green)  
Email: [mark.ruskell.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:mark.ruskell.msp@parliament.scot)

**Liz Smith MSP** (Conservative)  
Email: [elizabeth.smith.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:elizabeth.smith.msp@parliament.scot)

**Alexander Stewart MSP** (Conservative)  
Email: [alexander.stewart.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:alexander.stewart.msp@parliament.scot)

## KINROSS GARDEN GROUP

### 2025/26 Season

Thursday 13 November 2pm

Parish Church, Kinross.

**Dorothy Warren – the Foraging Faerie  
‘Foraging – plants and potions’**

All welcome to join us.

## GRANTS FOR GOOD CAUSES

**Kinross Community Council  
Newsletter Limited (KCCNL),  
Charity No. SC040913**



All profits from the *Newsletter* are transferred to a charitable company, KCCNL, and given away to local good causes. Groups and individuals are invited to apply to KCCNL for grant funding. Decisions on grants are made at two meetings per year. The deadlines for grant applications are:

**31 March and 30 September**

More information at [kinrosscommunitycouncil.com](http://kinrosscommunitycouncil.com)

# Diary

## November

Mon	3	<b>Carnbo Hall Talk: Dorothy Thomson: The making of <i>The Barony of Burleigh</i></b>
Tues	4	U3A meetings, 2pm at KPC
Tues	4	Climate Cafe, library
Tues	4	<b>Kinross Handcraft Circle, Gateside Memorial Hall, 9.45 - 12.15</b>
Tues	4	Fossoway Community Council meets
Thurs	6	<b>AGM: Kinnesswood in Bloom</b>
Sat	8	Comedy Night
Sat/Sun	8/9	Arts@StPaul's Exhibitions
Sat/Sun	8/9	Book Sale, Dollar Museum
Sat/Sun	8/9	<b>Kinross and Ochil Walking Group Meets – see clubs entry</b>
Sun	9	Remembrance Sunday Events
Sun	9	Portmoak Film Society shows Nosferatu
Sun	9	Choirs Together Concert, Campus
Mon	10	Kinross Community Council meets
Tues	11	<b>Kinross Handcraft Circle, Macrame Workshop, Gateside Memorial Hall, 9.45 - 15.00</b>
Tues	11	Portmoak Community Council meets
Thurs	13	Garden Group meets, see Club Entry
Thurs	13	Milnathort and Orwell Community Council meets
Thurs	13/14	Inservice days, PKC schools closed to pupils
Fri	14	Newsletter Deadline for November issue
Sat	15	St James Church, St Andrews Coffee Morning
Sat	15	<b>Kinross Partnership Quiz, Milnathort Town Hall</b>
Sat/Sun	15/16	Arts@StPaul's Exhibitions
Sun	16	Anthony Toner, Milnathort Town Hall
Mon	17	Ten Minute Tales (Book Week Scotland Event, library)
Tues	18	Dr Sandy Winterbottom (Book Week Scotland Event, library)
Tues	18	<b>Kinross Handcraft Circle, Gateside Memorial Hall, 9.45 - 12.15</b>
Wed	19	Carnbo Coffee and Chat 10-12am
Thurs	20	Heather Critchlow (Book Week Scotland Event, library)
Thurs	20	<b>AGMs: Kinross &amp; District Town Twinning Association &amp; Tennis Club</b>
Fri	21	Quiz Night, Carnbo Hall
Sat	22	<b>Festive Market, Campus 10-3</b>
Sat	22	Civic Trust Dinner: see clubs entry
Sun	23	Elisabeth Gifford (Book Week Scotland Event, library)
Mon	24	Cleish and Blairadam Community Council meets
Wed	26	<b>Kinross Kacophony Orchestra Concert, Campus</b>
Fri	28	Eddie Reader, Campus
Sat	29	<b>Kinross Christmas Lights Switch on, Greens Car Park 6.30pm</b>

**The Kinross Newsletter** is available from:

<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 Store</b>	Crook of Devon
<b>Fossoway Garage</b>	Crook of Devon
<b>Mona's Coffee Shop</b>	Muckhart
<b>Powmill Stores</b>	Powmill
<b>Loch Leven's Larder</b>	Near Wester Balgedie
<b>Glenfarg Village Shop</b>	Glenfarg