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Editorial

Hi All,

Welcome to the September edition of the Newsletter. We realise that the Newsletter has been missing, however, following the community council meeting last week, hopefully things are now back on track.

This will be my last edition as editor of the newsletter. Due to various other commitments, I have decided to stand down. An announcement on the new editor shall follow shortly.

There are a lot of positive things going on in the community at the moment, and there are several interesting articles in here.

The front cover shows the re-opening of the bowling green, having been closed since Covid. There is a new surface which looks great and Tuesday evening sessions have been well attended.

We couldn't produce the newsletter without the input of the community so please keep your articles, big or small, coming in. I'd like to thank all who have supported me in this role over the last few years.

Geoff.

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The Glenfarg Newsletter



Purpose

The Glenfarg Newsletter is a quarterly magazine published by the community, for the community.

Why not advertise your business, community group or event, or tell us about what's happening in our wonderful wee village?

And whatever you want to know, from bins and busses to buying local, pick up a copy today! (Suggested donation £1)

Publications

Copies are available in the village shop and in various libraries and social spaces on the 1st of March, June, September and December.

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month prior to publication.

People

- In-Bloom (GDIB)
- Community Cinema
- Community Transport (GCTG)
- Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- Scottish Women's Institute
- Community Council



Places

- Village Hall
- Wallace Park
- Arngask Primary
- Arngask Church

Projects

- Village Inn Co.
- Water Treatment Works
- Greener Glenfarg
- Community Centre



Get Involved!

The Newsletter is produced by a voluntary editorial team and funded by the Glenfarg Community Council.

We welcome your contributions, from photographs to full articles

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For advertising, please contact philip.ponton@btconnect.com

To join our team, please contact newsletter@glenfarg.org
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SWI

Scottish Women's Institutes

We are back following our summer break on Thursday 12th of September at 2pm in Glenfarg Village Hall and look forward to hearing what you've been doing over the summer. We have an exciting new programme and competitions are listed below leading up to Christmas.

New members and visitors are always welcome, a relaxed afternoon every month with a range of speakers on a variety of topics ending up with a cup of tea and some cake.

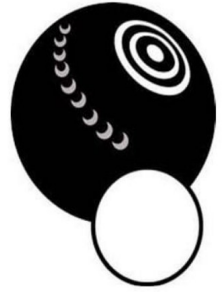
12 th September	Money For Nothing Alfie Peterson	Competitions: 3 Cheese Scones, Upcycled Item Flower of the Month
10 th October	Origami Harumi & Tae	Competitions: Autumn Crumble, Papercraft Item Flower of the Month
14 th November	14 th November 2024 <u>Open Meeting 7pm</u> Distillery Baggers Helen & Andy Chambers	Competitions: Boozy Trifle, Bottle Opener & An Autumn Leaf Bottle Tombola
12 th December	Christmas Party & Entertainment	Secret Santa Wrapped Gift (max £5) 3 Mince Pies

Members Annual Subscription is being held at £30 for another year & visitors pay £4 If you require any more information you can contact me on:

Tel 07771632830 Linda Martin (President)



Glenfarg Bowling Club



Following extensive works to the playing surface, Glenfarg Bowling Club are pleased to announce that opening day was 1st June 2024. This is the first time since Covid restrictions that games have resumed on Glenfarg bowling green.



It has been excellent to see such a turn out to evening sessions and Opening day. Why not come along and give it a try.

Sessions are held on Tuesday evenings. It's £1 per session and bowls are available. Sessions are held at 6.45pm. Hope to see you there.



Glenfarg Curling Club



Glenfarg Curling Club summer BBQ social . A fun afternoon and evening had by all and a huge thank you to Foundation Scotland Kinross-Shire Fund which has enabled the club to offer introduction to curling sessions this season! Foundation Scotland are to give 8 local residents aged between 30 - 50 years "three free curling sessions " the dates are

Try Curling. 26/10/24. 12.15 pm

Beginners 1. 02/11/24. 12.15 pm

Beginners 2. 01/12/24 12.15 pm

All transport and coaching included.

Ideally we need the participants to take part in all 3 sessions
We have 4 recruits already but to meet the conditions of the grant committee we need to have 8!!! So still seeking another 4 people
If interested could you email camgaudin1@gmail.com



The aim of the sessions, is to introduce you to curling in a fun and safe environment. So come on , give it try .



GLENFARG & DUNCRIEVIE IN BLOOM



Our mission is to improve the image of our villages.

We are approaching our 20th anniversary next year and, over the years, have won several awards, including in 2019 - a Gold, a Silver Gilt and a special award for biggest improvement.

Our active committee works together with the Glenfarg Improvement Team (affectionately-named the GITS) and a host of willing volunteers who tidy up our streets and park areas as well as devising clever planting schemes to make the village blossom into colour every summer. PKC estimate that there are approximately 25,000 hours of volunteering annually from In Bloom groups across Perth & Kinross and GDIB is proud to have contributed generously to this number.

- **Update**

We had a challenging year as the weather didn't do us any favours and washed out most of the autumn plants, resulting in a disappointing display in the spring. You may have noticed the baskets at Dupplin have disappeared. Two of the timber poles snapped with the weight of the baskets when the reservoirs were full. They were removed for safety reasons and we're not in a financial position to replace them with metal posts in time for this summer. We still have four baskets at Marindin and four at the south verge which will, of course, be planted up. Storms damaged the greenhouse at No.1 so the Dahlia tubers (which we had intended to save for this year) were flooded with rain and we lost the lot.

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- **Retirements**

Three of our longest-serving members have hung up their GDIB trowels in retirement. Kate and John Armstrong, who were instrumental in setting GDIB up when they called a public meeting in October 2005 and Brian Harrison who served on the committee since 2015.

We are also sad to lose Douglas Fraser from the committee. He has contributed a huge amount in the last few years, including working with Duke if Edinburgh Award girls. We are really needing younger, fitter and enthusiastic people to join us. If you feel you have something to offer, please contact a member of the GDIB committee or email our Secretary at ashton.doreen@yahoo.com.

- **New appointments**

We're delighted to announce that Rosemary Johnston has been appointed our new treasurer and Janet MacKenzie is our new PR person. We extend a warm welcome to both and wish them every success in their new and important roles.

- **Bloomers at work**



If you're out and about in Glenfarg, you're likely to see the "bloomers" in their wellies, digging out, sweeping up and getting the planters ready for the summer. Plants and compost are ready, tools have been sharpened, sun is shining, watering and mowing rotas are set up, Monty (our watering vehicle) is on standby and we're all set to complete the summer planting by the second week in June. We are always looking for extra help, especially during this busy period.

- **Summer planting**

Despite our challenges, we achieved many successes. Last summer we experimented with different plant types which resulted in some very pretty floral displays and received many positive comments from the public.



- **Summer shindig**



A huge thanks to all who contributed plants so generously for our plant stall at the summer shindig and of course to all of you who visited our stall and bought them.

We had a lovely day meeting such pleasant people and being part of a very community spirited event. Thank you all very much for your support.

Glenfarg Community Transport Group



Introducing The 23 Bus – the 55’s baby sister...

The timetables for the new 23 Bus service between Kinross and Tillicoultry and the amended 55 Bus service between Kinross and Perth have now commenced.

The two services are linked and when The 55 arrives at the Kinross Park and Ride from Perth/Glenfarg, the same bus will run on to Tillicoultry as The 23. On the way back from Tillicoultry, there will be a 15 minute break at the Park and Ride and the bus will then run on to Perth. Through fares are available between all stops along the 23 and 55 routes and National Entitlement Cards will be accepted. Credit cards and cash are also accepted and there will be a number of discount options (return, 10 trip and Free Bus Saturday on first Saturday of month).

So why not give it a try and get back into the habit of using THE BUS? From Glenfarg you can now get to the Outlets and Sterling Furniture Warehouse in Tillicoultry, or try some of the cafes in Dollar. Hillwalkers are using the bus regularly. Connect in Tillicoultry with the 52 to Stirling (or Alloa) and enjoy a big day out. We now have three accessible buses – watch out for them : TH55BUS; KS55BUS; TY55BUS. Full details can be found on www.GlenfargCT.co.uk and leaflets and QR code cards will be available on the buses and at strategic places along the route. Watch our Social

Media to see how things go and let us know what you think.

On a more mundane note, some of you may have found issues with concession cards being refused. For some unknown reason some cards are being corrupted and are not working on some services. Lothian Buses, First Bus, Ember and Glenfarg Community Transport Group have so far been affected. Transport Scotland and PKC are aware of the issue but if your card fails you will need to request a replacement from PKC by phoning 01738 475000 - they will provide a replacement card within one week. During this time, we can issue manual concessions and won't refuse travel.

See you on board soon...





Glenfarg Community Cinema

in
Glenfarg Village Hall

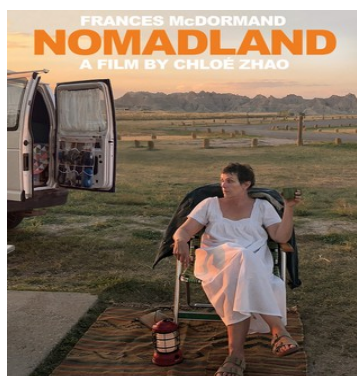
Come along and watch films with friends and neighbours

Bring some wine, a cushion, make yourself at home. There will be tea, coffee, biscuits, ices and plenty of chat in the interval.



September 13th

We start the season with a look at how tennis superstars Venus and Serena Williams became who they are. Will Smith won the Best Actor Oscar for his portrayal of their Dad, Richard, who fought for them to have opportunities that were being denied.



October 11th

Nomadland

A woman in her sixties, having lost everything, embarks on a journey through the American West, living as a modern-day nomad in her van. Swept the board at 2021 Oscars

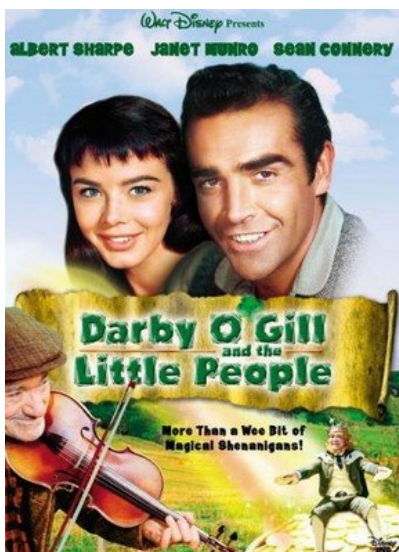


November 8th

Nowhere Special

John, a 35 year old window cleaner, is given only a few months to live. He sets out to find a new, perfect family for his three-year-old son, determined to shield him from the reality of the situation.

Stars James Norton (Happy Valley, Mr Jones, Little Women)



December 6th

Darby O'Gill and the Little People

The 1959 film which saw a young Sean Connery in his first romantic lead on film. This is a fantasy adventure, produced by Walt Disney, about an elderly Irishman's battle with the King of the Leprechauns.

Doors Open 7pm for 7.30pm start

Tickets £5 at Village Shop

Or at the door

Friends of Wallace Park

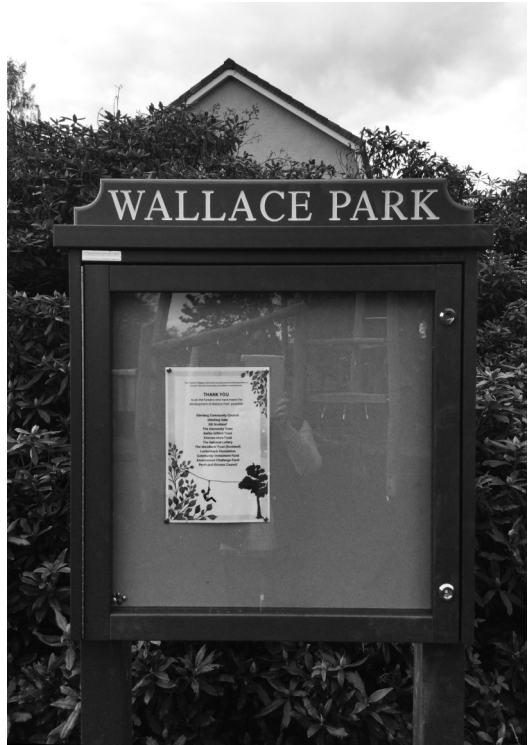
The Friends of Wallace Park are delighted to announce the completion of the park improvement project. It's taken longer than we hoped due to lockdown, changes of personnel in the Council and a few long winters.

The last phase has included 2 new picnic benches and a noticeboard with some featured climbing boulders still to arrive.

The noticeboard now contains a note of thanks and a list of all the fundraisers who have donated to the project. It has been their generous donations that have helped us to deliver developments in the park as you prioritised in the various community engagements over the last few years.



Posters about events in the park, either information on events to come or photos of past events, can be added to the noticeboard. Why not make use of your park for a get-together and advertise it on the noticeboard? In recent weeks the Mothers and Toddlers group have held a picnic and the Freewheelers have organised a bike training obstacle course for the kids.



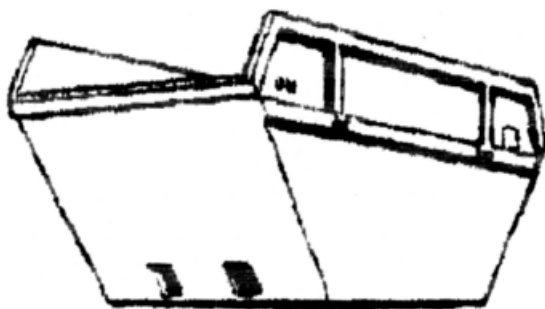
The Friends of Wallace Park committee will soon have completed their '5 year mission to boldly go...' and will retire gracefully into blue yonder.

We hope the improvements to the park are enjoyed by all over the years to come.

Richard, Janet, Margaret and Daniel



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Solar Panels for the Community Centre

The community centre trustees have been working with Greener Glenfarg to source funding for solar roof panels and batteries which will greatly reduce the centre's energy bills. Our case for funding was 'Greener Glenfarg Community Centre through decarbonisation with a solar panel and battery system. Improve the centre's financial and environmental sustainability'. It is expected that the batteries will store around 3 hours' worth of energy, which would cope with the evening bookings in the hall. This means that it should be possible to keep down the cost of hire at times of rising energy costs. The panels are capable of generating enough energy for an EV charge point in the future. It also contributes to our status as a 'green community'.



So far, several funding applications have been successful - £36,383 from the Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES), £2,930 from the Green Living Fund, and £3,500 from the Lochelbank Windfarm Fund. Arngask Hall Trustees and Greener Glenfarg thank the funders for their support. Now that the planning consent has been passed works shall start shortly.

Arngask Home Farm

We are pleased to say that our Pub and Grub night was an absolute success. We were delighted to have CAR-TEL—Mexican Street Food and their meals were very positively received.

Although the weather was bright, it did get a bit chilly later on. The log burner in the barn was much appreciated by many, as they sampled a nice selection of drinks from our bar.

These evenings are all about bringing the community together.



The horse box is packed full of goodies! Caramac AND Biscoff brownies, FRESH BREAD and pastries, carrots, beetroot, pork, lamb, beef, chicken and all the other usual bits!

Following previous events, we are very aware of the problems experienced within the village regarding traffic etc.

As a result of all of your feedback, we're delighted to announce a very big change for Arngask Home Farm! We're thrilled to be partnering with Old Fargie Farm and the exceptionally generous Doig family who will for this year, be hosting our Christmas Market in their large tattie barns. This means a number of things - more space, on farm parking and the opportunity to grow this event even more. This means more shopping, more food options, more epic Christmas experiences and hopefully a wonderful time of celebration.

We will hopefully be working alongside the Glenfarg Community Transport group to allow for shuttles from the village for the community too.

We're so pleased that we've been able to find this solution, particularly to ease the parking in Glenfarg.

Pop it in your diaries - 7th and 8th of December!



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Binn Ecopark

Greener Glenfarg arranged a visit on the Community Bus to the Binn Ecopark in mid-May to see what's going on down the Glen. Originally, two MacGregor brothers rented a couple of fields at Binn on the east side of the Glen. They developed a herd of cattle and butchery business gaining a considerable reputation and expanded their landholding below Binn Hill. Allan MacGregor initially rented a couple of skips and diversified the business into waste management. Through the family's impressive entrepreneurship, energy and commitment, three generations now own and operate the largest independent, integrated, recycling and waste management services in the UK – as well as continuing to run a farm alongside their state-of-the-art recycling facilities!



Sixteen of us were welcomed by Eilis Stevenson at the Reception area and then divided into groups for a tour round the facilities. The second tour group was given

a whistle stop introduction by John Ferguson (Applied Environmentalist) to the innovative projects being developed by the Binn Group. Energy is being produced at Binn from the four turbines operated by GreenCat; from methane collected from the now closed and restored landfill site; from wood which is chipped by Suez and goes to biofuel production in Glenrothes; and from food waste processed by an-aerobic digestion to produce digestate and electricity by Earnside Energy. Energy production will be considerably increased in 2026 when the incinerator/energy from waste plant becomes operational. It is currently being built on site by Parprec Energies, a French company that has invested £120 million in the project in conjunction with the Binn Group.



In association with the Hutton Institute, St Andrews University and TayPlan, the Group are developing innovative, sustainable food production techniques that will be powered by the incinerator to provide a local and regional, resilient food supply source.

Our new grey bins that collect plastics go through a separation system that uses blown air to divide plastics by weight, so that they can be assigned to different recycling processes. This is currently carried out in Dunfermline. Binn has consent for an advanced plastic recycling plant which is being developed on site to contribute to local processing, and develop sophisticated chemical and mechanical treatment of plastics.

During our tour we were shown the different parts of the site allocated to these various waste recycling processes: wood being chipped by Suez for RWE's biofuel

plant in Glenrothes; windrow composting of garden waste; food waste being processed by Earnside Energy; soil and aggregate separation and processing; metals; glass; and other inert waste separation; as well as the main waste reception area for all the heavy skips from which waste is separated on 2 hand operated picking and separation lines. About 160 people are employed by the Group across the site.

It is a hugely impressive operation – dedicated to recognising that what we traditionally have called ‘waste’ is actually a critical resource that needs careful separation and management to ensure a more sustainable world. The MacGregor family are well known in the village and have contributed generously over the years to various initiatives. The full extent of their visionary enterprise may be less well known. Greener Glenfarg are going to explore ways in which we in the village can strengthen our connections with this exemplary sustainable organisation on our doorstep.



PS An aside passed on from Councilor Watters at a recent Community Council meeting is that the PKC currently get money back from the contractor dealing with our plastic waste because we clean our plastic waste so well!

Horse-drawn cart outside the Bein Inn, Glenfarg, 1905. The 'Famous Bein Inn' was initially built as a resting place for travellers in the days of coaching on the traditional route north from Edinburgh to the Highlands.



Greener Glenfarg

Green Living Fund

We had applied to this fund for running costs, to allow Greener Glenfarg to operate in the coming months. As it was a 'participatory budget', members of the community were then asked to vote for those community projects which they felt worthwhile. And we were one of the successful ones! Many thanks to everyone who voted for us.

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Visit to Binn EcoPlant

Following on from our January event, when we invited John Ferguson to speak to us, a visit was arranged to see the EcoPark for ourselves. Sixteen of us took the community bus up to the site and were treated to personal tours led by members of the staff and family. Read the full story on Page 28

As there was not space for everyone who wanted to attend, we are hoping to arrange another visit. But the EcoPark is also considering holding an Open Day.

Glenfarg Grow Club

The Grow Club has now repaired the raised beds in The Green, by the side wall of the Community Centre. They have been planted with fruit, vegetables and herbs. The club meets at least on the last Sunday of each month, 4pm either in the hall or by the raised beds. We tend the beds, share seeds, cuttings, plants – and learn from each other's experiences. For more information contact maudswanson@gmail.com

Kinross-shire Climate Café

In May, we attended a talk by Andrew Finn on the Kinross Raingardens Trail. The first raingarden was created in 2021/22 at the Park & Ride with a wild meadow being planted. Since then, new raingardens have appeared – the Church View Wetland, the Clash Burn Wetland and a raingarden at the South Queich catchment.

Andrew explained the principles of Raingardens which capture rain water

and slow down rapid drainage to prevent flooding and support biodiversity. A simple idea that is becoming more important with the increase in hard standing over the past years now posing real problems for increased amounts of rainfall.

You will find a useful map and information at The Kinross-shire Civic Trust website <https://www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org/>

Repair Cafe

We considered setting up a repair café in Glenfarg, but with only a few repair volunteers coming forward, we decided to put our support behind the Kinross Repair Café. The next café will be in Milnathort Town Hall on Saturday 29th June, 10 till 2. For more information, see the article on page 38

The Big Plastic Count

Did you take part in the Big Plastic Count in March? And where you concerned about the plastic statistics then sent to you by Greenpeace - 60% incinerated, 12% landfill, only 15% recycled in the UK? Don't let this put you off using your grey bin. Those were national statistics.

Perth & Kinross Council have contracted a company in Dunfermline to sort the contents of your bin, which is then sold on to appropriate places for recycling - meaning that nobody would be paying good money just to incinerate or landfill. And Councillor Watters tells us that the cleanliness of the contents of your bins has resulted in a refund for PKC. Well done Glenfarg!

Arngask Primary School

We are pleased to have been able to support the school in regaining their Green Flag status. Pupils, staff, parents and volunteers spent a productive afternoon sweeping and weeding the school grounds.



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Kinross-shire Repair Café - “Throw it away? No way”

Repair cafe is a free community event, where people bring everyday items to get them repaired under supervision of experienced volunteer repairers. The idea is that participants will learn repair skills by taking part in or watching a repair process. The repairs that are accepted are not complex - the repair café will not take business away from local professional repairers.

MSP Jim Fairlie opened the first local repair café in Kinross-shire. At this repair café 16 items were repaired which saved 22 kg from waste, and was estimated to reduce local emissions by 94.5 kg of carbon dioxide. Thank you to all who participated and supported that event.

The second repair café was held at Milnathort Town Hall on 29th June. There were two demonstrations on the day:

- replacing a squash racket grip
- simple pottery repairs

The next repair café will be held on Sunday 22nd September in Milnathort Town Hall, 10am to 2pm. The services will be provided on a first come first served basis, so if it is busy you might need to wait. If you bring more than one item and we are busy, we will only service one item at a time. Hence you will need to wait for the repair of the second item.

While you wait – we offer a pop-up climate café which offers refreshments (tea/coffee and biscuits) and a friendly chat.

Repair Café is a free event, but if you require a new part – this will need to be paid for. Although we do not charge for the repair, we will collect donations towards hall hire and running costs of the future

cafes.

We hope that Volunteer Repairers will offer the following type of repairs:



textiles and hand darning,
laptop repairs (basic software and hardware solutions),
small electronic items that run on batteries (radios),
small household items
and small electric items.

On arrival – please come to the Reception to register the item(s) to be repaired and sign a waiver form. The item will then get assessed by the repair volunteer whether it is repairable. Not every item can be repaired due to design restrictions or the complexity of some jobs.

Although we will try our best it is important to be prepared that we might not be able to help.



It is important to register the item, which will be weighed as this allows us to monitor the amount of waste that we are saving, which is reported back to our funders (see information below). This is also done for insurance reasons as repair cafes provide free service hence the repairs may not conform to professional standards (explained in the waiver agreement).

Repair café offers a Swap Shop – an opportunity to exchange good quality and clean unwanted item(s) for a different item of clothing. Everyone can use the Swap Shop - either bring your item of clothing (make sure it is in a good condition) to exchange for something in the shop or simply make a small donation. This month we have a selection of light clothes for summer, a good selection of small maternity clothes and children shoes.

We would like to thank the Community Investment Fund and the Green Living Fund for their financial support.

Glenfarg Freewheelers encouraging Active Travel and a lot of fun



Whether you are helping save the planet, becoming more active, keeping up with family members, making cycling a social event, improving your mental health or just getting out in our fabulous countryside and easily getting up our hills....e-biking will be for you!

Glenfarg Freewheelers was initiated by Greener Glenfarg group and linked with Energy Saving Trust last year, borrowing 3 e-bikes from their Dundee project. This was very successful and all three bikes were lent out for most of the 8 week period. Our star borrowers were Jackie and Sheena who started on journies around the park and were soon to be seen making their way up to Deuglie and on to Dunning.



Having linked with Greener Glenfarg and Glenfarg Community Transport Group, we decided to have our own Community group which we named Glenfarg Freewheelers. We are key to the Active Travel agenda – encouraging us all to use bikes and walking as an alternative to cars. There are now 7 of us on the committee – Tara, Sheona, David, Robert, Mike, Debbie and Pierette. And we have been working hard even if the sun has been slow to break through the rain and clouds.

We have been very fortunate that so many organisations and funding bodies have helped us to get started. We are very grateful and hope many people in our community will make full use of this generosity. Many thanks to all of them. Two fold up

bikes were donated which we have upgraded - entirely due to all of you in this community who voted for the project through the Green Living Fund These now have new and bigger batteries and are a small size so great to start your e bike journey on. They are the most easily transported, folding up into the boot of a car. Mark at Sinclair cycles has been a great partner in the project and made a good job on these two bikes and others. Infact some borrowers have started on our bikes and quickly decided to [invest in the same VOLT bikes through him. Bloomfield Bikes in Abernethy](#) have been very helpful too with good ideas for encouraging cycling.

Energy Saving Trust then closed their projects and thanks to Sheonas quick response, donated 6 bikes to our community project. Some of these are in great condition and a few have needed some repair work. This is good news because we need practice at the practical maintenance of the bikes. We have been incredibly fortunate because Neill MacDonald from Sustrans has been running invaluable monthly training sessions on bike mechanics for the group (between his bike races and brass band commitments). Soon members of the village can join these sessions and he is offering to run a bike maintenance session for the village as a fund raiser towards tools and parts.



We have had great support from Lochel bank windfarm who firstly funded a phone to help make the booking system easier. The Lochel bank community fund have now generously awarded a grant to purchase a gravel bike for us to use on off road surfaces. By the time

you read this article, the new bike will be safely stored in the village, ready for the first customer to head off on wilder routes. For storage, Sustrans have funded a secure Bikenest like those in Perth and other cities, which will soon be erected in village hall grounds and we are looking forward to its arrival, next to the bike shelter.



So we now have a great fleet of 8, soon 9, community e bikes which any adult in the community can borrow if you are a confident cyclist. There are 2 fold ups, 2 cross-bars, a variety of step throughs and not forgetting the gravel bike . The bikes have been used fairly regularly already – for work, leisure, fitness, and a new way to get to a coffee shop and deserve the cake! We like to lend them for longer periods 3 days or more, but if you have a special request for a longer loan then please just talk to us

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Very soon we will have a website - watch the space on **www.glenfarg.org**

Upcoming events:

We will be encouraging groups of cyclists to join together and take bikes out. We cant organise leaders for these rides for insurance purposes but any group of people can use the facebook page to suggest a ride .. and get the bikes booked out.

We will let you know when we will be running a repair workshop – to learn how to fix punctures, chains and more. Please let us know if you are interested.

Dr Bike day was a blast with huge thanks to Neill and Ally from Sustrans!. 16 bikes were repaired checked and revived so children are safer (i.e. they can stop) and adults will get onto their bikes. The village hall gardens were a perfect place for people to gather , have coffee and cakes, try bikes out, and display our impressive fleet of e bikes . Thanks to the GITS for getting the garden in great shape. We raised over £100 funds for tools and parts for bikes. One of the main reasons that people



don't bike is need for repairs and repair knowledge. We are collecting names for bike maintenance evenings to get more people out on (or off) the roads.

The afternoon saw Ally provide an amazing array of obstacles ramps and games for about 20 kids who would have stayed all day. The park was full of families and kids

being active and learning. We were all left wishing it was a permanent feature. Meanwhile Freewheelers Pierette and John went for a ride round Arngask/Old Fargie loop with 5 riders ..a good round for fun, gaining confidence, and fitness.



Donations: We are reliant on donations for repairs and maintenance. We have no income apart from that. We ask for a suggested donation of £3 a day. (30/05/24: Dundee – Electric Bikes Scotland charges £55 per day (24 hours) and Edinburgh – Cycle Scotland charges £50 per day.) We keep the cost low to encourage people to use the bikes as much as possible and the aim is to make them accessible to all. We will do most of the maintenance ourselves to keep the running costs low but we are looking for funding currently to help us purchase necessary tools.

Please do contact us and come and try the bikes out. We would love to see the whole fleet out and about and discovering the joys of the countryside around

us – and the convenient coffee stops enroute!

Looking forward to seeing you!

Tara Winterton, Sheona Stewart, Pierette Melville,

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Glenfarg Community Council Minutes

Glenfarg Community Council Business Meeting 7:30pm,
Monday 2nd September 2024, Glenfarg Village Hall.

Attendees: CCLrs Fraser, Pilmer, Christie, Ponton, Macleod, Smart. PKC Cllrs Watters and Robertson. VHC Chair Macpherson and 12 members of the public.

Welcome by the GCC Chair Fraser.

1. Apologies: PKC Cllrs Cuthbert and Freshwater, CCLlr Murray, Police Scotland PC Samson.

2. Approval of last Business Meeting Minutes

CCLrs Fraser and Macleod 09/07/2024.

3. Police Report

In PC Samson's absence CCLlr Pilmer advised on the following since the beginning of July:

13 calls and one road traffic offence reported. Traffic statistics: Community officers are aware of complaints about speeding having stopped a driver on the 24th July who has been reported to the COPFS. Police Scotland will make every effort to carry out speed checks across the area during their patrols.

A continued presence is being taken in the area of Balvaird Castle in view of previous vandalism.

Check out the Twitter page of @PSOPerthKin or

#KinrossCPT and feel free to follow.

Community Team Activity

We, Police Scotland, often post on our Twitter page @PSOSPerthKin with updates on what we are doing out and about in the local area under #KinrossCPT. Please feel free to follow us!

Kinross CPT would encourage members of the public to sign up to rural watch Scotland (www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk) and neighbourhood watch Scotland (www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk) for updates and alerts on local issues, crime prevention advice etc

When operationally possible the local Community Policing team shall make a visit to the Village Hall Coffee morning on a Thursday.

4. Correspondence and Action Points

Correspondence

CCllr Pilmer reported the following:

Community Investment Fund Meeting and application was being addressed by CCllr Fraser.

SHARE (NHS) the Scottish Health Register for research is looking for healthy volunteers to be signed up for research. Posters will be made public to circulate details by the end of September via media routes and the GCC/Village Hall notice boards too.

Binn Eco Park Community Turbines Meeting. Following an

invite to this meeting it is to be attended by CCllrs Ponton and Pilmer in mid September.

PKC Insurance form for Public Liability and other categories. Completed and sent to PKC by CCllr Pilmer

Scottish Water has issued an updated Traffic Management Plan. CCllr Pilmer outlined the categories as stated and the document can be viewed as an Addendum. Categories referred to are: Private access Road Traffic lights, A Crossing Officer, Anti-skid surface on Church Brae, School Bus access, Signage on the Private access Road to the WTW. Access to properties.

Action Points

Gazebos. Contact details for the Farm owner storing the items were passed to GCC Chair. Visit to farm storage building took place by CCllr Fraser. Further comment in AOCB.

Path in field at the top of Church Brae. CCllr Pilmer passed on the contact details of the landowner to CCllr Fraser

Greenbank Rd. Refer to Item 5. Public complaint

Speed watch campaign media letter. Two further members of the public have declared an interest. Details passed to CCllr Ponton who is the local facilitator.

Village Newsletter. Editor and Reporter Positions advertised on local media, VH and GCC notice boards. One member of the public has been suggested for the Editorial role and this will be discussed between that person and CCllr Ponton.

The Tree Stump. CCllr Fraser reported that the tree stump in

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the River Farg, adjacent to the Village Pond, has been removed by PKC.

Defibrillator - sourcing replacement Defibrillators batteries. Has now been completed. An additional Defibrillator to be installed at the WTW by Scottish Water.

Wallace Park. The “walk around” to agree areas for grass cutting and areas that are to be left alone has taken place. Thanks to PKC Cllr Watters and CCllr Ponton. Cllr Watters explained further that PKC do have herbaceous plants, mixed wild flowering seeds and trees available for rewilding areas.

Binn Wood offer to GCC. CCllr Pilmer reported that he had written to the original person responsible for the offer but has not had any reply to date. PKC Cllr Robertson was thanked for providing details of a member of the public’s contact details (assistance for terms of ownership and maintenance) for a similar venture.

Dog incident. CCllr Pilmer reported that he had published a copy of a Public Leaflet on to the village Facebook page.

5. Public Complaint

Safety and environmental concerns were raised regarding activities relating to Social Housing properties on Greenbank Road. The matter as discussed related to a great concern regarding the use of the properties for an ongoing vehicular business within their boundary grounds. PKC Cllrs referred to Tenancy Agreements and it was agreed that the matter lies wholly with PKC and their Housing department. PKC Cllrs are to raise the safety, environmental and other concerns with PKC Housing. Additionally, the matter of ve-



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ehicles parked on Public roads was discussed that may or may not have a legal basis to be so parked. Police Scotland's advice is that a vehicle not having a current MOT can be reported to Police Scotland. Any vehicle not Road Taxed can be reported to the DVLA. Any vehicle that may be associated with a status of being abandoned can be reported to PKC who will take the necessary course of action to remove it. One vehicle on Main Street is to be reported to PKC via PKC Cllrs. As a further point of notification Caravans (detached) cannot be left on public roads for long periods of time.

6. Meetings – Virtual and Public

Stronger Communities Network. CCllr Pilmer reported that he had attended a Stronger Communities Network meeting at the end of August and explained the Wellbeing topics that were covered.

Foundation Scotland Live Seminar for Microgrant applications. CCllr Pilmer reported that he had partaken in a virtual event, at the end of August, involving 42 Community Council representatives who were subdivided in to 4 groups and led through a series of presentations covering best practice for Microgrant Applications. The aim was to achieve consistency across Scotland.

Kinross-shire Meeting. CCllr Smart reported that they had attended a Kinross-shire meeting that covered: Eco Wilding Scheme, Sustainable and Active Travel. Speed Limit Plans to have dedicated 20mph within the communities throughout Scotland. A map of the roads that would be affected in Glenfarg was distributed and it was agreed that further calming measures could be appropriate on the Main Street. An extension of a 40mph from Glenfarg to the Beinn Inn was sug-

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gested and this was to be fed back to the relevant Transport contact for PKC.

Scottish Water & GCC Liaison Group. CCllr Fraser reported that he has had further discussions and correspondence with Scottish Water. The delivery of a large Plant Unit module via Milnathort has been delayed and no confirmed date is planned as far as the GCC is aware. Traps have been set up at the WTW to facilitate the safe removal of the resident Beavers prior to the WTW upgrade works. The Beavers are to be rehomed elsewhere in Scotland. Confirmation of a planned start for the works upgrade to date.

7.Speed Limit topic

Covered under Item 6. Kinross-shire Meeting per CCllr Smart.

8. Flooding Issues

CCllr Christie reported that work conducted revealed that at least 80% drainage efficiency was achieved in the Greenbank area. However, because of heavy rainfall recently, it was envisaged that problems may arise. Drain/gully cleaning was raised by PKC Cllr Robertson who emphasised that he had written to the relevant PKC department requesting action for cleaning once again . It was noted

that the grass verge on Main Street southbound was subject to flooding onto the adjacent roadway and that drain pipes located there were in need of cleaning out too. Matter to be passed to PKC via PKC Cllr Robertson. A member of the public claimed that there are 190 drain/gully points in the village.

9. Village Inn update, now to be known as Community Centre Hospitality Development

VH Trustees Subgroup represented by a Mr D.Aird and Mr S. Whiting gave an update about matters and these were: plans for the development now available, the future use of the development for café/bar facilities, the recreational area outside the Village Hall within the grounds is now upgraded. Funding research The VH Trustees Chair, Bill Macpherson, advised that matters are progressing with the Subgroup working together to progress the improved facility project. Funding is the challenge as it stands. Those in attendance at this evening's meeting supported the progress to date.

10. Glenfarg Transport Group

CCllr Smart reported that the travel routes for the 55 changing to the 23 for onward travel to Tillicoultry had now commenced. A number of passengers had partaken the service and that their feedback was well received. It is expected that notice of the service, it's reliability and tie up with transport links for Stirling will have a positive plus effect on passenger numbers.

It was noted too that a letter had appeared in The Courier Newspaper that was of a disparaging nature regarding the Community Bus activity. A reply is to be submitted. Action CTG

A new CTG booking service for pick ups was discussed particularly for rural bus stops given their dark locations and access points. Some of which may not be disabled friendly access. Further thoughts about this point to take place by the CTG.

9. Planning

CCllr Pilmer reported that a PKC Planning Development interactive meeting invite had been received for September and that a representative was asked to attend from the GCC. Action CCllr Pilmer

Planning matters from CCllr Christie reported as follows:

Reference	Date	Applicant	Details	Action / Decision
24/01029/LAW	02/07/2024	Reid & Davidson	Alterations to dwellinghouse at Rathlaw, Main Street, Glenfarg	Withdrawn
24/01007/FLL	24/06/2024	Heser	Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse at 9 Lomond Bank, Glenfarg	Awaiting Decision
24/00963/FLL	21/06/2024	Doig	Formation of 4 holiday accommodation units on Land 180 Metres North Of Forresters Seat Glenfarg	Awaiting Decision
24/00950/LAW	28/06/2024	Morton	Installation of solar panels at Glenfarg Village Hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg	Approved
24/00717/FLL	09/05/2024	Hamill/Rath	Installation of 2 Air Source Heat Pumps at Pezulu, Newfargie, Glenfarg	Approved
24/00215/FLL	08/03/2024	Ferry	Erection of dwellinghouse and outbuilding on land 40 Metres North Of The Slate House Newfargie Glenfarg Perth PH2 9QT	Approved
24/01166/LAW	21/08/2024		Short term let unit on land 190 Metres South East Of Newtoft Farm Path Of Condie Perth PH2 9DP	Awaiting Decision
24/00606/FLL	14/05/2024	Oliver	Alterations and change of use to incidental residential outbuilding to allow occasional group workshops Newtoft Farm Path Of Condie Perth PH2 9DP	Approved

10. Finance Report

CCllr Pilmer reported that the Treasurer's Finance Report up and to 02/09/24 was not available for tonight's meeting although it is expected and to be added as an addendum. A Microgrant for the start up fund concerning the Soup Kitchen (Warm Spaces event) was received and supported. A further request for a Microgrant form was asked for by the Free-wheelers group. Action CCllr Pilmer

Binn Eco Wind Farm A discussion took place about where is the Fund money and how do we obtain it? CCllrs Ponton and Pilmer are to attend a meeting in mid-September and will give a report at the next GCC Business meeting. Action

CCllrs Ponton and Pilmer

11. AOCB

Village Newsletter. CCllr Christie reported that the Glenfarg Newsletter's position of Editor remains unfilled. Although as mentioned earlier under Action Points the position may have an applicant. It is an essential matter of urgency for the post to be filled therefore, the post is to be readvertised along with an additional further request for reporters. Action CCllr Pilmer via Social Media. The matter of advertisers and their bona fide payments for four issues (annually) was tabled. It was agreed that four issues should extend into 2025. It was viewed with regret that the most recent quarterly issue had failed to be published. An impending issue is due out shortly in September.

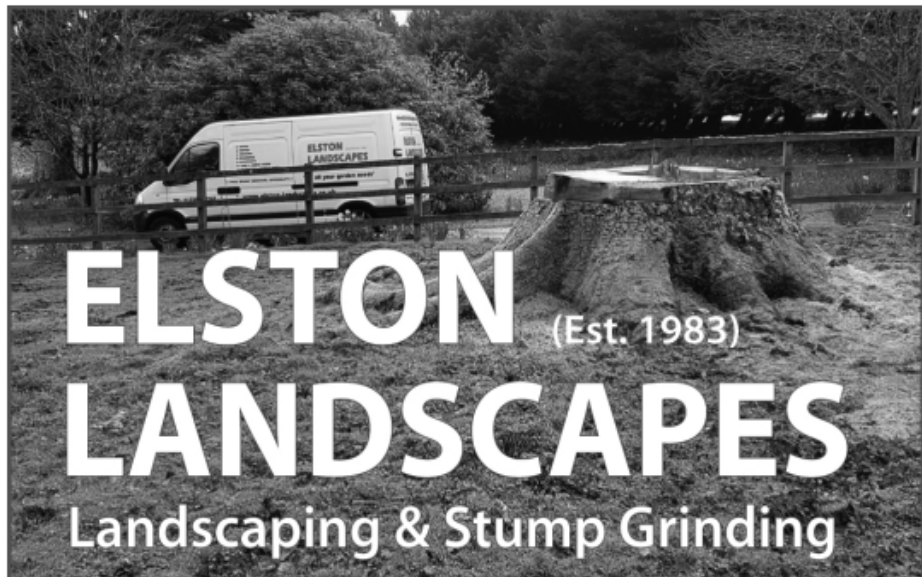
Vans parked in village (issues re legality on public roads).

As stated previously. Any vehicle without a current MOT can be reported to the Police. Any vehicle not Road Taxed can be reported to the DVLA. Any vehicle that may be associated with a status of being abandoned can be reported to PKC who will take the necessary course of action to remove it. One vehicle on Main Street is to be reported to PKC via PKC Cllrs.

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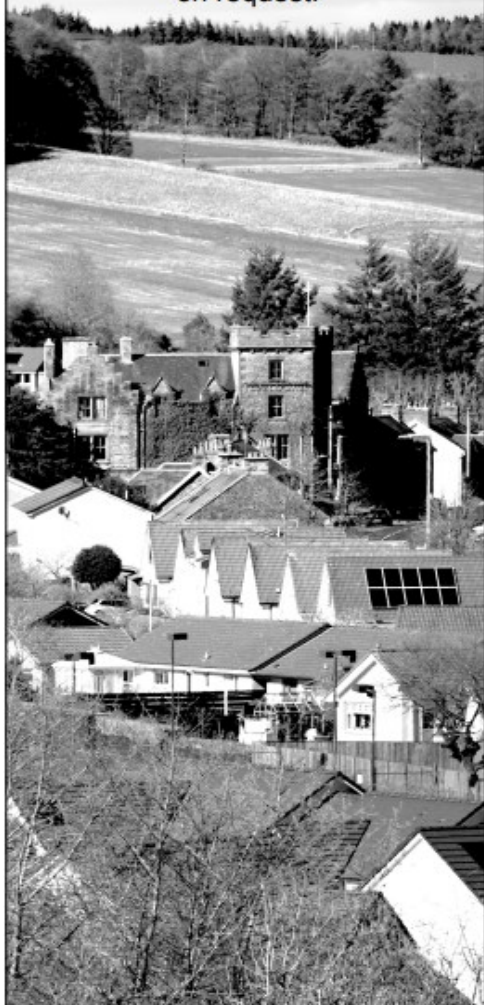
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Arngask School Playground				✓
Wallace Park Car Park		✓		
Causeway Car Park, Sainsbury's, Station Rd	✓	✓	✓	✓
Thistly Inn, Black Loan, Milnathort	✓	✓	✓	

Kinross Recycling Centre, Bridgend Industrial Estate (Open Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat-Sun 9am-5pm)

Glenfarg Community Transport Group 55 Bus Timetable

