

THE GLENFARG NEWSLETTER



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Editorial

Welcome to the June edition of the Newsletter.

As well as updates from our regular contributors, we have updates from three important local projects – the waterworks project at the reservoir, a plan for a new forest development off the Rossie Ochil road and a proposed solar farm development as part of the Binn Ecopark

The front cover shows the current status of the waterworks project from the reservoir.

We are aiming to produce a newsletter every quarter in the first weeks of March, June, September and December. We can't do this without input from the community so please keep them coming in. All contributions welcome, big or small.

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The Glenf[♥]org 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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SWI

Scottish Women's Institutes

It is hard to believe that our meetings have finished for the summer following a busy programme.



Our AGM was held on VE day so this opportunity could not be missed to celebrate in style with a tea party. Tables were laden with sandwiches, cakes, jam tarts, highlanders, pancakes & gallons of tea. We are fortunate enough to have 12 ladies who were around on VE day 1945 and they were able to share their memories with us all.

Our famous raffle even followed the theme, with corned beef, carnations milk, rhubarb, Fray Bentos pies and loads more. Much fun was had reminiscing, looking at the many old photographs, minute books recognising names from the past.

It seemed very important that our Margie Davidson Vase was presented for the first time

for a Floral arrangement. Marjie's family have gifted this to us in her memory, this was won by Liz Yull with a beautiful arrangement of flowers from her garden, Liz also



won our jubilee cup for gaining the most points over the year.



The Endeavour cup was won by Lillias Johnston for the most entries.

Although we don't have any meetings over the summer, we still have a lot going on preparing the programme for next year. This is put together with our members suggestions, which are very varied.

Our annual trip this year is a bit different with a number of us going out in the Trishaws from Kinross and enjoying tea & cakes at

Heaven Scent at the end of May. We are also busy preparing for the annual Kinross Show on Saturday 9th August, always lots of discussions and many happy family members enjoying all the practises.

Each year we usually enjoy at least one trip to the theatre, this year we are taking in The Marriage of Figaro at the end of July in Falkland, Fife.



Our rose Bowl was presented to Janette Stronach for gaining the most points over the year for our Flower of the month competition.

A brilliant effort shown by all our members over all our meetings.

Our meetings restart in September on Thursday 11th at 2pm. New members are always welcome.

Contact Linda Martin (President) on 07771632830

Scout Update



Barr Wood Camp May 2025

Six excited participants, from all three sections, climbed onto the Glenfarg Community Bus for the first camp of the year. We headed to the Forth Valley camp site, a hundred acre site of mixed woodland with grassy areas within it for camping. Groups can choose or are allocated



their own specific site and many sites are not visible to the neighbouring site, giving the sense of a private camp area for each group.

For our site we had chosen the one closest to the main gate that had plenty of shade, and character in the form

of ancient trees and rocky knolls. The best bit being we didn't have far to carry the camping kit, although the distance seemed to grow with every journey.

On arrival Ina commented that it was really pretty with bluebells in the woodland and a red and white May in full bloom at the entrance. Tents were quickly pitched, with one leader overseeing each group before all helping to pitch the big mess tent. There was time for a short exploration of the closest bits of the campsite, especially the composting toilets. The site is at the end of the water main and has 4 water taps but not flushing

toilets. The composting toilets are “twinned” with similar toilets in Nairobi, and have notices within warning users not to drop phones or wallets into the toilets. There is virtually no odour and works well when the lids are kept shut.

Christine and Robert had forgotten to bring their own tent so slept on the floor of the mess tent. The advantage of this was being able to stand and not having to crawl in and out of a sleeping tent, the disadvantage was the no sewn in ground sheet so cold air came in at ground level, it might have been 23C during the day but it certainly wasn't at night!



Glenfarg scouts were up and out of their tents by 06:30, even those who were wearing watches. With everything tinder dry it was easy to gather small wood to get the fires going to cook breakfast, bacon and egg followed by toast and jam. We had forgotten to pack the cooking grids but managed to borrow one set from the campsite which we set up for one patrol with the hot water pots for both patrols on it. Robert created supports for the other patrol using bricks so the pots were supported over the fires.

Breakfast finished, the patrols washed and dried the dishes ready for inspection. The patrol names for the weekend were Tree Climbers, led by Matthew, and Cats and Soup led by Douglas. Both patrols were neat, tidy

campers who responded quickly to instructions and advice making it easy to work with them.



Inspection was followed by a couple of games before preparing lunch to take off site. The participants choose their own fillings and some discovered that just copying others doesn't necessarily make a good decision. Robert was talking to one

of the scouts to discover his ham and coleslaw roll was really ham and jam.

Leaving the site, we drove through Stirling and through a very narrow cutting to reach the carpark for Dumyatt. The scouts found where they were on maps while the occupants of the car next to us told Robert that she knew two of the boys well. Lunch part one was eaten part of the way along the track where there was a small patch of shade and a lot of breeze. Christine's rucksack got a lot lighter as she was carrying all the water for the walkers. Further along Robert was extremely popular when he produced a large packet of mixed gummy sweets.

From the summit there were great views over the Forth Valley, Stirling Castle glinting in the sunshine, the Wallace Monument, the bonded warehouses, Ben Lomond to the West, and Ben Lawers to the north. The cairn at the top provided shade for lunch part two while being entertained by the ravens dancing in the breeze. Izzy commented that

she couldn't believe she winged that much on the way it, it was satisfying to taste the achievement of reaching the summit.

The journey back to camp included a trip to Tesco's for ice creams for the participants and fuel for the minibus. Back at camp it was time to light the fires to cook the evening meal, chicken tikka with rice and nan breads followed by cake and custard.



Dishes washed we headed to the first of our evening activities, the hobbit hole tunnels. The scouts spent an hour crawling through the tunnels popping out from time to time to check the leaders

hadn't abandoned them. Next was camp fire with the other groups who were also camping for the weekend. All groups had to join in the activities and each group lead at least one favourite song, we provided Singing in the Rain.

The scouts slept for longer on Sunday morning with Callum and Matthew needed to be woken. The fire lit easily and Callum was very impressed by the pan full of sausages he cooked. After a quick inspection we headed up to the main flag pole, about a 10 minute walk from our campsite. We were the first group to arrive and promptly headed to the shade. Once all the campers had arrived, Ina had the honour of breaking the flag. She caught the rope on her first jump and smartly saluted the camp warden.

Returning to our own site we ran practical teaching sessions till lunch. The tents were taken down quickly and tidily and all the equipment carried to the trailer allowing the scouts time to explore the adventure ground before returning home in the community minibus.

Glenfarg Curling Club



Calling any Glenfarg residents aged between 30-50 years old! We will be running again this year a Scottish Curling Approved 3 session introduction course to curling for hopefully six residents. The purpose of the "approved sessions" are they take non curlers to club ready curlers in 3 sessions. Try Curling, Beginners 1 and Beginners 2. These sessions are run by a fully qualified Scottish Curling Coach (Cameron Gaudin). These sessions, including transportation to and from Kinross Ice rink, and if you are lucky a drink or coffee and a scone, are all provided FREE OF CHARGE.

The only rules are you must be aged between 30 and 50 years old and ideally you should attend all the 3 sessions

We had a great response last year and had tremendous fun, and produced 6 great club ready curlers; so can I please thank Sarah, Max, Nicola, Murray, David Scott, and David Keith

We will look to recruit members possibly around August time, so look out for the Invite to register interest, the course will be advertised in the Glenfarg Grapevine and Facebook



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The Village Green

Have you taken a walk around Glenfarg Village Green recently? Many people walk through it every day with their dog or cross it from the Ladeside to Greenbank Rd. If you have, you will have noticed signs of Spring as flowers appear and trees start to sprout leaves.



Fritillaria

This Spring there has already been a wonderful display of purple and white Fritillaria (bell shaped flowers) along with banks of daffodils. They are now giving way to bluebells, Cuckoo flower and wood anemone. A few weeks ago some volunteers from 'Greener Glenfarg' raked a large area which slopes down to the river. They hope this will encourage wild flowers to grow. They are going to record what grows this year and hopefully next year the ground can

be prepared to plant a wild flower meadow.

Around the pond, you will see several large plants starting to grow. The most obvious is the Gunnera. This grows several feet high with large rhubarb like leaves and very spiky stalks. There are also some lily -like plants with large yellow flowers. These are known as skunk cabbage because of their unpleasant smell. They are classed as an invasive species, so we have recently removed the flowers to prevent them spreading.



Wood Anemone

If you look closely at the trees, you will notice that many have labels. Most are not the common species we would see around the countryside. Many are rare and specialised trees like the Tulip tree, Golden Ash, Kashmir Rowan and Turkey Oak to name a few. There is a list of the trees on the information board near the Greenbank Rd entrance.



Cuckoo Flower

The Green has an interesting history. Until 1991 the land was just a patch of rough grassland with a raised area, which was a coal merchant's yard. Brian and Maggie Lascelles, who lived in Bank House on Ladeside, were worried that this area in the middle of the village might be built on. They moved to buy the land and devoted over 17 years to landscaping,

planting and developing the Green. They installed the bridge over the River Farg that now links the Green with the privately owned other side. The pond was dug out in 1993. The Lascelles gifted the Green to Perth and Kinross Council in 2008. PKC have responsibility for mowing the paths and removing dead or diseased trees. Glenfarg and Duncrevie in Bloom carry out a yearly clear up with the help of some willing volunteers. The pond is drained every couple of years so that weed can be cleared out, allowing water to flow freely.

The Green is beautiful in any season and such a valuable asset for everyone to enjoy.



Glenfarg Community Cinema



The Glenfarg Community Cinema has been going since 2012. Many people in the community are familiar with it but many are not so let me tell you more about it.

We aim to provide a high quality cinema experience for our audience. We have a large screen and professional projection equipment including surround sound. The village hall is fitted with acoustic panels and this considerably improves the quality of the sound.

We show a movie once a month from September until April, normally on the second Friday of the month. Our aim is not only to show an interesting movie but also to make the evening a sociable experience. The evening

starts with someone introducing the film for that night and the film we will show the next month. We show the trailer and then start the movie. Half way through we stop the movie to serve tea, coffee biscuits and ice cream. We don't have a licence to sell



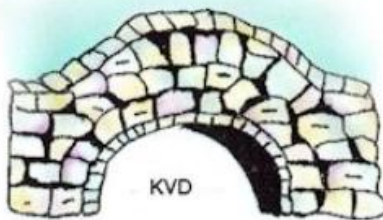
alcohol but audience members can bring their own drinks. This is a great opportunity to meet new members of the community and to catch up with friends.

Doors open 7pm. 7.30pm start. Tickets £5 at Village Shop or at the door.

Kinross-shire Volunteer Drivers

Kinross-shire Volunteer Drivers (KVD) have been delivering a vital service for some of the most vulnerable residents in our community for over 40 years.

By providing assisted transport to enable clients to attend mainly health appointments, we deliver a door-to-door service, with our volunteers always remaining with the client. KVD operate in the Kinross-shire area including Glenfarg and support clients in attending appointments throughout the NHS Network.



Bridging the Gap

To Book a Volunteer Driver and for more details of the charges that apply

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Volunteering for KVD

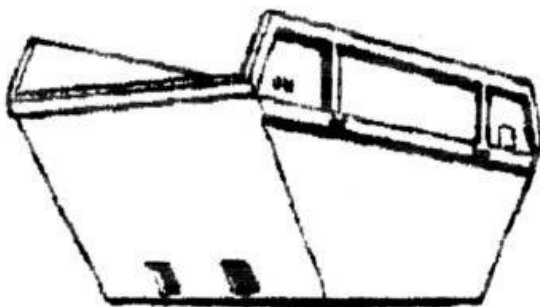
Do you have a couple of hours a week to spare? Why don't you consider volunteering for KVD. I have been a volunteer for over 10 years and I can honestly say it is one of the most rewarding things you can do to support those clients in our community.

Give me a call and I'll talk you through how it works

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Glenfarg Wine Club

The Wine Club has now ended our season on the 3rd of May, when we held our legendary “Wine my Bluff” evening.

For the 3rd time over the last 25 years, we were entertained by this spoof of the famous TV program Call my Bluff.

We had a panel of “expert” volunteers, Kate Armstrong, Bill McPherson and John Kerr whose job was to describe the recently poured wine. One of them would tell the truth, and the other two was telling a bluff.

It was up to the members in the audience to decide who was being truthful, and who was bluffing. It is always is a very entertaining and hilarious evening, and as usual it was a great success.

We were also treated to a genuine cave aged cheddar cheese from Wookey Hole in the Cheddar Gorge; this cheese is one for the keen cheese lovers.

On the night, we shared 6 bottles of excellent wine (36 bottles in total) all sourced from Majestic Wine and, of course, superb cheese and biscuits.

The cost for this night is only £10.00 each! Anyone who would like to come along will be made most welcome, just look out on Facebook for our messages.

We will be resuming our meetings in September, (the date still to be decided), again just keep an eye on our Facebook page for full details.

Steve Mee and David Aird (stephenmee1949@gmail.com)



Tennis and Pickleball Club



Tennis Update

Great weather and lots more activity down at the Tennis Courts in Wallace Park. The sun has managed what umpteen recruitment drives and Open Weekends have failed to do- swell the membership of Glenfarg Tennis Club.

This is our 99th year and plans are whizzing through our heads of what we can do to celebrate the centenary- Lord, sorry Lorne Findlay? Andy Thompson? Judy Murray? Andy Murray? ANDY MURRAY! Why not aim high, a Lord and a Sir at the same event? This Newsletter will be the first (nearly) to know our plans once they are finalised.

Meanwhile, we keep the kettle boiling. Recent Mondays, we have been playing internal 6-a-side matches amongst ourselves. These have replaced



the Tayside Tennis league matches, which we have given a rest for a season, with great success! Matches are much more relaxed but just as fiercely

fought. Instead of cajoling participants, we have plenty who want to participate and now, into the holiday season, we just drop to 4-a-side instead of having to cancel matches. Result! Competitive tennis without having a return fixture in Montrose or Arbroath or Lundin Links.

Another great success is in the juniors. For the first time in 20 years, a team, representing Glenfarg will play in the P&K, 12 and under competition. This is all thanks to Magda, our coach who is supplementing our players with fellow players from Methven. More to follow on this too.

So, all in all, things are looking up from the bottom of Wallace Park. The high horizon holds visions of lots of adult and junior tennis, celebrations and the forever expanding Pickleball scene.

Pickleball Update

We are now able to play Tennis on some courts and Pickleball on others at the same time! It's the fastest growing sport! A sport that you can play into your eighties with very minimum cost outlay!

- Pickleball can be learned in an hour - no expensive lessons
- Underarm serving means participants with arm / shoulder problems who cannot raise an arm can play.
- Small courts that allow for short movements
- Great cardiovascular exercise
- Builds up body tone
- Prolongs better movements.
- Great social contact and fun.

Where can I get all this fun?

The Glenfarg Tennis and Pickleball club

ALL WELCOME - GAMES USUALLY PLAYED ON TUESDAY 7.15 weather permitting and when weather poor at The Kinross Campus

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Community Centre

Hospitality Development Update

In the last issue of the newsletter, we highlighted the ongoing project to transform the Old Schoolhouse and integrate it more fully with the existing Village Hall to form a proper Community Centre. A space for all the community to meet and socialise. The project will include an extension to the Schoolhouse and provide a Café during the day and a Bar facility in the evenings. We would envisage opening 5 days a week.

We had put a lot of effort into a major funding bid to SSEN (Scottish & Southern Electrical Networks) but unfortunately, we were unsuccessful, this time. A new round of funding has just reopened however and we will be making a renewed application.

Behind the scenes we have submitted and received Planning permission and a Building Warrant has been applied for, so apart from the 'small' issue of funding we are ready to go. We will continue to seek funding from all possible sources but it is proving difficult and we are now once more considering a Community Share Offer, to at least fund part of the project. Many of you will remember our last attempt ... pre Covid ... when the project was very well received and strongly supported by the community.

If we are to be successful and complete this project, we need your support. Watch out for further details on Grapevine and if you think you can help please contact us

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In the meantime....

' SUMMER VILLAGE PUB' in the Schoolhouse Gardens. Wed 6th to Sunday 17th August. Including the triumphant return of local sensation 'NOT BIG NOT KLEVER' for a Village Hall gig!!

Glenfarg Bridge Club

The bridge club, like most other bodies, was seriously hit at the start of Covid. The huge increases in energy bills at our venues aligned with decreasing members attending each week necessitated the club subsidising play.

This year our bank account has been hit with monthly service charges as we are deemed to be eligible for FSCS (Financial Services Compensation Scheme) deposit protection.

Unfortunately, as a result of the foregoing, we decided to wind up the bridge club and close the bank account. The bank made out a cheque for the closing balance of £589.11, payable to the Glenfarg Bowling Club so we are at least keeping the funds in the village! This was greatly appreciated by the Bowling Club committee.

Though the club is no longer in existence, the few ex-members left have joined in with bridge playing members of the Kinross Parish Church. For anyone wishing to play relaxed social bridge, we meet every Monday at 13.30 at the church in Kinross, Station Road, so come along and join us for a friendly afternoon.

Charlie Kinnaird





Arngask Home Farm is a small farm just outside Glenfarg. We rear rare breed pigs for pork, produce free range rainbow and brown chicken eggs, duck eggs, chemical-free veg and host events alongside Old Fergie Farm.

Our honesty horse box at our back entrance is open Mon-Sun, 8am-10pm and is filled with lots of goodies! Thursday-Monday is the best time to come, with organic milk, fresh bread and pastries, cakes and bakes, yoghurt, charcuterie, pork, beef, lamb and pies and sausage rolls.



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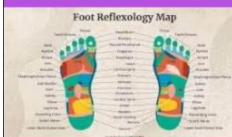
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NEWS UPDATE

Greener Glenfarg members have been busy over the past few months. Here are some of the things that have been happening.

Greenspace Event

In March, several members of GG attended a Greenspace Volunteer Action & Networking Day in Perth. There were presentations by Keep



Scotland Beautiful and the Milnathort Path Group, and a chance to chat with other In Bloom and Biodiversity groups. In the afternoon we got the chance to plant trees on the North Inch and try out a random nature sampling method.

Keep Scotland Beautiful has a Clean Up Scotland section so, when the Glen road was closed, we took the opportunity to do some litter picking and nature mapping.

Unfortunately, the early opening of the road took us by surprise so the last

litter pick was carried out along the tunnel path. Look out for more litter picking events to 'Keep Glenfarg Beautiful'.

Climate Café

In April, Glenfarg hosted the monthly Climate Café. Our community bus brought people up from Kinross and Milnathort to watch a film "Rooted: Growing a Local Food Ecosystem". The film highlighted nature-friendly farmers and food producers across Dumfries and Galloway, visited community projects and explored ways to access local food.

After the film, Eilidh and Lloyd from Arngask Home Farm were invited to speak about their local food production and distribution. They took the opportunity to announce exciting plans for expansion - a market garden with produce delivered to local residents. We are fortunate to have such a project in our midst. Along with our Grow Club, and our hopes for working with other local farmers, we are gradually moving towards more 'food security'.

Greener Kinross-shire

The Climate Café also announced the formation of a new organisation, Greener Kinross-shire, with the ability to raise funds. There are plans for an expansion of the work so far carried out by the Café. Follow them on Facebook.

Climate Connect

Climate Connect is an exciting collaboration to connect those who are, or would like to be, involved in climate action in their communities across Perth & Kinross. The initiative brings together six community led networks – Energy, Food, Transport, Zero Waste, Nature, Climate Cafes. It is supported by Perth & Kinross Council with funding from the Scottish Government. See www.climateconnect.scot

At the launch, a film was shown which showcased community climate action. Greener Glenfarg members appeared several times, talking about

the hall's solar panels, Freewheelers' e-bikes, the Grow Club raised beds and our wonderful Community Transport.

Biodiversity Group

Following on from the very successful RSPB and Cloverlea Apiary events, we now have a Biodiversity Group. For the past few weeks, we have been on a Nature Hunt, looking to record as much flora and fauna as possible. A few of us went to an event organised by the Eastern Lowlands Red Squirrel Group, where we heard why our red squirrel population is in



danger from the greys. The grey squirrels are much larger and more robust, out-competing the reds for food and living space. We were inspired to encourage the community to report sightings of both reds and greys in this area and there was an

enthusiastic response, showing that residents care about our local red squirrels and want to protect them.

Unfortunately, this resulted in the identification of grey squirrels in our area carrying the squirrel pox which is usually fatal for the reds. It is therefore even more urgent that sightings are reported –

www.scottishsquirrels.org.uk

If you have been feeding red squirrels, and greys have now started to visit your feeding station, stop immediately. If you find a dead squirrel, use disposable gloves to place the body somewhere safe where it cannot be carried off by animals, then email

squirrels@scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk for advice on what to do next. A new group is now being set up – the Kinross-shire Red Squirrel Group – and Greener Glenfarg will be liaising with them to pass on any other information and to support their work.

If you would like to become a member of the Greener Glenfarg Biodiversity Group, email janet_watson@mac.com

Water Treatment Works Update

Hello everyone, my name is Caroline McKenzie, and I am the customer manager for ESD. Thank you to the Glenfarg newsletter for letting us contribute something to this issue. We were so very impressed by the scope and depth of the March 2025 edition and hope we can provide some content which will be interesting to the village as well.



ESD is working in partnership with Scottish Water to build a new water treatment facility and upgrade the existing treatment works at Glenfarg reservoir. I know many of you will have noticed we have been working on verge improvements to Church Brae and

the road up to the water treatment works (WTW) and I'm happy to let you know, these have now been completed.

Before we can begin work on the new WTW we have to carry out enabling works to facilitate our construction activities. Over the last few weeks, we have been bringing in stone material to create an access for construction vehicles. We have also been setting up our site compound and storage. Due to the increase in traffic caused by our activities, we have employed a crossing officer via Tayside Contracts at the Glenfarg village shop to assist the children at school start and finish times. We hope you find this a successful addition to the village for the duration of our works.

We have also just completed a planning application variation to reflect the changed and reduced size of the proposed works. There is also

currently an application for a vehicle escort area on the outskirts of the village which will enable us to control with escort vehicles, all HGV traffic heading to the works.

There are three additional live applications around the WTW site for temporary and permanent works associated with the modified proposal.



We are continuing with our environmental survey works and this will be standard for the duration of the project. Environmental protection measures are being implemented, and we hope to share more about this later in the year with an information event planned with Greener Glenfarg who we spoke with at the Community Centre recently.

Please feel free to e-mail on the dedicated Glenfarg e-mail address glenfargcommunity@esd.scot or if you'd like to speak with a member of the project team in person, we usually attend the Community Centre coffee morning once a month and are happy to chat.

Caroline McKenzie - Customer Manager, ESD Joint Venture

Glenfarg Community Transport Group

Here we are, two years down the road from our bus service start up in April 2023. As you may recall we started off following the retirement of Earnside Coaches who provided a blended service covering the 55 and the Primary School run. This meant there were gaps in the service bus schedule whilst doing the school run.

At that time we thought we would aim to cover the gaps to give an all day service. Well that ambition didn't last long and we quickly started a six day hourly service to Kinross in the hope that we could get up to 200 passenger journeys per week. Little did we know that two years down the line we are now carrying around 1700 passengers per week and running an hourly service between Perth and Tillicoultry.

Our success is largely due to the enthusiastic team of drivers that work with us and their focus on our passengers. Without the drivers we would not be as well thought of. On top of this we have our community bus and we hope to bring monthly outings for the folks of Glenfarg. We have our regular trips to Ikea, Garden Centres and Art Festivals; however, if anyone has a destination that would be of interest then please get in touch with us.

We have a fleet of eight buses, four of which are fully accessible. The demands, in terms of maintenance, is growing and we are very grateful for the support of Glenfarg Garage for their flexibility in fitting us in to their busy schedule when rush repairs are required. We are also very grateful to have access to Earnside Coaches yard to park up our buses overnight. This is so convenient and is a great help being so local.

Our office in the old Schoolhouse is now occupied five days a week from 10.00 to 14.00 and we are delighted that Karen has joined our team as administrator. Already we are noticing a big improvement in our paperwork processes.

At the end of April, we intend to hold our annual AGM. We will be advertising this on all the village media so please keep an eye out for the notice and please come along and support us. Following the short AGM meeting we will be introducing our involvement in a new networking scheme called 'Climate Connect'. We will also be sharing our vision for the next few years ahead, which we are sure will be of interest.

We have space on our board of trustees and would invite all Glenfarg community to consider joining. The trustees meet four times per year for a couple of hours to hear from the management team and offer opinions and advice if required. This is a village resource and we want the voice of the community to be present at our meetings. So get in touch, we would be pleased to hear from you.

I would like to finish by thanking all our passengers and the kind messages we receive every day. The boost that gives the whole team at GCCT is fantastic. Of course, there is always room for improvement so if you have any constructive thoughts, then please let us know.





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Glenfarg Freewheelers

Summer is here! Community members are beginning to stretch their legs and try out or take out our community e bikes.

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Dr Bike day – 14 people brought their bikes to be checked and minor repairs done. A few needed no more than a good clean but we all learned a lot more about looking after our bikes!

Trial of Trailers– The Baby and Toddler group tried out the trailers and loved them.

Thursday bike rides – every week a group of us have been going for a ride round the Arngask loop or further afield – discovering new routes and trying the bikes out. Come and join us on your own bike or borrow one of ours. Come to coffee or be there by 11.30 and join others. This is not a race but a social ride.

- These are your bikes – please come and use them!
- You can borrow a bike for a small donation towards repairs and replacements
- We like to lend them for 3 days or more but you can just use one for a day or for a week or more
- We will help you if you want to try one out first and build up some confidence
- Another maintenance workshop is coming up in July – so keep an eye on notices
- Our website is in the process of being updated – please use the below contacts

Your bikes:

Leven – our off-road bike – and still good on the roads

Arngask – very popular and a low crossbar.

Isla and Tummel – newer Volt model with lower crossbar

Drunzie and Earn – Step through bikes, one with adjustable handlebars

Metro 1&2 – small size and easier for transporting. Popular for shorter rides but capable of longer ones too.



This photo was taken on one of the recent Thursday ride-outs from the Community Centre Thursday coffee morning.



Looking forward to hearing from you!

Freewheelers committee – Tara, David, Sheona, Pierette, Robert, John, Sheila

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Glenfarg Bowling Club



We would like to thank everyone who came along to the bowling club last season and supported the club with the reopening. Many of you will have noticed the work that has been carried out over the last few years, with the full green being resurfaced. Thank you to everyone who supported the club with this as well.

I am sure you have also noticed the number of hours that Arthur Jenkins spends at the bowling green preparing the green so that everyone can enjoy this village asset. Many thanks to Arthur and we are always looking for other volunteers to carry out general maintenance and tidying of the surrounds.

Thank you also to the bridge club for the donation that you so kindly gave to the bowling club at our AGM.

We are now open for the 2025 season which will finish around the middle of September and we are really enjoying seeing a lot of new friends on the bowling green, some very new to the game and others who haven't played for a number of years.



We have a club night on a Tuesday which starts at 7pm which costs £1 for everyone plus a visitor fee of £2 for non-members. Membership for the 2025 season is £25.

We look forward to the 2025 season.

Karen Parker 830529 / glenfargbc@gmail.com

New Woodland Creation

Scottish Woodlands is currently working on a New Woodland Creation (NWC) proposal, for an area of land previously used for rough grazing, approximately 1.5 km west of Glenfarg. The design in its current form includes approximately 118 hectares (or just over 290 acres) of tree planting, which will include a mix of commercial conifer, native broadleaves and a mix of other conifer species, including Scots pine and Norway spruce.

Scottish Woodlands has been designing and planting a wide range of new woodlands and forests for more than 50 years, and regularly plants more than 25% of the private sector new woodland creation in Scotland each year. Scotland's woodlands are a vital national resource and play an important role in rural economic development and sustainable land use. Also, forestry, and NWC projects such as this, contribute to the country's climate change ambitions.

The process for this project began with consultation with ecologists and archaeologists. The aim of this is to determine any sensitivities in the area, and inform how the proposed scheme can help protect and enhance these. Members of the Scottish Woodlands' team also engaged the local community through distribution of letters and a council meeting, in order to take note and address specific concerns of those who live nearby.

Scottish Woodlands will submit a formal application for New Woodland Creation, with the aim of securing Scottish Government grant funding. Pending approval, the plan is to begin work over Autumn/Winter 2025-26.

Working with local contractors, operations will begin by controlling invasive gorse to make space for the establishment of trees. The ground will be cultivated to allow raised growing positions for the trees, and give them the best chance of survival. Areas of conifers and native broadleaves will be protected by deer fencing, or tree guards in small areas of broadleaves outside the proposed fenced areas. All trees will be sourced from trusted suppliers. All operations will conform to the UK Forestry

Scottish Woodlands is committed to working closely with the local community at every stage of the process - and if you have any questions about the project, or woodland creation in general, feel free to get in touch by emailing fraser.wight@scottishwoodlands.co.uk





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Grow Club



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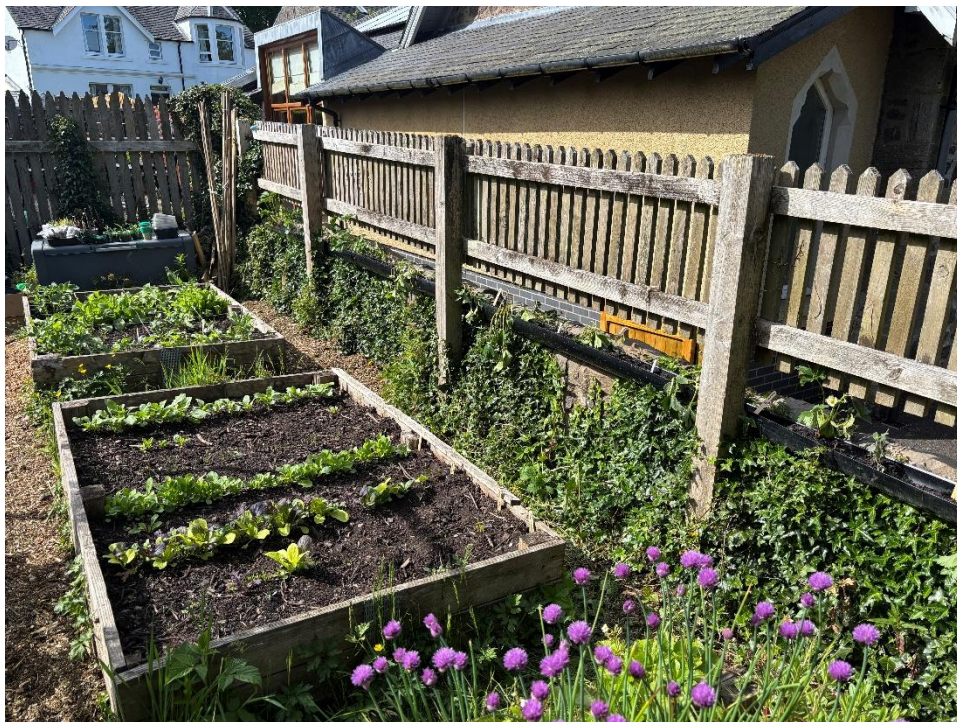
In March, we concentrated on pollinator-friendly flowering plants, checking in on our lavender cuttings and sowing seeds of Cosmos, Marigold, Calendula and Bee Balm.

In April, we were out in the garden, tidying up the raised beds, adding new compost, sowing and planting. We used one of the beds to try out the 'square-foot gardening' technique: the bed was divided into 20 squares and different salad,

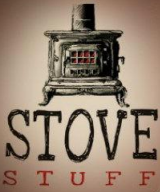
vegetable and flower seeds were sown in each square. As usual, we expect to have some successes and some failures.



In May, we reclaimed some gutters and put them along the line of the wall. We planted them with strawberries, mint and lavender, and sowed nasturtium and marigold seeds alongside. The strawberries should benefit from the ‘companion’ plants, all of which have strong smells that help to deter pests. The mint is a gamble, as we don’t want it to take over, but it does make a good tea! Have a look over the wall the next time you go to the Village Hall to see how they are doing and feel free to give them a water if you live nearby.



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Binn Solar and BESS Farm

BLC Energy is a renewable energy development company specialising in developing solar PV and co-located battery storage projects across the UK. They are funded by one of Octopus Energy's funds, Octopus Energy Generation, and work closely with the Octopus Energy team to develop renewable energy projects that will help the U.K. achieve its' Net Zero targets.



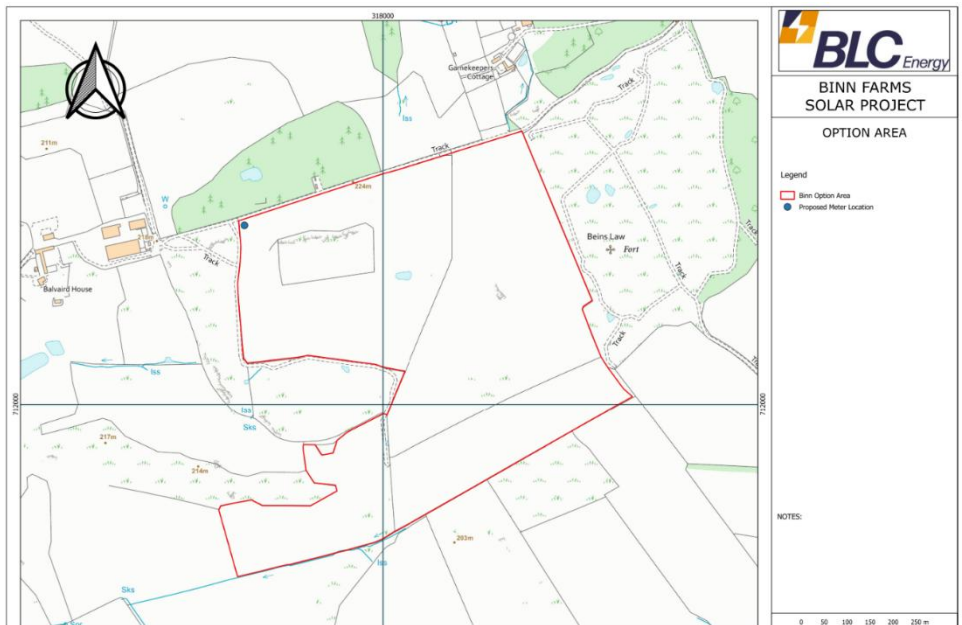
BLC Energy is proposing to develop a solar farm in conjunction with the Binn Group Ecopark. The solar farm will consist of ground-mounted photovoltaic (PV) solar modules with an estimated export capacity of up to 30 MW, supported by a 6MW battery energy storage system (BESS) and associated infrastructure. The development is proposed to happen on land 4km northwest of Strathmiglo and 5km northeast of Glenfarg.

The company is holding public exhibitions as part of its pre-application community consultation for this development proposal. A second set of public events should be held in autumn/ winter 2025. An in-person event will take place at the Glenfarg Community Centre on Wednesday 25th June from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. A virtual event will take place on Monday 30th June from 6:30pm

Further information can be found by emailing info@blcenergy.com

You can make comments on the proposals directly to the developer at this stage, either at the above events, by emailing the above address or filling in a feedback form at www.blcenergy.com Comments are requested by Monday 7th July.

Please note that comments made to BLC Energy at this time are not representations to the planning authority, Perth & Kinross Council. Formal representations can be made to Perth & Kinross Council once a planning application has been submitted.



Glenfarg Community Council Minutes

Glenfarg Community Council Business Meeting 7:30pm, Monday 5th May 2025, Glenfarg Community Centre (Village Hall).

Attendees: CCLlrs Ponton, Pilmer, Christie, Fraser, Macleod and Smart. PKC Cllr Watters. N.Lindsay BLC Energy and 5 members of the public.

Welcome by the GCC Chair CCLlr Ponton.

1. Apologies: CCLlr Murray, Police Scotland PC Samson. PKC Cllr Cuthbert, PKC Cllr Robertson

2. Approval of last Business Meeting Minutes held on Monday 3rd March 2025 CCLlrs Ponton and Murray 07/03/2025.

3. Police Report

In PC Samson's absence CCLlr Pilmer, Secretary, advised that due to Operational matters Police Scotland were unable to attend and that their bi-monthly report would be forwarded, by email, to the Secretary. Also, the Secretary was asked to write to a higher Police Scotland authority requesting that a Police representative is required for the next GCC Business Meeting. *Action CCLlr Pilmer* Check out the Twitter page of @PSOPerthKin or #KinrossCPT and feel free to follow.

Community Team Activity

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

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.

4. Solar Power generation project

Introduction. Neil Lindsay of BLC Energy Ltd gave an introduction and presentation about the proposed 30 Mega Watt Solar Power project in line with the Binn Eco Park's wider Renewable and Solar Energy goals. The proposed site is to be located southwards of the Binn Eco Park and eastwards of Balvaird Castle.

Community Engagement. A media item for the project is to be supplied for the village Newsletter and two exhibitions are proposed with the first one suggested to take place

in early June, courtesy of the Community Centre, although details are still to be confirmed and a website is expected to be formed too. The project requires planning permission that remains to be confirmed by PKC Planning, and it is expected that this will be sought before the end of 2025.

Community Benefit Fund. A discussion reviewed the proposed sums of £400 and £500 per Mega Watt per annum over the duration of the Solar generation (circa 40 years) although subject to negotiation should the project go ahead. The sums proposed could go towards the community itself in two forms as follows: 1. One to support local projects and 2. A Grant scheme for supporting local households struggling with energy and living costs. All subject to further discussion.

Future Community actions. N. Lindsay to consult with CCllr Ponton regarding media topics and proposed exhibition timescales.

The CCllrs conducted a further discussion as to how to receive funds and to review the possible *set up* of a Community Benefit Development Trust (CBDT) in consideration of any future money distribution. It is known that a CBDT is being set up in the Bridge of Earn community for future funds from the present Community owned Binn Wind Farm Turbines and we need to explore this *set up* as a potential possibility for Glenfarg. A local known person was suggested as a potential source of CBDT information, and it the GCC agreed that the person be approached for advice. *Action CCllr Ponton*

5. Correspondence and Action Points

Speed related vehicle topic and Action Point letter. CCllr Pilmer raised the matter of a letter from PKC's P. McAdams in relation that confirmation was given that the implementation of a National 20mph strategy for Cities, Towns and Villages is planned for the 2025/2026 Financial year. Transport Scotland are tackling major routes and PKC will be focussing on residential areas. It is envisaged that Community Council areas can review and instigate further calming measures. A further comment raised the point of physical traffic calming measures on the Main Street B996 due to the letter stating that the residents did not support it. This point was disputed by the members of the public present and a further discussion took place about the implementation of other traffic calming measures such as chicanes/give ways. This additional traffic calming topic will be addressed once the 20mph limits are put into place and be reviewed by the GCC in the future.

PKC Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3) Letter. CCllr Pilmer reported about the proposed LD3 Plan for the PKC area. It was noted that during the LDP2 proposal that no development areas were suggested for commercial/community/landowners/developers and other parties in identifying sites in our small community. The GCC is aware of the current development conclusion of Copperfields and two further small, localised developer sites only at present.

Action Points

Police Scotland visible in Village. Councillor Pilmer confirmed that he had written to the Community Police requesting for a more visible focus in the Village. Police Scotland's local Community PC Samson replied that this would be carried out as per operational activities.

Greenbank Road PKC Cllr Robertson. Councillor Ponton explained that in PKC Cllr Robertson's absence that he had raised this matter again, prior to the evening's Business Meeting, and that his questions with Social Housing remain unanswered. A general discussion took place, and it was understood that matters concerning the physical condition of the outside of the properties in question had seen some improvement but no complete reinstatement back to their original condition as gardens with partition fencing. Vehicles, their parts, and other factors are of great concern as is their location in the gardens' grounds. It was noted that the Community Centre has been the subject of vandalism to windows, antisocial behaviour was being carried out in the grounds, that the Front Door has had to be locked in the evenings when functions are being carried out and CCTV is to be investigated as a further security option. All unacceptable for our Village residents.

6. Meetings – Virtual and Public

Lochelbank RWE Wind Farm Panel Meeting Cllr Pilmer reported on the Key Matters discussed on the evening of the 22nd April. Only two fund applications were proposed both from Bridge of Earn.

A point not recorded in the Minutes is that two Glenfarg Panel members are due to finish their term later this Autumn and an advertisement for their replacement will be placed through the Village media outlets in due course courtesy of the GCC/Foundation Scotland (the Fund admins).

Kinross-shire Committee Development Meeting. Cllr Fraser reported on the key points discussed because of this new committee meeting and had circulated the presentation to the Councillors as of the 23rd April. Communities, Infrastructure & Economic Development, Roads, Environment were the topics.

7. Planning

CCLlr Christie reported.

Reference	Date	Applicant	Details	Action / Decision
25/00354/FLL	21/03/2025	Scottish Water	Formation of compound Land 160 Metres North East Of Doran Cottage Duncruevie Glenfarg Perth PH2 9PD	Awaiting decision
25/00350/CLP	21/03/2025	Glenfarg Partnershi p Ltd	Alteration and extension to Myrtle Cottage Greenbank Road Glenfarg Perth PH2 9NW	Approved
25/00264/CLE	27/02/2025	William Allison	Installation of biomass boiler and all associated works at Store And Yard East Fordel Farm Glenfarg	Approved
24/01843/FL L	09/01/2025	Bussey	Extension to dwelling house at 2 Candy Farm Cottage Glenfarg Perth PH2 9QL	Refused
25/00522/FLL	10/04/2025	Scottish Water	Formation of bridge, haul road with turning point, installation of gatehouse and erection of fence hoarding (for a temporary period) at the reservoir, Glenfarg	Awaiting decision

8. Finance Report

CCLlr Fraser reported that in the absence of the Finance CCLlr that the report was unavailable for the evening. It is to be forwarded to the CCLlrs in due time.

The matter of Bank Business Account charges to the client was discussed and it was with concern that the CCLlrs were made aware of this financial cost now being faced by the GCC. It was agreed that we need to look into other Banks that do not charge, however the sad reality is that it would appear to be across all High Street associated Banks. A question to be asked of other Community Councils by CCLlr Fraser as to what they do for Bank Business activities and are they charged? *Action CCLlr Fraser*

9. AOCB

The Glenfarg Hotel. Unacceptable matters in the Village led onto a discussion about the physical condition of the Glenfarg Hotel and concern was raised with PKC Cllr Watters about the impending consequences/outcome. The GCC is unaware of who owns the Glenfarg Hotel to raise the concerns, and it was noted that an Hotel in High Street, Crieff had been demolished because of PKC intervention. Whether or not PKC intervention will happen for the Glenfarg Hotel remains unknown at this time.

Meeting closed at: 9:20pm

Date of next Business meeting: Monday 7th July 2025



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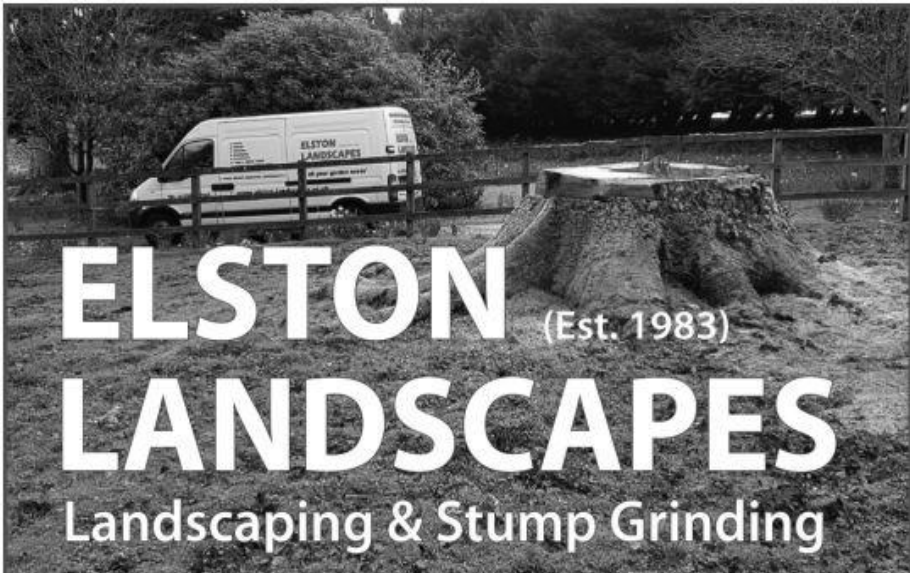
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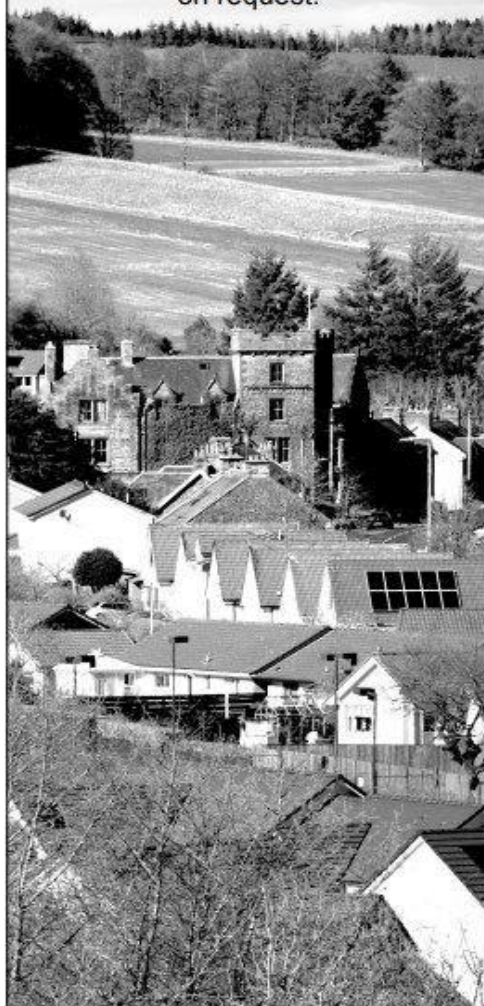
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