

THE GLENFARG NEWSLETTER

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Editorial

Welcome to the September edition of the Newsletter.

As well as updates from many of our regular contributors, this edition contains several articles from a growing network of local correspondents.

The front cover shows a Poplar Hawk Moth photographed by Glenfarg resident and moth expert Caroline Hayward. More moth news in her excellent article included in this issue.

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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Drawn to the light: Moths in Glenfarg

Lepidoptery Correspondent Caroline Hayward

To many people moths mean the creatures that make holes in your clothes and carpets. However, there are many more species (about 1300 in Scotland alone) and they play an important role in the natural world and are good indicators of the health of ecosystems.

Moths play several important roles in:

- **Pollination:** Many moths are key night time pollinators for a variety of plants.
- **Food Source:** They serve as a critical food source for birds, bats, and other wildlife.
- **Biodiversity Indicators:** The presence and diversity of moths can indicate the health of an ecosystem.
- **Decomposers:** Some moth larvae help break down organic material, contributing to nutrient recycling.

Moth numbers and diversity are monitored by a network of moth enthusiasts. Many moths are attracted to light and can be seen flying round any bright light source at night. In practical terms if you want to identify the moth population in your area you need a moth trap. This is a simple piece of equipment. It consists of a box with sloping sides and a light source on top to attract moths. The moths fly toward the light and then fall into the box, where they are safely trapped for



Large Emerald Moth

observation. The box is filled with empty egg boxes where the moths can hide until morning. If you are interested in making your own there is a detailed set of instructions available at:

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/sites/default/files/how-to-build-a-moth-trap.pdf>

The most exciting part of the process is in the morning when you can carefully lift the egg boxes from the trap and see what you've got. Many moths appear quite plain and mostly brown but with many different wing patterns can be difficult to identify immediately so it is best to take a photograph and search later. However, there are many spectacular and beautiful moths and there are plenty around Glenfarg. Over the last few years I have identified well over 200 different species and have taken thousands of photographs.

My favourite is the Poplar Hawk Moth. It is large and has unique, angular wings with a mix of brown, grey, and white patterns, resembling tree bark. When at rest, its hindwings are partly visible,



Poplar Hawk Moth

showing reddish-brown patches. Despite its size, it blends well into its environment. The caterpillars feed on poplar, willow, and aspen trees. It's a fascinating species to look out for during moth surveys!

A few of the other interesting and unusual ones that I have observed this year include:

- Small Elephant Hawk
- Brimstone
- Burnished Brass
- Large Emerald
- Garden Tiger
- Peach Blossom
- Ghost
- Swallow-tailed
- Heart and Dart and many more.



Garden Tiger Moth



Small Elephant Hawk Moth

If you want to see examples of these and others, in full colour, there is a very good online archive showing photographs of the moths identified in different regions of Scotland throughout the year.

<https://eastscotland-butterflies.org.uk/monthphotos.html>



Our new programme kicks off on Thursday 11th September at 2pm.

Our first meeting will be a very social occasion with time to chat, meet new members and look at some of our SWI archives going back many years.

We have had a busy summer preparing for the Kinross Show which is always presenting new challenges for us when we work on our various entries.

On a more relaxing note, a group of us went to see the Fife Opera's production, "The Marriage of Figaro", which was of a very high standard, too good an opportunity to miss as it was on our doorstep in Falkland Church.

Dates for future meetings:

October 9th 7pm: This is one of our Open Meetings. Linus Project - Quilts for Children in hospital

November 13th 2pm: Talk from a Podiatrist

December 11th 2pm: Christmas Party

All our meetings are in Glenfarg Village Hall. For more information contact Linda Martin: 07771 632830

Scout Update



Templar's Park Summer 2025

Eight scouts and cubs headed up to Templar's Park, the scout campsite outside Aberdeen on the south Deeside road on the first Monday of the school holidays. It was hot and the air conditioning on the Glenfarg Community Transport bus was very welcome.



Our campsite was in the Green Lady's field. The area is supposedly haunted by the friendly Green Lady. Easy to see why as it is an atmospheric bowl when the mist hangs in it in the rising or setting sun.



We've camped there before and the scouts immediately complained that some of the trees had been cut down and it wasn't the same. Each patrol has a shelter hut round the edge of the site for use if the weather is bad.

Abbi and Cameron, the patrol leaders each chose their site and pitched the sleeping tents. Abbi's patrol had two tents to pitch as they had the girls tent as well as the boys from the patrol.

It was hard work pitching tents as the temperature had risen to 26C and there wasn't much shade.

Camp set up, we explored some more of the site. Crossing the beeches field we eventually reached the arena of the campfire circle where the five tiers of benches are being rebuilt at the base of the clifffy area. We climbed up the slope to the rookery, a flat area dominated by old trees where the rooks have a parliament.



Continuing down to the main drive the scouts and cubs found the bouldering wall, challenging each other to cross from one end to the other without falling off. Some of the holds have become a bit loose and they found it disconcerting to hang on one or reach out with a foot to find the hold rotating on them.

Returning to our site the dry conditions and wind made it easy to light the fires for cooking our evening meal. After doing the dishes we climbed back into the minibus and headed out to Torry Battery looking for dolphins. We passed the burnt-out container ship from this year's North Sea ship collision that has been towed to Aberdeen south harbour. Round at Torry Battery we saw the dolphins playing in the beside the harbour breakwater. We didn't stay long as the wind was bringing in the cold North Sea harr.

Tuesday morning we saw the birds that had been making a racket at intervals. We were beside a heronry. These birds are very ungainly as they approach their nests at the top of the pine trees, almost standing upright in the air with their wings spread out to stop and land on the nest edge.

The sand dune area on the far side of the camp site with birch scrub pockets and lots of little hillocks was ideal for playing wide games. In the afternoon there was an incident hike where the patrol leaders ran a couple of the bases, Robert ran pioneering and Christine a first aid incident where the scouts had to treat a casualty.

A water activity session was a hit on Tuesday evening. The scouts had the opportunity to kayak, canoe and paddle board. The availability of inexpensive wet suits has completely changed water sports. Falling in is no longer associated with instant freezing and heavy, soggy clothes. The scouts tried all the activities and then headed for the anchored trampoline, climbing up onto it and swimming into the air pocket underneath. The centre of the floating ring is mesh so the air underneath is fresh.

Wednesday the plan was to climb Bennachie, the local landmark near Inverurie. The rain put paid to that idea but we decided to go to the visitors centre anyway. The Aberdeen bypass has traffic



signs not seen elsewhere – no horse and carts on the bypass! The mitther tap was invisible, hidden in the clouds when we arrived. The scouts found the visitors centre warm, dry and interesting. It continued to rain in the afternoon and Stonehaven Lido was the ideal solution – heated outdoor salt water swimming pool. The lifeguards were impressive, checking that the smallest scout could jump into the water and immediately start swimming before allowing him to use the chute.

Being the last night at camp it was the competition meal. Percy pig power patrol, led by Abbi had put a lot of thought into the meal and went round with a note book and pen adding up the cost of the ingredients. Her APL,

Jasmine asked at the checkout if she could get a discount on the bill using - her young Scot card; she got 10% off making their meal within budget. The “I don’t knows” lead by Cameron had decided on what protein they would like and spent a considerable amount of time working on the rest.

Percy Pig Power Menu: Chicken Fajitas, Special Rice, Meringue Nests with Fresh Fruit and Salted Caramel Ice Cream

I Don’t Know Menu: Steak, Noodles and Fresh Red Pepper, Vienetta and mixed nuts

Having a gas fridge at camp makes keeping food cold achievable. Cameron flash fried his steaks getting more than he bargained for when there was a flash fire in his frying pan. Jasmine, Abbi’s APL, wasn’t having her best evening, dropping her rice on the floor to be joined shortly by her beautifully arranged dessert. Douglas announced that Jasmine should have the remaining meringue nest, ice cream and fruit which he had been eyeing up. The evening finished with toasting marshmallows on Cameron’s site where Jasmine lost both her marshmallows from her stick.

Thursday morning the scouts used orienteering maps to find points on the campsite. Douglas was very pleased with himself when he worked out how to use the map and compass to find the points. After lunch we packed up and headed home on the minibus to a group of waiting parents. We all enjoyed the camp and would be happy to take the group away again.



Beaver Update

A simple cycle skills course, to improve their balance and cone of movement on the bike plus increase their confidence, was set up for the beavers. The patrol leaders came along to demonstrate the activities and help the beavers with them. This counted as an adventurous activity and was the last activity some of the beavers needed to complete their beaver adventure challenge award. There was a noticeable improvement in confidence as the evening progressed.

The beavers also tried back woods cooking. They made pizza dough and covered their pizza with their preferred fillings before wrapping them in tin foil and cooking them on embers, 5 minutes each side. Identifying whose pizza was whose at the end was challenging for the leaders.



Mike McHardy Farewell to Glenfarg Scouts

Mike McHardy was a beaver, cub, scout and explorer scout as a young person in Glenfarg. He started his adult scouting journey in Angus and moved to Glenfarg to start working with cubs just before covid. His help during covid in engaging cubs and scouts with online scouting activities was valuable.

While working with the group in Glenfarg he has been cub leader and tried scouts, deciding he preferred working with cubs. He attended all camps during his time and this allowed him to gain his camping permits for greenfield camp site and organised a couple of camps for cubs and scouts. He has a publican's license and his catering skills have been put to good use. Mike is leaving Glenfarg to continue his journey with a scout group in Dundee where he now lives. On his last evening the cubs, siblings and parents finished with a sausage sizzle and marshmallow roasting feast prior to a badge presentation session. We all wish him well.



Glenfarg Ladies Curling Club



Our 2025/26 season will soon be starting and we are always keen to get new members whether they have curled before or have never stepped on the ice.

We are a friendly bunch of curlers from a wide-ranging age group, mid-teens to mid-seventies! We play most of our games in Kinross in the evenings, either 5.45pm or 7.45pm with occasional daytime games and games in Perth. There will be opportunities to try curling before making any commitments to take up the sport.

We are a very sociable club. We hold BBQs, gin tastings, games nights, theatre outings, dinners, etc. most in conjunction with the mixed Glenfarg Curling Club.

I am the current Club Secretary so if you are interested in finding out more about the club, please telephone me.



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Glenfarg & Duncrievie in Bloom



AGM

At our AGM, which was held in May, our Chairperson Donald Mackenzie retired. Donald was involved in the creation of Glenfarg and Duncrievie around 2009 and was instrumental in the development of the group through many changes and crises over the years. He was central to the GDIB committee and made a valuable contribution to many successful events over the years.

We are very grateful for his efforts and wish him well in the future.

Our newly elected committee is comprised of:

- Doreen Ashton, Chairperson
- Rosemary Johnston, Treasurer
- Avril McCaffrey, Secretary
- Alison Harrison, Minute Secretary
- Philip Ponton, Equipment maintenance
- Andy Fenwick
- Ann Caudrey

HELP

Our objective is to keep the village tidy and looking its best, as well as providing some nice floral displays during the summer months. We urgently need more volunteers to help us with our various tasks during the year with the usual gardening tasks, weeding, hoeing, sweeping and of course planting. There are very few of us available to carry out the many tasks involved and it would help enormously if more people were willing to give us a hand, especially during the summer. We desperately want to continue, but this will only be possible with some additional help.

We would also welcome some new members to join our committee and bring some support and fresh ideas to the work we do. We only hold meetings about six times throughout the year in the village hall to discuss plans and manage the business. If you are new to the village, it is an excellent way to meet new people and become involved in the community.

You can contact:

Doreen - ashton.doreen@yahoo.com OR

Avril – avrilmccaffreyrcs@gmail.com OR

Speak to any member of the committee if you would like more information on what we do. We would love to hear from you.

GREEN TIDY UP DAY

The Green tidy up day on Saturday, 16th August was a real success story.

It was a perfect example of a 'community making a difference' – and boy, what a difference!

If any of you strolled through the Green in recent months, you will know how overgrown and untidy it had become.



Along came our taskforce of volunteers with a fleet of wheelbarrows and a selection of clippers, loppers, secateurs etc. and turned what seemed like an overwhelming task into an amazing transformation. Everybody worked together with one objective – to clear up the walkways and improve the area as much

as possible. We cannot thank you all enough for your willingness to help and for all your hard work.

The event was organised by Doreen Ashton who also rolled her sleeves up on the day and made sure everyone knew what tasks needed to be done and that they had the right tools to do them. We all assume Philip Ponton will make sure all the equipment is serviced, oiled and fuelled up, and he didn't let us down. Everything was sorted, ready and available for use. No time was wasted. As soon as everyone arrived, they got straight down to work – and did not stop. You could be forgiven for thinking you were at the starting grid of the Grand Prix with the noise, but it turned out it was the strimmers competing to see who could strim the fastest. The result was clear to see.

Our youngest recruit, Angus, who is 8, came along to keep an eye on his dad, Eric. It was so nice to see families getting involved and we look forward to seeing them again.

Diane and Jackie worked tirelessly to clear up the entrance from Greenbank Road by cutting back, strimming and raking.



They just came because they wanted to help out and enjoy the nice weather. The best part for them is the fun of getting together with other people.

A big thank you to Maud, who not only came along to participate in the tidy up, but recruited several of her colleagues from the Grow Club to help.



A brilliant effort from all of you, which is much appreciated

Barbara, Jean and Janet who were recently involved in the biodiversity audit at the Green, together with an extra pair of hands from Alice, tackled the area next to the pond with great enthusiasm, so much so that we nearly had to fish them out. They would like to see the Green restored to its original condition.



Apart from enjoying a cuppa and sampling Alison's special scones, it is a great opportunity to meet other people and have a chat and a laugh.

Doreen thanked everyone for coming out to help and for all their hard work. We hope we can look forward to seeing you all again in October.



Glenfarg Community Cinema

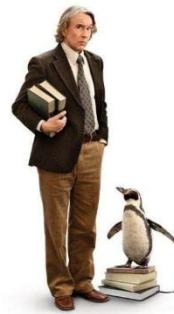
We've been busy over the summer putting together this great line up for the new season:



September 2025

Friday, September 12th, 7:30 PM: *The Penguin Lessons* - A heartwarming comedy-drama based on the true story of Tom Michell (played by Steve Coogan), an English teacher who finds an unexpected companion during a tumultuous time in Argentina.

The
**Penguin
Lessons**



October 2025

Friday, October 10th, 7:30 PM: *The Old Oak* - A powerful and hopeful examination of loss, fear, and the struggle to find common ground in a fractured society. In a struggling former mining community, the arrival of Syrian refugees sparks tension. Pub owner TJ forms an unlikely friendship with a young Syrian woman, Yara, and together they strive to unite the two communities through shared meals, promoting solidarity and understanding. Directed by Ken Loach.



November 2025

Friday, November 14th,
7:30 PM: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid -
Legendary outlaws Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, facing relentless pursuit in the Wild West, flee to Bolivia with Sundance's girlfriend, Etta Place, combining humour and action in a classic Western.



December 2025

Friday, December 5th, 7:00
PM: The Muppets
Christmas Carol. This
musical extravaganza gives
the classic Dickens tale a
charming Muppet
makeover, with Kermit the
Frog as the ever-earnest
Bob Cratchit and the
magnificent Michael Caine
as a Scrooge who's about
to be haunted by a parade



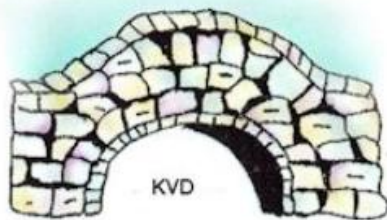
of gloriously goofy ghosts and heartwarming musical numbers.
Please note that the December screening is at the slightly earlier time of 7
pm which may better suit some of the younger members of the
community but the movie is great entertainment for all ages.

Tickets are available four weeks in advance from the village shop (cash only) and at the door on the night (cash or card). Tickets are £6 each.

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

Contact us on 01577 840196



Volunteering for KVD

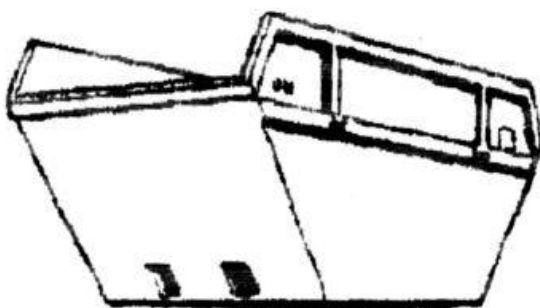
Do you have a couple of hours a week to spare? Why don't you consider volunteering for KVD. I have been a volunteer for over 10 years and I can honestly say it is one of the most rewarding things you can do to support those clients in our community.

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

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Glenfarg Wine Club

Glenfarg Wine Club will celebrate its Silver Anniversary this year.

The first ever meeting was on the 24th of September 2000, held in the Terrace Bar of the Glenfarg Hotel by kind permission of Steve Whiting. About 12 people attended, a disappointing number, but over the years this has risen to around 79 members registered with the Clubs Facebook Group chat. We normally get around 30 people on a normal club night, though 43 has been recorded in the past, making for a great night out.



Over the years we have held several social events such as a skittle night at the Sheep's Heid in Duddingston Edinburgh, and we have had 2 trips to France in 2004 and 2008 and one to Italy in 2006

We have also held several Safari Suppers which have always been immensely popular and very successful involving visiting different houses in rotation for appetisers, starters, mains, desserts and cheeses. Plus of course several bottles of wine!

One thing the Club is very proud of is the annual concerts we organised. These were a sell out every year with around 14 villagers performing many fantastic (mainly) and colourful acts. We have raised over £12,500, all of which was distributed to local people and groups, we made sure every penny stayed in Glenfarg.

The club (though not officially a club as we do not have constitution) was started to help people understand more about the complexities of drinking wine. At the start we had a budget of £5.00 per bottle, which over the years has increased to the current budget of £11.00 per bottle.

We try to have some form of theme at each meeting such as New World compared to Old World, e.g French Merlot against Chile Merlot, and Sauvignon blanc from the Loire compared



to Sauvignon blanc from New Zealand. We have also have had presenters from wine shops such as Oddbins, Majestic and Luvians.

Currently the aim is to taste 6 different wines, usually 3 white followed by 3 red, and as an added bonus we have nibbles, usually cheese and biscuits.

All members are encouraged to have their names on a rota to present wines of their own choice, and are given a budget of £11.00 per bottle, the norm being 4 bottles of each (this depends on the numbers attending)

The presenters normally talk about the background of the wine, where it comes from and what taste to expect. Also on the rota are volunteers to provide nibbles, they are given a budget of £30.

The club normally runs from September through to May, with a Christmas special evening in December.

We are very proud of what the club has achieved over that past 25 years, it has become a vital part of village life especially since the closure of the

Glenfarg Hotel, and is now an important place for villagers to meet up for a social evening.

If anyone would like to attend one of our evenings, it is open to everyone (over 18s of course), and we would appreciate all members old and new to indicate their intention to attend a meeting by a message on the club Facebook page. This helps with us being able to have sufficient wine and nibbles. The Facebook page will show the dates and presenters from September through to May.

So our next meeting is on the 27th of September giving us the opportunity to raise a glass for the fantastic 25 years the club has existed and to look forward to the next 25 years!



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

Really? We have a local Library?

Bibliology Correspondent Leigh Smith



I have lost count of the number of people that hadn't realised we have a fantastic library service on our doorstep. I would be raving about what a fantastic service it provides only to be met with a blank expression. Sometimes it would be people new to the area but, to my surprise, others of longer standing. There are lots of treats in store for you, if you're interested in finding out more, as I'll explain here.

Were you one of those children like I was – a real bookworm? I would read avidly in bed when I was meant to be asleep, by the dim glow of the light on the stair landing just outside my bedroom, knowing full well that Mum would tell me off if she caught me, and try and scare me into thinking I'd ruin my eyesight.

How many of you remember libraries from school days? From the 60s and 70s I remember big wooden boxes full of little brown cardboard holders and tickets that would be pulled out by a scary lady when you borrowed or returned books. At university I would later be amazed at what I found on the library shelves – 'The Art of Farting' by Salvador Dali – I can't say that helped much with my Fine Art exam but it was an entertaining read all the same.

For many years after entering the world of work, I took weeks or months to finish one book. I so needed my sleep in the days when I commuted to Edinburgh for a 7.30 start. Acquiring a Kindle for holiday reading was a revelation, up to ten days at a time reading by a pool was a great respite and I found lots of books by subscribing to Kindle Unlimited which saved me a fortune.

Once I retired, I rediscovered reading after visiting the local library van (did you even know we had one?) and then our local library, conveniently situated at the high school in Kinross (the 'Loch Leven Campus'). Some

years ago, this particular library became a charity but it's still part of the local Perth and Kinross library network. By the way, if you want to check out the van dates and times, just check out the handy information on the back cover of this excellent Newsletter.

Here's a list of what I love about our library service:

You can borrow a book for up to 12 weeks (3 weeks initially but you can renew the loan 3 times unless someone else has reserved that book). This means you can borrow several books at a time and work your way through them.

You can renew your loan online (hurrah) and check your online library account to see what books are due back when. You'll also get an email several days before a book is due so there's little chance you'll forget.

If you are late returning a book, there's no fine – making this service affordable for everyone.

Your online account also allows you to search for books across the entire Perth and Kinross library network and reserve them. You'll get an email when the book is available at the Loch Leven Campus, and it's held there for 14 days for you to pick up.

You also get online access to papers and magazines – not a service I've used as I still prefer to read the physical version but this is a great asset to lots of people.

How do I choose what books I want to read?

If I'm in a hurry, I often look at the 'New In' or 'Recently Returned' selection just inside the library entrance. I search the online library catalogue for major new releases after reading reviews -sometimes with a really popular new book I'll end up on a waiting list (even though several copies may have been acquired) but at least my online account lets me see how far up the list I am whenever I want to check.

If there's a new book I fancy that the library hasn't bought (for example, the autobiography of Susie from the Repair Shop programme) I've been able to pay a small fee (a few years ago it was £2) so that the library would get the book in, and I'd be the first person to read it.

Have I whetted your appetite? I do hope so. There's lots more I could tell you about if I had more time – regular events, children's services etc. Something for everyone.

If you'd like to find out how to join the library and the full range of services and events etc, then visit the PKC website – www.culturepk.org.uk - and search for Loch Leven Community Library. Opening hours and access information are listed below. Happy reading!

OPENING TIMES		ACCESS	
Mon	10.00am – 1.00pm		Baby Changing
Tues	10.00am – 7.00pm		Disabled Toilet
Weds	10.00am – 6.00pm		Free Wifi
Thurs	10.00am – 7.00pm		Seats Available
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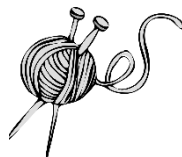


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The Kinross Handcraft Circle



The Kinross Handcraft Circle is a group of enthusiastic craft people who meet on alternate Tuesday mornings at the Gateside Memorial Hall. A programme of classes and workshops is planned each year, with skills being passed on by members and outside tutors.

The Kinross Handcraft Circle is part of the Scottish Handcraft Circle with other branches in Glasgow, St. Andrews and East Lothian. All groups come together for a joint residential craft weekend each year and a biennial exhibition of work is hosted in succession by the four branches.

The Scottish Handcraft Circle first took shape as an idea in the autumn of 1949. Three friends in the Guide movement were saddened by how little needlework was being produced by girl guides and felt some effort must be made to prevent needlecraft skills from dying out. Led by Lady Rachel Younger, the Commissioners set out to help the generation then growing up in Scotland learn handcraft skills. Over the next few years interest grew and a wider range of crafts was introduced.

The Circle has continued to grow over the years and the spirit has remained the same.



Although it started in the Guide movement it now has members from all walks of life. All are keen amateurs who want to expand their skills and are also happy to pass on their own knowledge to other members.

After a short break through the summer months, the Kinross Handcraft Circle will start meeting again on Tuesday 2nd September. Sessions run

from 9.30 until 12.15 and there is an annual membership fee of £30 which covers the cost of the hall and mid-morning refreshments.



Classes for the 2025/26 session will include Applique, Embroidered

Felt birds, Goldwork and Crafting with Nature. In addition, there will be a Knitting Masterclass and members are always welcome to bring along their own projects to work on. There will also be a one-day Willow Weaving workshop.



If you are interested in joining, please contact the secretary, Ann Caudrey, at ann.jag21@gmail.com or pop in to the first meeting on 2nd September.

You will be made very welcome!

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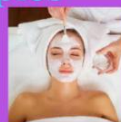
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NEWS UPDATE

Greener Glenfarg has been using the summer months to think about and explore the local environment. It is said that, on a world-wide scale, changes in temperature, precipitation, and other environmental factors are altering habitats, disrupting ecosystems and driving species to extinction. Is climate change impacting our local biodiversity? It could be important to collect data now, in order to carry out comparisons and look at ways to support our wildlife.

Glenfarg Green – Survey

Thanks to Glenfarg and Duncriche in Bloom, we are fortunate to have the results of a Glenfarg Green wild plant survey carried out in July 2007. It was therefore in July this year that we set out to record the plants that we could identify on the Green.

The original survey identified 89 different wild flowers. In 2025, we managed to identify 51. From the results, it seems 26 kinds of wild flowers are surviving while 25 new varieties have appeared. So have the rest disappeared? We are not sure yet, need to go back for a second look. But please take a look there yourself the next time you walk through the Green. There is more variety than you may think.



Wallace Park – Survey



At the beginning of August, a few of us took a walk around Wallace Park to try and identify some of the wild plants and other wildlife that thrives on our doorsteps.

Aided by some very knowledgeable folk in the community and INaturalist, in less than 2 hours walking

around the edges of the park, we identified 60 different plant species; 3 different bumble bees; 3 butterflies; 1 moth; and the intriguingly named Harvestman spider, which is not a true spider because it has a single unsegmented body and 8 very long legs. The plants varied from the familiar dandelion to the possibly less familiar horsetail: good for skin, hair and nail health and used historically as a scouring pad for pot cleaning.

It was not a scientific study – we were not throwing quadrats and then identifying everything growing within them. However, it does give us a general baseline list that we can compare with what grows next spring/summer. Most of the data has also been recorded via the open source INaturalist UK data base, which once observations are verified, will then be added to a global biodiversity data base. We were all fairly amazed by the rich variety of what is out there and look forward to more visits to different parts of our surroundings to see what else we can spot. If you are interested and would like to take part, please contact Janet Watson/Greener Glenfarg.

Nature Survey

We also started to think about a wider biodiversity survey, involving all members of the community. This proved to be quite complicated, so we

decided to try it out amongst ourselves this year, with a view to holding a larger event next year. We came up with 4 categories – plants, birds, insects and mammals – and gave people 6 examples in each category to look for. We hope that this experience will prove useful in planning the next event.

Kinross-shire Red Squirrel Group

Members of the Greener Glenfarg Biodiversity Group attended the inaugural meeting of the Kinross-shire Red Squirrel Group. At that time, we were encouraged to report sightings of red or grey squirrels so that their locations could be added to the map. This was done and trained personnel were able to capture and deal with some of the increasing numbers of greys.

Unfortunately, this led to the discovery that some greys in our vicinity were carrying squirrel pox, which is fatal to the reds. New traps were set and a call went out for volunteers. People are needed either to be trained to help deal with the problem or just to check traps, release any reds or report the finding of a grey. Traps have to be checked twice every 24 hours in order that any squirrel trapped does not suffer stress any longer than necessary. If you can help, you are not committing yourself to make daily visits. But if you do go walking, especially around the Arngask loop, we could add you to a WhatsApp group and you could take part whenever you are able.

To join the WhatsApp group, contact
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To join Kinross-shire Red Squirrel Group, contact
kinrossshireredsqirrelgroup@gmail.com or see their Facebook page



It's OK To Not Like Dogs

Canine Correspondent Christine Fotheringham

A friend of mine confided that she gets terrified if she encounters a dog when walking through her local park. I know others who simply don't like dogs, especially those that force their enthusiastic affection on you. We have an ever-increasing number of dogs in the Glenfarg area; for me that is heaven but I was reminded once, when my dog was seriously attacked by a dog in Glenfarg, that humans don't always control their dogs as well as they should. If you are not a great fan of dogs but understand that we live in a community where compromise is the answer, I want to offer you ways to minimise unwanted affection and maximise your sense of safety.

Ditch the idea that you have to say hello to a friend's dog.

Many will thank you for not making eye contact, smiling and speaking to their dog (you've just invited the dog to jump up on you), allowing them to keep their dog calm.

Never stroke a dog on lead unless you know them and they have had time to

consider their choices and come to you. A dog on lead is trapped. If you surprise them or approach them they may have no choice but to use aggression to make you back off. They only want to create distance. The same goes for dogs in cars, you'll be mad to put your hand in to say hello, how will they make that hand go away if they don't want it? They are



entitled to protect their personal space, just like you would if a stranger got handsy with you.

Interpret what you see. A dog with a stiff body, staring at you or your dog, with head low and tail high and twitchy is one you hope the owner interrupts pretty soon. However, if the whole body is fluid and relaxed you are usually safe. Dogs with waggy tails are not always happy, again it is whether the tail is wagged high and stiffly, or mid-way and relaxed.

Fold your arms. Speak the dog's language – body language. Folding arms and turning your head away from the dog, avoiding eye contact, tells them you don't want to interact. This tip is hugely successful at deflecting their attention from you.

Stand totally still if needed. Dogs can't see things that are perfectly still (that's why they stop and crouch sometimes, to make themselves unnoticeable while choosing whether to interact). Being up wind helps too. Yet fast moving things become very clear to dogs so don't be surprised if they want to join in if you run (running and squealing even better).

Trust that dogs off lead are safe. There's a lot of very decent dog owners in our area who never let a dog who has injured another dog or human off the lead (and sometimes muzzled) until they are completely rehabilitated. A decent owner will also not let their dog run up to yours if your dog is on a lead. If you get a scallywag bothering your dog whilst it is on lead, keep walking, stride your dog out of the situation - it's more stressful for your dog if you stop.

My dog is only trying to get a laugh when she walks right in front of someone that is charging on minding their own business, but it's downright annoying so I watch her body language for 'intent' and interrupt it (I can show you dog owners what I mean by that if you wish).

Wallace Park should forever be a place where dogs can be off lead, to learn manners and respond instantly when they're called (99% of the time. No dog or owner is perfect). You are right to expect dogs off lead to

be under control and if not, there to be an authority who will do it instead.

If you or your dog are unlucky enough to be injured (or have reasonable and justified fear that you will be, as you don't need to be injured to prosecute) both the Police and Dog Warden (Animal Welfare Officer) have a duty to act. Don't let them tell you otherwise or their reluctance to put you off. The AWO deals with injury to dogs, the Police both but usually just humans.

I hope I haven't spooked all you dog owners too much. We do have a responsibility to help our dogs fit in with the community and be socially acceptable. In addition to me, there are other great dog trainers around using modern methods who are worthy of your investment. If we dog



lovers refresh our dogs manners in order to enjoy the freedom of our communal areas safely, I hope you will now feel better informed to keep yourself feeling safer in the company of our beloved dogs.

Christine Fotheringham

Retired Dog Behaviourist but currently offering Puppy Training

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See Christine's one-to-one Puppy Training on Facebook

Revisiting an Old Service

The old 203 bus service used to run around Loch Leven at the weekends during the summer months. It wasn't well used but we think that using new 21st century technology we could breathe new life into the route and potentially give all of Kinross-shire access to a bus service.

For the next four months of Summer and early Autumn 2025 we will be running a pilot project to see if we can make it work. Using our new Pingo Booking App, the service will run three days per week initially and be available where there is no bus service. You will be able to book your journey from places like Carnbo, Cleish, Vane Farm, Loch Leven Lodges, Lochend Farm and a number of other "virtual stops" to each designated stop in the area and to and from Kinross and Milnathort. The service will operate from bus stops and if there is no bus stop at present we will designate "virtual stops. This is not a taxi service, and you will share your trip with other passengers who will book to join along the way. If there is already a bus service in the area, we will not provide a service. As the service will be registered with the Traffic Commissioner, national entitlement cards will be accepted for concessionary fares.

A New Evening Service

Since April 2023, Glenfarg Community Transport Group has been running The 55 Bus – initially from Glenfarg to Kinross and then from Kinross to Perth via Glenfarg. From 7am to 7pm the hourly service has steadily grown in popularity. Now we are asking – is there demand for extending our service into the evening and can we use a different model – **DDRT or Digital Demand Responsive Transport?**

For the next four months of Summer and early Autumn 2025 we will be running a pilot project / feasibility study to see if we can answer these questions. Using our new **Ride Pingo Booking App**, the service will run **on Friday and Saturday evenings**. There will be three journeys in each direction between Kinross and Perth at roughly two hourly intervals, picking up passengers who have booked from stops in **Kinross, Milnathort, Glenfarg and Perth**. The first bus to Kinross will leave Glenfarg at around **19:40**. and the last bus will leave Perth for Kinross at around **23:10**. The last bus from Kinross to Glenfarg will be at around **23:40**, as soon as it connects with incoming **Ember** service from Edinburgh that arrives at **23:39**.

Reflecting that it is not a fixed route, the timings will not be fixed and the App will tell you when to be at your stop. The service has the flexibility to choose between routes depending on the number and locations of bookings. For example, if there are no passengers booked in Milnathort, the bus will use the motorway as a more direct route.

This is **not** a taxi service, and you will share your trip with other passengers who will also book to join along the way. If there is already a bus service in the area, we will not provide a service (so we will not run at the same time as the 56). As the service will be registered with the Traffic Commissioner, national entitlement cards will be accepted for concessionary fares.

We can carry up to 16 passengers per journey and **booking is essential**. We will be asking our first “guinea pigs” to register to use the service and sign up for the **Ride Pingo App**.

We hope to use the pilot/feasibility study to gather information and evidence of what works and what does not to design future services and make funding applications. DDRT works in many other areas, but we have to be sure that it works for us.

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Glenfarg Freewheelers

The sun is still shining and although that is worrying for climate change, it has been great for getting out on the bikes. Numbers of bikes being borrowed has suddenly increased which is great news. Here are some of the places that the borrowers have got to.

Raspberry and red currant picking in secret locations around the village. There have been so many rasps this year there wasn't so much biking being done!

A quick look at the new houses at **Upper Tillyrie**. We went along the farm track at Nether Tillyrie, up to the houses where the hospital used to be and then a short cut to Meikle Seggie, Kinross and Milnathort - a new route for Alison and Trish



Chas has no car at the moment so uses the mountain bike on a month's loan to **get to tennis and back** from New Fargie.

Had a great ride to the **Kirkstyle Inn in Dunning** in some lovely weather. Pub very kindly let us recharge while we had lunch. Left by Church Brae and came back by Hayfield Rd to make a nice loop.

Jackie and Sheena: “We borrowed 2 bikes for three days. On the first day we went on the backroads to Milnathort, stopped at the **Milnathort Golf club** for a coffee and scone. There was lots of room outside for the bikes. We then cycled the whole way **round Loch Leven** which now has an improved path and had a picnic lunch. Then back to Glenfarg. It was exhausting but exhilarating . We rode 23 miles – no chance of doing that on a normal bike!...”

RSPB Loch Leven - same ride but a stop off at the lovely RSPB reserve. It's awash with flowers at the moment modelling biodiversity and good pollinators. The ospreys have arrived and the gulls at hide three are as noisy as ever.



Pillars of Hercules - Auchtermuchty. I did a test ride and after a round by Tillyrie, Kinross and coffee at Loch Leven Larder. There is a new garden there which is worth looking at. I then went along Hillfoot Road from Wester Balgeddie to Strathmiglo and Pillars of Hercules. Good for a refuel or a great place as a destination via Balvaird route.

I took the road through Dunshalt and Auchtermuchty, straight across and left up to Pitmedden forest. Hundreds of brambles we went back for... and a bumpy ride through the forest. I turned left and sailed up the hill with the motor on turbo, and then back to Balvaird and Glenfarg. That was 40 miles and still had 2/4 bars left on battery. The time the battery will lasts depends on how many hills you go up, how much power you use on the bike and how much effort you put into pedalling.

Bendronaig Bothy, Attadale (Lochcarron) Alex took the mountain bike “Leven” up into the hills with Tara and Roger. It sailed up the rough, steep and long uphill tracks and the thick tyres made the descent easy. A couple of Munros were bagged and the bike made the day a lot easier with a fast but fun descent on the way home.



If you have more photos of places you have biked to then please let us know and send them in. We hope this encourages you to try a few new routes and let us know if you want to use a Glenfarg freewheelers e-bike. You can borrow the

bikes for a week or month at a time to find out if you want to buy one or when you don't have access to a car.

Look out for weekend trips through the autumn and anyone is welcome to join us on Thursdays at 11.30 after coffee morning in the hall.

Glenfarg Freewheelers Maintenance Sessions

We hold sessions for the community to come and learn how to look after your bike. On August 8th we held a session on “trailside repairs”. It was run by Neill McDonald of Kingsway Bikeshed (previously of Sustrans) and focussed on quick ways to repair your bike in the middle of nowhere using the basic toolkit that he recommended. It was well attended and we all got to practice on our own bikes.

If you are interested in coming to future workshops, keep looking at Grapevine, village shop notices or contact us on 07436419585 and we will add you to our WhatsApp group.



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Why do you need to clean a bike?

Bike Maintenance Correspondent Callum Halliday

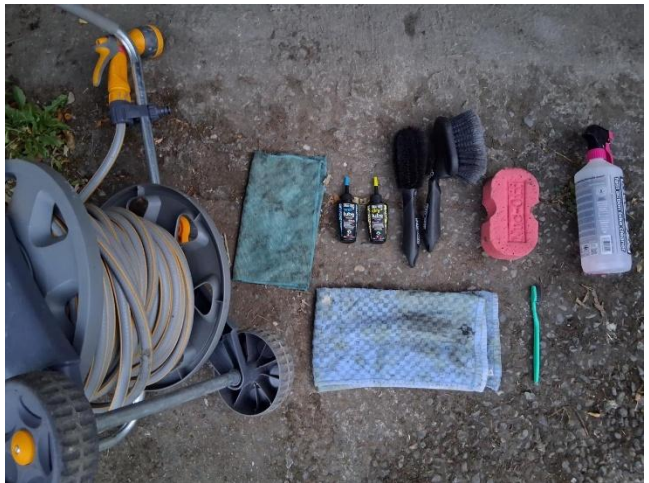
Why do it?

- It will make your bike last longer
- It will make your bike perform better
- Your bike will feel nicer to ride & you will feel more secure in its capabilities

Place your bike outside and find a place where you can stand your bike freely & securely whilst working on it. You will probably get wet.

You will need:

1. A hosepipe
2. An old toothbrush
3. Some bike soap or mild detergent
4. A big soft handbrush
5. Sponge & bucket
6. Towel
7. Chain lubricant



Start off by giving your bike a gentle rinse from the hosepipe. This will loosen off most of the mud.

At this point I need to say NEVER USE A POWER WASHER/STRONG JET OF WATER as this can damage some of the bike's key components and the frame itself.

Add some soap to the remaining dirty parts of the bike making sure not to touch the brakes with soap.

Wait a few minutes for the soap to work its magic.

And then with the larger soft brush, gently scrub the soap into the surface to remove stains & mud.

Hose down bike again.

Fill bucket with warm, soapy water & focus on particularly difficult to clean areas with sponge & toothbrush.

Rinse once more.

Towel dry preferably with a microfibre towel.

Re-lubricate chain.

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Next newsletter – special treatment for your bicycle chain.





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Community Orchard

Fruit Correspondent Rory Stewart

Four volunteers, armed with shiny new tools, courtesy of Lochelbank community fund, went to summer prune the community orchard, behind the school. Summer pruning is the cutting back of the new sappy growth to three leaves from the fruiting rosette. This lets in more light to help ripen the existing fruit and stimulates fruit bud production for next year. The volunteers were in awe of the amount of work and the achievement of Eric who has just passed over the management of this community asset, he has managed this, mainly on his own for many years.



Orchardists Rory Stewart and Bob Buchan

Aside from the pruning, seed was collected from the yellow rattle to be sown at a later date post strimming. The 'Rattle' is a parasitic plant that

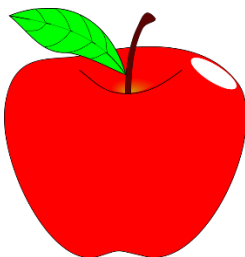
weakens the grass growth thereby stimulating the production of a greater variety of other wild flowers.

Currently there is an abundance of knapweed, a purple thistle-like flower, and yellow toadflax, both valuable food plants for assorted bees and butterflies. Knapweed was also used by young maidens to find out who they were going to marry. Separate to the apple trees there are also hazel bushes which seem to be fruiting well, hazel nuts being a great food source for red squirrels in particular, also dormice and other small rodents.

It looks like there is going to be a plentiful crop of apples this year and hopefully, exploiting child labour, this will be collected and distributed in the autumn.

Again, thanks are due to Eric for the establishment and maintenance of this community asset, to Lochelbank for the grant to buy tools and to GOBS for the storage of the tools.

Rory Stewart - 07770 955347



Kinross and Ochil Walking Group



Fresh air, exercise, good company and wonderful views - all this and visits to some of the spectacular scenery and lesser-known places that surround us. We are a friendly and relaxed group and, if you'd like to try a walk with us, you'll be made very welcome.

We have fortnightly walks on a Tuesday and fortnightly weekend walks that alternate between Saturdays and Sundays. As well as regular walks we also have a number of social events including our summer BBQ that was a great success.



Once a year we have a weekend away. This year the trip was to Bute where we had wonderful

views on all our walks. In just 3 days we managed to pack in easy woodland and coastal walks as well as a more challenging walk at Kilchattan Bay. All of the walks were reached either directly from the hotel or by using the excellent island bus service.

Below are the details of our upcoming walks in September. For details of our walks in October to November please see our website www.ramblers.org.uk/kinross-ochil or contact the walks coordinators.

Tuesday Short Walks

Unless otherwise stated, these walks are usually about two hours long and a fairly gentle four miles. We often follow the walk with a visit to a cafe, farm-shop or pub for refreshments, but this is entirely optional.

Tuesday 9th September, Blackness to Abercorn Circular

From Blackness village, we walk towards its impressive 15th century fortress before turning along the coastal path (John Muir Way). Eventually we turn inland up a short slope towards the hamlet of Abercorn and its ancient Parish Church where we'll have a break before returning via the coastal path.

Tuesday 23rd September, Methven Woods

A circular walk through woodland, passing Methven Loch. Gentle ascent with good views. A field crossing leads back through Almondbank village.

For further details of how to book a place and where to meet for Tuesday walks or general enquiries, please contact Susan Tester on 01786 834535

Weekend Longer Walks

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

Sunday 14th September, Falkland Circular

From Falkland Library car park, we head up by the stables and take the track to Craigmead. From there we walk up to the Tyndall Bruce monument and then return to the start.

Saturday 27th September, Vane Farm, Benarty Hill & Harran Hill

The walk starts with a steep climb over the Benarty ridge and down through Benarty Forest. There are splendid views over Loch Leven to the north and Lochore to the south. The return route proceeds steeply up to Benarty Hill on rough paths and returns to the start via the Benarty ridge. Walking poles recommended.

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Grow Club



Grow Club has been enjoying the lovely summer weather of the last few months. We've been meeting at the raised beds (just over the wall from the Village Hall door) and we've grown a variety of different fruit, salad, veg and flowers. We've also had time at the end to share refreshments and a chat, which we'll try to keep going throughout the year.



In June we took home rocket, radishes and herbs and had a go at taking cuttings from clematis. Some of these internodal cuttings seem to have taken - fingers crossed. Who doesn't have room in their garden to squeeze in a free clematis?

July was fruit time - the fruit cage constructed in the spring had protected the fruit from the birds, and we picked blackcurrants,

strawberries,
gooseberries,
redcurrants and
whitecurrants, as well
as early potatoes,
lettuces and sorrel.
We tried out the
garden furniture
donated by Kareen
and our shiny new
bench and had tea,
coffee and Pimm's in
our own wee garden.



In August we had a plant sale table at the pop-up pub and two coffee mornings. We raised around £70, not bad when many of the plants were only £1, but certainly helped by the donation of a few jars of Jean's delicious 'Duncriebee honey'. We've added the money to our funds for the winter.

Towards the end of the month, we started a fun project suggested by Pierette (perhaps it was originally a joke, but it sparked an interest in the group). Bea, the gardener, is bathing with the bees. We'll fill it for free with plants that the bees love, either grown from seeds or cuttings or pinched from someone's garden! Only joking - that's called "propagation by division"



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Tennis and Pickleball Club Update

Down at the courts things are ticking over nicely. A trickle of new members and our new twice a week format of having named pairs is working well. Also, we have some younger players who are now grown enough to join our games giving more fun and variety.

Although the ladies team gave up league tennis in favour of internal matches, the men continue with Perth and District league matches taking them on away matches, but thankfully not as far as Lundin Links and Montrose. All home by bedtime nowadays.

Happy as we are with our tennis and membership, there is always room for new players to come along and join us. Just ask the new members how much they get out of it; not just the tennis, but the exercise, the camaraderie and the social friendships too. We are now so late in the season that you can come and play as much as you like for the rest of the year for a massively reduced subscription. Just give Tim a ring on 07790870561 for more details. See you on court!!

Community Centre Update

The initial plan when the schoolhouse was purchased was to have one electricity supply throughout the centre. The escalation in building costs during covid made this progress unaffordable and the centre has been functioning with three phase electricity to the old hall and single phase to the schoolhouse and the community centre paying two separate electricity standing charges. It has also restricted the potential to develop the building and improve the heating system within it. The community centre has applied for grants to extend the three phase electricity throughout the building and upgrade the main fuse board within the original hall, which has no spare capacity within it and we have been informed that it needs upgraded to pass its electrical condition report in 2026. This work will take over a week to complete and will be done at such a time to cause minimum inconvenience to hall users and the transport group. Once completed having the whole on a single electricity supply will allow us to use the solar energy throughout the complex.

Wind Farm Funding for Local Projects



Do you have an idea or a good cause that could benefit from funding? Then you should consider the two community funds associated with wind farms in the area

Binn Wind Turbine Community Fund

Fund Opens: 06/08/25

Fund Closes: 07/10/25

Decisions Made Early December

Grant Size: Up to £3000. Large grants between £3,001 - £20,000 by exception, contact the Fund Adviser (contact details below)

About this fund

Binn Wind Turbine Community Fund supports community projects benefiting those living in the Community Council areas of Glenfarg, Abernethy & District and Auchtermuchty & Strathmiglo.

This Fund is provided by Our Community Energy (OCE), a community benefit society set up on behalf of local communities by Green Cat Renewables, the developer of the Binn EcoPark Wind Farm. OCE owns two wind turbines on the Binn EcoPark Wind Farm, the profits from which are to be used for the benefit of four Community Council areas. Funds will be available for distribution for the operating life of the wind farm, which is expected to be 25 years. The amount available each year will vary depending on OCE's financial performance.

Purpose of this fund

The overall aims of the fund are to support activity which will sustain and develop the life of the community and ensure that the area is an

attractive and vibrant place to live, work and visit. To achieve this, the Fund will support charitable activities that:

- Promote safe, cohesive, resilient communities and encourage community activity.
- Maintain and develop community facilities and assets.
- Reduce inequalities faced by residents and communities.
- Support healthy lives and well-being for all.

Please note that applications which do not clearly meet one of the above outcomes are still welcome. The outcomes are simply a guide as to how applications may be prioritised by the decision-making Panel.

Grant requests to support a wide range of costs and activities will be considered, such as the costs of equipment, staff or seasonal workers, consultations, running costs for local groups, maintenance or refurbishment of community facilities and more.

Full details including online application process can be found by searching for “[Binn Wind Turbine Community Fund | Foundation Scotland](#)” or email grants@foundationscotland.org.uk or call 0131 524 0300

RWE Lochelbank Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

Fund next opens 20/2/26

Decisions made end May 2026

Grant size: £350 - £5,000

About this fund

The RWE Lochelbank Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund supports community projects benefiting those living in the Glenfarg or Earn Community Council areas. This fund is provided by RWE, the owner of

Lochelbank Wind Farm in Perthshire. The fund opened in 2011. An annual amount of £20,000, rising in line with inflation, will be paid into the fund for the operating life of the wind farm which is expected to be 25 years. In 2022 the contribution to the fund was £27,026. Grants in excess of the maximum stated above and/or multi-year requests (up to 3 years) can be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Purpose of this fund

The Fund provides grants to support charitable activities that:

- Enhance quality of life for local residents.
- Contribute to vibrant, healthy, successful and sustainable communities.
- Promote community spirit and encourage community activity.

Grants may support a wide range of costs, for example the costs of equipment, staff or seasonal workers, consultations, running costs for local groups, maintenance or refurbishment of community facilities and more.

Full details including online application process can be found by searching for “[RWE Lochelbank Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund | Foundation Scotland](#)” or email grants@foundationscotland.org.uk or call 0131 524 0300

In addition this community fund offers a microgrant application process for amounts up to £350. Microgrants applications can be made anytime directly to the Community Council. The Microgrant has supported small fund requests from individuals, our Scout Group, The Wallace Park volunteers, Glenfarg & Duncrive in Bloom, The Community Centre, Glenfarg Freewheelers and the Glenfarg Gits. Whereas the Larger Grant fund has supported fund requests from the Community Transport Group, the Community Centre and the Community Council for Christmas lights.

Start your Microgrant application by sending an email to the secretary@glenfarg.com

Glenfarg Community Council Minutes

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

Attendees: CCllrs Ponton, Pilmer, Christie, Murray, Fraser, Macleod and Smart. PKC Cllr Robertson and 8 members of the public.

Welcome by the GCC Chair CCllr Ponton.

1. Apologies: Police Scotland PC Samson, PKC Cllr Cuthbert, PKC Cllr Freshwater

2. Approval of last Business Meeting Minutes held on Monday 5th May 2025

3. Police Report

In PC Samson's absence CCllr Pilmer, Secretary, advised that another Police Scotland officer was able to report as follows.

One Crime of note to report but no details. 24 Calls to Police Scotland regarding our Ward although some of these were duplicated.

Police Scotland are to hold a "Drop in" public meeting on Sunday 27th July 10:00am to 12:00 Midday at the Community Centre.

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 @PSOPerthKin 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. Correspondence and Action Points

CCllr Pilmer stated that four letters had been received.

Letter 1. Notification about Tree Felling operations in the Deuglie area. This matter was circulated on media and PKC are still to confirm when the Tree Felling operations shall commence.

Letter 2. Lochelbank Wind Farm Panel recruitment. Two new replacement nominees have been noted for our Glenfarg community to start in position in November.

Letter 3. PKC notification to communities about ensuring that Voters from households in our Ward are correct and registered for the PKC and Government elections. Letters/emails to be issued to PKC households.

Letter 4. PKC notification regarding a Timetable for the forthcoming Community Council (CC) Elections to commence in August, thereafter the new Community Council body for Glenfarg will be expected to take over for a period of three years in November 2025. The CC Elections will follow advertisement through the Grapevine email, Village Newsletter and Media.

5. Meetings – Virtual and Public

CCllr Fraser reported on the Solar Panel exhibition, for the Binn land area, in the Community Centre as held in June. Members of the public were shown visual display boards and an interactive display of what could be viewed from the Balvaird Castle grounds. There is to be another public consultation later this Autumn. Details to follow in due course.

CCllr Fraser reported on Scottish Water topics related to the Water Treatment Works upgrade. Church Brae is to receive a new Anti Slip road surface coating. Two Defibrillators have been offered to the village whereby a discussion took place for what type of Cabinet facility would be best and their two locations – Tennis Court and Old Phone box were suggested as suitable locations. A Defibrillator is now in place at the Scottish Water's Water Treatment Works entrance.

A "thank you" was proposed for the two ESD Convoy operators who manage/escort the large vehicle movements from the Lay-by (south end of Glenfarg) to the WTW and their return. It was noted further that the present Lay-by is subject to a proposed enlargement to cater for larger loaded vehicles.

CCllr Smart reported on the Kinross-shire Committee Meeting. Key point discussed related to the multi junction area of the M90/A91/Mawcarse, the road accidents minor or major and how best to alleviate the problems. Road signage and Speed restrictions were discussed and Cllr Robertson stated that the matter was being investigated by PKC and that there would be a practical course of action taken to improve the multi junction area. Hopefully by sometime in the autumn. Members of the public were encouraged to report collision/accidents/incidents to the Police no matter how minor or major they are. Collation of evidence is paramount to assisting with road improvements.

6. Planning

CCLlr Christie reported.

Reference	Date	Applicant	Details	Action / Decision
25/00552/FLL	08/05/2025	Scottish Water	Installation of pipework, erection of fencing and associated works at Glenfarg Water Treatment Works The Reservoir Glenfarg Perth PH2 9QL	Awaiting Decision
25/00446/FLL	06/05/2025	Scottish Water	Erection of pH correction gallery building, installation of pipebridge, formation of replacement access track with layby/passing place and associated engineering works at Glenfarg Water Treatment Works The Reservoir Glenfarg Perth PH2 9QL	Awaiting Decision
24/00435/FLL	15/03/2024	Melville	Erection of dwellinghouse and access (in principle) at Land 40 Metres North West Of The Old Manse Greenbank Road Glenfarg Perth PH2 9NW	Refused
25/00827/FLL	19/06/2025	Scottish Woodland	Permanent retention of vehicular access and track Land 150 Metres South West Of Abbots Deuglie House Glenfarg Perth PH2 9QJ	Awaiting Decision
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	Approved

7. Finance Report

CCLlr Murray reported.

Treasurer's Report 07/07/25: Action points (completed from previous report/meeting):

Insurance paid to PKC.

Spoke to Bank of Scotland regarding charges for services provided on all Glenfarg Community Council Accounts. Was told by the bank that all Treasurer Accounts (of which they all were) have been changed to community Accounts which now incur charges for services. Asked what services they provided, of which they responded with 'none'. But the bank has made all these types of Accounts (business) chargeable if the business/community you council is not a registered charity. So therefore, there is no way round these charges, unless we change banks or go to an online one such as Monzo/Revolut. The Charges are £4.25 per month so £51 for each account per year, £153 total per year across all Accounts.

A discussion took place about the Account charges, and it was agreed to await further news from PKC Cllr Robertson because these Account charges are affecting all Community Councils and other groups (if they are not Registered Charities). PKC's Head of Finance is to respond to Cllr Robertson to discuss/offer a solution.

Paid for use of the hall for meetings.

£500 paid by Foundation Scotland into the Micro-Grant Account. Purpose of award: Unrestricted cost of living increase award from Foundation Scotland. Should this money be used for something different other than Micro-Grants as it is a cost-of-living increase award? Discussion agreed to leave money in the Microgrant account and to publicise the Microgrant topic through Social Media.

Action points to be completed going forward: Produce new Micro-Grant form, to be put online and on Glenfarg Website with associated receipt capability.

Account Movement 5th May 2025 - 7th July 2025:

Treasurer Account: Balance 07/07/25: £366.60 Money In: £0 Money Out: £114.75

Newsletter Account: Balance 07/07/25: £3226.02 Money In: £116.08 Money Out: £418.84

Micro-Grant Account: Balance 07/07/25: £2753.06 Money In: £0 Money Out: £4.25

8. AOCB

Greenbank Road. A discussion took place regarding an area that is the subject of public concern and the wellbeing of the community. Cllr Robertson gave a summary of matters as stated to PKC Housing and a brief overview of their reply. Following further discussion it was agreed that the Community Council contact PKC to highlight a number of concerns. Action Cllr Ponton

Bein Inn B996 road junction Closure in August affecting the Community Transport Group. The alternative road route, via Auchtermuchty, shall put a strain on the Community Bus Timetable including the associated extra miles' operational costs. Unless an alternative compromise can be found it means that the operation of the community bus may well be restricted to the Glenfarg and Kinross route for the duration of the roadworks closure. The Wicks o' Baigle route and M90 (due to ongoing roadworks) are not suitable. The X56 route by Stagecoach shall have to accommodate its own amendments Action CTG and PKC

The Glenfarg Hotel. No news as to who owns the building. Further deterioration has been noted.

Defibrillator. Covered previously Item 5.

Community Benefit Trust. Topic carried on until next meeting.

Bike Track in Copperfields Wood. A member of the public had passed a message onto Councillor Murray who stated that the topic was to be discussed between the Bike Track persons and Stephen's Builders who own the wood. Safety is paramount for all users.

Wallace Park Bench. Councillor Pilmer to write to the Greenspace Ranger c/o PKC requesting to carry on with new bench's location. Action Councillor Pilmer

Community Council Elections. Covered previously in Item 4.

Litter Pick. Offered by the Rapid Response Team from Bridge of Earn who offered their services for a joint community action. To cover the Glenfarg B996 to Beinn Inn or thereabouts. The matter is to be dealt with by a member of the public from the Greener Glenfarg group. Councillor Pilmer to send correspondence details accordingly. Action Greener Glenfarg

Ladeside/Duncricieve Road pavement problems for walkers. The condition of the pavements for safe access was discussed and it was agreed that Councillor Robertson would photograph the surface problems and report them directly to PKC for investigation and a proposed remedial action plan.

Glenfarg.org Website maintenance and Domain operation. It was noted that the two members of the public who have supported the operation of the website and Domain stated the need for the operational side to be taken over by new people/or an operator. The Domain is not due for renegotiation until March 2026. However, it was noted that there must be experts within the community that could offer their services. Councillor Ponton to discuss the topic with Glenfeargach Services.

Community Transport Group. Councillor Smart notified the meeting that there are two Trials to be piloted shortly. One was an evening link to Kinross Park and Ride to supplement the current evening PKC 56 bus service with the arrival of Edinburgh busses. Second is to offer a Rural Bus service via an "App" for people who may wish to be collected/returned from a rural location in our area. Action CTG

GITS Group. A "thank you" was extended to the GITS group of volunteers for cleaning the local Bus shelters.

ESD Scottish Water. Convoy operators Thank you Covered previously in Item 5.

Meeting closed at: 9:10pm

Date of next Business meeting: Monday 1st September 2025



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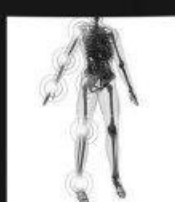
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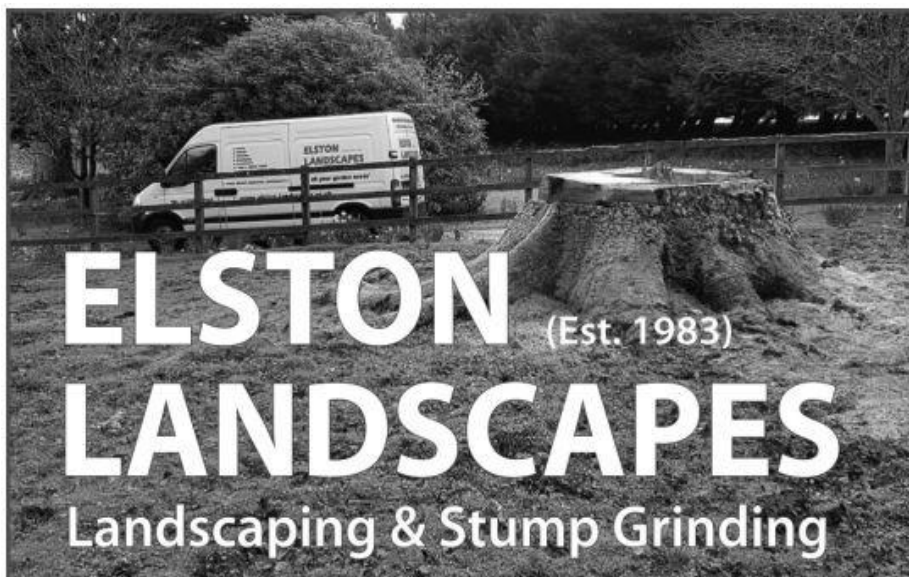
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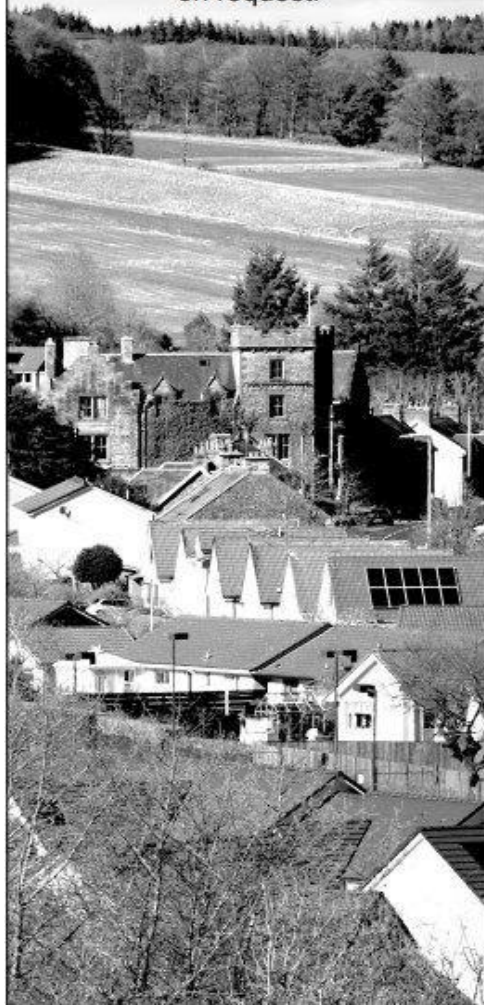
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