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New Staff Members

The Community Company are delighted to welcome Chris Rose to the team as the Convent Land Development Officer. Chris is working hard around the area but is always happy to speak with community members and discuss new ideas for the land.

Chris' background is project management, and he brings an extensive 25 years' experience. As a keen sailor and lover of the water, he enjoys boating his way around the country.

His passion for nature and the environment has led him to be particularly interested in human induced climate change and local biodiversity loss. His enthusiasm for the environment makes him an excellent candidate for sustainably developing the Convent Land with some exciting plans coming to fruition.



David Campbell is a seasoned contributor to improving the area and working with the community. He has recently moved over from the Community Caretaking Team to take on the job as Facilities Officer at the Community Company.

This will see David managing maintenance throughout the Community Company owned properties such as Caledonian Court and Kilchuimen Medical Centre.

David is already well known throughout the area not only for his career in the Police Service but also for his continued positive contribution to the community. He has been on the board of directors and clearly takes great pride in serving the community.

The Community Company wish Chris and David the best of luck in their new roles.

The Community Company also brings Simon Canning on board to the role of Admin Officer. Simon has experience in a variety of roles, most of which have been customer facing including twelve years in the transport industry and six years as Operations Director for the family business.

Simon teaches TaeKwon-Do and self-defence two days a week and is often travelling outside the area to help umpire and referee competitions.

He is delighted at the opportunity to further his contribution to the community and is looking forward to playing a part in the development of the community projects.

Simon will assist Karen in running the Community Company office including taking Village Hall bookings and processing grant applications. He will also work closely with Chris and David in a supportive role.



[Community Larders- coming to your village soon!](#)

The Community Larder is a food hub for residents, organisations, and businesses to redistribute unwanted or surplus food items to the community. It aims to reduce food waste, promote recycling and healthy eating, and reduce food poverty.

Open to everyone, the Community Larder gives members of the community the opportunity to take what they need and donate or swap donations already made by residents and businesses. SSE Renewables have got us off to a great start with an array of donations and they continue to help fund additional items as we go into the Autumn and Winter.

You can contribute to the Community Larder and help to reduce waste by taking what you need and or donating non-perishable unwanted items. You can bring unopened items from your cupboard and feel free to swap them with other items to reduce waste.

We are accepting non-perishable items; the most popular items are:

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| • Cereal | chilli con carne | • Rice Pudding |
| • Diluting Juice | etc) | • Custard |
| • Long Life Milk | • Tinned Fruit | • Jelly |
| • Stock | • Tinned beans and | • Jam |
| • Tomato Sauce | pulses | • Pet food |
| • One meal tins | • Pasta/curry | • Shampoo |
| (macaroni / soup / | sauces | • Deodorant |
| | • Pot Noodles | • Hand moisturiser |

Stationed in Fort Augustus, Invermoriston and Dalchreichart, the Community Larders will be up and running soon. We are building a stock of items currently so please make contact if you would like to contribute in the meantime.

Grants awarded

Since the last issue of Ness News, the following grants have been awarded:

- £24,298 to 3 Glens Community Care, to pay for this year's running costs and supporting Sunflower Home Care, with a commitment to a further two years.
- £1,000 to the Out of School Activity Group, Invermoriston, to pay for arts and crafts materials, board games and activity resources.
- £4,853 to Kilchuimen Primary Parent Council, to pay for travel to swimming lessons and panto trip.
- £767 to the Fort Augustus Playgroup for summer holiday activities.
- £14,500 for Community Tuesdays goes to Glenmoriston Millennium Hall Community Association
- £2,430 to Kilchuimen Primary Parent Council for activities in Maths and Books Weeks.
- £576 for a series of four Ballroom and Latin dance beginner's lessons for the community.
- £6,600 For 11 Student grants.

Don't forget if you are a student and off to college this September you can apply for a student grant of up to £600. The forms can be found on our website.

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Tarff Trading – Hardware store

The Community Company are delighted to see growing support from the community for the development of the store.

Surveys concluded that the community would like to see Tarff Trading have a supply of fresh produce. Acknowledging this, the staff at Tarff Trading sourced shelving and a produce supplier. The fruit and veg is high quality with currently three deliveries each week.

There is also fresh milk and now bread and eggs being stocked at the store along with pet food and other supplies for our furry friends. We have an array of home products including kitchen paper towels, cleaning goods and toilet roll.

Tarff Trading is more than just your local hardware store. The staff are always happy to hear suggestions for new lines so keep your suggestions coming in; if Tarff Trading can do it, they will.

The opening times have been extended and are now Monday to Saturday 8am to 5pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm.

Tarff Trading has recently opened its own Facebook page; just search Tarff Trading and give us a like so you can stay up to date with all the news.

Donna, John, and Nigel are always happy to help and offer advice on everything instore.



Community Caretaking Team

With the tourist season approaching the end of its summer peak, Glen and the team have been working as hard as ever to keep the area clean, tidy, and welcoming for the community and its visitors.



The team are continuing to work on the grassy areas such as the Convent Land and keeping the graveyards respectfully maintained, strimming the verges on the pathways and car park. All made a bit easier and more efficient with the delivery of the new ride on lawn mower.

They have found themselves busier than normal this year; the tourist trade reaching its peak made the general litter picking and rubbish collection particularly heavy.

The Caretaking Team are making a fantastic job of keeping on top of the area's maintenance but if there is something you think should be tackled, then get in touch.

They will be closing the community composting site down towards the end of October although the leaf section will be open a little longer for those pesky autumn leaves which whilst beautiful seem to get everywhere.

Golf Club

Fort Augustus Golf Club recently received a grant of £23,065.71 to renew the club's lawn equipment.

With 70 local members, Fort Augustus Golf Club dates to 1924 and is considered by many to be one of the most challenging 9-hole golf courses in Scotland.

Run by volunteers, the committee recognised the need for new lawn equipment to reduce the time spent maintaining the lawn and to ensure the standards required are met.

The volunteers until now have been manually maintaining the lawn but the new specialist lawn attachments for their ride-on will greatly reduce their time working on the lawn and the amount of effort it takes to do the work manually.

July saw delivery of the new equipment making this summer an easier season on the volunteers. The Community Company are looking forward to seeing the lawn's improvement as the volunteers get to work.

The club will be celebrating its momentous achievement of its 100th birthday next year. So, if you want to take part in the celebrations or even just become a member of the golf club then get in touch with the Club.

