



Welcome to the **5th** edition of **3VIC**, the *Arrochar & Tarbet Community Development Trust* monthly newsletter.

The newsletter is intended as a platform to promote all local news and activities that will be of interest to both Trust members and the wider community alike. Please feel free to pass it along to anyone you think might be interested.

For information on the Trust, how to join, and how we use members' data, please see the articles at the end of this newsletter.

To contribute to the 3VIC newsletter, please contact Martin Semple: martinsemple@btinternet.com

TARBET DEVELOPMENT

Readers of this newsletter may be aware of a 'major tourism development' at Tarbet, which has been proposed by 'Moulsdale Properties'.



Indeed, it may **only** have come to your attention in a recent article, dated 28th August 2019, in the **Helensburgh Advertiser**, which can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/yxtzaq5d>.

According to the article:

"A 'pre-application consultation' notice for the village of Tarbet, lodged by Moulsdale Properties Ltd of Cumbernauld, was published on the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority's website last week.

"It describes 'the formation of a village square and erection of a tourism and mixed use development, incorporating and not limited to accommodation, retail, food and drink uses, with associated traffic calming measures, infrastructure and landscaping' on various sites in the village, close to the junction of the A82 and A83 trunk roads.

"But the park authority's planning department says that the company's proposals have either not met minimum consultation requirements or should be amended or made more inclusive.

“In particular, the authority says the company’s proposals to hold one public event to promote its plans, and to stage that event in Balloch, are not appropriate.”

[Text and photo, above, from the Helensburgh Advertiser article, with our emphasis, in bold.]

*It would now appear that Mouldsdale Properties have taken the Park’s comments on board, and have decided to hold a ‘**Public Exhibition – Mouldsdale Properties**’ event in the **Three Villages Hall, Arrochar, on Thursday 26th September between the hours of 10am-9pm.***

We would urge everyone with an interest in this proposed development to try and make it along to the event.

In the meantime, some very interesting further reading and opinion can be found at the following link, from the Parkswatch Scotland website: <https://tinyurl.com/y6qdbp3h>.

POST OFFICE CLOSURE – UPDATE



To date, neither the Trust nor the postmaster at the Arrochar PO has received formal acknowledgment from the Post Office of notice to terminate operations. This is an extremely disappointing and somewhat bizarre state of affairs.

The Post Office has, however, provided an update to Lomond North Councillor George Freeman and Dunbartonshire MSP Jackie Baillie.

As of date of publication of this newsletter, there is nothing conclusive about this update, but to summarise:

Tarbet

- *Despite an initial expression of interest from a potential operator, the Post Office has not been able to find anyone prepared to follow through with an application to operate a local service*
- *Alternative options are now being explored, including an ‘Outreach’ model, whereby a postmaster from outwith the area visits Tarbet for a few hours a week, setting up a Post Office in, for example, the Three Villages Hall*

Arrochar

- ***The Post Office confirms receipt of resignation from the current postmaster which will take effect on 17th November 2019***
- *Details of a ‘potential new operator’ have been received, and discussions are currently ongoing*
- *If these discussions do not come to fruition, the Post Office may look to operate the same ‘Outreach’ model that they are currently considering for Tarbet*

Whether or not this 'Outreach' model will be a combined service for both Tarbet **and** Arrochar, as opposed to two distinct operations, remains to be explained.

A further update from the Post Office is expected shortly.

ARROCHAR 10K 2019

'A varied terrain race over one of Scotland's most scenic routes.'

Now in its fourth successful year, the Arrochar 10K will take place on **Saturday 21st September 2019, commencing 10:30am.**

More information can be found at the following links, but please note that entries are now closed:

https://www.entrycentral.com/Arrochar_10k

<https://www.lochlongevents.com/arrochar10k.html>



THREE VILLAGES HALL – UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER:

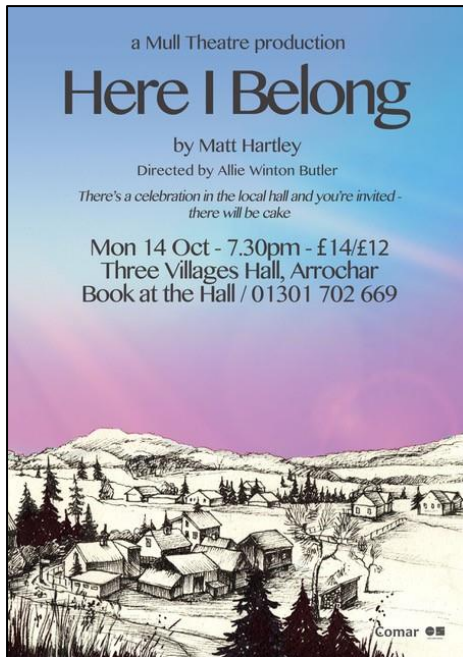
Galafest

- Music
- Food & drink
- Stalls
- Circus Skills workshops
- FitLab run by the Glasgow Science Centre
- Face painting
- Soft play for the tots
- Kids' films, trike rides, and scarecrow

3 VILLAGES
GALAFEST
A Festival For All The Tastes

MONDAY 14th OCTOBER:

Mull Theatre – “Here I Belong”



A Mull Theatre Production of ‘Here I Belong’, written by Matt Hartley and Directed by Allie Butler.

There’s a celebration in the local hall, and you’re invited.....

Elsie has lived in the same village for 60 years. She’s seen people come and go and the world change and shift around her. Here I Belong tells the story of village life through the eyes of one woman and the people who come in and out of her life.

A charming, uplifting meditation on rural life, community and growing old.

“You don’t have to go far to see a lot.”

“Intimate, affecting and quietly radical village hall theatre.” 4 stars, The Stage

Additional Information:

The running time of the show is 1 hour 10 minutes with no interval. One of the aims of the production is to make the audience feel that they are part of the celebration. At the end of the show we will be serving cake (supplied by us) and giving the audience a chance to chat with the cast for about 30 minutes

Ticket price: £14

Concession ticket price: £12 (available to over 60s, under 16s, students, unwaged)

Reservations are available now from the Hall. Telephone: 01301 702 669.

3V HALL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

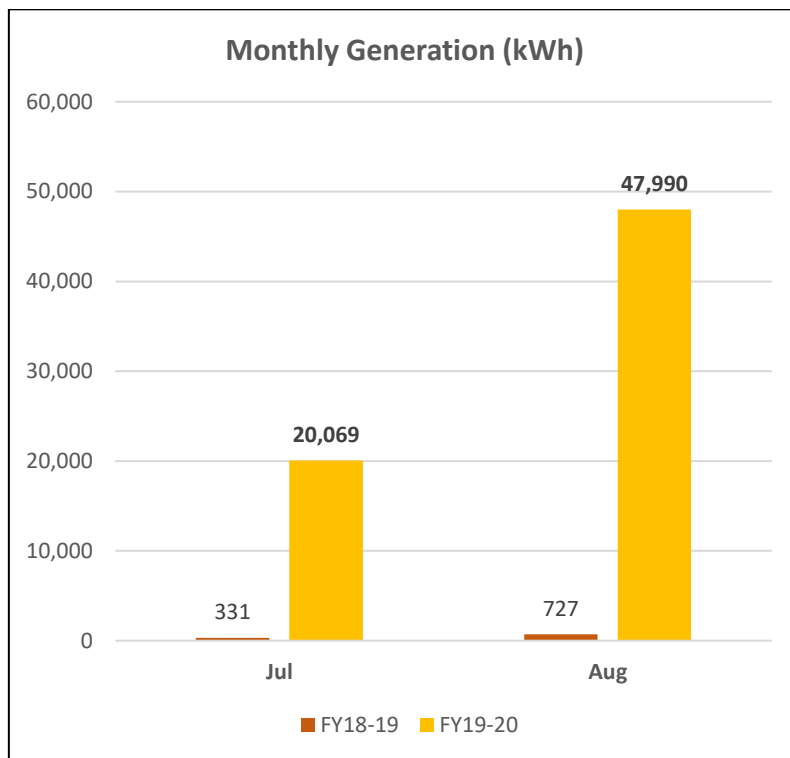


Can you spare some time to help out with the running of the Three Villages Hall?

*The Hall is looking for volunteers to assist with **Coffee Mornings**, and would also very much welcome new members to the **Hall Management Group**.*

*For more information, please contact **Retta Deerin:** rdee@care4free.net, or **Stephen Mackenzie:** admin@threevillages.org.uk.*

With August proving to be a significantly wetter month than July, the Scheme achieved an extremely healthy boost to generation, totalling 47,990 kWh!



Year-on-Year Generation Comparison: a picture of two very different Summers!

*If you have any questions about the scheme, or would like to request a guided tour, please contact:
Duncan MacLachlan: mac155@aol.com and **Martin Semple:** martinsemple@btinternet.com*

ARRROCHAR-TARBET PATH – UPDATE

The Trust was pleased to note that the path re-opened on or around the 27th August.

*We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to John Ireland of Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) for his time, understanding, and actions **on behalf of the wider FLS team (i.e. not within his direct remit)** with regards to the unacceptably lengthy period during which the path was closed, the poor signage updates, and failure to properly communicate or interact with the local community – all of which, we understand, are now being addressed by FLS with regards to future operations.*





ROSS CADIE WRITES: "It took a while for it to come together but it happened! We had our inaugural Climbing Club session with twelve local young people between the ages of 8 to 12!"

"Thanks to a grant from Argyll and Bute Council that was voted for by local people we were able to purchase all the specialist safety equipment needed to climb safely. This coincided with a chance meeting with a staff member of the local Cadet Force who own and run the old Arrochar Outdoor Centre. They

had just spent a large amount of money on putting in a new climbing wall in the gymnasium and were looking for someone to use it and asked if I knew anyone! An opportunity not to miss.

"We now have a committee of three volunteers, a constitution, a bank account, 12 kids and a waiting list. The club runs on Tuesday nights at the Cadet Centre but we are planning to visit other climbing walls during the year as well as climb on the local outdoor crags when summer reappears.

"Once we have ourselves more established it would be great if we could increase our numbers so all young people in the area could attend, but for this to happen we need more volunteers willing to commit the time as well as learn the ropes (pun intended!)"

For further information, please email: arrocharclimbing@gmail.com

THREE VILLAGES, ONE COMMUNITY... **J**OIN US!

Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust (A&T CDT) was formed in June 2003. It is a community charitable organisation intending to promote & respond to the needs and interests of our community, for the benefit of all residents. Its potential role is wide and includes provision of social and community facilities, environmental improvements, youth development, preservation of local heritage, and support to local people and businesses.

Joining as a member of the Trust is a way of supporting its aims and work: to make Arrochar, Tarbet and our whole loch-side area a better place to live and work for everyone.

Full members will have:

- Information about Trust activities
- An opportunity to contribute to events and longer-term plans
- An opportunity to influence what is being planned
- A vote at Trust general meetings
- The opportunity to be elected as a Director of the Trust

All types of members are welcome to attend General Meetings but only full members are eligible to stand for election as Directors. Associate and Junior members are non-voting.

Your membership is very important and valuable to the Trust. More members mean more influence with outside agencies and a better chance to receive external funding for our plans and objectives.

If you would like more information, or if you know anyone who might be interested in becoming a Trust member, please contact Jen Little: jen.little33@btinternet.com

KEEPING OUR DATA RIGHT



Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust, like most organisations, keeps a certain amount of data about its members. Thus, we're affected by the new EU General Data Protection Rules (GDPR) which recently came into force.

<https://eugdpr.org/>

Our approach to data protection has 3 main strands:

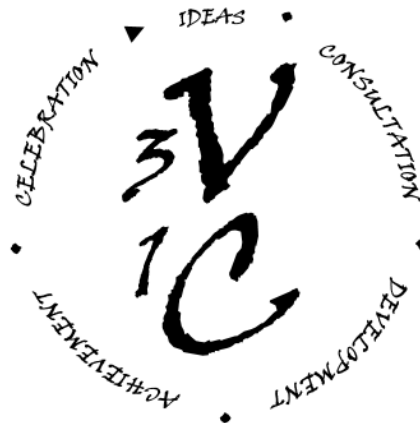
- *We'll only hold personal data that's directly necessary for the effective running of the Trust. So, we will hold only a member's name and one method of contact. Ideally this will be an email address – that's more cost-effective for the Trust. But we will hold and use a postal address for any member who prefers that*
- *We'll keep the personal data that we do hold safely and securely. It will be accessible only for Trust purposes and with the agreement of a Trust management meeting*
- *We will actively look to ensure that the personal data we hold is up to date and accurate – including periodic exercises to update and 'cleanse' the data we hold*

To help us meet these objectives, we're looking to update our records. That's 'good housekeeping', as well as ensuring we meet data protection standards.

Over the coming weeks we will be contacting each member, asking that you look at the data which we currently hold about you – and update it where necessary. Your help with this exercise will be much appreciated.

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