



July 2022

Cromarty Takes On The World(s)

For some, a glorious summer of sport might mean Wimbledon, Royal Ascot or Test Match cricket. But here in Cromarty all eyes have been on the World Skiffie Championships being held in the Netherlands this week. Not one, but two, teams from Cromarty are competing and on Tuesday 28th June Cromba's Women's 50+ crew made it to the final as fastest runner's-up of the 6 heats! In the final they gave it their all but didn't quite do enough to be crowned World Champions. They narrowly missed out on medal places coming in a very creditable 8th.

Juniper are the other Cromarty team participating in the event, which boasts 60 teams in total - not only from Scotland and the Netherlands but also USA, Canada, England, Ireland and Northern Ireland. The competition continues until Saturday and one of the great joys is being able to follow the races via a livestream at www.skiffieworlds2022.com

Follow the action and cheer on our valiant crews.



The Cromba finalists with some suitable refreshment: (l to r) Ruth McBean, Justin Tait (cox), Lynn Sproull, Karen Mackay, Georgia Macleod.

Summer in Cromarty

This newsletter arrives just before young people and families break up for the holidays. If you're not going away – why would you want to? – there's a whole load going on right here in the town.

Open Gardens

This weekend Cromarty will be a hive of activity with the Open Gardens and Open Studios throwing open their doors on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd for the first time since 2019. And in East Church the outstanding displays of Art & Flowers continues through until Sunday.

With 30 gardens to view and 5 studios to browse through there is plenty to keep everyone busy and when you need a break you can visit one of Cromarty's eateries or shops – the owners of many of these businesses have generously sponsored this event.

Monies raised will go to local charities and groups so will benefit our local community. In 2019 the event raised £5000 and organisers are hoping that this sum may be increased this year so please do join in and help us raise a large amount.

Doors open at 11am and close at 4pm, tickets for the Open Gardens are £5 per person, children under 12 free. Tickets will be on sale at the 'The Hub' at East Bellevue House where they will also be selling plants and books. Tickets can also be purchased at the dedicated car park on The Links. (NB: This car park will be locked at 6pm each night)

The Art & Flowers display will continue all this week at East Church and it is well worth paying a visit. Entry is by donation and it is open from 11am to 4pm from 25th June to 3rd July

Facebook pages to follow: [Cromarty Open Gardens](#), [Cromarty Open Studios](#)

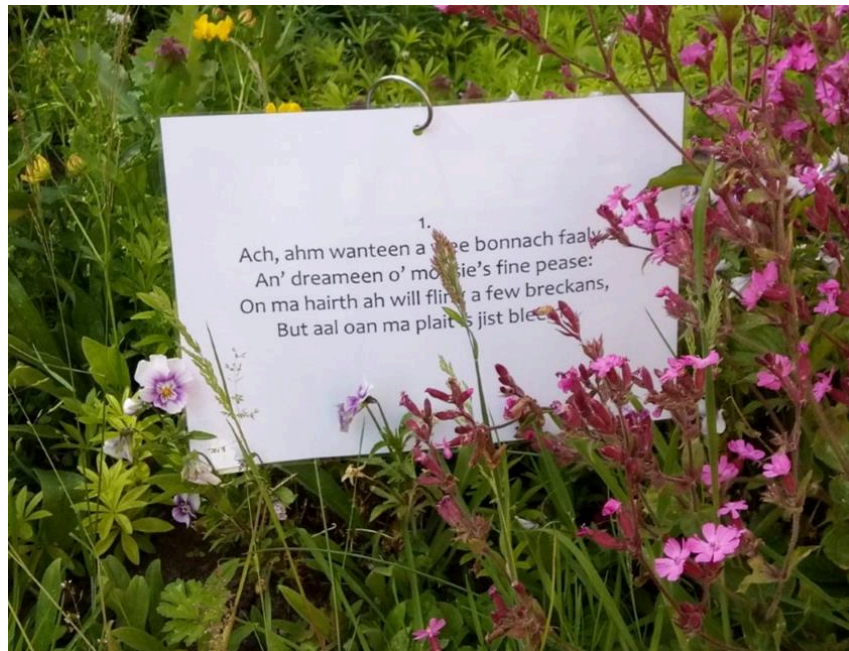


Courthouse Tales & Trails

We are delighted to be part of Cromarty Open Gardens again. This year there is a surprise in store! Vee Walker has written a humorous poem for us in Fishertoun dialect. A trail of verses will be hidden away around the garden – see if you can find them and more importantly have a go at saying them out loud!

The garden is very colourful at the moment and the fruit trees and bushes are looking productive. Our new arbour seating area is now finished and gives a different view of the building and grounds. The Courthouse shop has a stock of aprons with Fishertoun phrases – and they make great gifts!

In August and September, the garden will be the focus of another imaginative endeavour, entitled “Following the blairack, weaving beelines “. Three local artists, Alice Vawdrey Taylor, Izzy Thomson and Jacqueline Briggs, will come together to inspire us all, as well as inviting visitors to the museum to be part of their creative process. Their project is based on the writings of the iconic folklorist and storyteller, Hugh Miller, and will also nurture the new interest in the Cromarty dialect. There will be further details about this nearer the time on the Courthouse website and social media and also in the next newsletter.



Cromarty Youth Café – Fun in The Sun Holiday Activities

Fraser Thomson writes:

All events are FREE except the residential

Week 1

Monday 4th July

Transitional Multi-Sports 10am – 12noon Victoria Park
5+

Energise with Highlife Highland Youthwork Team 2022
10am – 12noon Victoria Park 11+

End Of Summer Intergenerational Party Creativity in Care
Workshop 10am – 12noon Victoria Park 11+

Coastal Rowing 12.30pm – 2.30pm Cromarty Harbour
12+

Wednesday 6th July

Football Coaching with ICT 10am – 12noon Victoria Park
5+

Graffiti art Workshop 10am – 2pm Victoria Park Aged 9 –
12

Thursday 7th July

Graffiti art Workshop 10am – 2pm Victoria Park Aged
13+

Friday 8th July

Coastal Rowing 10am – 12 noon Cromarty Harbour 12+

Week 2

Monday 11th July

Transitional Multi-Sports 10am – 12noon Victoria Park
5+

Energise with Highlife Highland Youthwork Team 2022
10am – 12noon Victoria Park 11+

Coastal Rowing 12.30pm – 2.30pm Cromarty Harbour
12+

Tuesday - Thursday 12th July – 14th July

Residential to Fairburn Activity Centre 4.30pm Fairburn
12+ (Cost: £25)

Friday 15th July

Coastal Rowing 10am – 12 noon Cromarty Harbour 12+

Week 3

Monday – Thursday 18th July - 21st July

Tennis Coaching with Cromarty Tennis Club 10am – 1pm
Cromarty Tennis Courts Free to Cromarty Young People
5+

Monday 18th July

Transitional Multi-Sports 10am – 12noon Victoria Park
5+

Energise with Highlife Highland Youthwork Team 2022
10am – 12noon Victoria Park 11+

Coastal Rowing 12.30pm – 2.30pm Cromarty Harbour
12+

Tuesday 19th July

Rugby Coaching with Ross & Sutherland Rugby Club
1.30pm – 3.30pm Victoria Park 5+

Wednesday 20th July

Football Coaching with ICT 10am – 12noon Victoria Park
5+

Friday 22nd July

Cromarty Tennis Tournament

10am Victoria Park Free to Cromarty Young People 5+

Coastal Rowing 10am – 12 noon Cromarty Harbour 12+

Week 4

Monday 25th July

Transitional Multi-Sports 10am – 12noon Victoria Park
5+

Energise with Highlife Highland Youthwork Team 2022
10am – 12noon Victoria Park 11+

End Of Summer Intergenerational Party Creativity in Care
Workshop 10am – 12noon Victoria Park 11+

Coastal Rowing 12.30pm – 2.30pm Cromarty Harbour

12+

Wednesday 27th July

Football Coaching with ICT 10am – 12noon Victoria Park

5+

How to book: please contact Fraser Thomson 07908465593. For Tennis, please contact Vicky Benjamin - 07810046323. Consent forms will be required for all activities.

Funding from - The Middleton Trust, MFR Cash for Kids & Highland Council Ward 9 Discretionary Budget & Highlife Highland

Library Activities

Summer Reading Challenge 2022

Become a Gadgeteer this summer at Cromarty library! Drop in to the library from Monday 4th July to sign up and collect your Gadgeteer pack. The challenge, aimed at children aged 4 to 11 years, is to read six or more library books over the summer. There are stickers and other rewards for every book read and children who complete the challenge receive a medal and certificate.

Summer Bookbug

Bookbug will be at Cromarty library every Thursday 11.15-11.45 from 7th July. Join us for songs, rhymes and ridiculously good fun. If you are aged between 0 and 4 years old, you and your grown up should come hang out with us and sing along!

Opening Hours: Mon 10am-12noon, Tues 2-7pm, Thurs 12-5pm

For more information please phone us on 01381 600318 or email cromarty.library@highlifehighland.com

Black Isle Collective

Summer Show 2022

Jan Baxandall; Rachel Bevan Baker; Kirstie Cohen; Kathleen Madigan; Anita Murray; Rosie Newman; Pamela Tait; Izzy Thomson; Alice Vawdrey Taylor; Menno Verburg

Cromarty Stables
 IV11 8SX
 15 - 24 July 2022
 11am - 4pm daily
Opening Night:
 Fri 15th July at 7pm
Poetry Corner

 blackislecollective 

This July will see The Black Isle Collective gathering for their 3rd Summer Exhibition at the Cromarty Stables, with their exhibition opening on the 15th July and running through to the 24th July, opening each day from 11am to 4pm.

The Black Isle Collective are a group of ten artists all working in a range of mediums, from painting and printmaking to installation, sound, poetry and sculpture.

Their approach to exhibiting together as a collective provides an opportunity to hang out with each other, to try out ideas, to focus on creating work which will generate a dialogue between the audience and the artist and to exhibit in a beautiful place where they all live.

There will be an opening reception held on the 15th July, please check the [Facebook](#) page for further information

and also for any updates on events happening during the exhibition duration.

Cinema

Welcome to Summer 2022 at the Cromarty Cinema! Summer can be a challenging time for smaller cinemas as many of the biggest movies (e.g. Top Gun, Thor, Lightyear) have strict licensing requirements which make it impossible for single screens to offer them, such as requiring the cinema to screen the film multiple times every day for a week and/or to screen no other films in the same week. To add to this, as a volunteer group it can be harder to staff events during summer when so many are away on holiday. Despite the challenges, we are excited about the upcoming programme and as always your support as an enthusiastic audience and cheerleaders for the best rural cinema in Scotland is invaluable.

In July we are going back in time to revisit some classics like 'On Her Majesty's Secret Service' and the incomparable 'Wings of Desire' as well as offering new summer blockbusters like 'Jurassic World Dominion' and 'Elvis'. In response to popular demand, we are bringing back the new 'Downton Abbey' and continue to offer a range of carefully selected independent and smaller films that might fly below the radar so take a chance on something like 'Nitram' or 'Futura'. The full programme is below and we look forward to seeing you at the cinema soon.



Cromarty Cinema

July 2022 Programme



	Date	Time	Film	Rating	Duration
FRI	01/07	19:00	Elvis	12A	2h39
SAT	02/07	19:00	Elvis	12A	2h39
SUN	03/07	15:00	Elvis**	12A	2h39
FRI	08/07	19:00	On Her Majesty's Secret Service	PG	2h23
SUN	10/07	15:00	The Treasure Of The Sierra Madre	PG	2h06
FRI	15/07	19:00	Nitram		1h52
SAT	16/07	11:00	Minions: The Rise Of Gru	U	1h30
SUN	17/07	11:00	Minions: The Rise Of Gru	U	1h30
SUN	17/07	15:00	Everything Went Fine	15	1h53
TUE	19/07	19:00	Wings Of Desire	12A	2h07
FRI	22/07	19:00	Futura	12A	1h45
SAT	23/07	11:00	Minions: The Rise Of Gru	U	1h30
SUN	24/07	15:00	Brian and Charles		1h30
TUE	26/07	19:00	Downton Abbey: A New Era	PG	2h06
FRI	29/07	19:00	She Will	15	1h35
SAT	30/07	19:00	Jurassic World Dominion	12A	2h27
SUN	31/07	15:00	Jurassic World Dominion**	12A	2h27

* To Be Confirmed
** Descriptive Subtitles

Adults - £7.50 Under 26 - £5.00 Friends - £6.00

For info on all films and to book tickets please visit our website:

www.cromartycinema.com OR <https://eden-court.co.uk/booking-information>

OR Wednesdays in-person from 12:00-2:00pm at Cromarty Cinema Box Office

BECOME A FRIEND: For info on Friend's Membership, visit our website www.cromartycinema.com

admin@cromartycinema.com

The Cromarty Cinema, Cromarty, IV11 8XZ



Arts Trust

Catherine MacNeil writes:

So the June issue was the last column produced by Georgia Macleod as the CAT Arts Development Office and July has me attempting my first. My name is Catherine MacNeil and I am slowly learning the ropes from Georgia as to how Cromarty Arts Trust operates.

I, sadly, don't live in Cromarty, though I can claim some family connections as well as friends here. I'm very excited to be working with the CAT team as Arts Development Officer and I really hope that I can do the post and the town justice.

Over the next couple of weeks I'll only be in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays but that will grow over the coming weeks and I'd be delighted if you wanted to pop

your head in to say hello, to offer your ideas, advice, or services.

As I am just in the door I can't share any detail on the activity that has taken place over June but I can update you on upcoming events, of which there are many.

Coming up (all details on www.cromartyartstrust.org.uk):

July

6 Graffiti Art: 9-12 year olds (in conjunction with Cromarty Youth Café) - FULL

7 Graffiti Art: 13+ years (in conjunction with Cromarty Youth Café)

15-24 Black Isle Collective Exhibition

30 & 31 Beginners Sewing Workshop

August

3 Sewing for Kids - with machine – FULLY BOOKED

3 Sewing for Kids - by hand

26 & 27 Chasing & Repoussé Workshop – FULLY BOOKED

28 Make a Hare Workshop – FULLY BOOKED

27 & 28 Landscape Painting in Oils – FULLY BOOKED

September

2 Simon Kempston Gig

3-4 Portrait Painting in Oils – FULLY BOOKED

10-11 Improvers Dressmaking – FULLY BOOKED

13-14 Mixed Media Still Life Studies

17-18 Stained glass – FULLY BOOKED

17 Claude Bourbon Gig



Wednesday 13th July - join local musicians Simon Evans (violin) and Ian Sharp (piano) for a summer's evening of delightful repertoire in the Stables.

Business Updates

Sutor Creek

We are now open daily 10am-8pm. Lots of lovely fresh salads in the deli, new seasonal items on the take-away menu and our summer wood-fired pizza special is The Creole; Crayfish, spicy sausage, red peppers and ricotta. Various items on our menus can be adapted for gluten free, vegetarian and vegan so please ask when ordering. Coffee, cake and deli open from 10am with hot-food to take-away from 12pm. We also have a crew hired for Bin Patrol so will be doing our very best to help keep Cromarty clean and tidy this summer. We look forward to seeing you over the holidays! Phone 01381 600 855 or visit www.sutorcreek.co.uk to order.

Calluna

We have a promotion running on a selection of Floral styles for the duration of the Flower & Art Show taking place in the East Church. There will be 30% off selected styles and then we plan a great summer sale at the start of August! Our sizes range from 6-20 and we generally only have one item in each size so worth coming in and finding yourself a bargain! We have a range of beautiful summer styles that are perfect for weddings, garden parties and

special occasions as well as our casual styles to get through the summer. Open daily 10-5pm and always willing to help you find what you are looking for. Phone 01381 600 464 or visit us online at www.callunacromarty.co.uk.

Harbour News

Colin Dickie writes:

The strong south westerlies and high tides from the other week really tested the resilience of our harbour. Other than some minor damage we survived, but the harbour is of course nearly 250 years old, what is there to worry about? Quite a lot really! Whilst we are encouraged that the investment made in strengthening the pontoon hinges passed their first test, there is no doubting that we need to remain vigilant to future weather challenges to these and to the wider harbour area.

On the bigger picture stuff, the three big challenges or projects facing us are the outer harbour, flows under the bridge and repointing/cavities on the sandstone quays and piers. Attention now slowly turns to look these big-ticket items and how they can be funded.

Over the last month we have blasted and repainted the supporting pillar which supports the gangway down to the pontoon area. This has been the first work on it for nearly twenty years. We have also erected a small storage unit to keep our safety equipment close at hand. Thank you to the Fire Station for looking after our oil spill response equipment since the old sheds were taken down.

Finally, we have capacity for one small boat (<5m), if there are any takers out there, please contact us at info@cromartyharbour.org

Cromarty Care Project

From Nige Shapcott:

Firstly a big Thank You to all those who have donated and those who continue to donate. We have a couple of regular monthly donations.

A grant was obtained for fuel payments, these have been made last week (June 20th- 24th). A total of 45 households have received £100 each. The number of people living in the households is 85. Again big thanks to our Treasurer Brenda for processing all those payments.

As part of all our efforts to resort to “normal” after the pandemic we are planning a visit to the Seagull Trust for some of the residents of Cromarty. This is a two hour cruise on the Caledonian Canal on a wheelchair accessible boat, scheduled for 22nd July.

Monday morning table tennis continues at the West Church Hall and is consistently popular.

Development Trust News

Campervan Site - Julie Macrae, our new Development Officer, has spent her first month getting into all the documents, plans, drawings, planning permissions, costings etc etc relating to the Campervan Site. A lot of it is complicated due to different consultants and advisors working on it over the past couple of years, but we're close to being able to go back to Contractors and invite tenders for fully-costed designs.

She also discovered that Highland Council has awarded the Development Trust £40,000 from their Place Based Investment Fund towards this project. This means we don't have to worry quite so much about inflation in the cost of materials eating into what is possible.

Julie has also been making useful contacts with other Development Trusts around the Highlands and Islands who operate campervan sites, which will help us work out the practicalities of running the site once it is completed.

The Thrift Shop is doing well, selling lots and taking in lots and lots of donations. So much that they've asked for the meantime to hold off bringing any more donations in.

Keep an eye on the Community Notice Board Facebook page for updates.

Slipway maintenance - Nigg is sorted with a wee bit of remedial work still to be done, Cromarty is waiting for a

big enough tide to effect repairs but no change since last year.

Community Council Notices

C&DCC FINAL SUBMISSION TO THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL'S PUBLISHED INNER MORAY FIRTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROPOSALS

After successful and useful meetings with Tim Stott (THC Chief Planner), Evan McBean (landowner of the proposed CM03 site) and Members' discussions, the following C&DCC submission was made to the Inner Moray Firth Development Plan published proposals:

Re. Nigg (Section 4 / Economic Development Areas / Nigg Energy Park),

The Environmental Impact Assessment to include assessment of Low Frequency Noise, Peak Noise and Noise Fluctuations, adopting the methodology of BS 4142:2014+A1:2019 March 202 Version1.0 Technical Note, and adoption of current World Health Organisation (WHO) guidance on Low Frequency Noise, Peak Noise and Noise Fluctuations.

As part of any expansion, Nigg Energy Park be asked to include investment (a) to increase the Ferry to become a year round service to encourage local employment opportunities and (b) to set up an insulation (including double glazing with conservation area planning flexibility) fund available to Cromarty residents to help combat the existing, and any increase in, low frequency noise.

Re. Cromarty (Section 4)

Cromarty & District Community Council support both CM01 and CM03 sites provided the Developer Requirements include -

a) Both schemes are used for affordable housing only (CM03 via a Rural Housing Burden managed by CHT), with a mixture of tenures and CM03's self build plots

b) Both schemes incorporate EV charging points

c) CMO3 to include improved Active Travel links in to town. Mainly down the Denny and across the Greenspace of Victoria Park rather than any use of the Paye, because it goes to an area of town that does NOT contain the Primary School NOR the main shops and has a VERY difficult cobbled downhill junction on to Church Street. And also via Townlands Park.

d) CMO3's Rural Housing Burden to include clear preference in offering affordable housing to young Cromarty residents and with conditions to prevent 'short term resell'. This is strongly supported by the local landowner.

e) CMO1's challenges over access to also include the landowner (Albyn) discussing with the Cromarty Development Trust about evaluating a widening of the access between the Victoria Hall and Townlands Barn, by reducing the less listed side structure of the Barn.

f) Both schemes to include green sustainable heating and energy provision.

If Cromarty residents have any questions and/or comments, please email us on cromartydistrictcc@gmail.com. Thank you.

PROPOSAL TO BAN RIGHT HAND TURNS ON TO THE A9 FROM BLACK ISLE

The C&DCC received the following from the Highland Council. Members are glad to see progress on this very important and life saving subject, AT LAST!

Plans and other details will be made available on the Cromarty Live [Website](#).

PROHIBITION OF RIGHT HAND TURN: B9161-A9 and U2723-A9

In the interests of road safety and casualty reduction The Highland Council have been working with Transport Scotland to promote the above scheme in order to improve the safety of all road users at the B9161-A9 (known locally as Munloch) junction and the U2723-A9 (known locally as the Artafallie) junction.

Please see enclosed the draft Road Traffic Regulation Order, draft plan, Statement of Reasons and first press notice for the proposals for your information.

I am pleased to confirm that the Elected Members are fully supportive of the proposal.

The C&DCC is happy to receive any comments or questions on cromartydistrictcc@gmail.com

Public's views sought on Council's short term let draft policy statement & additional conditions

The Highland Council wants to hear the views of residents, visitors, interested groups and organisations on the Council's short term let draft policy statement and proposed additional conditions for a licence.

Earlier this year the Scottish Parliament approved legislation to introduce a new licensing scheme for short-term let properties, which is due to come into effect on 1 October this year.

On 22 June 2022 Highland Council published its short term let licensing public consultation survey.

The Council's Licensing Committee is keen to hear your views on the draft documents, firstly the draft policy statement and secondly the draft additional conditions.

Those interested in providing input can submit their views by completing the survey. The closing date for responses is Friday 5 August 2022.

The Council will process any personal data you provide in response appropriately and in line with the Data Protection Act 2018. The Council intends to publish a summary of responses received to the consultation exercise. This will include your name if you submit a response.

The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 gives the public a right of access to information held by the Council; this includes any responses we receive to the consultation exercise.

The Council may disclose your response to third parties on request. In disclosing responses, the Council will take appropriate steps to redact personal data subject to relevant provisions of the 2018 and 2002 Acts.

If you require any additional information about this Policy, please contact Claire McArthur – claire.mcarthur@highland.gov.uk

Information in relation to the forthcoming licensing of short terms lets in Scotland can be found in our Frequently Asked Questions document.

Middleton Trust



The recipients of Middleton Trust Awards in late 2021 have been busy working on their projects with the young people of Cromarty & District in a diverse and inspiring range of activities covering the arts, sport and wellbeing.

A week-long children's Easter tennis camp with professional coaching culminated in Cromarty's very own 'Crombledon' Tournament with trophies awarded. The Cromarty Tennis and Sports Club have also used their Middleton Trust award to help purchase new equipment for the children and provide two more tennis camps in July and October.

The Cromarty and Resolis Film Society is now into the second phase of their two-year project working with children at Cromarty Primary School. The children have experienced workshops with professional film makers and special screenings in the Cromarty Cinema, gaining a wide

understanding of all aspects of how motion pictures are made.

The MT funding for the Cromarty Youth Café helps support the organisation to meet the needs and wellbeing of the young people in a hugely varied programme of activities throughout the year. Older children can participate in something a bit different with the Cromarty Arts Trust's Graffiti workshops this summer, led by an experienced local Artist.

The funding awarded to the Cromarty Primary Parent Team was put to good use by ensuring every child in P5 - P7 was able to take part and have fun in Outdoor Recreational Learning at Loch Insh and at the Shieling Project near Beauly (insert photo) as part of the school's Post Covid Recovery Curriculum.

New Applications

The Middleton Trust Trustees are delighted with the projects currently underway and the positive impact on the lives of young people locally and look forward to welcoming applications in 2022. If your group or organisation has an idea or project that would benefit the young people of Cromarty, or if you simply have any questions and want to know more, visit our webpage <http://www.cromartylive.co.uk/middleton-trust.asp> . It may be helpful to note that most previous recipients have received grants in the region of £200 - £2000, although this should not deter requests for higher amounts.

Application forms for the 2022 Middleton Trust Awards will be available from Monday 1st August, from our webpage or by request from the Secretary - Gillian McNaught, 01381 600337 or email middletontrust@gmail.com

The closing date for applications is Friday 30th September 2022

Phew...!



With so much going on we hope you get a chance to get out and about and meet up with others. The chance to re-connect has been a long time coming. Have a good July!

- The Editorial Team

Forward

We hope you've found this an interesting and informative read. Please let us know what you think, or send suggestions and ideas for articles via editor@cromartylive.co.uk

The Cromarty Live Newsletter team is Briony Moses, Jon Palmer, Jeremy Price and Laura Shepherd.

The Newsletter is currently sponsored by a local benefactor.

[Preferences](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)