

# End 2020 NEWSLETTER

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our information sheets which give an update of our activity in 2020.

This has been a difficult year to try and run any sort of trust, club or charity but at least the hydro schemes have been working at a good capacity.

Our AGM, which was due in July, had to be cancelled due to the Covid restrictions and our regulator OSCR confirmed that we could carry on with the status quo until such times as it is safe to hold one.

All the decisions we made were by a majority vote through email and telephone.

I look forward to when we will be able to meet in the village hall hopefully in the not too distant future.

***Application Forms for funding can be requested by emailing:***

**[ardentinnyrenewablestrust@gmail.com](mailto:ardentinnyrenewablestrust@gmail.com)**

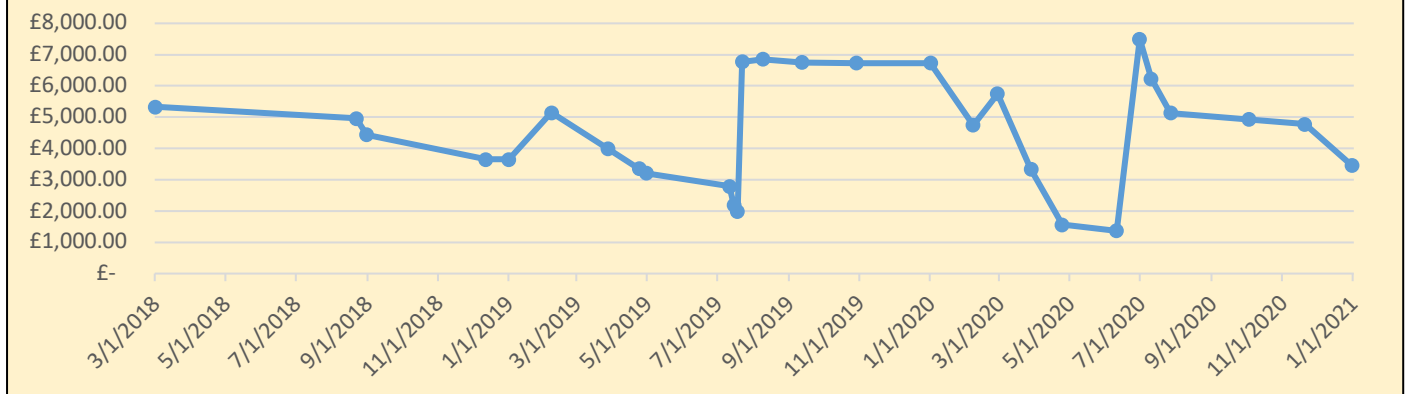
***Anyone living in the Ardentinn Community Council area is eligible to become a member of the Trust (some restrictions may apply)***

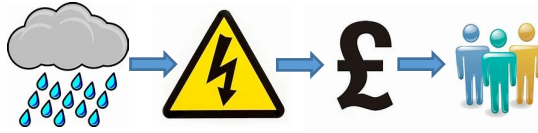
## REVENUE INCOME FROM COMMENCEMENT UP TO END-2020

To date, we have received a significant amount of money from the three operational schemes -

	1 <sup>st</sup> Payment	2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment	3 <sup>rd</sup> Payment	Totals
Hydrover (Finart)	£5,332.78	£4,775.16	£6,135.50	£16,243.44
Hydrover (Cuil)				
Ross MacArthur	£1,500.00	£1,000.00		£2,500.00
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>				<b>£18,743.44</b>

ART Fund Level Profile





**PROJECTS WE'VE FUNDED IN THE SECOND HALF OF 2020**

**Two Gazebos**  
Applicant – Walled Garden  
£1295 (fully funded by ART)

Two further sturdy gazebos which are easier to deploy have been added to the Walled Garden inventory. These will provide further protection during outdoor events in our unpredictable climate.



**Beehive Equipment**  
Applicant – Neil Robinson  
£1100 (54% funded by ART)

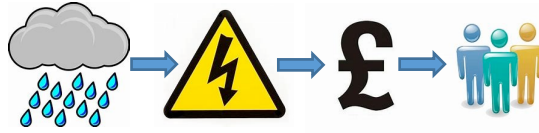
Neil has had a contribution towards developing his bee colony and honey production and will be making his setup available for educational purposes to the local schools and other interested groups.



**Nameplates**  
Applicant – ART  
£202.09 (fully funded by ART)

The Trust has produced a first batch of nameplates to attach to (where appropriate) the Projects around the village that it has funded.





### Wall Repair

Applicant – Allister Wood  
£154 (fully funded by ART)

The top course of the wall across the road from the telephone box had been missing for some time. This has now been rebuilt as part of a village tidy-up.



Polytunnel, Raised Beds, Gravel  
Applicant – Walled Garden  
£1313 (fully funded by ART)

To allow the growing of more indoor plants, a second polytunnel along with raised beds and gravel for the walkways was approved in December.



## THE HYDRO SCHEMES UPDATE

Three of the four schemes are now operational.

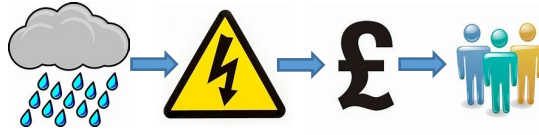
**Scheme 1 – Glen Finart (operated by Hydrover)**

**Scheme 2 - Drynain Burn (operated by Ross MacArthur)**

**Scheme 3 – Cuil Burn (operated by Hydrover)**

The village hall now has the benefit of discounted electricity from this scheme.





### Scheme 4 – Schoolhouse Burn (to be operated by Hydrover)

Tree felling work began in late July to clear a route for the pipeline. This was followed by construction of the two intakes up near the bridge. After receipt of the pipework, the team welded them into longer lengths which could be seen laid out by the trackside and they have since been buried. The turbine house has been built just up the track from the village carpark and awaits the fitting of the turbine and connection to the grid. So nearly complete!

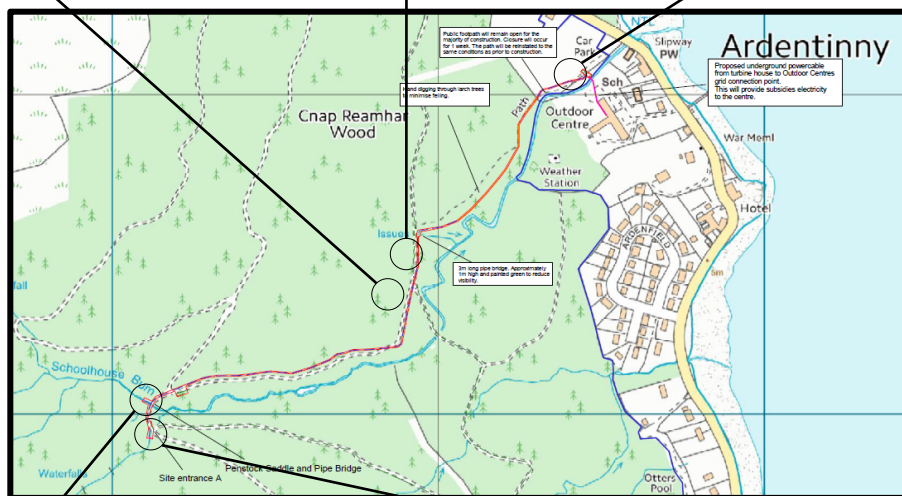
Tree Felling



Pipework



Turbine House



Intake 1



Intake 2