

## Your weekly News 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Hi All,  
Here is the weekly news from the Ardentinny Community Council, and the Village Hall.

### Ardentinny Community Council News

#### Church Car Park Toilets

Slow progress on this one, we are still waiting for the Council to get the electricity restored to the toilets, but they are open.

But the Council have mended the wall 😊



#### Argyll and Bute Health & Social Care Partnership (HSCP)

Below is a press release we received from Argyll and Bute HSCP. It is an invitation to have your say on where you would like to see them focus their spending in the coming year, as they have to find savings of £11.4 million. Full details of the press release are below with a link to the simulator webpage where you can fill in your views;

#### “Argyll and Bute HSCP Budget Simulator

Argyll & Bute has a fully integrated Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) which delivers care from pre-birth until end of life in a remote, rural, island and urban environment.

Like other HSCPs we receive our budget allocation from our NHS and Local Authority partners (NHS Highland and Argyll and Bute Council) based on national allocations from the Scottish Government.

We are experiencing increasing demand for services with an ageing population and decreasing number of people of working age. Our geography also means that we deliver services differently and services here often cost more to deliver.

Funding for health and social care services is also not expected to fully compensate for the impact of inflation, meaning our budget is reducing in real terms. Our budget challenge therefore requires us to make £11.4 million of savings in 2024-25 to deliver within our estimated forecast funding allocation of £363 million.

This year we are using a budget simulator; this is a similar approach to other public sector partners. This approach is based on last year's budget (2023-24) and gives you a chance to see where we are currently spending and for you to tell us where you would increase, maintain, or reduce investment in services to reach the £11.4 million savings target.

What you tell us through the simulator will help us understand what is important to you and inform our planning going into the next financial year. We would therefore be very grateful if you could take the time to access the budget simulator at [abhscp.budgetsimulator.com](http://abhscp.budgetsimulator.com) and give us your views, it will be open until 10 March 2024. “

#### TV Licence scam

One of our residents has informed us of an attempted scam when she received an email saying that payment for the television licence was faulty and to retry at the new address. It was thankfully spotted as a scam, but do be aware it can happen to any of us.

#### Ardentinny Community Council Facebook page and Website

The Community Council website can be found here - [www.ardentinnycc.co.uk](http://www.ardentinnycc.co.uk)

The Facebook page has been updated, search for **Ardentinny Community Council** and we have an Instagram site under the same name.

Regards  
John

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## Ardentiny Village Hall News

Hi Everyone,

Hope you are all well and haven't had too much convenience with no water or electricity during this wild weather.

**ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION  
CALLING ALL QUIZZERS**

**The next Ardentiny Village Hall Quiz Night is on  
Saturday 17\* February - 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.**

This time it's a Valentine Quiz.

There will be prizes for the winning table.

Remember to bring your own drinks and snacks and invite your friends along to make up a table. Come out and have a laugh and at the same time donate to a great community cause. Entry £5 per table and an additional £2.50 for non-members.

The evening will be hosted by Neil Robinson.

**30<sup>th</sup> March**

**The much-anticipated great Ardentiny Scone off and music night**

**Cost to enter £5 per entry.**

The hall will be open between 12 and 2 for the scones to be dropped off and the judging will begin at 4pm.

There will be 2 categories for sweet and savoury scones and prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be given at 6pm.

**This will be followed by a music night.**

The doors will be open at 7pm for setting up and the function will begin at 7.30.

Entry cost £3.00 per person all to pay including bands.

A bar MAY BE available on the night, but this has not been confirmed yet.

We will keep you posted of any other events in the coming weeks.

As Neil and I have been the ones who mainly organise these, we are looking for more people to join the Management Group as we cannot keep up the pace with some of the functions and events.

It would be beneficial if someone who was good on a computer could assist with funding applications and general admin. Please let me know if you are interested.

Take Care and Kind Regards,  
Dee

