

Your weekly news Friday 25th July 2025

Hi All,

Here is the weekly news from the Ardentinnny Community Council and the Village Hall.

Ardentinnny Community Council News

Ardentinnny Beach Area and Picnic Site – Follow Up

As I mentioned the weekend of 12 July saw the beach area inundated with visitors, car park overflowing, campers all over the place, double parking at the Glenfinart bridge and along the road. Worse, the toilet block overflowed and was closed resulting in some visitors relieving themselves behind the toilets.

I would like to thank those who have written or spoke to us about your concerns. We can use your feedback to impress upon Forestry and Land Scotland that this cannot continue. The FLS Visitor Services Manager responsible for Ardentinnny has agreed to come to the Beach area in August and have a walk around with the Community Council. This will allow her to get a first-hand view of the issues, which is a positive step. We are informing the Police, Argyll and Bute Council, Ward Councillors and our MSP about the issues at the beach area.

Again, if you would be willing to complain to Forestry and Land Scotland then it would be appreciated. The more comments they get the more likely they are to react. They have a complaints page here - <https://forestryandland.gov.scot/contact#central>

If you have any thoughts on this topic, please send us your views at ardentinnnycc@gmail.com

Changes to Ardentinnny Community Council members

We want to advise you that Mark and Helen Rowthorn have stepped down from the Community Council. The team would like to thank them both for their work and commitment to the Council and the Village over the past years. It is greatly appreciated. The position of Secretary has been taken on by Brian Hillesdon.

We have two positions available on the Community Council, and we can Co-Opt people into those roles until the next election in 2026. If you are interested, please get in touch at ardentinnnycc@gmail.com

Ardentinnny Community Trust Ltd: Looking for new Trustees

The Ardentinnny Community Trust (ACT) is our own Development Trust which is a community-owned and led organisation, working proactively to combine community-led action with an enterprising approach to addressing and tackling local needs and issues. Development Trusts deliver projects and actions on behalf of the local community.

The four defining principles of a development trust are that they are:

- Engaged in the economic, environmental and social regeneration of a defined area.
- Independent, aiming for self-sufficiency and not for private profit.
- Community based, owned and managed.
- Actively involved in partnerships and alliances between the community, voluntary, private and public sectors.

In recent years the current Trustees have been focused on developing the Glenfinart Walled Garden, which is a major project that operates under the auspices of the Ardentinnny Community Trust. It is often thought that the Walled Garden and the Community Trust are one and the same, but this needs clarification and why there is now a need for new Trustees to come forward.

The Current Status of the Trustees

Several of the current Trustees of the ACT are planning to stand down at the next AGM, to focus purely on the project – “Glenfinart Walled Garden”. Therefore, this will result in opportunities for residents to step forward and join the board of Trustees of the overarching Ardentinnny Community Trust.

To be clear the new Trustees are not part of a project team for the continued development of the Walled Garden. The new Trustees will have oversight of the Walled Garden project and provide assistance and support to obtain funding for its continued development. Furthermore, the new Trustees will have oversight on future projects, by helping to identify funding that will benefit residents, care for our local environment and protect historical buildings and archaeological sites. New projects can be presented to the Trustees by residents as individuals or as a group, as long as its benefits remain within the Ardentinn Community Council geographic area. In the future, projects may come from the Ardentinn Local Place Plan.

What is required to keep the Ardentinn Community Trust going?

There is a need for a minimum of four Trustees to form a quorum and so ensure the survival of the Ardentinn Community Trust. The treasurer has agreed to continue, but there is a requirement for a Chairperson, Secretary and at least one further member Trustee. The Trustees are fully indemnified against loss or liability of the Trust.

If you have a passion to see the beautiful area in which we live not only preserved but also enhanced by the sensitive and appropriate careful management of the built and natural environment, please consider standing for a position as a Trustee of the Ardentinn Community Trust. You could play a key role in this 'mile stone' opportunity for our local community.

A Development Trust opens up access to numerous funding streams that would otherwise be unavailable to the community i.e. Scottish Government Rural Housing Funds, UK Government - Community Ownership Fund, National Lottery Community Fund, Investing in Communities Fund (ICF), Community, Capacity and Resilience Fund (Funding Scotland), Robertson Fund - Community Food and Health, Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, Scottish Borders Council, Shared Property Fund etc. Without it we cannot access these funding sources.

Ardentinn Community Council are facilitating the search for Trustees for the Community Trust, feel free to get in contact with any questions you may have, and we will try to clarify such points at ardentinncc@gmail.com

Lost Shoes on Ardentinn Beach

A visitor has asked if anyone is up at the beach in the coming days to look out for a pair of child's sports shoes, left behind after a recent visit. If you come across a pair of red sports shoes with 92 on them, please drop us a line. ardentinncc@gmail.com

Glenfinart Walled Garden - Date for your diary:

Harvest Fair at the Walled Garden – Sunday 21st September 2025 12 noon to 4.30 pm. There will be the usual attractions plus music, more information to follow.

Glenfinart Walled Garden Membership: Reminder that membership fees for the Walled Garden are due - £2 per year. You can hand in the fees to any of the Trustees along with your name and address.

Ardentinn Community Council Facebook page and Website

The Community Council website can be found here - www.ardentinncc.co.uk

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

Regards

John

Ardentinn Village Hall Weekly News

Village Hall Management Team – Looking for Trustees

Please find below a note from Helen Rowthorn, the current Treasurer;

This is to inform you that I will be standing down from the Ardentinnny hall committee as treasurer as I am moving house and will no longer be in the village.

This will leave only 3 trustees on the committee and the constitution requires 4. So once again we are asking if there is anyone who is willing to join the team to keep the hall open and available for those who use it regularly.

Ideally someone who lives locally especially as at the moment 2 of the trustees do not.

This request is not just open to just one person, the more people who are involved then it is less work for those who are on the committee as the work can be shared.

I will as the present treasurer give every help I can to anyone wishing to take on this role- it's not difficult.

Should there not be anyone willing to become a trustee, it will again become a situation whereby the hall would have to be sold.

To this end we are calling a meeting on Tuesday 19th August at 7pm at the village hall for people I hope to join the trustees.

Table Top Sale at the Village Hall Sunday 27th July Cancelled

Quiz Night Saturday 9th August Village Hall

The quiz will be hosted by Stuart Gray, on Films, television and Music. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Bring your own drinks and snacks.

If anyone would like to run a quiz in the future, please get in touch with the Hall Management Team ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com

Weekly Groups	Ardentinny Village Hall	
Village hall membership information	Monday	Tuesday
Membership £12 per year from 1 st April each year Pay directly into the hall account with the details below. Please write the first line of your address as the reference and email your name and the name of anyone else you are paying for including the reference that this has been done to: ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com Ardentinnny Hall Association A/c: 00123850 Sort: 80-13-46	Ukulele/Music group Please join us on from 17.30-19.30. Following our successful live debut at the bowling club, we are currently running a beginner session. All abilities welcome, spare instruments available. £3 per session, tea/coffee included. Email :- ardentinny.ukulele@gmail.com for further info.	Ladies Badminton 10.30 am – 12.30pm £3 per person. Contact for more info- Anne Wood 07894 274422
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hobbies 7pm – 9pm All welcome for a chat and a cuppa and friendly help with your knitting/ crochet/ quilting etc. Anyone who has a hobby or would just like to drop in and meet people, please call in. Contact Margo Hendry 01369 810262	Tai-Chi Heavenly Mountain Gate Tai-Chi Chuan (Yang Tradition) 6.30pm – 7.30pm £5 per person Contact Bryan on 07813 374879 for new enquiries.	

£3 per person.		
Saturday	Sunday	Private Hiring of the village hall
		Contact for more information ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com £120 per day £60 1/2 day