

## **Your weekly news update from 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023.**

Hi All,

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

### **Ardentinny Community Council News**

#### **Ardentinny Community Council Public Meeting**

The public meeting of the Ardentinny Community Council will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. All welcome, tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

#### **Scams – just for your information, regrettably people will try anything these days!**

#### **The following information is being circulated on behalf of Police Scotland**

Police Scotland has seen a rise in scammers impersonating police officers. Below you will find advice on checking an officer's identity.

Police Scotland have also shared a video, the little guide to avoiding impersonation fraud, which you can watch by clicking the following link or pasting it into your browser: <https://biteable.com/watch/3449618/c01f1e13a725df1d4882e64fa00460c2>

#### ***How to check an officer's identity***

If Police Scotland contact you, they will do so in person, by phone or by email. This will depend on the circumstances surrounding why they need to contact you.

#### ***Contact in person.***

If an officer contacts you in person, they'll show you their police warrant card. This is proof of their identity and authority, and you can verify this by dialling 101.

#### ***Contact by phone and Email***

If an officer needs to speak to you on the phone or by email, they'll identify themselves clearly.

#### ***They will never:***

- ask you for your bank details or PIN
- ask you to transfer funds to another account
- ask you to hand over cash or bank cards to a courier
- ask you to pay a fine or a fee to them or a third party over the phone or online
- ask you for remote access to your computer, passwords or log on details over the phone or online
- ask you to register personal details in an attachment they send or website they direct towards
- ask you to 'assist' in an investigation by doing any of the above
- communicate in an abusive, threatening or coercive manner
- ask you to click on a hyperlink to participate in an investigation

Remember if you're unsure about whether the person you're dealing with is a genuine police officer – stop – and call 101 to check their identity. You should also contact 101 if you think you've been a victim of fraud.

#### **From Rural Watch Scotland - Bogus Callers Argyll and Bute**



This week, we have seen an increase in people cold-calling, that is, knocking on doors of properties without an appointment, and offering work such as gardening, fixing driveways, cleaning roofs or fixing gutters. Reports received have been from the Isle of Bute, Rhu and Lochgair.

This week alone, we have various reports throughout Argyll and Bute, including island communities. Some of these reports have linked back to people involved in rogue trading throughout Scotland. Don't be caught out.

Not everyone that cold-calls is committing a crime. However, we do not support cold calling as there is a high chance that the work ends up being of a poor standard, you may be overcharged, and as we have seen in some cases, you have money taken, and no work is done at all.

Please do not risk becoming a victim of cold-callers:



Only agree to any work once you have several quotes from reputable companies.



Research all companies - obtain their full business details (address, phone number).



Obtain a written contract of what you have agreed regarding the work and the price.



Don't feel you have to rush in because they are at your door now - take time and keep yourself safe.

If you think you have been the victim of doorstep crime or are fearful for your safety due to a cold-caller,



please call Police Scotland on 999 (emergency) or 101 (non-emergency). If you are making



a retrospective report, you can also do this online

[www.scotland.police/contact-us](http://www.scotland.police/contact-us)



For more information

<https://ow.ly/KOe950PEfcV>

## **Events**

### **Cowal Gathering 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August**

The Gathering is on this weekend, highland dancing, heavy athletics, pipe bands and more at Dunoon Stadium, tickets available at <https://cowalgatheringtickets.com/p/entrytickets>

Also, fireworks, kids activities and the pipe band march through the town, have a look at their website if you are interested in going - <https://cowalgathering.com/>

### **Middle Eastern Feast Fundraiser Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7 pm**

Peter Wilson from the Outdoor centre is inviting residents to a Fundraising dinner in support of his sponsored Cycle ride to raise funds for Medical Aid in Palestine.

Tickets are £30 per person (BYOB) and can be obtained from Peter at [peter@ardentinnycentre.org.uk](mailto:peter@ardentinnycentre.org.uk)

Only 50 seats available so be quick!

See attachment for further details.

### **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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## **Ardentinny Village Hall News**

Hi Everyone,

### **BT/Internet Update**

Please see the attachment of the Ombudsman decision.

Quiz Night

### **Saturday 9th September**

Although the outdoor centre is running a charity event the same night, this will be the start of the quiz nights. This is the only time this month we can hold the quiz night due to the hall being booked out so if anyone has any ideas for a theme for Neil to run with, or even run yourself, please let us know by emailing: [ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com](mailto:ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com)

### **Walled Garden Harvest Fair**

1<sup>st</sup> October

## **Hallowe'en Quiz Night**

Saturday 14th October

## **Saturday 11th November**

Music Quiz by Mike Loochin

## **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

Decorate the hall.

Decorate the tree outside.

## **December**

Dates and times to be confirmed.

Christmas gift and Craft Fayre to be held at the Outdoor Centre.

Please contact the usual address if you would like to book a table.

Possible Santa's Grotto

## **Wreath Making**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 11.30

This was a success last year and was requested again for this year.

## **Hogmanay**

Timings TBC

£6 entry per person to be paid on the night. If you are considering bringing guests, please book in advance to secure a table.

Live music by the Elderly Brothers.

Quizzes' and Games

Raffle and Prizes

Bring your own bottle and snacks.

## **Ukulele/Music group**

Hi Everyone,

Please join us on Mondays from 18.00-19.30. Beginners to George Formby welcomed, spare ukuleles available. £2 per session, tea/coffee included.

Email us at [ardentinny.ukulele@gmail.com](mailto:ardentinny.ukulele@gmail.com) for further info.

## **Blairmore**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1-4 BBQ on which is always a good day.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of September, The Elderly Brothers are playing at Blairmore hall in the evening.

Timings TBC

## **Requests**

If you would like to organise a village hall event or have a specific theme for a quiz night please get in touch, either by email at: [ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com](mailto:ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com) or just grab us around the village anytime.

Kind Regards,

Dee.

Ardentinny Hall Management Group Secretary