

## **Weekly news update from 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

Hi All,

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

### **Ardentinny Community Council News**

#### **Road Safety in Ardentinny**

We have just received a response to our letter from Argyll and Bute Roads department with some positive response to our requests for traffic calming measures in the village, though qualified by financial constraints available to them. The Community Council will go through the Council's reply and see how we can progress some of the points. They are also offering to visit the village to review our concerns. We will keep you posted on progress.

#### **Defibrillators**

The Defibrillator at the Slipway Ferry building (opposite the Outdoor Centre entrance) has had a new battery and pads installed.

We are now looking at raising funds to purchase more defibrillators, and after discussion in the Community Council we are considering installation in Ardenfield, the Village Hall and the Bowling Green/Walled Garden area. We are looking into an Ardenfield location first, though this requires an approach to SSEN or BT Openreach to see if we can site the defibrillator at one of their locations in Ardenfield. We need an electricity supply for the light in the cabinet though this is an extremely low cost so should not be an issue. Let's hope they are open to our idea. If not, we are looking into a sealed long-life battery as an option.

If you have any feedback on these ideas, do email us at [ardentinnycc@gmail.com](mailto:ardentinnycc@gmail.com)

#### **Bike Racks for the Village**

The community council, with help from local Harry Simpson, collected repurposed bike docks from Edinburgh. We got these thanks to Transport for Edinburgh (TfE) in partnership with Scottish Power Energy Networks. They were found through the Greenspace Scotland website. All for free! These are the docks previously used for the bikes you could rent throughout Edinburgh. One set has been given to the Ardentinny Hall and another will be dropped off at the Walled Garden. We have a couple more that require some bits done to them which will be used in the village. We hope to have a map made of all the safe places you can take your bike and secure it safely.

#### **Events**

##### **Mozart's Cosi Fan Tutte**

At the Outdoor Centre on **Saturday 8th July 6.30 pm** Aria Alba are holding an open rehearsal of Mozart's Cosi Fan Tutte. Free entry, donations welcome.

##### **Ardentinny Bowling Club – Ladies Competition**

On **Sunday July 9 at 10 am**, Ardentinny Bowling Club are hosting their Ladies Triples competition with members from many of the other local bowling clubs participating. If you interested to watch some bowling, why not drop-in, play starts at 10am. It will be a great day.

##### **From Benmore Gardens – Events coming up;**

**Thursday 13th July 2023 - After the Rhododendrons**, we tempt you to savour our favourite summer flowering trees and shrubs with the Curator, Peter Baxter. Meet at the covered notice board just past admissions. Garden admission applies to non-members. Start Time: 14:00 End Time: 16:00

**Saturday 22nd July 2023 - Forest Bathing Walk** at Benmore Botanic Garden - Meet at 1.45pm for registration – walk begins 2pm until 4pm

Following our first forest bathing walk in April, we are delighted to offer the opportunity to experience another forest bathing walk through the garden. This slow and gentle walk will take you along the Younger Walk to the top of the Redwood Avenue heading towards our Silent Space within the Golden Gates arboretum. Ruth Overington, a local Forest Bathing Practitioner will guide you through the walk while inviting you to connect senses to nature, to sit or lie down “canopy gaze” or just quiet reflection and some nature poetry. This lovely afternoon will conclude with everyone sitting together with a cup of herbal tea.

Numbers are limited to 10, for more information and booking – email [SGray@rbge.org.uk](mailto:SGray@rbge.org.uk) Please dress for the weather. Garden admission applies to non-members.

**Thursday 17th August 2023 - Exploring the Bhutanese Glade**

Take a strenuous early evening walk to the Bhutanese Pavilion where we will rest for a while, admire the views and enjoy a few light refreshments. Constructed in the early part of 2013, the Pavilion has provided visitors with the perfect seat to experience the marvellous flora of Bhutan and fine views of the Bhutanese Glade and Massan valley.

Booking essential - [SGray@rbge.org.uk](mailto:SGray@rbge.org.uk) Donations for refreshments welcome. End Time: 17:30

**Ardentiny Community Council Facebook page and Website**

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

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

**Ardentiny Renewables Trust**

There is a newsletter attachment in this email from the Renewables Trust, detailing their activities until mid-2023. Do have a read, perhaps you have a project that could benefit the community and needs some financial support. If so, get in contact with the Trustees for an application form.

Regards  
John

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**Ardentiny Village Hall News**

Hi Everyone,

After contacting BT/Outreach to find out why the installation of the line is taking so long, it appears there has been several issues from their side which resulted in them completely cancelling the account without notifying anyone. We are still looking into this and will keep you updated.

Two brand new BBQ's and 2 gazebos have now been delivered which will make organising events and outside functions more achievable.

The gazebos have already been loaned out and we have had queries from other interested parties. If anyone is interested in loaning them or the BBQ's, please contact [ardentinyvillagehall8@gmail.com](mailto:ardentinyvillagehall8@gmail.com)

You may be pleased to know, there has been outside interest from people wishing to book the hall for personal events as word is getting out there about the upgrades and improvements. This is all positive and will help towards raising funds for the hall which will benefit everyone.

A polite reminder that the notice board at the hall is for events happening in the hall and around the village. Notices for events further afield should be put on the notice boards in the car park.

**Completed**

All lighting and electrical work has now been completed apart from a cooker socket which there is no rush for at the moment. Thank you to our local electrician Harry for working all hours on his days off and between other jobs. Instead of an immersion heater, there is now instant hot water which makes things easier for holding any events which were mentioned above as well as our regular users.

After speaking to Harry about the hot water system, the immersion switch can be put on when groups first enter the hall, and the water will be hot enough within minutes. The immersion heater must be switched off at the end of each group session or it will break as the storage tank is not meant to hold hot water continuously. This will also avoid the water becoming too hot.

The old water tank which has been removed, is plastic and we are hoping to recycle this for storing grit, sand, and salt for the roads in winter.

As the hall is now watertight, the window to the right of the hall has now been plastered and the supports removed. Thank you to Guy Elder for this.

Guy has also been to complete this now the plaster has dried completely so this should be looking much better and ready for the new blinds to be fitted, hopefully next week.

### **Still to be completed**

Going forward we do have plans to refurbish and re-instate the kitchen area so we can once again look to use this facility and once a fund has been found we will look to renew the heating system in the hall.

We currently have 4 volunteers to clean the hall on a rota basis. Thank you, this is very much appreciated. After speaking with the CC at the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June, we are still looking at other options. Updates to follow once we know more.

In the meantime, thank you to the volunteers who are doing a great job of keeping on top of this while this is sorted.

Please note below the following events over the next few months

### **Quiz Nights**

These are cancelled for now and will start up again in September.

### **Ardentinny Beach Gala Saturday the 29th of July (3 Weeks to go)**

There will be a total of 30 tables in the Outdoor Centre for anyone wishing to sell arts, crafts, bric-a-brac etc. To book a table, please email [ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com](mailto:ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com) and address this to Susie Robertson who is dealing with this. Thank you.

The 2 volunteers to do the burger stand on the beach have confirmed they are able to do this so a big thank you to both.

The 2 BBQ's have now been delivered and will make things a lot easier for you on the day.

Just to remind everyone that there is no big picnic at the Walled Garden this year as the whole village is coming together to support the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the outdoor centre.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

I have a list of people who can provide home baking and who can help with the setting up of tables etc for the gala, but we still need more. **Please could anyone who would like to volunteer with the Ardentinny Gala, please contact Dee on the link below. Thank you.**

### **Home Baking**

We are looking for volunteers to provide lots and lots of home baking, biscuits buns and cakes.

Please can you contact Dee on [ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com](mailto:ardentinnyvillagehall8@gmail.com) so a list can be made, and we have an idea how much we have. Thank you.

**Setting Up/Running an Event**

We are also looking for volunteers to help with setting this up on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July as well as run one of the events which are taking place. Please email Dee on the above address so a list can be made. We are having another meeting with the Outdoor Centre next week and getting close to finalising things.

Other events are archery, paddle boarding, canoeing, a treasure hunt, and other family events. There will also be live music and the Ardentenny have kindly offered to run a beer tent.

**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 [ardentenny.ukulele@gmail.com](mailto:ardentenny.ukulele@gmail.com) for further info.

**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: [ardentennyvillagehall8@gmail.com](mailto:ardentennyvillagehall8@gmail.com) or just grab us around the village anytime

Kind Regards,

Dee.

Ardentenny Hall Management Group Secretary