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UPDATE ON VOLUNTEERING

On 6 August 2022, Tarbert Castle volunteers had a productive morning at the latest of our regular work parties. These take place on the first Saturday of each month.

The team repaired fences, cleared path edges of encroaching vegetation, and brought the orchard maintenance up-to-date with some judicious strimming and weeding.

Large quantities of soft fruit have already been harvested by residents, with later maturing fruit still to come.

Other essential work continues. Some of our sheep did their bit, putting in a popular appearance as they were swiftly and adeptly sheared at this year's highly successful Seafood Festival. The remainder were due to be sheared on Saturday 13 August. Our thanks go to Lynne, for her invaluable contribution in this regard.

VISITORS

It's a relief to see that visitor numbers have now returned to normal as the pandemic effect has reduced, with even US Dollars appearing in our donation box.

WEBSITE VISITORS

In January 2022, we added a new stats facility for tarbertcastle.info. We're pleased to note that, since the beginning of the year, the website has welcomed 2,100 unique visitors. It's in the nature of the internet that the figure quoted includes representation from a wide range of countries around the globe.

EVENTS

Early in spring 2022, we hosted a big photo shoot for a well-known international brand, which is planning the launch of a new range of products in March 2023.

Also, members of our local spinning group organised a photo shoot of their own work. You may have seen this on Facebook.

In July 2022, we again served as a wedding venue, and, that same month, two hundred orienteers visited the site for a day of activities.

All of these events contribute donations, which help with maintenance at the Castle and Heritage Park. In addition, they create trade for retail outlets, accommodation providers, hospitality venues, and other businesses, in the village and the surrounding area.

PROMOTION

In the very near future, we (Tarbert Castle Trust), working with Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authority, will launch a promotional video. It will feature some twenty local not-for profit-organisations and events, which together offer a selection of activities of interest to visitors, and it will run on two screens in the village - one on the Harbour Walkway, the other in our local *Live Argyll* Library. A version will also be viewable on local websites.

Our website continues to attract online and bank transfer donations, and we are working towards providing scannable QR codes on-site at the Castle, so that visitors will have the option of donating effortlessly via their smartphone.

A NOTE FOR VOLUNTEERS

On behalf of everyone - resident and visitor alike - who uses the Castle and Heritage Park for recreation, I wish to thank all our volunteers, who, individually and as a team, contribute a great deal in various ways to all the activity which we report on this website, and who, in so doing, make the Castle and Heritage Park the popular and much-loved visitor attraction (and local leisure area) which it has become.

WORK PARTIES

Our work parties are held on the first Saturday of each month, from 10.00 am. All are welcome - simply to pay us a visit, or even to explore becoming more involved. We're always pleased to have new volunteers willing to assist with projects and general maintenance.

With best wishes,

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