



Kinlochleven Community Trust Newsletter January 2010

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New Start Highland

KCT are delighted to announce the imminent arrival of New Start Highland, our new tenant for Units 1A and 1B in the business park.

New Start Highland is an organisation that recycles unwanted household items, provides practical assistance and is a training provider for people who are unemployed. Their twin aims are to maximise social benefit and recycling.

Various jobs are at present being advertised locally and on the New Start Highland website www.newstarthighland.org.

If you have any unwanted household items that you are thinking of disposing of please bear in mind that this facility will be available to you soon and this will include collection of any items that could be recycled to benefit others. If you have any items prior to the centre being fully operational please contact Moira at KCT to see if any assistance can be given in the short term.

It will be lovely to see some activity in this building which has been empty since June 2008 and we would like to take this opportunity to wish New Start Highland the best of luck with their new service centre in Kinlochleven.

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We still have our community calendars for sale at a reduced price of £1.99. All funds raised will be allocated towards the Bike Park Project for the youth as part of our village centre regeneration project.

Joint Open Day Saturday 27th February

Lochaber College has teamed up with organisations in Kinlochleven to host a South Lochaber Community Event at The Leven Centre on Saturday 27th February 2010. Representatives from Kinlochleven Library, Kinlochleven Community Trust, The Leven Centre, Kinlochleven Baby & Toddler Time and other local groups will join college staff for the open day.

KCT will be having a stall to raise funds for the Bike Park Project and will be offering tea/coffee and home-baking. We would welcome any suitable items that we could sell on our fundraising table, any unwanted smellies, gifts, household items etc.

Any items can be dropped off at the office or call on 01855 831 779 to arrange collection.

Please drop by with your family and find out what is happening in your community and give all of us the benefit of your opinions. Let us know what you would like to see in place at the college.

Aluminium Story Building Open Day

You are invited to come along to the Aluminium Story building on Wednesday 3rd March from 3pm—7pm and Saturday 6th March from 10am—1pm.

This will allow members of the community to acquaint themselves with the facilities, see the proposals and give feedback as to the use of the different areas within the building.

This will ensure continuance of the Aluminium Story and the provision for the first time in our village a visitor information point.

Highland Council Discretionary Budget

KCT have been successful in their recent application to the Highland Council's Discretionary Budget for the provision of funding of £750 towards the initial design element in the creation of the Bike Park within the centre of the village which forms part of the village centre regeneration project.

Footpath and Signage Group

The footpath and signage group have identified the Ciaran Path funning along the north side of the river to the dam as being a priority. Although the path does not run through community trust land, it is of importance both historically and as a popular route for locals and visitors. It needs urgent work to combat erosion but there are also opportunities to improve the path with new bridges and the installation of interpretation panels at key points. The group will be contacting the landowner RioTinto Alcan and a number of other bodies to get this project off the ground.

Members of the group are spending the winter months rewriting and redesigning a local walks leaflet that will be launched in the spring. More energetic members are heading to the hills to test some of the great high-level routes around the village to produce new walking guides.

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KCT will soon be launching their 2011 calendar competition. Once again we will be looking for stunning photographs on the theme "Around South Lochaber". The competition will be advertised in February 2010 and the closing date for entries will be Friday 14th May 2010. The categories and competition rules will be available in due course.

All themes around South Lochaber will be accepted and the photographs can be of anything, lochs, sunsets, snowy mountains, highland cows etc.

Whist at Heatherlee Court

Some of us at Heatherlee and folks from around Kinlochleven have been playing Whist on Friday evenings at 7.30pm. However over the last few weeks numbers have been dwindling and it would be really lovely to see a few new faces. We will make you very welcome—nice cup of tea/coffee and a chat and a few laughs along the way!

We hope to restart on Friday 5th February - hopefully by then the evenings will begin to be a bit lighter and the weather settle down!

You can phone me (June) on 831 707 if you wish or just turn up. Please come and join us.

POTENTIAL SITES FOR KCT DEVELOPMENT

You may recall that KCT invited any interested parties to view plans of two sites suitable to sell with planning permission to raise capital for future projects. Site 1 is opposite the Astro Turf for one house and Site 2 is to the rear of Greymares Car Park for two houses.

We hope to hear the outcome very soon and if we have been successful will proceed to have the plots advertised for sale.

2010 Caledonian Challenge

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the Caledonian Challenge over the weekend of 12th and 13th June 2010. Any volunteers can raise £100 per eight hour shift which will be paid direct to KCT for a project in our community. Last year our volunteers raised £1400 towards the Bike Park for the Youth and we hope to beat that total this year. All marshals will receive hot drinks and food.

Interested - please contact Moira for further details on 01855 831 779 or email moira@kinlochleven.co.uk

LEVEN LOGS

LOGS - £4.50

KINDLING - £4.00

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