



Kinlochleven Community Trust Newsletter December 2010

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Village Square

The village square project is now complete. All the planting has taken place and final finishing touches have been made. Litter bins are ordered and will be placed on the site in the very near future. The contractors have transformed a large area into a pleasant community space for all to enjoy and make use of.

In the New Year we will begin to display the memorial plaques which have already been pre-ordered but please note that orders are still being taken. For details contact moira@kinlochleven.co.uk or telephone 01855 831 779. A sample plaque is available to view at the Trust office.

A note of thanks goes to everyone who helped with the community Christmas tree. This adds a special touch to the village square.

Planning Application for erection Of Temporary Anemometer Mast

A planning application has been made to Highland Council for the erection of a temporary anemometer mast on the land north west of Rose Cottage, Kinlochleven.

The anemometer mast, which will monitor and record wind speed, will be in place for approximately 6 - 9 months. Hopefully more to report on this in the New Year.

Kinlochleven Field of Hope

Thank you to everyone who has donated daffodil bulbs and money donations to this years planting on the Field of Hope. Thanks to all volunteers who gave up their time to help with the planting of the bulbs. All support for this worthwhile cause is much appreciated.

AGM

Following the recent AGM the new Board of Directors for KCT are as follows:

Stuart Symmers
Grayham Powlesland
Andrew Baxter
Colin Thomson
Lynn Carr
Ian Morrison
Avril Watt

New office bearers will be elected at the January meeting. The Trust would like to thank Alan Woollacott, former Chairman, and Ann Marie Glayrouse, former Finance Director, for several years service and we wish them both all the best for the future.

New Community Notice Board

A new community notice board will replace the rather old and damaged board located at the seating area beside the Co-op.

Although this area is out with KCT ownership there had been a number of complaints from local residents sent to KCT asking if anything could be done to having this replaced.

We have now had confirmation from Highland Council that a new notice board has been ordered and will be erected between the New Year and Spring. Thanks to all concerned.

Former Post Office Building

With the former post office building now vacant the building has now been valued by the District Valuer. This building will be advertised on the market in the New Year. Many discussions have place at board meetings, AGM's and open days regarding the cost to bring the listed building up to present legislation and a decision has now been made to sell this asset and allocate the revenue against possibly renewable energy schemes.

Donation from Moidart Road Run

A donation of £200 has been received from the committee of the Moidart Road Run Event for use of the viaduct car park during the Pre 65 weekend. This donation is much appreciated.

Community calendar winners provide tough choice

It's been another successful year for keen amateur photographers in South Lochaber, as they see their efforts printed in the latest community calendar. This year's winners were congratulated at a prize giving event hosted by Kinlochleven Community Trust earlier in December. Local Director Andrew Baxter, who organises the competition, said judges had a tough time choosing the twelve winning entries, "The photographs are of such a high standard with some very different themes and styles from previous years. The magnificent stag in the snow was a clear overall winner; it has such an unusual composition, and really stood out from the others."

Now in its third year the calendar produced by the Trust raises funds for projects around the village and has proved a big hit across the world. "We have villagers who buy twenty at a time to send to friends and family across the globe," says Andrew Baxter, "for many people it's a reminder of this special this part of Lochaber." Although we are not yet into 2011, the Trust is already planning the competition for the 2012 calendar and is urging people to keep their cameras at the ready to take advantage of any fine weather we have over the next few months.

Due to popular demand the 2011 calendars have since sold out. Thanks to everyone who has supported this project and we very much look forward to the 4th year of the competition.



The KCT Office will close on Tuesday 21st December 2010 and re-open on Tuesday 11th January 2011.

We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and all the very best for the New Year!

Photograph courtesy of Stephen Norris of The Oban Times