



Carloway Estate Trust

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Many thanks to everyone who came to our community meeting about Doune Carloway Broch and to Community Enterprise for chairing the event. The event helped us understand some of the history and hear some really useful information and ideas. The meeting was the first step in our current project to investigate options for improvement of the Broch site including the car-park, centre, environment, access and interpretation.



Photo courtesy of Shona Macmillan

HIE have engaged Community Enterprise to support Urras Oighreachd Chàrlabhaigh in the development of a strategic plan for the Broch site. We are keen that anyone in the community with an interest contributes their thoughts and ideas. The consultation also involves working with a range of partners including Historic Environment Scotland who are the guardians of the monument and Urras nan Tursachan who own the Visitor Centre and Car Park.

If you would like more information or have any ideas, please contact Sally Reynolds. It would be great to hear what you love about the Broch or if there are any improvements you would like to see.

The Broch monument is currently closed for safety reasons. Historic Environment Scotland took the decision to close it after they identified some loose high-level masonry and a potential structural issue. The car-park and Broch Centre are still open so it is still a must see place for visitors.

Community Land Week

FROM OUR LAND & SEA

Join us at the show-case event to celebrate the wide range of items produced from the land and sea on Carloway Estate. Demos, talks and a bite to eat.

16th August | 5 to 8pm | Breasclete Community Centre

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STAFF



Sally Reynolds, Development Officer

Sally has been with us since 2015 and deals with all elements of estate business and development projects. Sally is based in the office in Carloway except Wednesdays when she is in Breasclete Community Centre. If you have any enquires about crofting matters, current projects or on-going plans please contact her through the office or by email sally@carlowayestatetrust.co.uk.



Benjamin Inglis-Grant, Project Officer

Peatland ACTION

Ben is part of a team of Peatland ACTION Project Officer's across Scotland. Ben is based in the office in Carloway but working on peatland restoration projects across the Outer Hebrides. If you would like to find out more, please contact him through the office or by email ben@carlowayestatetrust.co.uk.



Alasdair MacIver, Project Officer

Community LED by Energy Champions

Ally's post is part of a joint home energy project with Urras Oighreachd Ghabhaisinn. Community LED by Energy Champions is funded by Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund. If you would like to find out more please contact Ally at the office or by email ally@carlowayestatetrust.co.uk.



Abigail Leach, Project Administrator

Community LED by Energy Champions

Abigail joined us in February as part of our home energy project. Abigail is supporting all elements of the project. If you would like to find out more or book a home energy advice visit please contact Abigail through the office or by email abigail@carlowayestatetrust.co.uk.



Donald MacKinnon, Local Development Officer

Dalmore to Garynahine

Donald joined us in April, his post is a partnership with Carloway Community Association and funded by HIE. Donald works half-time on the Carloway School redevelopment project and half-time on the local community plan. Donald is based in Breasclete on Wednesdays and Carloway Hall on Thursdays and Fridays, his email is [dona](mailto:donald@carlowayestatetrust.co.uk)ld@carlowayestatetrust.co.uk.

PEATLAND ACTION

Peatland ACTION is helping to restore Scotland's damaged peatlands. Since 2012 over 15,000 hectares have been put on the road to recovery by the project with funding provided by the Scottish Government. The Peatland ACTION project provides this funding primarily to work that supports on-the-ground restoration activities.

On the 25th and 26th April we ran a peatland restoration event in Breasclete Community Centre to discuss peatlands, peatland condition, restoration methods that the Peatland ACTION team are leading the way in restoring Scotland's peatlands and how this is applicable to Lewis and Harris. It was a great two days, with around 20 people attending the event including local contractors, land owners, land managers and representatives from public bodies.



During the event we discussed the peatland condition on the island and the methods that could be used in peatland restoration in our specific location.

We also had a demonstration of some restoration methods from Duncan Mackay and Sons Ltd and the group discussed these and how the methods could be tailored and used in the Outer Hebrides to help restore our peatlands for future generations to benefit from.

ANGLING

The season has started and the first salmon of 2019 has been caught on the Carloway River System. Tickets are available including season tickets at local outlets including the estate office.

We are delighted to be working with Outer Hebrides Fisheries Trust to deliver an introduction to fishing evening in August. Booking is required so please get in touch if you would like to take part.

Under-18 season passes are free so fishing is a great healthy activity right on the door-step.



Introduction to Fishing with Outer Hebrides Fisheries Trust

**Friday 30th August
3.30pm to 6.30pm
Loch Bharabhat, Breasclete**

*No equipment required
Suitable for anyone aged 5 and over, children should be accompanied by an adult*

To book a place or for more information please contact
Urras Oighreachd Chàrlabhaigh
Tel: 01851 643481; Email: info@carlowayestatetrust.co.uk

COMMUNITY PLAN

Donald MacKinnon is currently working on the Dalmore to Garynahine Community Plan. After much consultation with the local community the plan is nearly ready for publication. We hope to hold an event to launch the plan in the coming months.

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Our Community LED by Energy Champions project, funded by the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund, has delivered over 150 home-visits between Galson and Carloway Estate areas. We thought it would be nice to speak to one of the residents who has benefited from a home visit. We would like to introduce Anne Hall. Anne, who lives in Breasclete, was one of the first to have a home-visit.

Anne found out about the project from adverts in the Breasclete newsletter and in more detail from a poster in the Langabhat medical practice at the Carloway surgery. The home visit took approximately an hour and a half, where we discussed the structure of the house, electrical appliances, heating systems and the different types of funding options available for improving the energy efficiency of the household to help reduce her energy bills.

Anne provided an old meter reading along with one taken on the day of the visit, to help identify her current energy usage, that would be compared with the two readings taken later during the project to indicate the energy saving achieved.

Several weeks later she received a short report to summarise everything covered in the home visit including advice and recommendations for energy saving options. This was delivered along with water saving devices from Scottish Water, and 14 free LED bulbs to help reduce her electricity bills.

Thanks to Anne for agreeing to be part of this newsletter. We know she found the project a big help.

If you would like to arrange a home visit or have any energy advice questions, please get in touch with Abigail or Alasdair on 643481.



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There are lots of ways to get in touch with us directly - pop into the office, give us a call or drop us an email. Follow us on social media or check out our website.

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