Urras Oighreachd Chàrlabhaigh

Carloway Estate Trust

OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER

Fàilte chun a' chiad chuairt-litir againn. Tha sinn an dòchas dà chuairt-litir fhoillseachadh gach bliadhna gus fiosrachadh a chumail ri buill.

Bidh sinn a' cleachdadh cuairt-litrichean Chàrlabhaigh agus Bhreascleit gus naidheachdan a' sgaoileadh gach mìos ach tha sinn an dòchas gum bi e feumail dhuibh an cuairt litir ùr seo fhaighinn dà uair sa bhiadhna airson fiosrachadh a thoirt dhuibh air na tha sinn air a bhith a' dèanamh agus na planaichean a th'againn.

Welcome to our first newsletter, we plan to produce two newsletters a year with updates for members.

We use the monthly Carloway and Breasclete newsletters to share our news more regularly but we thought it would be useful to have a summary twice a year to let you know what we've been up to and our current plans.

FRIDAY PHOTO DEALBH DHIHAOINE

We started sharing our weekly photo from the estate in July 2016. This photo is our most popular Dealbh Dhihaoine of 2018 so far with the most likes and shares on social media.

We would love to see your photos if you would like to contribute them. Watch out for our weekly photo by following us on social media.

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REMINDER - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The evening will include AGM Business, a short film featuring some local faces with an opportunity to meet our directors and staff. Come along and find out about our new Peatland and Home Energy Projects.

21st November at 7.30pm at Breasclete Community Centre

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WHO'S WHO?

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kenneth J. MacLennan, Chairman	New Park, Callanish
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Eilidh Reid	Breasclete
Noreen MacDonald, Secretary	Breasclete

STAFF

Sally Reynolds, Development Officer

Sally has been with us since 2015 and deals with all elements of estate business and development projects. Sally's post is currently supported by Highlands and Islands Enterprise. Sally is based in Breasclete Community Centre on Wednesdays (01851 621214). 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. The post is funded by Peatland ACTION, he will be based with us in the office in Carloway but working on peatland restoration projects across Lewis and Harris. If you would like to find out more, please contact him at 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 Ghabhsainn. Community LED by Energy Champions is funded by Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund. If you would like to find out more or book a home energy advice visit please contact Ally through the office or by email ally@carlowayestatetrust.co.uk.

NEW OFFICE

We moved into a new office this year, it is at the back of Carloway School building. We are now using the back door so please come around and ring the bell at the back door if you're looking for us. There is a small meeting room available if you would like to meet a member of staff.

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UPDATES

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BONNET LAIRD WALK

It has been great to see more young people help develop the Bonnet Laird Walk. Both Carloway and Breasclete Juior Youth Clubs have been helping paint the way markers, it was great to see good coverage of their particiaption in Paths for All newsletter. Our current John Muir group helped build a new bridge across Breasclete River. If you look closely at the bridge you will see they added some special touches to it too. The spindles on one side of the bridge have names of lochs and hills from the Bonnet Laird Walk and the ones on the other side have names of young people who have been involved in the project.

We have had a number of events this year designed to share the Bonnet Laird Walk including a Community Land Week group walk to test the route and a Countryfile Ramble with Breasclete Primary School.

COMMUNITY PLAN

We are currently working, in partnership with Carloway Community Association and Urras nan Tursachan, on a community plan based on the household survey results. We will be building on this by updating our Strategic Plan including plans for developing the Broch site.

Gunnera Survey

We have surveyed all the village areas from Dalmore to Garynahine and have collated and shared this with North Harris Trust to help with their island wide recording project. The information included grid-references, number of plants (some sites had over a hundred stems), maturity of plants and a description of the spot for example roadside drain. We have a map in the office if anyone would like to review it.

CARLOWAY ANGLING CLUB

The 2018 season on the Carloway river has now come to an end and it is safe to say it hasn't been the best with the dry weather earlier in the year taking its toll. We don't have final numbers yet and if anyone has a catch return form please return it now.

There have been changes in the running of the Club this year as it has been handed over to Urras Oighreachd Chàrlabhaigh by Carloway Angling Club to manage. We are very thankful to them for their many years of hard work and excellent stewardship of the river.

It will be very much business as usual in terms of the Angling Club but we hope we can develop angling across the estate as an activity for local residents and visitors alike. If you are interested in angling or have ideas for developing it we would love to hear from you.

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CONTACT DETAILS

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. We also have social media accounts and a new website.

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