



Supporting Communities in Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park



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Dear Community Friends

This week we've been remembering our 2018 'Green Revolution' themed 'Gathering', reminding us that **Scotland's Climate Week 2020** is just on the horizon. Taking place from 14-20 September we're keen for communities across the park to share with us their events and activities taking place using the hashtag **#ScotClimateWeek.**

In this edition we; ask 'What's your community's perspective on

Climate Change?'; invite you to join our **Lomond Area Network**; highlight a pioneering "world first" **youth-centric Smart Village**; ask you to tell us **how your community has responded to Covid-19**; encourage you to download **Stirling Chamber of Commerce** Track and Trace Business App; recommend the business boosting **Cycle Tourism Webinar**; urge you to book a place on **Zero Waste Scotlands #GreenChampions** training and catchup with the latest from the **National Park Authority**.



Making A Difference | CP Supporting Communities Fund

Our Supporting Communities Fund has been making a huge difference to communities dealing with the impact of Covid-19 across Loch Lomond, the Trossachs and Helensburgh!

In total, 44 community groups and organisations have received small grants totalling a whopping £47,432 since the fund was launched in May.

Communities receiving a welcome financial boost have used the funds to immediate use and in some cases will go on to sustain communities beyond the pandemic.

Green Recovery...

Whilst our Supporting Communities Fund to deal with the impact of Covid-19 has now closed for applications, we are currently exploring 'green recovery' related funding available for our communities. We would love to hear from any communities in the Park relating to this. Please drop an email to anne.sobey@lochlomond-trossachs.org or call 01389 722 134.

Read more...



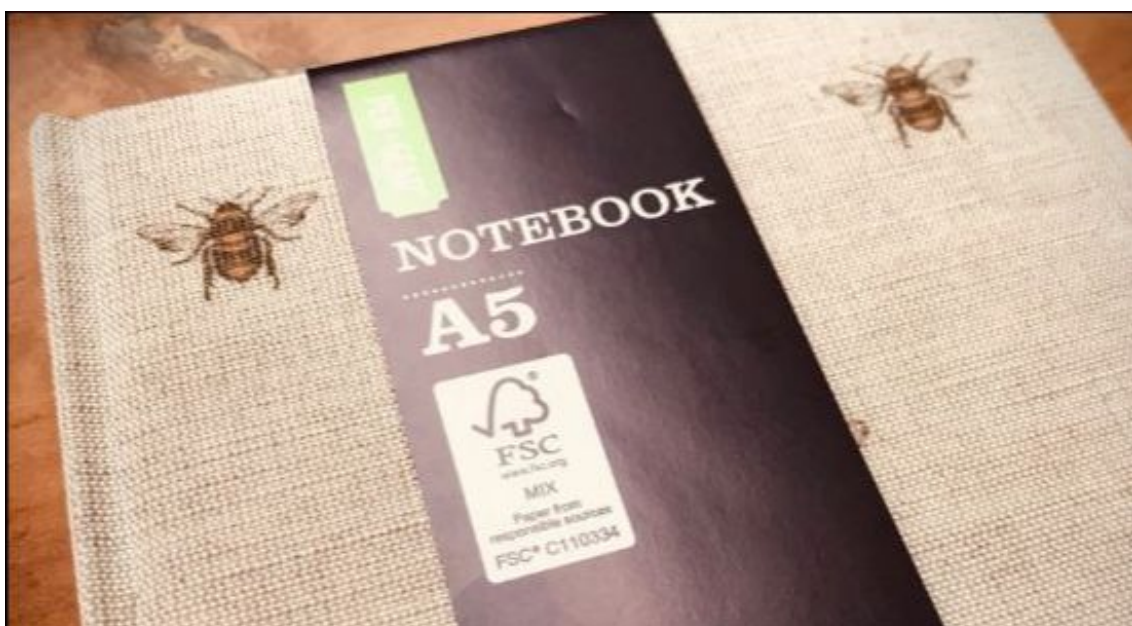
'Lomond Area Network' From Your Armchair | Tue 8 SEP

Community groups, Development Trusts and Community Council are saving the date for our next Lomond Area Network on **Tue 8 Sep at 7pm.**

Join us for an **hour of online networking** and **making community connections.** Although we can't get together in our normal 'networking' fashion, you can still catch up and share on all the latest community updates with your favourite Beveridge and slice of cake.....all from the comfort of your armchair.

Our networks are a chance for anyone interested in **getting involved** or **actively engaged** with projects relating to anything from **community resilience, tackling litter** to **public services.** They are also a great opportunity for communities across the region to make those links and find connections.

[**Click here for more information...**](#)



Climate Emergency Training | Community Leaders

With sustainable notebooks at hand, this week we joined 30 other community leaders for **Keep Scotland Beautiful's 'Climate Emergency Training'** programme.

As an organisation and as individuals we want to be able to make informed choices about the most energy and resource efficient and lower carbon options available to us. During this programme we will be developing our own **understanding of the carbon impacts of our activities.**

From the basics of **climate science**, current and likely future **impacts of climate change** and what it may mean for our communities, **where emissions come from** to exploring **how to communicate climate change**, we will also be learning how to encourage others to take steps to **reduce their carbon footprint.**

With 'Climate Change' high up on Scotland's agenda, **we're keen to hear what our communities perspective** is on this emotive subject and ask them to **share their thoughts** by dropping us an email to; info@thecommunitypartnership.org.uk

Did you know?

Eunice Foote - The Mother Of Climate Change a female scientist in 1856 was the first to recognise the link between atmosphere CO2 concentration a temperature despite scientist Svante Arrhenius receiving the accreditation 40 years later in 1896.



Zero Waste Scotland | #GreenChampions Training

When: Wed 16 Sep

Time: 10am – 12pm

[Click here to register your interest...](#)

Rising energy costs, the climate emergency and increasing consumer pressure continue to challenge the way that businesses across Scotland manage their environmental performance.

Zero Waste Scotland's online Green Champions training course is already helping organisations across Scotland prepare for this challenge by providing knowledge, tried-and-tested techniques, best practice examples, and free tools and templates.

This webinar, designed for small and medium sized enterprises, will pack the entire Green Champions planning modules into one session. Join and get the skills and knowledge over 1,800 other professionals have already learnt through the Green Champions training course.

[Click here to find out more...](#)



SSEN Vulnerable Customers | Online Workshop | 10 Sep

What: SSEN Consumer Vulnerability Workshop

When: Thu 10 Sep 2020 0930-1215 (Registration opens 0915)

Enquiries: events@ssendistribution.co.uk T 020 3928 5282

To ensure SSEN continue their support to customers in vulnerable situations and fuel poverty, they are inviting participants to give their feedback and help inform their services by taking part in their SSEN Distribution's upcoming online workshop.

Changing consumer behaviour, increase in electrification and transition to a smart network is having fundamental changes therefore SSEN seek to prioritise those in most need, those who find themselves in vulnerable situations or those struggling to pay their bills.

SSEN's new priorities in response to Covid-19 aims to address underrepresentation on the PSR (Priority Services Register) so this includes people who use electrically powered medical equipment, who have recently left hospital, people with hearing loss, people with mental ill health* and diverse communities where

people with mental ill health, and diverse communities where language can be a barrier.

[Click here to register...](#)



Covid-19 | How Has Your Community Responded?

Public Health Scotland would like to understand more about how communities have responded to the impact of Covid-19 on the way we live our lives, and **how local community groups and organisations have supported this around;**

- **How communities have adapted to the challenge of how we get around.** Has the way you travel changed as a result of Covid-19? Perhaps by walking, wheeling and cycling more, or as a result of changes to public and community transport services. What impact has this had?

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- **Examples of how communities and organisations have used their local areas differently by adapting streets and spaces**, for example for children's outdoor play or for leisure and relaxation, or how they have used or changed existing spaces for example parks, areas with trees or grass.

If you have examples to share you can submit your information and we will be in touch with you.



Leisure Cycling Tourism | Is Your Business Benefitting?

Did you know that **leisure cycling tourism** is worth up to **£239m** to the Scottish economy, and growing fast! Is **YOUR** business securing its share?

Register your interest with this series of free webinars to hear experts from across the industry sharing their experience and invaluable insight covering topics such as current and future trends, meeting the needs and expectations of leisure cycling visitors, easy-to-learn tips for successful online engagement and much more.

Webinar 1: The Sustrans / VisitScotland Leisure Cycling Journey Planner 17/9/2020, 6pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leader-leisure-cycling-tourism-business-enablement-programme-1-tickets-116718386837>

Webinar 2: A 'Cycling Friendly' business – What does 'Good' look like? 22/9/2020, 6pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leader-leisure-cycling-tourism-business-enablement-programme-2-tickets-116719600467>

Webinar 3: An International Perspective 24/9/2020, 6pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leader-leisure-cycling-tourism-business-enablement-programme-3-tickets-116720856223>

Webinar 4: Creating good content - How to reach your target audience 29/9/2020, 6pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leader-leisure-cycling-tourism-business-enablement-programme-4-tickets-116721159129>





Rural Youth Project | Scotland To Launch World's 1st Youth Dedicated Smart Village

During Covid 19 young people and communities have faced many additional challenges. A fantastic **opportunity** has become available for young people across Scotland to get involved and develop new skills to be part of shaping the future for their communities and to become the **next generation of rural leaders**.

The Scotland-based **Rural Youth Project** is calling young people to join a focus group to help develop a pioneering "world first" youth-centric Smart Village which will champion young people to collaboratively build vibrant, creative, and sustainable rural economies in the places they call home.

Smart Villages, a concept driven by the European Network for Rural Development, are rural digital 'villages' that combine physical and digital communities to improve their resilience, building on local strengths and opportunities. Smart Village Scotland have partnered with the Rural Youth Project, to create the Rural Youth Project Smart Village which will be a super connected community that will function as a space for young people to connect, to build or expand their enterprise and leadership skills and to trade.

[Click here to find out more or share with a young person that you know....](#)



Forth Valley | New Contact Tracing App For Business

Forth Valley Chamber of Commerce has launched a new data collection app for the area's business community.

The **Track and Trace** web app gives business owners a platform to securely check customers in and collect the data needed to support the Scottish Government's Test and Protect Programme in line with GDPR regulations.

Visitors simply scan a QR code with a smartphone on entry and input their contact information to be held securely for use if required by NHS Scotland. This means that after the first sign-in, they can check in easily and securely each time they visit a café, restaurant, hotel or

in easily and securely each time they visit a cafe, restaurant, hotel or visitor attraction which is using the app.

Companies who sign up for the app create an account which gives them their businesses' unique QR code plus a support package of posters and flyers to promote their use of the Track and Trace initiative.

Business owners who would like to know more should contact the Chamber on 01786 448333 or email trackandtrace@forthvalleychamber.co.uk

[Click here for more information....](#)



Sports Scotland | COVID19 | E-learning For Clubs & Community Organisations

To help **club and community organisations** return to sport safely, a COVID-19 Officer e-learning module has been prepared.

This is to support Scottish Governing Body (SGB) guidance which requires clubs to appoint a named COVID Officer.

The training has been developed by Sport Scotland in partnership with **Scottish Rugby** and it will provide COVID 19 Officers with key

information and guidance to help them prepare for their new role.

[Click here to find out more and reserve your place...](#)

Killin | Seeks Community Pioneer

The Killin Co-op are seeking a member pioneer to join them, working 4 hours a week (16 across the month). In this unique role you'll be focused on bringing people together to make a difference in your community. That means talking to Co-op members, colleagues and community groups we support. By building relationships with and connecting these people you'll be the catalyst for new ideas, initiatives and projects.

The Co-op plan to have a member pioneer dedicated to each of their communities and you'll be a part of this ambitious plan for a better future increasing community co-operation. It's an opportunity to make a visible difference where you live, supported by an organisation with nearly 70,000 colleagues and over 4.5 million members.

[Click here to find out more....](#)

And finally...





News From The National Park Authority

Outdoor Recreation Plan

Earlier this year we carried out a consultation with key partners and stakeholders on our draft Outdoor Recreation Delivery Plan, [Active Park Healthy People](#). The feedback gathered through this was positive and constructive and is being used to inform the final draft of the plan before it is considered by the National Park Authority for final approval. Like many areas of work, the Covid-19 pandemic has led to a delay on this. However work to review the draft plan in light of feedback and new opportunities for projects which support it's aims is progressing and we will be providing an update to all stakeholders in the early Autumn.

Few days left to submit your West Highland Way memories

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the West Highland Way, the West Highland Way Management Group is inviting anyone with ties to this special route to share their photographs and memories along the Way to create an online exhibition and short film. More information on the project is available [here](#).

There is now just a few days left to submit your memories to be included in this exciting celebration. If you have any stories,

photographs, videos or artwork from Scotland's first and best loved long-distance route, please send these through to whw@lochlomond-trossachs.org before midnight on **6th September 2020**.

National Park Board meeting

The next meeting of the National Park Board will be take place on Monday 14th September. The meeting, which would normally be held