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Dear Community Friends

From **squirrel sightings** to **Second Hand September** in this edition we; ask to keep your eyes peeled for announcement of the **community recovery funds** coming soon; call on businesses in the

community recovery funds coming soon, call on businesses in the park to complete the **Business Recovery Support** survey; recommend your business tap into the benefits of the **Cycle Tourism Webinar's**; urge you to book a place on **Zero Waste Scotlands #GreenChampions** training and of course our weekly update from the **National Park Authority** and more.

Don't forget that next week 14-20 September is **Scotland's Climate Week 2020** so we've included a couple of things for communities to get involved. As always we're keen for communities across the park to share with us their events and activities taking place using the hashtag **#ScotClimateWeek**.



Community Recovery Funding | Watch this space

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!

With one last minute application last week, brings the total of community groups and organisations to receive our fund to 45. What's more we still have £217 remaining! Although a small amount

this could make a huge difference to one community. If you feel yours could benefit from a quick cash boost, we'd love to hear from you.

Please drop an email to anne.sobey@lochlomond-trossachs.org or call 01389 722 134.

Community Recovery Funding...

As we move into the recovery phase of the pandemic, we expect to hear an announcement for community recovery funding anytime today. As soon as we hear, you will be the first to know!

Read more...



National Park | Business Recovery Survey

With further relaxations of coronavirus restrictions and as we move

forward to recovery of the visitor economy, Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park have developed this survey to seek your views on how the restart and recovery feels for your business at this time and what additional support would support your recovery.

Survey link: <https://bit.ly/3maVUVa>

Thank you for taking part in our survey which should take you no longer than a few minutes to complete.

If you have any questions along the way, please contact the NPA Business team on either 07910 744581 or 01389 727703.

Please note this survey closes on 15/09/20



Drymen Business Hub | September Booking Discount

The Drymen Business Hub owned and operated by Fraser C Robb

and located above their Drymen showroom was funded by Forth Valley & Lomond LEADER, Stirling Council and Fraser C Robb.

The Hub offers safe space for people to work, have in person (distanced) / video meetings. Business Gateway also have a start up specialist who works with new local businesses from the Hub.

The Hub is offering a half price offer for bookings taken in September.

For more information visit: <http://www.drymenhub.co.uk>



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...](#)



Leisure Cycling Tourism Webinars | Help Boost Your Business

If you know your facts, then you'll know that **leisure cycling tourism** is worth up to **£239m** to the Scottish economy, and growing fast! But, 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>





Where Did You Get That Lovely Dress? | Second Hand September

Why not give your local community charity shop a welcome financial boost this month as part of next weeks **Scottish Climate Week**. Join in on **Second Hand September** and pledge to shop only **second hand** for 30 days or more....

You'll give clothes a longer life by keeping them from landfill. And by shopping with charities such as Oxfam, you'll be reinvesting your money into helping the poorest people on the planet earn a fair living and beat poverty.

Carbon Footprint Of Our Fashion Industry

Currently, almost 1.2 billion tonnes of carbon emissions are produced by the fashion industry and 11 million items of clothing are sent to landfill every week in the UK.

It's not the only campaign asking for people to stop buying new clothing. **Extinction Rebellion** recently asked its followers to boycott fashion for a year, and requested that **London fashion week** be cancelled.

So when someone asks you where you got that lovely dress, you know what to say!



Green Recovery | "Living Laboratory" For Central Scotland

A state-of-the-art environmental monitoring system – the first of its kind – will be launched in central Scotland to enable businesses and organisations to make decisions based on real-time data.

The multi-million-pound project, led by the University of Stirling, will be a “living laboratory” – capturing, processing and sharing data from across Forth Valley using EE’s 5G network. It will use sensors, satellite data and artificial intelligence to provide vital information on water quality and other factors to inform decisions that could provide major economic and sustainability benefits to the area.

Experts say the innovative, cross-disciplinary approach – bringing together science, research, business and regulation – will be a global exemplar of green recovery, which is easily scaled and could be replicated worldwide.

The work forms phase one of the Forth Environmental Resilience Array (Forth-ERA) project and will be driven by a partnership between the University and BT Group. They will work alongside a number of regional stakeholders, including: the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Scottish Water, Diageo, NatureScot, Forth Estuary Forum and Forth Valley Chamber of Commerce. EE, part of BT Group, recently switched on 5G in the Stirling area – enabling phase one and helping to support a digital-led regional green recovery.

Funded by BT and the University, phase one will help inform and develop plans for [Scotland's International Environment Centre \(SIEC\)](#).

[Read More](#)





Report your sightings at scottishsquirrels.org.uk

Celebrating Scotland's Red Squirrels | 21 – 27 SEP

This year seems to be flying by so fast and at Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels they're slipping on their organising shoes ready for a week of celebrations.

As you may already be aware, each year SSRS celebrate red squirrels during Red Squirrel Week in the last week of September. This year once again they are hosting an event called the Great Scottish Squirrel Survey and are hoping that you will be able to help them celebrate squirrels across Scotland.

During the week 21st - 27th September, you are being asked to keep an eye out for squirrels, both red and grey and to report your sightings to the website. This will help give a snapshot view of the populations across Scotland.

Great is a great and fun activity for community groups, schools, and the whole family to get involved if you're out and about exploring!

More detailed information can be found on their website:

<https://scottishsquirrels.org.uk/great-scottish-squirrel-survey/>

[Click on here for more details...](#)



Find Out What's Behind Closed Doors | Cowal Open Studios | 25-28 Sep

The Artists of Cowal Open Studios are pleased to announce that the COC2020 event will run from 25th to 28th September, as usual!

To adapt to the current conditions this year, the event will take place in five separate Hubs based around this beautiful peninsula. This is to ensure social distancing both for the artists and visitors. Fifty artists will be displaying a selection of their work in these five locations.

It is an exciting opportunity to see the individual work of the many creative artists and makers based in Cowal.

The Hubs are located as follows: Sandbank Village Hall, Sandbank, the Burgh Hall, Dunoon (upstairs Hall). The Creggans Inn, Strachur, the Hayshed Gallery, Carry Farm, Tighnabruaich and finally, Blairmore Gallery and Hall, Blairmore. Full details of locations and opening times can be found on the website,

<http://www.cowalopenstudios.co.uk>



News From The National Park Authority

National Park Board meeting

The next meeting of the National Park Board takes place on Monday, 14th September.

The meeting, which would normally be held in person with public access, will now be held virtually and will be **webcast live for public viewing**.

A number of items will be considered by the Board for discussion including an update from the National Park Chief Executive on the visitor season and issues experienced since lockdown eased in July, the National Park Litter Prevention Strategy and an update on the National Park's Mission Zero to tackling Climate Change.

The papers for the Board meeting are published online on the National Park website

<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/our-board-committees/meetings/virtual-board-meeting-14th-september-2020/>

A link to the live webcast of the meeting will be published on this webpage on Monday before the meeting begins at 9.30am.

Visitor Management

With the schools back and the weather changing the National Park is beginning to see a slight drop in the volume of visitors although weekends continue to be busy, particularly in popular areas.

Visitor management measures including full ranger deployment, additional litter clean ups and communications encouraging responsible behaviour continue. This includes live updates on the status of car parks around the National Park at weekends.

The **National Park Safe Recovery Action Group** continues to meet weekly and has agreed to continue this into the Autumn both to address immediate issue and to work in partnership to prepare for next Spring and Summer.

Due to the Covid pandemic and many people's holiday plans having to change, as well as some schools having extended October holidays, discussions are being held to prepare for extending some visitor management measures and resourcing into late October to