



THE GANNOCHY ESTATE NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2019

Winter Visitors to the Gannochy Estate

Housing Expansion

- What a Difference a Year Makes

The first five houses to be completed on the estate expansion are now occupied and the work on the remainder has continued to progress well. The final timber frame has been constructed and photos below show just how much has been achieved in the last year. The next phase is due to be handed over to the Trust in mid-January and a further 6 phases will be handed back between then and the end of March when the project is scheduled to be completed (provided we don't get a prolonged spell of very bad weather).

Life on the new estate

Moving into one of the new bungalows has been a very exciting, happy and life-changing experience for my daughter and I. We were given the opportunity to meet all the neighbours on our street on the day we signed the lease - it was a lovely touch. We have found the residents and staff at Gannochy Trust to be very friendly and welcoming. The inside of the house is absolutely stunning. It is warm, spacious, bright and finished to such a very high standard. The living room and kitchen are open plan, with high ceilings which makes the rooms feel even larger. The triple glazing and good ventilation systems in place allows the house to stay warm and encourages good air quality. The solar power panels on the roof mean that we can save on electricity costs during the day when the weather is bright. We are very much looking forwards to sitting out in our sitooterie in the warmer weather. I must say altogether it has been very well designed and we are very grateful to have been given such a wonderful home, with lovely neighbours in such an attractive location'.



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Tenancy Spotlight - Neighbourhood Awareness



It is important that the Trust can telephone and/or email Gannochy Residents from time to time with regards to their tenancy, so keeping contact records up to date is essential. If you have changed your telephone number or email address recently please let the Trust know so we can update our records. You can do this by email or telephone: 01738 620653
admin@gannochytrust.org.uk



Gannochy Events Group

The estate had a fantastic Halloween spectacle with 27 carved pumpkins competing for a coveted place on the podium for the most creative entry. Congratulations to the Gannochy Events Group, and to all entrants for a spooktacular event! See the Hall Events article for details of Santa's Grotto, New Year Party, Gannochy Dinner, and Quiz Night. Plans are being made for further Card Making Workshops and new events for 2020.



Scandinavian Visitors



Waxwing

Seasonal visitors to the Gannochy Estate include the Redwing, Fieldfare and Waxwing who overwinter here from Scandinavia. The Redwing has a pale stripe above the eye and rusty flanks above a dash speckled breast. The Fieldfare is larger and has a grey head, chestnut wings and back and a yellowy orange breast with dark spots. The smooth bodied Waxwing has a striking reddish head crest over its black throat and eyes, dark wings and tail with yellow and red markings. Rowan, holly and cotoneaster berries are a firm favourite with this crowd. Halved apples or pears will give them a treat and attract them in to dine! The mix of a warm and cool winter can ferment the berries and Waxwings have been known to get a bit tipsy on overripe fruit! With grateful thanks to Tam Anderson, Gannochy Edge, for prompting this article.

Gannochy Community Hall Events

- Seated Keep Fit – Every Thursday at 11am**
(Call Tina on 07702353304)
- Gannochy Ave Residents Coffee morning - 13 Dec, 10 & 24 Jan, 7 & 21 Feb, 6 & 20 Mar at 10.30am**
- Santa's Grotto – 14 Dec from 2pm- 4pm (Booking essential)** Gannochy residents can take under 8's to visit Santa in his Grotto (Gannochy Events Grp) <https://tinyurl.com/GannochyGrotto>
- Gannochy New Year Party – 3 Jan (Fully Booked)** (Gannochy Events Grp)
- Gannochy Ave Residents Bingo night – 14 Jan, 11 Feb, 10 Mar at 7.00pm**
- Gannochy Lunch Club - Next event is 14 Jan at 12 noon. (Booking essential)** Lentil Soup & Chicken Pie. Open to **all residents aged 60+**. 2 Courses £7 (Call Tina on 07702353304)
- Memories of City Hall – 5 Feb 11am to 2.30pm** Culture P&K are collecting and showing memories of City Hall to celebrate its diverse history. **Drop in** to see and share memories.
- NOT COOKING TONIGHT Dinner – 21 Feb at 6pm (Booking essential)** Open to all residents and their guests – book a seat or a table! Food by Lang's Food – 3 Courses £12.50 U10s £6. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/NotCooking21Feb> to select from menu & book. (Gannochy Events Grp)
- Cheese n Wine Quiz Night – 28 Feb (Booking essential and filling up fast)**
Visit <https://tinyurl.com/QuizNightFeb20> to book. (Gannochy Events Grp)
- Mobile Library - Every second Thursday, the mobile library is at Gannochy Community Hall from 2.30 to 2.50pm** Dates include: **12 Dec, 9 & 23 Jan, 6 & 20 Feb, 5 & 19 Mar**



The Gannochy Trust Staff

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Pensioners Housing and Hall

Ms Tina Cook, Sheltered Housing Manager

Retirals

Mrs Linda Jenkins, Community Hall Caretaker (p/t)
Mr Gary Sly, Groundsman

The Festive Gardener's Corner



Hedge cutting on the estate is progressing well and on track to finish prior to Christmas. If we've not been to you yet, we will be there soon! We lost one of the Purple Beech trees from Gannochy Green this autumn. A sad loss of a hundred-year-old tree planted when the estate was created. Tree surgeons confirmed the presence of the fungus *Meripilus giganteus*. With significant decay of the structural roots caused by the fungus, they advised that its complete removal was the only safe course of action. It looks likely that the Mute Swans are going to over winter on Gannochy Pond this year. They are beautiful and majestic birds but remember that they are wild and can be highly protective of mates, offspring and feeding opportunities. Please treat them with caution and respect.

Update on the Curly

The last element of delivering the Young PlaceChangers' plans for The Curly is installing the picnic benches. The three picnic benches are made from 100% recycled materials and are wheel chair accessible. Tarmac surfacing will provide access for prams and wheelchairs from the gate to each of the picnic benches.



For sale or free in Gannochy

- A selection of 500 and 1,000 piece jigsaw puzzles
- **FREE** (Contact Tina 620600)
- Pine Wardrobe, Chest of Drawers & Bedside Cabinets
- **£40** (Contact Alastair 07925 387030)

Have you got something to share in the Estate Newsletter?

If you have an event or a story that you'd like to share, something to give away, or something to sell, get in touch – events@gannochytrust.org.uk or 620653

Christmas trees and wreaths at Quarrymill

Giraffe Trading will be selling Christmas trees and wreaths from the Quarrymill Coffee Shop on the weekends of 14th & 15th and 21st/22nd Dec.



Emergency Repair Contact Details

The Trust's contractors will continue to provide cover for emergencies during the Festive closure period. Emergencies would include issues such as the loss of heating or hot water, carbon monoxide alarm activation, blocked drains, burst water pipes, constant electrical faults which will not re-set, jamming doors or locks which compromise security etc. Contact details are:

Trade / Issues	Contractor	Contact Number
<u>Gas and Heating Systems</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boiler/heating not working Radiator leak which cannot be controlled No hot water Carbon monoxide detector activating/faulty 	Kingdom Gas	0800 389 9463
<u>Plumbing and Drainage</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blocked drains Leak to hot or cold water supply pipes which cannot be controlled 	Thermal Comfort Frank McDonald	07703 107364
<u>Electrical and Smoke Alarm Systems</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electrical faults which will not re-set Faulty smoke or heat alarms 	Dave Peebles	07709 365071
<u>Joinery</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jammed or faulty door/lock or window which compromise security 	Graham Davidson	07493 233844
<u>Sheltered Housing Aid-Call System</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faulty control unit Faulty smoke or heat alarms 	Age-UK Aid-Call	0800 0851587

Gas Leaks and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

In the event of a gas leak or suspected gas leak, or if your carbon monoxide detector activates with a continuous alarm, please contact National Grid Gas Emergencies on 0800 111 999 immediately and please take the following steps;

- Turn off gas at meter (Quarter turn the handle on pipe at the side of the meter).
- Turn off all gas appliances.
- Don't use electrical appliances or light switches.
- Open all doors and windows.
- Don't smoke or use naked flames.
- Don't turn supply back on until remedial action is taken and authorised by a competent person.

Frozen Pipes

To avoid discomfort to you and your family, and to avoid damage to your house:

- If you have an external boiler house, please ensure that the door is always kept closed in the winter months to protect your cold-water supply, heating and hot water.
- Find the location of the main supply stopcock so that you know where to switch the water off if there is a problem. They are located under the kitchen sink or under the bathroom window.
- To avoid burst pipes to your outside tap, switch off the gate valve that feeds the pipe and open the tap to drain the water from the pipe.

Winter Procedures

The Trust does its best to treat and clear pavements during wintery weather. The Trust treats the cul-de-sacs, and the Council is responsible for the remainder. We will try to help where we can. There will be no snow clearing on 25th/26th Dec or 1st/2nd Jan.

Seasonal Office Hours

Trust offices will be closed on:
25th and 26th Dec. and 1st and 2nd Jan.
Open from 9am to 1pm on 27th, 30th and 31st Dec. and 3rd Jan.

Season's greetings

from the Trustees and Staff at the Gannochy Trust



Gate Valve