

Our Estate Newsletter

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Recognition for Gannochy Trust 'Lifetime Neighbourhood'

The Gannochy Trust and its partner Anderson Bell Christie, Glasgow architects, are honoured that the 'Lifetime Neighbourhood' has been recognised by some of the leading housing, design and architecture awards nationwide.

Launched back in October 2020, the development has won the Large Residential category and a sustainability accolade at the Glasgow Institute of Architects Awards, as well as the Residential Multi-Unit and Affordable Housing categories and a Landscaping / Public Realm commendation at the Scottish Design Awards.

The new housing has also been shortlisted for the Affordable Housing Development category at the Herald Property Awards and three awards at the Inside Housing Development Awards which take place in London in November. These include Best Affordable Housing Development, Best Healthy Homes Development and Best Older People's Housing Development.

We are delighted that the excellent work of our partners is being recognised, and that the core aim of the Trust to improve people's lives, is being fulfilled. We think A. K Bell would have been proud.



Tenancy Spotlight on allocating our houses

We currently advertise on our website and use social media to notify people when our housing lists are open. It is only then that applicants can download a form and submit it.

Current tenants who require to transfer for any specific reason can request a transfer form at any time, but must have some sort of housing need and meet our criteria.

We assess all applications following our criteria and point system to determine who is allocated a property.

This year a Housing Review Group was set up to review the criteria and look at how properties are allocated.

Housing Criteria

All applicants must meet the following two criteria to be considered for a tenancy:

- that they are currently resident in Perth and Kinross; and
- this will be their only residence.

Applications will then be assessed against a further three criteria:

- one or more housing needs, which cannot be met in their current accommodation;
- they have the ability to financially sustain the rental payments and general costs of the house and garden; and
- they can maintain the house and garden to a satisfactory standard.

Gannochy Events Group

Sunflower Competition

Congratulations to all the entrants this year. Haddon Road ran away with all the prizes! 1st Place went to Lennox at no. 12 with a 2.6m sunflower, and 2nd and 3rd places both went to Taylor and Kerr at no. 25.

Halloween Displays

Give a spooky feel to the Gannochy Estate the day before Halloween. Open to Gannochy community residents to create a Halloween Display where it can be seen from your front gate. They will be judged by the Scary Crew between 5:30pm and 7:00pm

on Saturday 30 October. Book here—<https://tinyurl.com/Hallowseve21> or phone or text your address to 07904 694399.



Growing up with Quarrymill - What's on?

The RSPB Growing up with Quarrymill project offers activities in the woodland walk for families, schools, nurseries and youth groups. It also offers Woodland Wellbeing Health Walks and volunteering opportunities. Some of these opportunities and activities include:



5th October, 10am-11.30am – Wild Woodlands (Child led exploration for 2–5-year-olds)

8th October, 10am-11.15am – Woodland Wellbeing Health Walk (Exploring how being in the outdoors in amongst nature can benefit both our health and wellbeing)

13th October, 10am-12pm – Autumn Family Day (Come and discover the changes autumn brings to the woodland)

16th October, 1pm-3.30pm – Quarrymill Adventures (Outdoor fun for 6-12 year olds)

Spaces are limited, so booking is essential.

Contact Abbie for more information on abbie.christie@rspb.org.uk or [07703 889107](tel:07703889107)

Gannochy Community Hall

Unfortunately, the Community Hall remains closed at the moment. With limited space, only one entry and exit point, and no staff to manage its use, it will remain closed until the situation improves.

Gannochy Edge Tenants

Thanks to Maggie and Henry for sending in their sunflower photograph. They didn't enter the sunflower competition this year, maybe next year, so watch that space or sunflower!



Staff Spotlight: Ami Slokan

Senior Administrator

How long have you been working for The Gannochy Trust?

I've been working for the Trust since the end of March 2021 – so I'm a relative newbie to the team!

What is the best part of your job?

Definitely the variety of work that I'm involved in and my lovely colleagues – it's great to part of a supportive team that always make time to answer my many questions!!



What is the funniest thing that has happened to you at work? (In this post or another)

Oh it would have to be hearing one of Steven Greig's many jokes!

What do you do to relax after work?

I don't get much time for relaxing these days – running after my two children.

Gannochy housing film

The Gannochy Trust has commissioned a short film promoting the Gannochy community and housing featuring residents, the Trust Chair, David Gray, staff, and architects Anderson Bell Christie. Design concepts are explained and residents share their experience of living in their new homes.

You can view the film here:

https://youtu.be/IO_ynnQ0RVY

Gannochy Gardens and Patios Awards

With grateful thanks to Beautiful Perth, the Gannochy Gardens and Patios Awards were judged in July



The winner was 5 Gannochy Road

The Gannochy estate is well known for its well tended gardens providing a wealth of variety and colour throughout the year and to earn a place amongst the Gardens and Patios Finalists is quite an achievement. Congratulations to all that help to make Gannochy a good place to live and grow up. Beautiful Perth visited the estate in July for the challenging task of selecting the 2021 winners.

Gardens Finalists:

22 Comely Bank
6 Farm Road
5 Gannochy Road
11 Gannochy Road

Patios Finalists:

14 Gannochy Avenue
5 Gannochy Terrace
3 Gannochy Walk
16 Kinmond Court



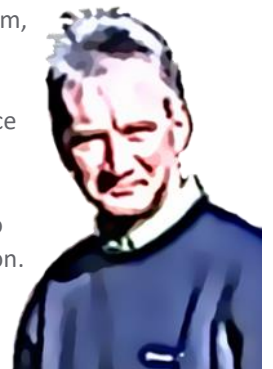
The winner was 16 Kinmond Court

Gardener's Corner

It's hedge cutting season on the Gannochy estate and the Grounds team have already made a start.

The perimeter beech hedging around most of the gardens forms part of the iconic look of the Gannochy estate and it is the responsibility of the Trust to maintain them. You will receive a note through the door 2 to 3 weeks in advance of your hedge being cut so that you can clear the way in your garden for the team to be able to access the inside of your hedge safely. Please ensure that dog fouling is cleared away. The team will cut and clear trimmings from the outside and will cut the inside of your hedge leaving you to clear those trimmings.

2021 has provided us with a great growing season for flowers and veg but conditions in April and May weren't so good for early flowering varieties of apple blossom, and the Autumn crop is a bit thinner on the ground this year. Make the most of what you have and we hope they bounce back for 2022.



As well as hedge cutting season, it's also the start of hedgehog hibernation season. Remember to watch out for hedgehogs in your leaf piles, or better still, build them their very own hedgehog house.

www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-build-hedgehog-home

The Gannochy Trust Office remains closed

Staff are taking turns to be in the office once or twice a week, but are mainly working from home.

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Community Consultation

Many thanks to those that returned the community consultations during August. The consultants, Scottish Community Development Centre, received a great response representing around 40% of households. Thanks also to the tenants that gave their time on the Reference Group to support and inform the survey design. Initial feedback from the survey is very positive but the full report is not available yet. We hope to share the results and discuss the ideas presented for the green spaces at an event in October/November where all will be welcome to build on the ideas suggested in the survey.



Gannochy Pond residents are on the move!

This year's brood of Gannochy Pond Mute Swans have made their way to the next stage of their lives thanks to the help of local residents who guided their route and stopped traffic. They all made it to the Tay to enjoy a much larger and more suitable environment. Hopefully we will see the pair back in Spring. Thanks to Mike Taylor for the photograph.

Repairs and Maintenance

Perth and Kinross is currently at Level 0 Covid-19 Restrictions. Our contractor's are currently getting back into homes and dealing with any outstanding repair work.

The Gannochy office remains closed to public access but is fully functioning with a blend of on site and remote working.

Trade/Issue	Contractor	Tel. No.
Gas and Heating Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none">Boiler/heating not workingRadiator leak which cannot be controlledNo hot waterCarbon monoxide detector activating/faulty	Kingdom Gas	0800 389 9463
Plumbing and Drainage <ul style="list-style-type: none">Blocked drains which are preventing the use of toilet or sinkLeak to cold water supply pipes	Thermal Comfort Frank McDonald	01738 787860 07703 107364
Electrical and Smoke Alarm Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none">Electrical faults which will not re-setFaulty smoke or heat alarms	Dave Peebles	01738 447591 07709 365071
Joinery <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jammed or faulty door/lock or window which compromise security	Graham Davidson	07493 233844
Roof leaks <ul style="list-style-type: none">Missing or broken slates causing water ingress	Alan Robertson & Sons	07808 171396
Sheltered Housing Aid-Call System <ul style="list-style-type: none">Faulty control unitFaulty smoke or heat alarms	Age-UK Aid-Call	0800 0851587