

Our Estate Newsletter

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The Gannochy Trust appoints new Chair

Stephen Hay has been appointed as the new chair of The Gannochy Trust, taking over from David Gray who has held the position since 2019. Stephen joined the Board Trustees in June 2016 and has been vice-chair since 2019 - he took up his new position on the 1st July with Roland Bean replacing him as the new vice-chair.

During his four years at the helm, David has overseen a range of core strategic projects for The Trust, including the completion of the award-winning housing expansion, the development of a five-year strategic plan, and new grant making and estate management strategies. Stephen and David have also been instrumental in the review of the Trust's investment strategy, helping to maximise the Trust's assets for public good. David will remain on the Board of Trustees.



Pop-up youth work at The Curly

Friday evenings in May converted The Curly into a venue for themed youth work events for the 10 to 18 year olds of Gannochy

With numbers increasing each week, the KYTHE mobile youth work team delivered a Games Night, a Bike Repair Workshop, and culminated with a Live Youth Music event. Word spread about what was on offer and attendance over the three weeks totalled 95 with around 45 individual young people from the Gannochy community. With the weather on their side, the team fired up the BBQ each evening and offered cheese burgers, snacks, and drinks. The youth work team included young leaders and young modern apprentices, as well as staff from YMCA Tayside.

Developing and inspiring young people

The Trust provides grant funding to hundreds of charities across Scotland with a focus on Perth and Kinross, and in delivering work for young people that develops and inspires them. Kinross Youth Enterprise (KYTHE) and YMCA Tayside are two of the youth work agencies that we fund as part of our strategic support for young people, and we regularly hear of the fantastic opportunities that they offer and the impact that this has.

Read more about local youth groups and the opportunities that they offer on page 3 of the newsletter.

Gannochy Events Group

Call Helen on 07808 087708 to book:

- **Great Gannochy Bargain Hunt**
 - **Saturday 19th August 11am—3pm**
 Sell/give away your goodies. Book your bargain spot before 11th August. A £5 donation towards future Gannochy Events welcomed.

- **Quiz night - Friday 29th September 7pm 'til late**
 Join the Gannochy quizzers in Gannochy Community Hall.

- **Christmas Craft Fayre - Saturday 25th November**
 Local crafts in Gannochy Community Hall

- **WhatsApp Events group**
 Join by texting Ian on 07305 081566

Gannochy Community Book Group

Would you like to join an informal book group where we pick one book per month to read and discuss? The first meeting is planned for **6th September at 7pm** in the Community Hall. We'll collect the £6 annual P&K Library Service fee giving us access to a very wide range of Book Group Sets of Books. We will meet on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Interested? - Contact Sandra by texting **07717 396080**, or email slog39@btinternet.com

Sheltered Housing Events

- **Gannochy Avenue Coffee mornings** - Fortnightly on Fridays

- **Community Anchor Strawberry Afternoon tea 9th August at 2pm** in Gannochy Community Hall
 A free event for sheltered housing tenants. Contact Shirley to book **01738 639359** or **07950 752284**

Gannochy Community WhatsApp Group

Join by texting Steven on **07545 164359**



Tenancy Spotlight

Advice for activities in Gardens during the summer months:



• **Bouncy Castles**

If you are having a children's party or just having some fun for the Kids you must ask permission to erect a Bouncy Castle within the garden. The trust will set the criteria that you must follow, so there is no nuisance to your neighbours and that everyone can have a great time.

• **Hot Tubs**

Tenants are not permitted to have hot tubs, permanent or inflatable, within their garden area for leisure purposes. This is to avoid nuisance to neighbours, given the open design of the estate and the potential for anti-social behaviour. However, we do permit them for non-leisure purposes, such as health or wellbeing requirements, subject to the Trust's approval, agreeing location, safe electrical installation, and where appropriate, a letter or supporting statement from a health professional.

• **Childrens/Toddler's paddling pools**

These inflatable temporary pools are allowed for children within the garden area during the hot days. Just make sure neighbours are happy and noise levels are kept to a minimum. Remember the Sun screen!

• **Barbeques and evening gatherings**

It is nice to make the most of your garden on warm evenings, but please be mindful that noise travels and you may be disturbing neighbours or why not invite them !



Plans for our Green Spaces

We are to hold a Green Spaces Consultation in the Curly in early August – date to be confirmed, and weather permitting (else in the Community Hall). This will show the latest plans for an improved path up the mound beyond the Estate expansion housing, planting in the orchard space, a few seats in the Gannochy Green and a selection of play equipment in the Curly. Come to the meeting and add your comments on the Curly play equipment planned.



Staff Spotlight: Steven Greig, Development Manager

When did you start with The Gannochy Trust? I started in a seconded post from Youth Scotland in Apr 2017, and became permanent in Oct 2018.

What made you apply for a job with The Gannochy Trust? Working with the Trust offers real opportunity to improve lives through community empowerment in its housing, and through strengthening charities in grant making.

What is the best part of your job? The diversity of the job is a real treat – from negotiating strategic support for youth work to creating a cricket fixtures list for Doo’cot Park. Working with the new Gannochy Trust Youth Panel Fund has been a real privilege.

What is the funniest thing that has happened to you so far at work? Marching over the Isla Road with a swan cygnet under one arm to help our Gannochy Pond residents make it safely to the Tay. Next time I will wear something more easily cleaned!

What do you do to relax after work?

Fixing things is the short answer – everything from clocks to tram seats and petrol engines. I enjoy sailing on Loch Earn, attend “Wee County Crafters”, and maintain a 1976 MGB GT.

Local youth activities and groups

There are some fantastic local opportunities for young people in the local area.

- **YMCA Tayside** - 25 Kinnoull Street, Perth

Contact: universal@ymcatayside.com

A full summer programme of activities is on offer for aged S1 +, including Gaming afternoons, Gym sessions, Canoeing, Drop-Ins, Dungeons and Dragons, Trips and a safe place to meet up.

- **YMCA Pirate Holiday Club** 25 Kinnoull Street, Perth.

Contact: MatthewMalloch@ymcatayside.com

4th to 7th July from 2pm - 4pm for P5—P7.

Free entry. Games, Crafts, Snacks, and Swashbuckling

- **Phoenix Youth Project** - Kinnoull Church Hall, Dundee Road, Perth

Contact: mWebster@ymcatayside.com

P5-7 are offered creative high energy sessions from 5.30 to 7pm on Mondays.

S1+ run from 7.15 to 8.15pm on Mondays and offer social space and gaming.

- **Scouting and Girlguiding** - Scout Hut, Catmoor Road, Scone

Contact for Scouting: Sconescouts3rd@outlook.com

Contact for Girlguiding: DCTayValley@gmail.com

A wide range of programmes for boys and girls aged from 6 to 14. For girls and boys, there are Beavers for 6-8, Cubs for 8-10, and Scouts for 10-14 year olds.

Girls have Rainbows for 4-7, Brownies for 7-10, and Guides for 10-14.

- **Boys’ Brigade**

1st Scone - Scone Old Parish Church, Burnside, Scone 07882 190628

3rd Perth - Kinnoull Church Hall, Dundee Road, Perth 3rdperthboysbrigade@gmail.com

Anchor Boys for P1 to P3, Juniors for P4 to P6, Company section for P7 to S2, and Senior section for S3 to S6.

- **Young Scot National Entitlement Card**

The Young Scot Card is funded by PKC and provides discounts, benefit reward scheme and ID verification for all 11 to 26 year olds and free bus travel for under22s.

Register or replace your card at WWW.GETYOURNEC.SCOT

- **Perth Doo’cot Cricket Club** - Doo’cot Park, Pitcullen Cres, Perth

Contact: 07547 551561 perthdooocot@gmail.com Junior coaching on Monday evenings

- **Kinnoull Tennis Club**, - Muirhall Terrace, Perth

Contact: ollie.paisley@hotmail.co.uk Junior coaching available

- **Perth Archery Club** - Doo’cot Park, Pitcullen Cres, Perth

Contact: <https://pertharcheryclub.org/> Juniors welcome.

Energy recording PRIZE DRAW!

The Gannochy Trust are measuring energy usage around the Estate and are seeking volunteers to assist with records of their energy usage. Any residents who have a record of their annual consumption of gas and electricity are invited to share this information with the Trust. All collected information will be anonymised to avoid any individual disclosures. The number of kWh units of electricity, and the number of kWh of gas usage, during the period of 01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, along with the address, would be ideal. If records are available at other months of 2022-23, they will also be welcomed.

The information should be sent to the Gannochy Trust office and referred to as “Energy Consumption Data”, or emailed to admin@gannochytrust.org.uk

Gannochy Youth Panel Fund

In addition to its mainstream grant funding, the Trust launched a new Youth Panel Fund in 2023. Recruited through local youth work partners, the Panel has 12 young people aged 14-21 who developed the funding themes of Youth Activity, Youth Voice, and Youth Health & Wellbeing. Trustees have delegated full decision making authority to the Panel with an annual funding pot of £100,000. gannochytrust.org.uk/our-grants/



Wasps! We get numerous calls each year about wasp nests. Wasps make their nests from chewed wood pulp and saliva, giving them distinctive papery walls. Nests are usually built in sheltered spots with easy access to the outside. Wasps eat flies, aphids, caterpillars and other invertebrates, making them an important insect-controlling predator. They are also important pollinators, but not good house mates! Consider whether they can be safely left alone. If they are too close for comfort, checking sheds regularly will help you find nests early when there are very few in the colony and it's easier to carefully remove them. It's best to call in the professionals.



Shower head cleaning Shower heads can be a source of bacteria build up, particularly if they haven't been used for a while. To avoid a build up of black mould, regular opening of the shower valve to avoid standing water is good practice. Removing and cleaning it thoroughly in antibacterial spray and rinsing with hot soapy water regularly helps prevent mould or bacteria build up.



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 the **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.

Emergency repair contact numbers “out of office hours”

Trade/Issue	Contractor	Tel. No.
Gas and Heating Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boiler/heating not working • Radiator leak which cannot be controlled • No hot water • Carbon monoxide detector activating/faulty 	Thermal Comfort Frank McDonald	07703107364
Plumbing and Drainage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blocked drains which are preventing the use of toilet or sink • Leak to water supply pipes 	Thermal Comfort Frank McDonald	07703 107364
Electrical and Smoke Alarm Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical faults which will not re-set • Faulty smoke or heat alarms 	Dave Peebles	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	07738499180
Sheltered Housing Aid-Call System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faulty control unit • Faulty smoke or heat alarms 	PPP Taking Care Aid Call	0800 0851587