

# Our Estate Newsletter

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Kingfisher. A regular Quarrymill visitor

Credit: Jen Morrison

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## Gannochy Families Group

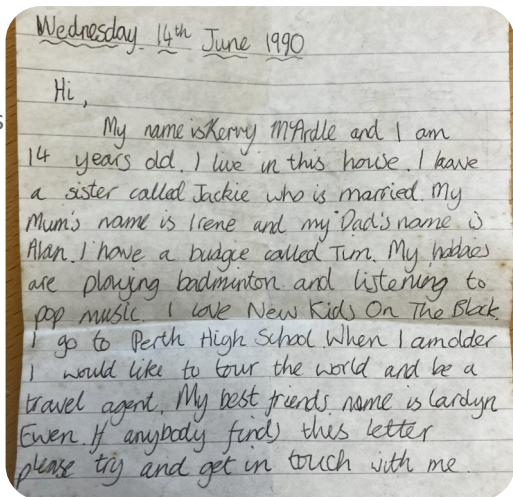
The Gannochy Families Group is up and running and cooking up their first event

Six mums have got together to run events for children in the Gannochy area and have set up the Gannochy Families Group. It is fair to say that their meetings are full of energy, enthusiasm, and creativity, and some great ideas are formed. Their first event will be a Gannochy Elf Academy - a replacement for the Gannochy Events Group's Santa's Grotto—see page 3. If you are able to offer ideas, help out at events, or join the group, you would be very welcome. Join the Elf Academy WhatsApp event planning group or contact Steven, both on 07545 164359.

## Message in a wall!

The year is 1990 and, as a 14-year-old, Kerry decided to reach out to the future occupants of her home in Farm Road. Kerry had a married sister and a budgie called Tim. She played Badminton and loved listening to "New Kids on the Block". She attended Perth High School and had ambitions to be a Travel Agent and tour the world. In 2025, contractors were in the property conducting refurbishment work and found her letter hidden in a wall.

Kerry's family were long term residents of Gannochy and her father, Alan McArdle, sadly recently passed away. Kerry now lives in Edinburgh and has a family of her own. When contacted, she was away abroad ski-ing, so she must still have that travel bug, and we also look forward to having new kids on the block at Farm Road!



# The Gannochy Trust Staff

## Grounds staff :

**Alastair Morgan**, Asst. Est. Manager  
**Euan Sinclair**, Grounds Worker  
**Greg Denton**, Cricket Grounds Person  
**Brian MacLean**, Grounds Worker  
**Stuart Monro**, Grounds Worker  
**Ryan Foster**, Grounds Worker  
**Ronnie Watson**, Grounds Worker

## Office Staff :

**Andy Duncan**, Chief Executive  
**Fiona Russell**, Grants Manager  
**Gilbert Valentine**, Estate Manager  
**Steven Greig**, Development Manager  
**Ami Slokan**, Senior Administrator  
**Bob McFarlane**, Asst. Est. Manager  
**Carol Annand**, Tenancy Officer  
**Carole Redford**, Administrator  
**Jen Morrison**, Finance Administrator

## Office Opening hours :

Mon—Friday 9am—5pm  
Closed for lunch 1-2pm  
Closed Saturday & Sunday



## Flying drones in Gannochy

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) manages guidance, and enforces the law in regard to flying drones in the UK. This is very straightforward in the Gannochy community as we are in a Flight Restriction Zone (FRZ) for Perth Airport. You need permission from the Civil Aviation Authority to fly any size of drone in the Gannochy area. Our own drone footage to mark the opening of the housing extension three years ago received CAA approval. Ignoring this rule can have very serious consequences. Please respect neighbours' privacy and act within the law. Report concerns on 101 or on [caa.co.uk](http://caa.co.uk)

## Tenancy Spotlight

### Movement on the Estate

Since January this year we have signed seven new tenancies on the estate. Two were transfers to our sheltered housing and one downsizing into a one bedroom in the expansion housing. We have also welcomed four new families to the estate into our refurbished three bedroom sandstone bungalows. Three of these properties have the new heating system that is explained on page three of this newsletter. We would like to give a warm welcome to everyone and hope that they enjoy living in, and being part of The Gannochy Community.



### Housing List

Our list is currently closed, but work continues on applications people submitted in March '25. We had nearly 200 applications, but have now reduced these numbers through vigorous assessment in line with our criteria and people's housing needs. We are currently carrying out interviews, as we have a number of three bedrooms, and one two bedroom, in the general housing available at the end of this year and beginning of 2026, so we will continue to have new people joining our community.

GANNOCHY COMMUNITY HALL EVENTS	
GANNOCHY EVENTS GROUP - Book with Helen on 07808 087708	
CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS	Wednesdays 2 pm. Free (£2 for a brew)
Music & Tea Afternoon - <i>Elane's Angels</i>	Thu. 2 Oct 2pm. £3.50
BINGO AFTERNOON	Thu. 23 Oct 1 pm. £3.50
EVENTS GROUP CHRISTMAS FAIR	Sat. 15 Nov 11 am to 4pm.
COMMUNITY QUIZ NIGHT	Fri. 28 Nov 7pm to 10pm. £3.50
GANNOCHY FAMILIES GROUP - Book on Eventbrite or 07545 164359	
YOUTH CRAFTS CHRISTMAS FAIR	Sat. 29 Nov 1pm to 3pm. (No booking)
GANNOCHY ELF ACADEMY	Sat. 20 Dec See article on Page 3.
KNIT AND CROCHET - Book with Marianne on 07754 837187	
KNIT & NATTER GROUP	Mon. 2 - 4pm. £3. - 13&27 Oct/10&24 Nov/15 Dec
CROCHET CLASS	Sat. 10 - 4pm. £10. - 18 Oct/8 Nov/13 Dec
BEGINNERS' CROCHET	Wed. 6 - 8pm. £3. - 22 Oct/5 Nov/17 Dec
SHELTERED HOUSING - Book with Shirley on 07950 752284	
SHELTERED HOUSING COFFEE MORNING	- Every Tue at 10.30
BRIDGEND, GANNOCHY & KINNOULL COMMUNITY COUNCIL	
PUBLIC MEETINGS	Thur 16 Oct, 6 Nov (AGM), 15 Jan, 16 Apr

## Gardener's Corner

**Beech Hedging** - The annual cut of the garden perimeter beech hedging has already started. The hedges form part of the iconic look of the 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 any cabling is removed from the hedge and that dog fouling is cleared away to help safeguard our staff. The team will cut and clear trimmings at the roadside, leaving you to clear trimmings in your garden.



**Gutters** - The Grounds Team also maintain the house rhones. If you wish to hang Christmas lights from them, please remove them by mid January to allow this maintenance to be completed safely and to avoid damage to your lights. For health and safety reason lights should not be placed on the beech hedging.

## Air Source Heat Pumps to keep you green and toasty

Houses that become available for refurbishment are being upgraded to take an Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) to replace gas boilers. This will assist in moving us all at The Gannochy Trust towards a reduction in carbon emissions.

A few houses have already undergone the change in heating technology and associated upgrading of insulation and airtightness. These pilots are subject to temperature, humidity and carbon dioxide level monitoring to record performance in use, and monitor the level of and cost of electrical consumption. The delivery of heat via an ASHP is more gradual than the 'on or off' rapid delivery of traditional gas heating, so may take some time for tenants to become familiar with.



## Christmas Craft Fairs

The Gannochy Events Group have arranged their **Christmas Craft Fair for Saturday 15 November**.

A new **Youth Crafts Christmas Fair** will also run on **Saturday 29 November**. Tables are available for under 18s that would like a stall to sell their home crafted goods. Priority will be given to youth in the Gannochy area. Contact Steven to book a stall - 07545 164359.

## Elf Academy will replace Santa's Grotto

The Gannochy Events Group has delivered an amazing Santa's Grotto event over the last five years. This year, they have handed over Rudolph's reins to the Gannochy Families Group. Grateful thanks to the Events Group and volunteers and a very special thanks needs to go to Mr Cameron Clements for his stunning effort in ensuring that only the real Santa Claus came to Gannochy for so many years.

## Bridgend, Gannochy & Kinnoull Community Council

BGKCC is a voluntary group that links residents of Bridgend, Gannochy and Kinnoull to statutory bodies such as PKC, Police, and Fire Service. Elected by residents, its sole purpose is to give you a voice on issues such as planning applications or anything that is causing concern locally. All are welcome at the quarterly public meetings, usually in Gannochy Hall. Dates on Page 2. Contact [bgkcc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bgkcc@hotmail.co.uk) for more info.



## Colder weather coming in!

**Frozen pipes** - 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 pipes.

Find the location of the main supply stopcock so that you know where to switch the water off if there is a problem. They tend to be located under the kitchen sink or under the bathroom window.

**Outside Tap** - To avoid burst pipes to your outside tap, switch off the gate valve that feeds the pipe and open the outside tap to drain the water from the pipe.

**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.



**Gannochy Trust Contractors' ID** All contractors who carry out work for The Trust will have identification that can be asked for if you have any doubts about identity. Gas checks are carried out annually by arrangement with Thermal Comfort and the electrical installation condition checks are done on a 5 year cycle by Steve Brown Electrical.

## Emergency repair contact numbers for “out of office hours”

Trade/Issue	Contractor	Tel. No.
<b>Gas and Heating Systems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Boiler/heating not working</li><li>• Radiator leak which cannot be controlled</li><li>• No hot water</li><li>• Carbon monoxide detector activating/faulty</li></ul>	Thermal Comfort Frank McDonald	07703107364
<b>Plumbing and Drainage</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Blocked drains which are preventing the use of toilet or sink</li><li>• Leak to water supply pipes</li></ul>	Thermal Comfort Frank McDonald	07703 107364
<b>Electrical and Smoke Alarm Systems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Electrical faults which will not re-set</li><li>• Faulty smoke or heat alarms</li></ul>	Dave Peebles	07709 365071
<b>Joinery</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jammed or faulty door/lock or window which compromise security</li></ul>	Graham Davidson	07493 233844
<b>Roof leaks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Missing or broken slates causing water ingress</li></ul>	Alan Robertson & Sons	01738 551424
<b>Sheltered Housing Aid-Call System</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Faulty control unit</li><li>• Faulty smoke or heat alarms</li></ul>	PPP Taking Care Aid Call	0800 0851587