

# Our Estate Newsletter

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## Kinnoull P7s first to walk new path to Kinnoull Hill

27 pupils from Kinnoull Primary School officially opened a new path and were first to set foot on this keenly anticipated traffic-free route from Murray Royal to Kinnoull Hill Woodland Park in June.

They were joined by more than 20 attendees including Trustees from The Gannochy Trust and representatives from Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust. This new path, provides walkers, cyclists and wheelers with a scenic and safer alternative to Muirhall Road. The route connects Perth's existing core path network with one of the region's most iconic green spaces, offering residents and visitors safer and more enjoyable access to the outdoors. Running from the top end of the Murray Royal Hospital site and linking directly to the trail network in Kinnoull Hill Woodland Park, the path was fully funded by The Gannochy Trust. In addition to improving accessibility, the development includes over 600 newly planted trees and hedgerow species, creating a dedicated wildlife corridor that supports local biodiversity and provides habitat for a range of birds, small mammals, and pollinators. The upper section of the path offers striking views across the Perthshire landscape, enhancing the walking experience for nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts alike.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Andy Duncan, Chief Executive of The Gannochy Trust, said:

"We are delighted to open our new community path for the public to enjoy. Kinnoull Hill and the surrounding network of paths have been a popular destination for walkers and cyclists for many years. Our new path will create a safer access route to Kinnoull Hill as well as enhancing wildlife biodiversity in the area. The Trust is committed to improving access to the countryside for our tenants and the wider Perth community."





## Notice of AGM—All welcome

Thursday 28 August at 6.30pm

Gannochy Community Hall, Gannochy Avenue

All residents of the Gannochy Trust Estate are welcome at the Events' Group AGM, and to nominate committee members, or be nominated yourself. If you have ideas for events, or you would be willing to volunteer at events, we would love to hear from you. Please come along and meet the committee. There will be a report on our events and a Treasurer's report. The Committee for 2025/2026 will be nominated and voted in that evening.



## Doo'cot Park Centenary

As soon as A.K. Bell had started work on building the Gannochy Trust housing estate, he also set to work in building Doo'cot Park in his own back garden to provide two cricket fields and converting Kincarrathie House stables into the magnificent Arts and Crafts style Doo'cot Cricket Pavilion. The first games were played in April 1925 with Balhousie vs Jeanfield, and Mayfield vs Wolfhill. Doo'cot Park became a new home for clubs that would feed in to the Perthshire County team including Mayfield, Wolfhill, Perth Northern, and Strathearn. Perth Doo'cot Cricket Club was formed in 2011 with the merger of Perthshire, Strathearn, Almond Valley, and Northern clubs.

**You are warmly welcomed to a centenary celebration cricket match between Perth Doo'cot Select and Marylebone Cricket Club on Wednesday 30th July, with the game commencing at 11am. An exhibition of cricket memorabilia will also be on display with photographs dating back to 1872. Bring a folding chair, rug, and picnic and make a day of it.**

## Tenancy Spotlight

### Contact Details Form

A brief reminder that, if you haven't returned your form with your preferred contact details, could you please do so. The details that you provide are used to arrange repairs, and keeping these up to date helps to ensure smoother arrangements are made. Forms are available on the website, from the Trust Office, or can be requested by email:

[admin@gannochytrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@gannochytrust.org.uk)

### Festive lights on properties

The Gannochy Trust is praised for the high standard and condition of our Estate and this is why we receive a high number of applications when our housing list is open.

The only way we can maintain this high standard is to have the necessary policies and regulations in place. Our Estate Grounds team clean the rhones and, for their safety, and to avoid damage to your lights, the rhones need to be cleared of obstacles within a couple of weeks of the end of festive celebrations. If you still have lights on your rhones, please take them down and help us keep the rhones clear, our staff safe, and your decorations undamaged.

### Housing List update

We received nearly 200 applications for housing in May. Every applicant has now been contacted to advise them if we are proceeding with their application. Those matching our criteria, and with more housing need, were informed that we are progressing to a more in depth assessment. It is very difficult when we receive so many applications that are all deserving, but we do not have properties available for all who apply.

We currently have five x 3 bedroom sandstone bungalows which are almost ready to let. Some of these have been pilots for air source heating systems and have taken a bit longer to complete.

### Rent Increase from 1st August 2025.

All Standing Orders should be amended to reflect your new rent charge. Standing Order is the preferred method of paying your rent. It cuts down forgetting to pay or paying wrong amounts, as this can put your account into arrears. Rents are due on the 1st of the month.

GANNOCHY COMMUNITY HALL EVENTS	
<b>GANNOCHY EVENTS GROUP - Book with Helen on 07808 087708</b>	
<b>CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS</b>	Restart on 6 August. Wed at 2 pm Free (£2 for a brew)
<b>GANNOCHY EVENTS GROUP AGM</b>	Thur. 28 Aug. 6.30pm. All welcome.
<b>COMMUNITY QUIZ NIGHT</b>	Fri. 5 Sept. 7.00 to 10.00pm. £3.50
<b>MUSIC TEA AND QUIZ</b>	Thur. 18 Sept. 2 pm. £3.50
<b>KNIT AND CROCHET - Book with Marianne on 07754 837187</b>	
<b>KNIT &amp; NATTER GROUP</b>	Mon. 14 & 28 Jul 2pm to 4pm. £3
<b>CROCHET CLASS</b>	Sat. 19 Jul 10am to 4pm. £10
<b>BEGINNERS' CROCHET CLASS</b> Wed. 23 Jul 6 - 8pm. £3	
<b>SHELTERED HOUSING - Book with Shirley on 07950 752284</b>	
<b>SHELTERED HOUSING COFFEE MORNING</b> - Every Tuesday at 10.30. (Free)	



# Sheltered Housing Spotlight



Mr and Mrs Birrell downsized from a 3-bedroom sandstone property on Annat Road in 2024 to a sheltered property in Gannochy Walk. They are loving the move and said it was the best decision ever. They submitted their application for a transfer about a year before wanting to move because they were thinking about the economic situation when retiring and it gave them time to empty the attic and dispose of unwanted furniture. Initially they thought about a two bedroom expansion house, but a persuasive Tenancy Officer asked them to have a look at the sheltered properties as another option. Tenants are pleasantly surprised at the space, storage, airiness, and brightness inside our sheltered houses. There is a nice patio to sit out on and no large garden to maintain.

When they were offered a tenancy in Gannochy Walk, Mrs Birrell said they were delighted. She said that The Gannochy Trust worked with them and there was plenty time for the move with access for measuring and planning. She said she would recommend it to anyone thinking about downsizing and it is only half the time to do the housework!

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## Youth Enterprise Fayre

**Sat. 16th August  
Gannochy  
Community Hall  
1pm to 4pm**

### To under 16's

If you would like a stall to sell your crafting, unwanted toys, home baking, or to promote garden services, car washing, or anything else you can think of, then parent/carer can message Steven on 07545 164359 to book your spot.

### To over 16's

Join us on Saturday 16th August at Gannochy's first Youth Enterprise Fayre. What is available is a complete mystery at the moment - we have no idea what might be on offer, but bring plenty of cash!

## Gannochy Youth Nights on the Green

Gannochy Youth Nights returned for the third year running in May 2025 with three nights of activities for the under 16s. Activities varied each week with themes of Bike Maintenance, Live Youth Band, and Games Night. A BBQ burger, crisps, sweets, and drinks were provided each evening. Funded from our Grant Making budget, the events were delivered by Kinross-shire Youth Enterprise, YMCA Tayside, and the PKC Community Wardens team. Record numbers of up to 70 attended on each of the nights with the Community Wardens Street Soccer proving very popular. A huge thanks to the delivery team, and to some very understanding local residents for some noisy Fridays in May!

### Breaking news!

By popular demand, the Community Wardens Team have agreed to bring Street Soccer back to Gannochy Green from 2pm to 4pm on:  
**WEDNESDAY 16 JULY**  
**WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST**



Street Soccer



Games Night

## 100 years at 5 Gannochy Green

Mr and Mrs Cran were the first occupants of 5 Gannochy Green and Mrs Jean Gordon Cran lived there until her passing on 24 March 1949. Annual rent from 1935 to 1949 was £25. Their granddaughter was Jean Gordon Cran Brock, a regular visitor to Gannochy Green, who passed away in 2024 at the age of 92. Jean Brock's son, Nigel, provided us with these photos. Jean held fond memories of visits to her grandmother on Gannochy Green and she revisited the house in 2002 and again in 2023. In 1949, George

Gray, an employee of Arthur Bell & Sons Ltd, moved in to No. 5.

The first TV aerial was erected on the roof in 1959. By June 1963, the house was rented to Mr W. Stirton, also an employee of Arthur Bell & Sons Ltd. He had permission to install an immersion heater in June 1963 but decided against this by July. Current tenants of 5 Gannochy Green are Mr & Mrs Nardone who made the house their home in 1999. We wish them well in their move to Gannochy Walk this summer and look forward to meeting the next new tenants of 5 Gannochy Green.



Jean Brock aged 3 and 91!



1934



Mr & Mrs Cran circa 1933

## Bob's Summer Bits

**Ventilation** Now that Summer is upon us it is a good time to ventilate our homes! Blow away the winter cobwebs by opening your windows for a short period of time each day (weather permitting) to allow the fresh summer air into your home.



**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 by knocking them down when in early construction. It is however best to call in the professionals if they are well established.

**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 running of the shower 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.

**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.

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	07703 107364
<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 cold 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