Our Estate Newsletter

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The Gannochy Trust



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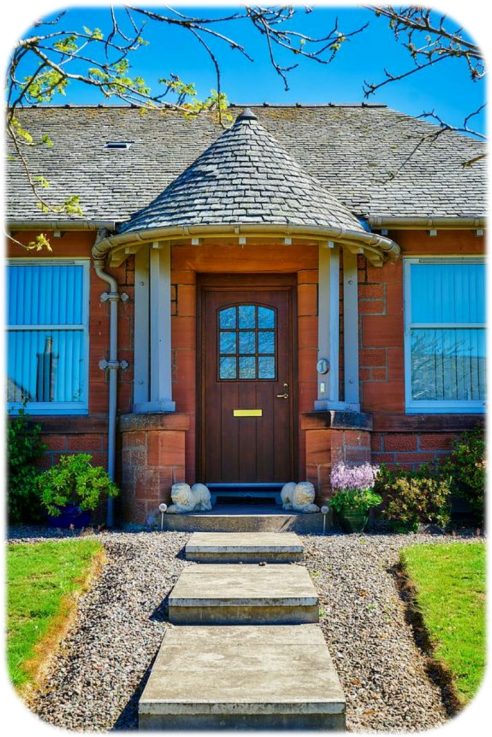
Gannochy Trust Housing List

The Gannochy Trust has a housing stock of 280 properties to rent. 14 of these properties are identified as "market value housing". 266 are identified as "affordable housing" to meet the Trust's responsibility of providing quality affordable housing for the people of Perthshire. 62 of these homes form our sheltered housing stock. Our sheltered housing is reserved for existing tenants that wish to downsize but remain on the Gannochy estate.

We will be opening our Housing List on 26 October to seek new tenants for three-bedroom homes. The opening will be announced on our website on 19 October, and the application period will close on 10 November. This two-week period usually attracts more than 200 applicants.



We use six criteria to assess applicants, and these are openly published in our Housing Pack. The first three criteria are 1) applicants are currently resident in Perth and Kinross, 2) a Gannochy Trust home will be there only home, and 3) they currently don't own or part own a house. The next set of criteria requires closer assessment. We look for tenants that 4) will have a housing need met, 5) have the financial means to cover costs of a Gannochy Trust home, and 6) can maintain the house and garden. We also aim to fully occupy houses when they are allocated.

The allocation process is lengthy for assessing 200+ applications against these criteria. Every single applicant has a housing need, and we are sometimes not the best solution for their needs. Applicants that clear the first three criteria are more closely examined and those that we think we can help are interviewed, references are requested, and financial situation examined.

We know that having a home on the Gannochy Estate can be life changing for families and we invest time to ensure that we achieve our aim of offering a Lifetime Neighbourhood to those that will make good neighbours.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



A huge congratulations to the Gannochy Events Group Team for their incredible work in hosting the Gannochy Macmillan Coffee Morning on 25 September. They were supported by volunteers who donated raffle prizes, and baked an amazing selection of cakes, biscuits, scones, and treats. The event welcomed a record number of guests and generous donations achieved a fantastic total of £953.57. An amazing achievement! Well done.

Donald Stewart's 90th Party



Donald enjoyed 90th birthday celebrations in Gannochy Community Hall in June with family and friends. It was a lovely occasion, bringing together many familiar faces. Donald now lives in Kincarrathie House, but spent many years in the Gannochy Community, laterally in Gannochy Avenue. Happy 90th Birthday, Donald!

Youth Enterprise Fayre

In August, young people from the Gannochy area held a Youth Enterprise Fayre in Gannochy Community Hall.





Gannochy Singing Mamas

Singing Mamas meet every Tuesday morning in term time in Gannochy Community Hall for some simple singing and some very yummy cake treats to offer a tonic to face the week ahead. Contact Fiona to book a friendly and informal kick start to your week - **07717 311304**

Tenancy Spotlight

Opening of Housing List for 3 bed sandstone bungalows

- **19th October** - Advance notice on website and socials.
- **26th October** - Housing list opens at 9am. Application and information www.gannochytrust.org.uk/
- **9th November** - Housing list closes at 5pm.
- **November** - We will complete initial assessments.
- **Early December** - All applicants will be notified of results.
- **During December** - Arrange Interviews and further assessment of finances and suitability.
- **Final Selection** – Available homes matched to successful applicants and those for whom homes are not currently available asked to remain on the list for a period for any future empty properties.

www.gannochytrust.org.uk/our-housing/

www.facebook.com/GannochyTrustOrg

Tenants' Meeting – 19 November

SAVE THE DATE

Feedback from the Gannochy Tenant Survey earlier this year was extremely positive, but it has offered an opportunity for us to look at opportunities to improve the Gannochy community. We have planned two drop-in events on **Thursday 19 November** from **2.30 pm to 5.00 pm, & 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm** at Gannochy Community Hall.

GANNOCHY COMMUNITY HALL EVENTS

GANNOCHY EVENTS GROUP - Book with Helen on 07808 087708
CHAIR EXERCISE CLASS Wed. 2 pm up to 16 Dec.
BINGO AFTERNOON Thu. 15 Oct 2 pm. £3.50
COMMUNITY QUIZ NIGHT Fri. 30 Oct 7 pm to 10 pm. £3.50
MUSIC AFTERNOON Thu. 12 Nov 2 pm to 4 pm. £3.50
KEN'S CHRISTMAS QUIZ **Thu 26 Nov** 2 pm. £3.50
GANNOCHY FAMILIES GROUP
ELF ACADEMY Sat. 5 Dec. from 12 to 3 pm (Search and book on Eventbrite)
SINGING MAMAS - Contact Fiona 07717 311304
Restarts 27 Oct to 15 Dec Tuesdays at 10 am with Coffee n Cake.
KNIT AND CROCHET - Book with Marianne on 07754 837187
KNIT & NATTER GROUP Mon. 2 - 4pm. £3. – 2, 16, 30 Nov. & 21 Dec
CROCHET CLASS Sat. 10 - 4pm. £10. – 14 Nov. & 19 Dec
BEGINNERS' CROCHET Wed. 6 - 8pm. £3. – 18 Nov.
SHELTERED HOUSING - Book with Shirley on 07950 752284
SHELTERED HOUSING COFFEE MORNING - Tuesdays at 10.30
BRIDGEND, GANNOCHY & KINNOULL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING - 15 Oct @ 7 pm. All welcome.

In Memory of Fiona Russell



It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of our much-loved colleague and friend, Fiona Russell, Grants and Finance Manager, on Tuesday 21st July at the Cornhill Macmillan Centre in Perth.

Fiona has been a central member of the Gannochy Trust team for over 23 years and her professionalism, compassion, and commitment has made a lasting impact on the work of the Trust and those we support. The Trust would not be the organisation it is today without Fiona's contribution, and she will be hugely missed by staff, Trustees, tenants and anyone who is connected with the Trust.

Our thoughts and sincere condolences are with Fiona's husband Paul, family, and friends during this difficult time.

The Gannochy Trust Staff

Grounds staff:

Brian MacLean, Asst. Est. Manager
Greg Denton, Cricket Grounds Person
Stuart Monro, Grounds Worker
Ryan Foster, Grounds Worker
Ronnie Watson, Grounds Worker
Vacancy, Grounds Worker
Vacancy, Trainee Grounds Worker

Office Staff:

Andy Duncan, Chief Executive
Ami Slokan, Grants Manager
Gilbert Valentine, Estate Manager
Alan Campbell, Estate Manager
Steven Greig, Development Manager
Jac Veitch, Senior Administrator
Bob McFarlane, Asst. Est. Manager
Vacancy, Asst. Grants Manager
Carol Annand, Tenancy Officer
Carole Redford, Administrator
Katherine Farmer, Finance Administrator

Office Opening hours:

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

Staff news:

Ami Slokan - Ami was promoted from her role as Assistant Grants Manager to the role of Grants Manager in August this year. Ami has led the development of our new cloud based grants system over the last 3 years and we wish her well in her new role.

Alan Campbell - Alan joins the Gannochy Trust in October in the role of Property and Estates Manager in anticipation of Gilbert's retirement in December.

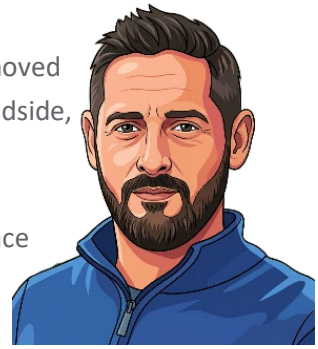
Euan Sinclair - After 22 years of service with The Gannochy Trust Grounds Team, Euan Sinclair retired in August this year. Euan was a well-known face in the Gannochy community and regularly deputised to lead the Grounds Team. We wish you well in your retirement Euan.

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. To help safeguard our staff, please ensure that:

- any cabling is removed from the hedge
- dog fouling is cleared away
- wire or net fencing is cleared away
- toys, decorations, or other obstacles are removed

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 roof gutters. 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.

Colder Weather approaching

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 (usually under the sink) and open the outside tap to drain the water from the pipe. If you are unsure, contact the office.

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 for "out of office hours"

Trade/Issue	Contractor	Tel. No.
Gas and Heating Systems • Boiler/heating not working • Radiator leak which cannot be controlled • No hot water • Carbon monoxide detector activating/faulty	Thermal Comfort Frank McDonald	07703 107364
Plumbing and Drainage • Blocked drains which are preventing the use of toilet or sink • Leak to cold water supply pipes	Thermal Comfort Frank McDonald	07703 107364
Electrical and Smoke Alarm Systems • Electrical faults which will not re-set • Faulty smoke or heat alarms	Dave Peebles	07709 365071
Joinery • Jammed or faulty door/lock or window which compromise security	Graham Davidson	07493 233844
Roof leaks • Missing or broken slates causing water ingress	Alan Robertson & Sons	01738 551424
Sheltered Housing Aid-Call System • Faulty control unit • Faulty smoke or heat alarms	Taking Care	0800 0851587