

## Hello, and welcome to the Garioch Gazette

Apologies if you were expecting an issue in October – we decided to hold back so that we could feature our Winter Forum.

Brought forward to try to avoid the worst of the winter weather, our Winter Forum was held on a cold and wet November evening. There was a warm welcome inside Fly Cup though, plus a fine piece to keep the spirits up and entertainment from Valerie Chapman to welcome everyone.

Our Chairman, John Chapman, led a brief EGM and gave an update on the Partnership and the Community Asset Transfer. Dawn gave an update on the recent Democracy Matters Conversations. We also heard from representatives from for the Love of Garioch and Ury Riverside Park. See inside for more information.



Dawn also presented a cheque to some of the groups who have received Community Initiative or Resilience Fund Grants so far in 2018/19.

The combined total of grants awarded was £4,921.20.

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# EGM & Winter Forum

John explained that the brief EGM was necessary as the Accounts, which had not been examined at the time of the 2018 AGM, have now been completed and signed off by the accountant. She has now done the accounts for two years and is willing to stay on, which should make the process quicker next year.



We ended the financial year with a small surplus as expected from the AGM. We do maintain reserves; having a duty of care to two employees. The accounts can be downloaded from the website. We also hold funds on behalf of other groups, including those just setting up who have no access to a bank account: TGP act as a holding account on their behalf. Eventually, these funds will be passed to the groups. The Trustee's Annual Report has been submitted to, and accepted by, OSCR.



John also had to report that two of our board members have stood down due to work and time commitments.

Kay Diack and Graham Geddes had been with TGP from before Day 1, as both were on the steering group prior to the Partnership being set up.



John gave huge thanks to both of them, for the sterling work and effort that they have put into the Partnership. They will be missed but, fortunately, they will both remain with the Partnership, as representatives of member groups.

This does mean that we are on the lookout for new trustees. Fiona Cooper was elected to the board at the EGM, and we look forward to working with her, but there is space for more!

If you are interested in joining us, please e-mail



trustees@gariochpartnership.org.uk to receive an auto-email with information on the role and responsibilities of the position, as well as an application form.

# Community Asset Transfer

The Partnership's request for an asset transfer of Market Place Primary School was rejected by the Garioch Area Committee at the end of August.

We have since put in an appeal of that decision, which will be reviewed at the end of November by a different panel.



We feel that we've had a lot of support for our plans, from the business community, community groups, community council etc. and we intend to pursue the asset transfer as far as we can, although we recognise that it may take some time. We will keep you posted, and it will likely be in the press too.

When asked what happens if the appeal is rejected, John explained that the next stage would be to appeal to the Scottish Government. John added that our original plans for the asset transfer were submitted before the Council released their Strategic Plan, and also pointed out that we could have been in the building over a year ago, as we did offer to take on a short-term lease, paying the business rates for the building but the council refused.

TGP will keep persevering and hopefully will come out with a community hub.

Our revenue grant has decreased and the hub would help us to generate income and hopefully allow us to expand our staffing, with the aim of having 2-3 development workers covering Garioch. We will pursue this as far as we can.

Our online petition is still open for comments and signatures at [www.ipetitions.com/petition/market-place-school-as-a-3rd-sector-hub/](http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/market-place-school-as-a-3rd-sector-hub/)

In order to provide the best support to our member organisations, Dawn and Louise both work flexible hours and regularly work away from the office.

We will do our best to return messages left on our answer machine as soon as we can, but we cannot guarantee an immediate response.

If you need a prompt reply, it may be better to drop us an e-mail:

Dawn – [dawn@gariochpartnership.org.uk](mailto:dawn@gariochpartnership.org.uk)

Louise – [info@gariochpartnership.org.uk](mailto:info@gariochpartnership.org.uk)



Dawn reported on the Democracy Matters Conversations that she has hosted across Garioch recently, and thanked all who took part.

Conversations were hosted in Newmachar, Inverurie, Westhill, Kemnay and Kintore, as well as with groups at Grampian Opportunities and Syrian New Scots.

The key points raised across the conversations included space, services, bus routes and broadband, so no real surprises. What was clear is that people in our local area feel that democracy matters.

What was interesting is that TGP were the first group in Scotland to request materials in Arabic, in order to work with the Syrian New Scots.

**tt-exchange**

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John pointed out that, following our tech update funded by Awards for All last year, we have been able to get Office 365 for free by registering as a charity with TT Exchange, and he encouraged others to look into this.

Up to date software and technological equipment allows us to work smarter, not harder! For more information, see <https://www.tt-exchange.org/>.

This group of volunteers have been carrying out a variety of tasks, including doing people's gardens; helping people move house; visiting people and organising entertainment. The aim is to target those who are lonely.

They are currently organising their Christmas event: a community lunch, with an open invitation for anyone who is lonely or struggling financially to come down for Christmas lunch. Having had 25 people at an event organised last year, with the help of a local church; this year they are expanding and expecting around 80 people to attend.

Food has been donated; the Town Hall is being provided free of charge by the council as a venue, and Premier Coaches have offered to provide transport on the day. Now they are trying to spread the word far and wide, and they are hoping that TGP member groups will help. If you would like more information or are able to help in any way, please contact them at [loveofgarioch@gmail.com](mailto:loveofgarioch@gmail.com).

Following the Christmas Lunch, once they have an idea of who is out there, they may hope to organise local mini-groups to help reduce isolation and loneliness in Garioch.



**25TH DECEMBER 2018**  
**Inverurie Town Hall**  
**FROM 12.30PM TO 3.30PM**

We'll celebrate together, have Christmas dinner with all the trimmings (vegetarian option available) and enjoy some good company. There will be entertainment, games and a small gift for everyone.

Sadly, not all of us are fortunate to have family and friends around us Christmas, or it may be that you can't afford the cost of it all for one reason or another? Whatever the reason, young or elderly, a family or single, it's not a time to be alone...

SO, why not join us for lunch.

***Book your place - Register Today***  
**CALL 07546 721975 OR EMAIL:**  
**[loveofgarioch@gmail.com](mailto:loveofgarioch@gmail.com)**



# Ury Riverside Park

The team behind Ury Riverside Park are currently working towards a community asset transfer of land which is currently owned by Aberdeenshire Council.

They are carrying out tree planting on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, and they also have paths being built to help make it a community space.



Their aim is to make it a true community space, including a play park, nature walk and playing fields. It will be environmentally friendly,

with solar lights being fitted and will be fully inclusive. If anyone is interested in finding out more, please visit [www.facebook.com/Uryriversidepark/](https://www.facebook.com/Uryriversidepark/)







# Christmas Lunches

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup>  
December 2018**

**TWO COURSES £15.00 | THREE COURSES £19.50**

**Broth (v) or Chicken Liver Pate with Oatcakes**

**Turkey or Beef  
Brie and Cranberry Tarts (v)  
Roast Potatoes  
Oatmeal Stuffing  
Seasonal Vegetables**

**Christmas Pudding or Trifle or Mince Meat Pie**

**Free tea/coffee with shortbread to follow**

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OSCR?**

## HAVE YOU CONTACTED OSCR?

Charity trustees must seek prior consent from OSCR:

- before changing the name of the charity
- before amending the objects or purposes of the charity
- before amalgamating the charity with another body
- before winding-up the charity or dissolving a SCIO
- before converting a Company or Community Benefit Society to a SCIO
- before applying to the court to change purposes, amalgamate, or wind-up.

*Prior consent must be sought at least 42 days in advance of the proposed change taking effect.*

OSCR must be notified no later than 3 months after the following changes have taken effect:

- as soon as the Principal Contact changes\*
- when the contact details for the existing Principal Contact change\*
- when the accounting year end date has changed\*
- when changes unrelated to purposes are made to the constitution
- when any change consented to by OSCR is implemented.

*\*Please notify us of these changes by updating your charity's details using our OSCR Online Service found via [www.oscr.org.uk](http://www.oscr.org.uk)*

You must also notify us no later than one month of the following changes taking effect:

- any administration order or an order for winding-up a charity made by the court
- the appointment of a receiver.

## REMEMBER!

- Contact OSCR as soon as your Principal Contact details change.
- Make sure that your charity's annual accounts are returned to OSCR with your completed Annual Return no later than 9 months after the charity's financial year end.
- Notifications and Applications for Consent should be made in writing and sent to OSCR. This can be done by email.
- Application Forms (for consent) and Notification Forms (for notification) can be downloaded from the OSCR website at [www.oscr.org.uk](http://www.oscr.org.uk). Hard copies are also available on request.
- You do not have to notify OSCR every time your charity trustees change unless the change is your Principal Contact.

## CONTACT

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Find out more at <https://www.oscr.org.uk/guidance-and-forms/making-changes-to-a-charity-guidance>



# Grampian Opportunities

## MacMillan Coffee Morning & Opening Day 28<sup>th</sup> October



**Grampian  
Opportunities**

Empowering people to find their way forward



Over 100 people attended Grampian Opportunities' MacMillan coffee morning and the official opening of our new office base at 54 West High Street, Inverurie AB51 3QR .

We are delighted to share the news that we raised a total of £330 for MacMillan Cancer Support.

To mark the opening, Mr George Ross of JG Ross Bakery cut the ribbon and signed copies of his book "An Unlikely Lad", helping raise £398 for Grampian Opportunities own funds.

Academy pupils provided entertainment on the day and are returning to perform again at a Christmas event planned for the morning of Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December. This will be followed by their Annual General Meeting at 2pm. Please contact them at [info@grampianopportunities.org.uk](mailto:info@grampianopportunities.org.uk) or 01467 629 675 for more information and to book a place at the Christmas celebration and AGM.





# Groupfest

Held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at Inverurie Town Hall and hosted by Inverurie Community Council, Groupfest was a very useful event for networking and seeing all the fantastic work that happens in Inverurie and wider area.

A whole range of community groups came together and spent the day sharing what they do, swapping good practice and making new links.

It was inspiring to see the number of groups and folk out doing the very best they can for their community. The buzz and the conversation across the room was great, and it was wonderful to come away feeling uplifted and re-energised by everyone's passion and commitment.



Groupfest had a double-spread report in the Inverurie Advertiser – good publicity for all the groups involved.



Already looking forward to next year!



## BAILIES OF BENNACHIE OUTREACH OFFICER

(Part-time: 10 hours per week; start spring 2019)

The Bailies of Bennachie are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic individual to this post so as to raise the profile of the Bailies and increase engagement with existing members, local landowners, organisations and the general public.

The Outreach Officer will be self-employed, required to work in their own premises and have a flexible approach to hours of work, as some evening and weekend work will be required.

Full details of the position, plus knowledge and skills required, can be found on the Bailies' web site – **[www.bailiesofbennachie.co.uk](http://www.bailiesofbennachie.co.uk)**

Written applications, CV and any other supporting information should be submitted by email to . **[info@bailiesofbennachie.co.uk](mailto:info@bailiesofbennachie.co.uk)**

The names and addresses of two referees should be provided who may be contacted in advance of interview.

**Closing date: 25 January 2019 – initially post for one year and possibly may extend if funding available**

The Garioch Gazette is The Garioch Partnership's quarterly e-newsletter. It is circulated to a mailing list of approximately 200 "active citizens" who, in turn, are invited to circulate it to their personal and community networks – caring and sharing!

If you're reading this as someone has shared it with you, why not sign up to receive your own issue? We only send 4 issues per year, plus invitations to our AGM and winter and summer forums.

Subscribe online at our website: <http://gariochpartnership.org.uk/2018-2/>

Or e-mail [info@gariochpartnership.org.uk](mailto:info@gariochpartnership.org.uk)



# Warp-It Workshop Aberdeen

On Wednesday 6th February, 10:00-14:00, Aberdeenshire Council will be hosting a regional reuse workshop at their Woodhill House office in Aberdeen and they would very much like you to be a part of it!

The workshop will be led by the Warp-It reuse organisation and the aim will be to promote and support reuse within and between the various organisations and groups across the North-East. We are looking to bring together as many diverse organisations as we can, from public, private and third sector, so do pass on this invite!

To attend, only interest in reuse is required! There is no requirement to be a member of Warp-It and neither will there be any obligation to sign-up for Warp-It (which is free for third sector and schools) afterwards.

For more details and to book your place, visit [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reuse-within-and-between-organisations-warp-it-workshop-aberdeen-tickets-52933203637](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reuse-within-and-between-organisations-warp-it-workshop-aberdeen-tickets-52933203637) For any questions please get in touch with Joel Evans ([joel.evans@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:joel.evans@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)), Internal Waste Reduction Officer.



## REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene Course Online

We offer the REHIS accredited Elementary Food Hygiene Course Online for you to complete at your convenience

Course costs £60 per person

If you would like to book the course or for more information please email [gariochcommunitykitchen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gariochcommunitykitchen@hotmail.co.uk)



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At Garioch Community Kitchen  
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26<sup>th</sup> February

Woodhill House Annexe

## Why SCDN?

The Scottish Community Development Network (SCDN) is a member led organisation, for community workers / community development workers, paid or unpaid, full or part time, from the community, voluntary or public sectors, who support the principles and practice of community development. SCDN is open to anyone with an interest in community development in Scotland. The Garioch Partnership have been working in partnership with SCDN to try and establish an Aberdeenshire network.

The purpose of this is to create a vibrant and useful forum locally, for sharing practice across community development practitioners – whether in a paid or voluntary role, in the third sector or the public sector, and for those people who might not immediately identify as “community development practitioners” – if you are involved in making changes in your community through a variety of groups, chances are you are doing “community development” without even realising it!

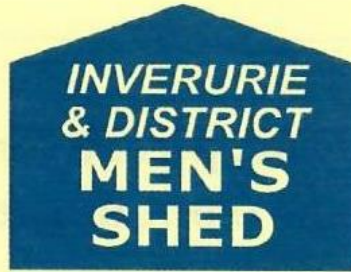
The network will be a space to hear about what others are doing, create wider networks or to share any issues you may be facing in your role. It is about what community development practitioners do best – sharing learning, highlighting local issues and discussing resources and techniques.

We'd love to hear from you, what would make it easier or better in your community, and what can we do to all work together to be a stronger force for change locally.

**Please come along,** The next SCDN Aberdeenshire Network Meeting in Partnership with the Garioch Partnership will take place on Tuesday February 26th, 1pm - 3pm in the Banff and Buchan Room, Woodhill House Annexe, Westburn Road, Aberdeen, AB16 5GB.

**Register online: <https://form.jotform.com/83173042958966>**





## **LISTEN UP MEN!!**

**Feeling lonely or in need of having some fun?**

**Come along to the Inverurie Men's Shed to get involved in new challenges and stimulating activities**

- **Make new friendships**
- **Chew the fat over a hot drink**
- **Play board games or cards**

**If you wish, you can get involved in**

- **Community Projects**
- **Learn new skills in the workshops**
- **Develop a new hobby**
- **Teach yourself to cook simple meals**

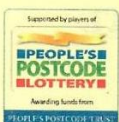
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***[www.inveuriemensshed.co.uk](http://www.inveuriemensshed.co.uk)***



# Members

A very warm welcome to our newest members:

## Royal Voluntary Service

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| ICAN                                       | Kiddiwinks   | SensationALL                                      | Garioch Arts Group                  |
| Kingseat Community Association             | Friends of Insch Hospital and Community                      | Kintore & District Community Council              |                                     |
| Kemnay Breakfast and After School Club     | Milne Hall, Kirkton of Skene                                 | Lawsondale Sports Centre Trust                    | Westhill & Elrick Community Council |
| Newmachar Community Centre Association     | Hatton of Fintray Hall & Community Association               | Premnay Hall & Community Association              |                                     |
| Logie Durno Hall Committee                 | Friends of Garlogie Day Centre                               | Gordon Dementia Services                          | Wartle Community Association        |
| Bennachie Leisure Centre                   | Westhill Community Church                                    | Newmachar Community Council                       |                                     |
| Girl Guiding Gordon                        | The Philosophy Café  | Westhill Men's Shed                               | Fly Cup Catering Ltd                |
| Garioch Jazz Club                          | Inverurie Events   | GATE  | Fetternear Hall                     |
| Inverurie & District Men's Shed            | Inspiring Insch  | Bogbeth Pavilion                                  | St Lawrence Hall, Old Rayne         |
| St Andrews Parish Church                   | Garioch Under 5s Forum                                       | Insch School Parent Council                       |                                     |
| Royal Voluntary Service                    | Grampian Opportunities                                       | 1st Stop Toddler Group                            | Garioch Community Kitchen           |
| Cluny, Midmar & Monymusk Community Council | Kemnay Village Hall Management Committee                     | Westhill & District Community Sport & Leisure Hub |                                     |
| Foos Yer Doos Sing Song Club               | Garioch Community Sports Hub                                 | Blackburn & District Rotary Club                  | Kinellar Community Association      |
| Inschy Winchy Spiders                      | Westhill Golf Club   | Computers and Integration                         | Scout Hall Playgroup                |
| Insch Connection Museum                    | Alehousewells Primary School Parent Council                  | Bennachie Community Council                       | Rotary Club of Inverurie            |
| Echt & Skene Community Council             | RSPB Kemnay Wildlife Explorers                               | Steps Into Wellness                               | Port Elphinstone Community House    |
| Garioch Heritage Society                   | Southwest Aberdeenshire CAB                                  | Inverurie Community Council                       | Ury Riverside Park                  |
| Echt School PTCA                           | Spectrum Singers   | Greener Kemnay                                    | Smile Scotland                      |
| Diamonds Trampoline & DMT Club             | Gordon Riding for the Disabled Association                   | Inverurie Academy Parent Council                  | Oyne Community Association          |
| Inverurie Hockey Club                      | Westdyke Community Group                                     | Port Toddlers                                     | Kemnay Monday Club                  |
| Pitscurry Environmental Project            | Learning Disability Group of Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire | Kemnay Community Council                          |                                     |
| Action Kintore Ltd                         | Home-Start Garioch   | Bailies of Bennachie                              | Business Matters Aberdeen           |
| Jog Scotland Westhill                      | Garioch Indoor Bowling Club                                  | Al Amal   | St Anne's Episcopal Church          |
| Kellands School Parent Council             | Garioch Youth Musical Society                                | Port Elphinstone School Parent Council            | Kemnay Community Bee Group          |
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*building a connected community*



# Who'll be our 100th Member?

2018 will see the Garioch Partnership welcome our 100<sup>th</sup> member. Which group will it be?

If you know of any groups who may be interested in joining The Garioch Partnership, please let us know and we'll pass on an application form.

Or complete the form on our website - <http://gariochpartnership.org.uk/membership-join/>



## How can TGP help you?

We can support you with:

- Project planning
- Governance
- Sourcing funding
- Consulting & engagement
- Handling “red-tape”

We've also got a variety of equipment that groups can borrow for free, including a digital camera and data projector.

We can also provide Independent Examination of your charity accounts (for a small fee: £40 for members and £60 + mileage for non-members).

For more information on these, contact [info@gariochpartnership.org.uk](mailto:info@gariochpartnership.org.uk)

The next edition of the Garioch Gazette, TGP's quarterly e-bulletin will be published mid-January. Any articles should be sent to [info@gariochpartnership.org.uk](mailto:info@gariochpartnership.org.uk) by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January**.

This newsletter is circulated to a mailing list of approx. 200 “active citizens” who in turn are invited to circulate it to their personal and community networks - caring and sharing!

If there is anything else you would like to see in the newsletter, please let us know.

# Community Initiative Grants

Many congratulations to the latest successful applicants to TGP's Community Initiative Grant and Resilience Funding schemes.

| Organisation                         | Project                                   | Amount Awarded |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------------|
| Steps into Wellness                  | The Clachan                               | £750.00        |
| Philosophy Café                      | Inverurie Events                          | £70.00         |
| Fly Cup                              | Creating a sense of team                  | £750.00        |
| Kintore Angling Association          | Taking over council fishing at Kintore    | £850.00        |
| Kemnay Breakfast & After School Club | Rebranding / New Uniforms                 | £600.00        |
| Kemnay Community Association         | Update of computers for Newsletter Office | £324.96        |
| Fintray Community Council            | Water Diversion                           | £1000.00       |
| Grampian Opportunities               | Space 2 Be                                | £576.24        |

## HELP WANTED!



Our Grants are reviewed by a panel of independent volunteers. In 2017/18 they offered their opinions on 21 grant applications, totalling £15,465.

We have to say a huge 'Thank you' to them, for their guidance and support.

If you are interested in joining our Grant Review Panel, please get in touch: [info@gariochpartnership.org.uk](mailto:info@gariochpartnership.org.uk).

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# Kemnay Breakfast and After School Club



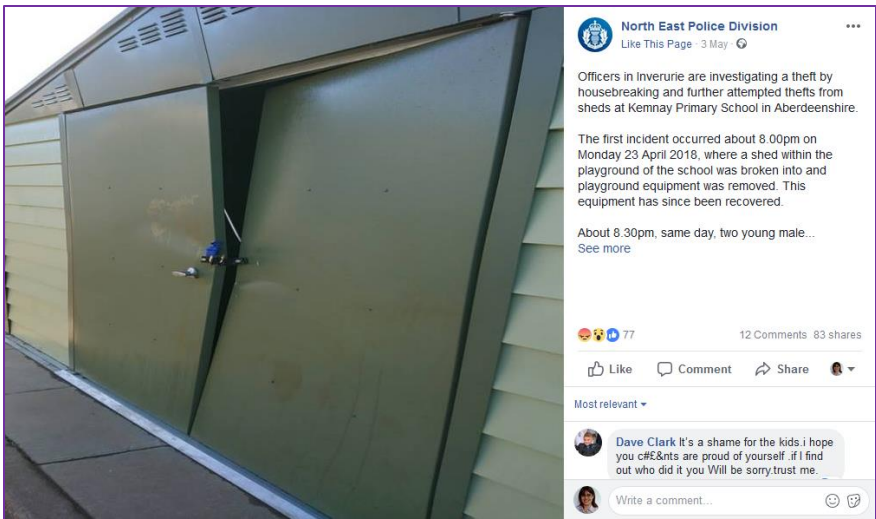
Kemnay Breakfast and After School Club received funding to update and replace the staff uniform. The staff of the club, which has been running for over 20 years, currently wear uniforms with different logos and different shades of colour, dependant on age of the items.

The staff have voted to keep the current logo, which is one designed by previous children who attended the club, however, the design will be expanded so that it can be used online and in print.

Find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Kemnay-Breakfast-and-After-School-Club-469034593473030/>

This funding is a bit of good news for them, following the vandalism of their storage shed which was funded by a previous Community Initiative Grant.

They are in the process of getting this replaced.



# Al Amal - Round the Kitchen Table Project

Hospitality is at the very core of Arabic culture and New Scots families had already hosted several meals at several locations throughout Aberdeenshire, however although these events were great fun and well attended by Scottish families, they had not had any noticeable impact on creating long term friendships.

This, coupled with awareness of two facts - 1. Arabic women did not relax in the presence of Scots men and 2. the Scots were anxious about interacting because of a lack of awareness of Arabic customs and social norms, led to the suggestion of holding some small 'same sex' events before coming together for a celebratory meal.

Large platters for sharing food are essential household items in the New Scots households and this sparked the idea of offering a pottery workshop to the women; the fact that there were a few 'ex' chefs amongst the New Scots families the idea of offering a bread making workshop for men.

2 pottery workshops were held at the Garioch Community Centre in Inverurie and it was wonderful to see 5 Syrian and 5 Scottish women working together to follow the tutors instructions - sharing clay and rolling pins and helping one another make decisions about the size and designs of their plates.



6 Scottish and 6 Syrian men attended a bourk (Syrian pastry) making demonstration on the 26th June at the Garioch Community Kitchen.

The Syrian men deftly changed bowls of dry ingredients into dough by adding water and oil and great fun was had when everyone was given the opportunity to knead it, roll it out and cut it into small circles.

The fillings were mixed and added and then, when they were in the oven baking, the men sat around the kitchen table chatting.



The 'Round the Kitchen Table' Meal was held at Port Elphinstone Community House on June 28th.

The CLD Workers had set up a photographic display from the two workshops and a display of the completed pottery to encourage folk to mix and mingle.

30 people of wide range of ages (from primary school to retired) attended and enjoyed good food and fine company. The event was due to run from 7 – 9pm but people stayed well beyond finishing time, chatting and eating.

Friendships were definitely cemented over the four events. The events allowed the Scots to approach their Syrian neighbours in the confidence that they would be acknowledged. Stories are now emerging of folk waving from buses to one another and saying hello in shops and on the street.



Building trust when you don't speak the same language is a slow process, but a fun environment with shared activity eases any anxieties. Some of the original Port Elphinstone residents are now the biggest advocates of integration in Aberdeenshire. 'You jist have to get o'yoursel and be friendly. It disnae take a lot.'





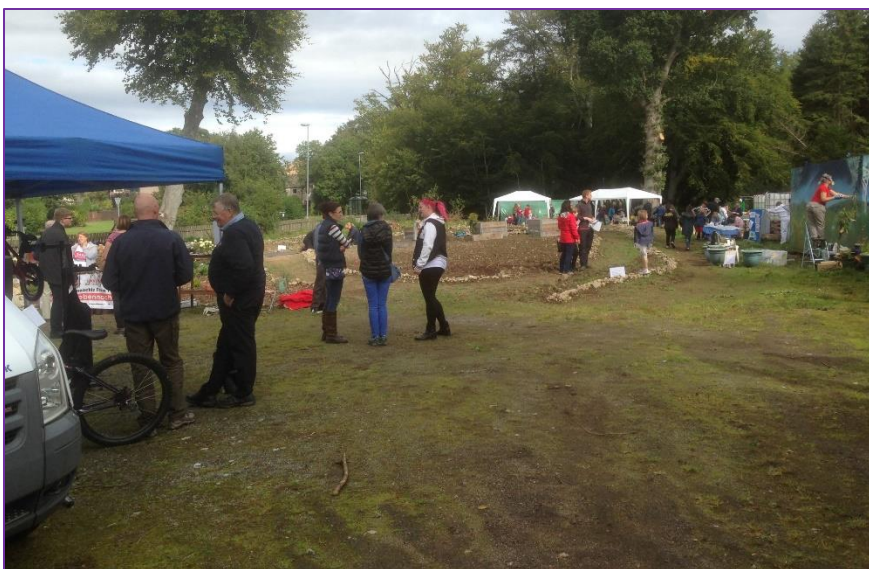
# Greener Kemnay

Greener Kemnay held an open day at the Birley Bush Community Garden in Kemnay, on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Over 160 people visited the garden and took part in various activities, including rock painting, decorating paving stones.

Following a year of extreme weather, from snow and ice in February and March, through the dry, hot summer, the garden was full of colour and local produce.

Visitors also had the opportunity to learn about what else is happening around Kemnay, from representatives of Kemnay Bee Group, Save Bennachie, The Youth Forum and the Community Development team.

Attendees could also collect a Hedgehog Hustle checklist – with 72 hedgehogs on display throughout the village.



To find out more about Greener Kemnay, visit <https://www.facebook.com/GreenerKemnay/>





During the open day, local artist Penny Downes transformed a storage unit into a work of art. This will be a reminder of the event both for attendees and those who could not come on the day.



Greener Kemnay have also been awarded a Green Butterfly Award, from Aberdeenshire Environmental Forum. Other winners included the new Uryside School; Port Elphinstone School and "The New Beginning", which is a joint venture between young Syrian men and an Inverurie sheltered housing complex.





# Port Elphinstone Community House



The PECH committee wish to thank TGP for the funding last year for a new shed at PECH.

It's taken us a few months to obtain approval from Langstane Housing Association (their landlord) but it is now assembled, thanks to the Inverurie Men Shed.



## Inverurie Music

19 participants (one sextet, one quintet, and two quartets ) attended Kemnay Church Centre for the day and were tutored by Jean Fletcher and Gareth John. Four people were on a reserve list. The Kemnay Church Centre proved an excellent venue. Thank you again for assisting with this.

Further workshops are *en train* or have happened *viz*, a cello masterclass and a guitar masterclass on 23rd Sept with 14 participants and tutoring by two professors from the Royal Scottish Conservatoire and Ivan Illic, classical pianist, in November. Next year two more workshops are programmed given by a visiting classical violinist. The Chamber Music Day in the spring will be with the same locally based tutors.



## INVERURIE MUSIC



In **WORKSHOPS, Events**

*Workshop: Chamber Music Tuition Day – Saturday 1st September 2018 – Kemnay Church Centre*



## Community Initiative Grants

There's still money in the pot, although the pot is slightly smaller, as the funding for our Community Initiative Grants has been cut to £5,000 for 2018/19.

This does mean that we will not be able to fund as many projects this year – so if you have a project in mind - get your applications in soon!

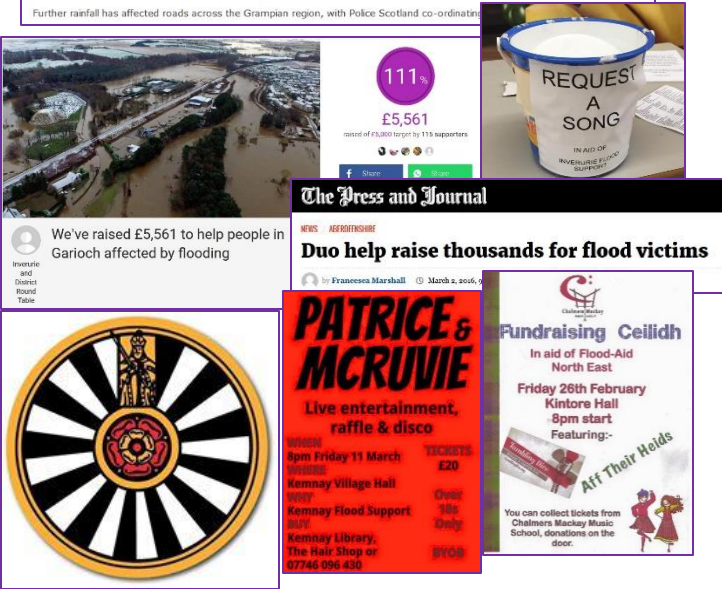


## Resilience / Flood Recovery

Following the flooding that hit the Garioch area in January 2016, the Inverurie Round Table set up a campaign to raise funds for those who had been affected.

Our local communities came together to organise a number of fundraising events and many generous donations were added to the Round Table's total.

We are delighted to say that Inverurie Round Table have asked The Garioch Partnership to administer those funds on their behalf.



If you have a project that you'd like funded, please get in touch. We could make a contribution of up to £750 (£1,000 for exceptional projects).

More details, and application forms, are available on our website – [www.gariochpartnership.org.uk](http://www.gariochpartnership.org.uk) or e-mail [info@gariochpartnership.org.uk](mailto:info@gariochpartnership.org.uk). It's the same form for both funding pots – just tick the appropriate box:

This form can be used to apply for either the Community Initiative Grant Scheme or the Resilience / Flood Recovery Grant Fund. Please indicate which Fund you wish your application to be considered for:

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# Funding opportunities

**Ecclesiastical Insurance – 12 Days of Giving:** Last year to celebrate their 130th anniversary, Ecclesiastical Insurance gave donations to 130 charities. This year, they're doing it again: Each weekday from **6 to 21 December**, 10 charities will win £1,000. That's £120,000 to 120 charities in 12 days! You can nominate any UK or Irish registered charity you choose and nominations will remain open until 12 midnight the day before each draw, with those charities not drawn carried over to the next. The more nominations a charity receives, the greater the chance of them winning. For more information, or to nominate your charity, visit <https://www.ecclesiastical.com/12-days/>

**Forestry Commission Scotland Community Fund:** The FCS Community Fund supports community groups and organisations that encourage people to use woods more. You can apply for activities taking place up until **31 March 2019**. For more information visit <https://scotland.forestry.gov.uk/supporting/strategy-policy-guidance/communities>

**Cyber grants now available to Scottish charities:** SCVO are working with the Scottish Government to help charities to improve their cyber resilience. The cyber grants help charities to meet the costs of preparing for and receiving Cyber Essentials accreditation. Eligible organisations can receive up to £1,000 towards the costs of achieving Cyber Essentials accreditation. The latest cyber grants round is now open, until **18 December 2018**. For more information, or to apply, visit <https://scvo.org.uk/digital/evolution/cyber-resilience>

**Local Film Festival Challenge Fund:** This small, one-off fund has been set up with funding from Screen Scotland, and is intended for those who need less than £5,000, and who are at the early stages of developing a new festival, or a new strand within an existing festival. There are two rounds for this new Fund, and the deadline for the first round is **10 December 2018**. More information and guidelines available from <https://www.regionalscreenscotland.org/local-film-festival-challenge-fund-2018-19/>

## The Garioch Partnership – Weekly Update

These are just a selection of the funding opportunities that have been featured in recent Weekly Updates. This weekly e-mail is sent to all members of The Garioch Partnership and also includes details of training courses, news and events.

To join The Garioch Partnership complete the form on our website - <http://gariochpartnership.org.uk/membership-join/>



# Diary Dates

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| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup><br>– Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December | Fly Cup Christmas Lunches                                       |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December                              | Grampian Opportunities Christmas Event & Annual General Meeting |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December                             | For the Love of Garioch Community Lunch                         |
| Wednesday 6th February  | Warp-It Workshop Aberdeen                                       |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February                             | SCDN Aberdeenshire Networking Meeting                           |

*More information on each of these events in this issue of the Garioch Gazette.*

## If you've got events coming up – let us know!

We'll add the details to the next Garioch Gazette as well as our weekly update e-mail. We'll also add them to the calendar on our website:  
[gariochpartnership.org.uk/calendar/](http://gariochpartnership.org.uk/calendar/)



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