

PAIRC NEWSLETTER

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September 2026



The Pairc Estate – September 2026

Read on for information on upcoming events, items of interest, and other opportunities across the Pairc community.

The Pairc Trust are pleased to bring you news of the approval of our newsletter by the Crofting Commission for the publication of crofting notices, our Pride in Place event on Thursday 24th September, significant funding awards from Muaitheabhal Community Trust, and more news and events from across South Lochs & Kinloch.

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Submit & Subscribe

If there is anything that you would like to submit to the newsletter, or if you would like to receive a copy digitally via email, please contact info@pairctrust.co.uk

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Tigh Ceilidh Update Expressions of Interest

The Pairc Trust are pleased to announce that we are seeking expressions of interest from anyone interested in taking up the tenancy of the Tigh Ceilidh, Gravir, once the renovation works are completed.

The Tigh Ceilidh has been completely redesigned and transformed into a three-bedroom family home based at Carn Aonghais in Gravir. The building fabric has been updated to improve the insulation and add an entire second storey to the building, providing a warm, spacious living space.

Alex Murray Construction have completed the exterior and structural works on the property, most recently the exterior rendering, and are now moving

on to the internal fit-out of the building. We look forward to sharing further updates as the work progresses.

At this stage the Trust are asking interested parties to fill out an online form - scan the QR code below - providing their contact details and describing their current living situation and connection to South Lochs. Further information on the property will be provided once works progress further.

If you have any questions regarding the development or the expression of interest process, please contact the Trust at info@pairctrust.co.uk.





Crofting News Update

The Pairc Trust is pleased to announce that our newsletter has been approved by the Crofting Commission for the publication of statutory crofting notices (assignments, apportionments, grazing committee announcements etc.) in the parish of Lochs.

The Trust is working on a finalised pricing structure and system for providing proofs of submitted adverts and hope to bring further updates to you very soon.

If you are interested in advertising crofting notices in the newsletter or have any questions/queries, please email us via info@pairctrust.co.uk and we will be happy to discuss these with you.

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Pride in Place Event

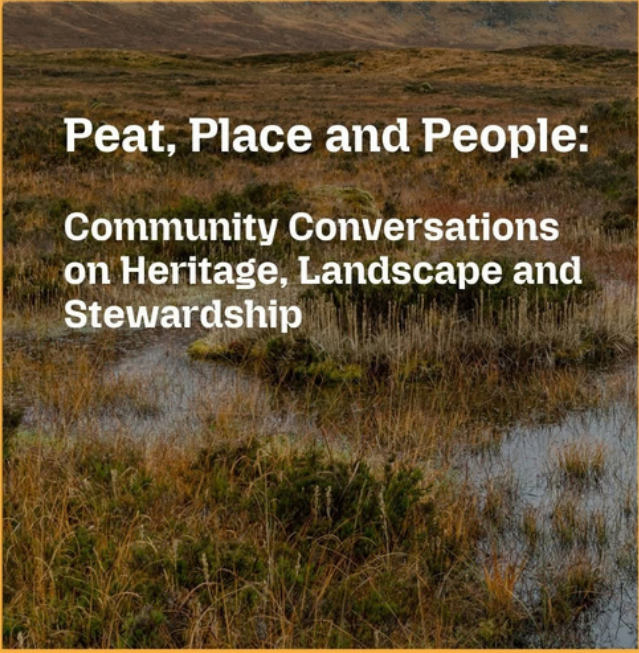
The Pairc Trust will be holding a Pride in Place event on Thursday 24th September, from 6pm - 8pm at The Resource Centre, Kershader.

Pride in Place is a UK government strategy which seeks to find ways that government at the national level can provide tools and resources to local communities in order for them to advance projects and changes decided upon by residents in those communities.

This event is an invitation for local residents to come together and give their thoughts on how additional funding and resources could be applied in Pairc to promote community development in the area.

The event is free to attend and we are pleased to provide a buffet meal from the Good Food Boutique, along with music from local musicians Murray Begg, Uisdean Reid, and Ross Maciver.

If you are unable to attend but wish to give your thoughts, please email us via info@pairctrust.co.uk.



Peat, Place and People:

Community Conversations on Heritage, Landscape and Stewardship

Outer Hebrides Climate Week

Islanders, businesses, community groups and organisations are being encouraged to secure their free places at a series of inspiring conferences, business summits and community events taking place during Outer Hebrides Climate Week 2026, running from 28 September to 5 October.

The week-long programme brings together experts, businesses, community leaders and local residents to explore practical solutions to climate change, support community resilience and showcase the innovative work already happening across the islands. With events taking place throughout Lewis, Harris, Uist and Barra, there are opportunities for everyone to get involved.

Local organisations looking to reduce costs, improve sustainability and access new funding opportunities are invited to the Sustainable Business Summits on Monday 28th September.

The first summit takes place in Lewis at Galson Business Centre, while a second event will be held at Cnoc Soilleir, South Uist. These events will feature practical advice, networking opportunities and insights into funding available to support sustainable business development.

A Conservation in Action Conference will be held at UHI Stornoway on 29 September, bringing together organisations, researchers and practitioners working to protect and enhance the islands' unique natural environment. A parallel event will also take place at the Lochmaddy Environment Centre in North Uist.

The week continues with the Islands Resilience Conference at An Lanntair, Stornoway on 2 October, exploring how island communities can adapt and thrive in a changing climate. The discussion then moves south to the Barra Resilience Conference at Northbay Hall on 5 October, providing local residents and stakeholders with an opportunity to explore resilience challenges and opportunities closer to home.

Other highlights include:

- People's Emergency Briefing film screenings and discussions at UHI Stornoway and Lochmaddy Environment Centre on 30 September.

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THE PAIRC TRUST HOUSING PROJECT
LANDLORD REG NO 1055130/235/10061
SCOTTISH CHARITY NO: SC035193



RENT



APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR 6 CARN AONGHAIS, GRAVIR

2 bedroom semi-detached house for rent
at 6 Carn Aonghais available now.
Fully insulated throughout, underfloor heating,
air source heating. Ground floor: Kitchen / living
room, bathroom, bedroom. First floor bedroom
with en-suite. Rent: £402.81 per calendar month

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- Peat, Place and People at Pairc Trust Resource Centre on 1 October, bringing communities together to discuss peatlands, heritage and stewardship.
- Multiple screenings of It'll Never Work: The Electric Lobster Fisherman, featuring discussions with the world's first all-electric commercial lobster fisherman.
- A hands-on Tagsa Uibhist Tree Workshop in Benbecula and the East Loch Tarbert Beach Clean in Harris.

Attendees are encouraged to book early, particularly for the conferences and business summits where limited spaces are available.

Whether you are a small business owner looking for practical sustainability advice, a community volunteer interested in local resilience, a student exploring environmental careers, or simply someone who cares about the future of the Outer Hebrides, Climate Week offers an opportunity to learn, connect and be part of the conversation.

All events are free to attend, but advance booking is essential.

For the full programme and ticket information, [visit Climate Hebrides' website.](#)

Pairc Trust Rental Property Available

The Pairc Trust are pleased to announce that applications are open for the re-letting of 6 Carn Aonghais, Gravir. The semi-detached home is well-insulated and offers comfortable, energy-efficient living with underfloor heating, air source heating, a bright kitchen-living space, a ground-floor bedroom and bathroom, and an upstairs bedroom with en-suite.

Applications can be made by emailing Tighean Innse Gall - TIG - at lettings@tighean.co.uk



Goose Management

Following on from our requests for local shooters to assist crofters in South Lochs who are experiencing issues with high numbers of greylag geese causing damage to crofting land, the Pairc Trust is pleased to announce that Soval Estate, the Trust's shooting tenant, is happy to provide assistance in cases of agricultural damage.

If you are experiencing issues with geese causing damage to croft land and/or common grazings, please contact the Trust via info@pairctrust.co.uk with your contact details and the location that the damage is occurring at, and we will pass this on to the team at Soval for them to discuss with you.



Gunnera Spades

Contractors from the Stornoway Trust have visited and treated gunnera hotspots within the Estate - we are currently awaiting confirmation from them of follow up visits pending a suitable weather window and will keep you informed.

Please send us the location of Gunnera plants that they are aware of via info@pairctrust.co.uk, with a what3words reference pinpointing the location if possible.

Community Land Outer Hebrides, who fund the control efforts, have enquired with the Trust as to whether we could host a tool library for special gunnera spades which could be borrowed for use in extracting smaller plants. If you would be interested in using these tools, please email us via info@pairctrust.co.uk



Ordination of Rev Scott Macleod

Many people from all over the island gathered in Park Free Church on 25th August 2026 to witness the ordination and induction of Scott MacLeod.

The service was led by Rev Colin MacLeod, Moderator of the Western Isles Presbytery. After Scott answered all the questions and signed the official documents, many ministers from various denominations around the island laid hands on Scott as he was ordained to the ministry.

The service was followed by a reception in the Caberfeidh Hotel.

Lochs FC Youth Team Successes & Call for Referees

Congratulations to the Lochs FC U12 team, who qualified for the Donnie Mata cup competition on Saturday 19th September with 3 wins and 2 draws in their group. Best of luck in the games ahead!

The Lewis & Harris Football Association were running referee courses over the winter season and are calling for anyone interested to sign up. For more information, contact 07917 572781.



MCT Care Home Funding

From welovestornoway.com:

Leverburgh Care Home marks being one step closer to raising the funds for new facilities, thanks to funding from Muaitheabhal Community Trust.

The residential care home has supported people from across the Western Isles for more than 38 years and currently supports up to 16 residents living with dementia and mobility related conditions. The funding goes towards the three part project, the Service Improvement Plan, which is reported to cost around £69,545.

As part of the plan, solar panels and a storage battery, supplied by O'Mac Construction, will be put in place to reduce the home's exposure to rising electricity costs and support its long-term financial resilience. A new polycrumb and garden, including raised beds, replacement fencing, paths and lighting

will give residents year-round access to the outdoors, growing and gardening, something residents identified as a priority through activity surveys.

A shipping container, supplied by Engebret's of Stornoway, will provide permanent, weatherproof housing for the home's electric trishaw bike, secured jointly with Harris Community Wheel, so it can continue to be used by residents, volunteers and the wider community.

A sum of £30,838 has already been donated towards the cause by NHS Western Isles to aid in providing developments for the facility. The home is raising further funds locally through community cafes.

The home employs 31 staff from Lewis and Harris and operates as a not-for-profit organisation with a Christian ethos, under the umbrella of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

With this contribution from Muaitheabhal Community Trust, it brings the project significantly closer to completion, which is planned by the end of 2026.

Leverburgh Care Home falls outwith the area the Trust usually focuses on. However, it has been recognised to play an exceptionally valuable role as an organisation that provides care for elderly people from across Lewis and Harris.

Due to this, the Board agreed the home's contributions to the community merited support beyond its usual funding boundaries.

Manager of the Leverburgh Care Home Isabel Campbell said: "This funding makes



a real difference to the people who call Leverburgh Care Home. Our residents have told us clearly that they want more time outdoors, and the new garden and polycrub will let them grow, potter and enjoy fresh air all year round.

"The solar panels and battery will protect the home against rising energy costs for years to come, and housing the trishaw properly means it will be there for residents and the wider community long into the future. We are enormously grateful to Muaitheabhal Community Trust for backing this project."

Donnie Morrison, Board Member of Muaitheabhal Community Trust, said: "Leverburgh Care Home has looked after people from right across the Western Isles for nearly 40 years, and it is an important local employer as well as a vital service.

"This project supports residents, staff and our environment all at once, from sustainable energy to a garden that will lift people's spirits and a trishaw that gets

people out and about. It is exactly the kind of community benefit the Trust exists to support, and we were delighted to hand over the cheque."

Pairc Trust Strategic Plan Survey

The Pairc Trust have launched a community survey asking for local residents' priorities and feedback as we seek to finalise our 10-year strategic business plan. We held a community consultation event earlier in the year which led to valuable feedback from those who attended and we are launching a final broad push to ensure that we can include as many perspectives from the wider community in South Lochs, covering:

- Crofting and Land Use
- Renewable Energy and Climate Action
- Tourism and Visitor Experience
- Housing and Population Sustainability
- Community Wellbeing, Care, and Social Support
- Youth & Education

The survey can be accessed online via: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RsN9fMLG8t> and physical copies can be collected from the Resource Centre, Kershader.

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Pairc Voices Ceilidh and Youth Corner

Join us for a buffet meal and music from local musicians Murray Begg, Uisdean Reid and Ross Maciver, and share your thoughts on how **Pride in Place** funding could support future community plans and projects in Pairc. A children's arts and crafts table and a Lego corner will be available throughout the event.



Thursday 24th

September

6pm - 8pm

The Resource Centre,
Kershader, HS2 9QA



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Expressions of Interest Open!

Tigh Ceilidh, Gravir



The Tigh Ceilidh redevelopment is progressing well, and The Pairc Trust is now inviting expressions of interest from anyone who may wish to rent the property once works are complete.

The property has been redesigned as a modern three-bedroom family home with upgraded insulation, an ASHP heating system, and a full range of living spaces including a living room, kitchen, utility area, bathroom, shower room, and built-in storage. It also offers a garden, two parking bays, and an EV charging point. Conveniently located opposite Sgoil na Pairc and the Langabhat surgery, it is only a short drive from further amenities in Kershader.

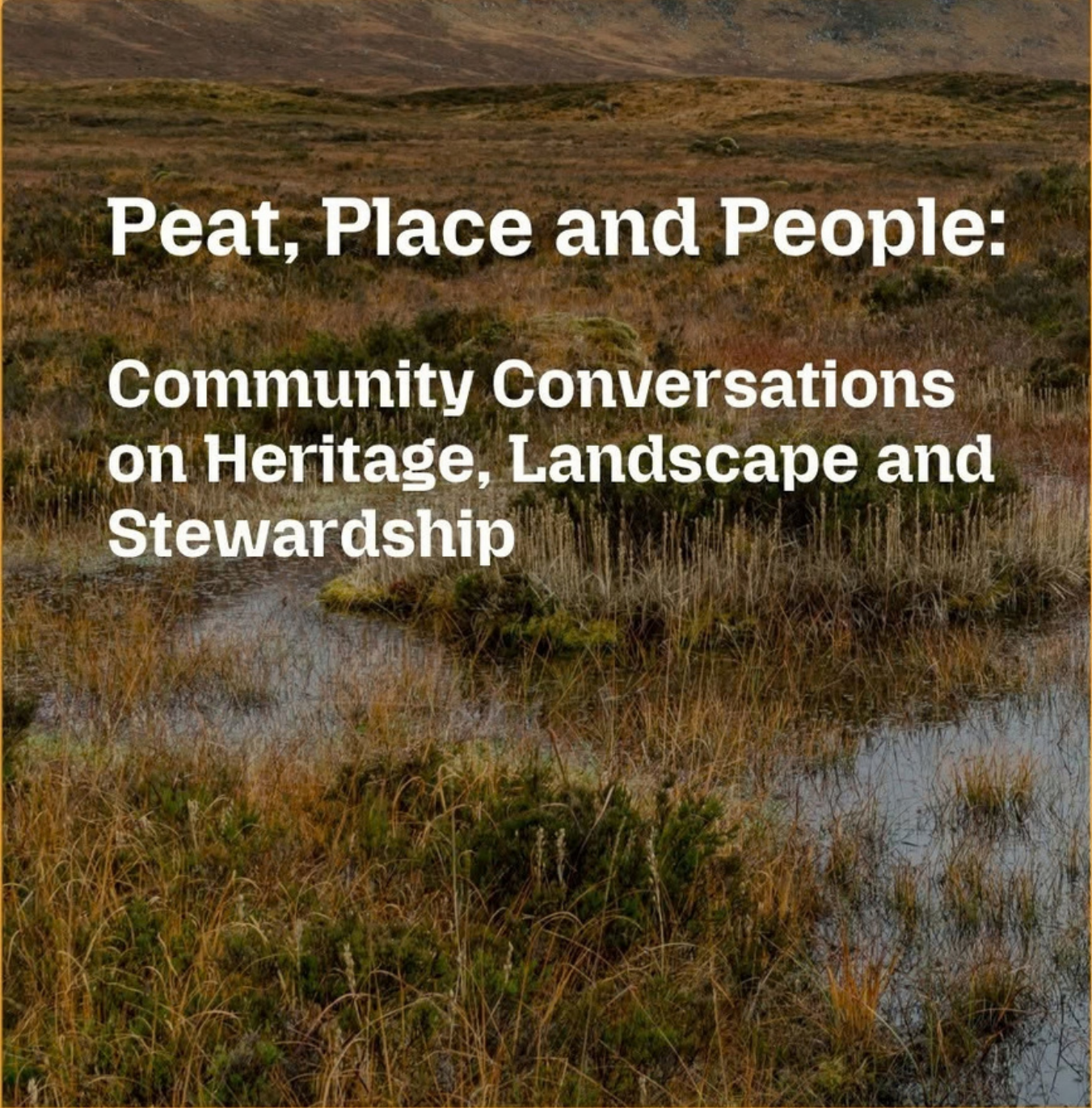
*For further information,
and to register your
interest in the property,
please fill out our survey.*



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**PAIRC TRUST
RESOURCE CENTRE**

1ST OCTOBER 2026
2.00pm to 4.00pm

OUTER HEBRIDES
CLIMATE WEEK
2026



CO-CHOMUNN NA PAIRC AND

RAVENSPPOINT TRADING LTD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ALL MEMBERS OF CO-CHOMUNN NA PAIRC
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S AGM.



THURSDAY

Thursday 24th September 2026



7:30PM



RAVENSPPOINT CENTRE



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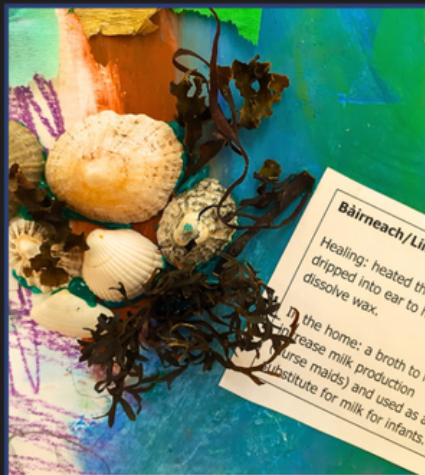
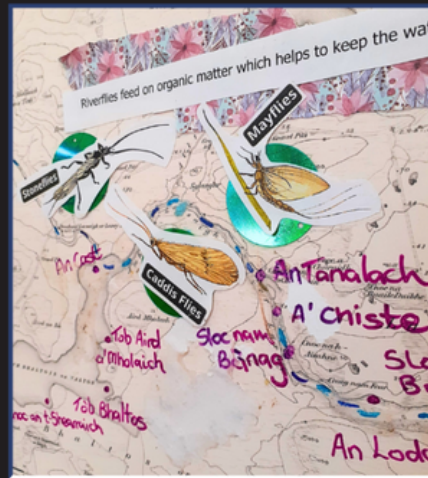
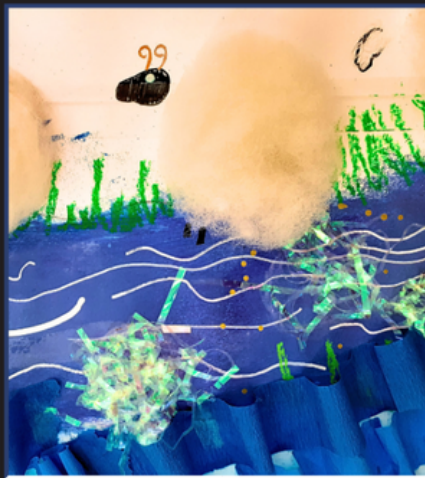


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ABHAINN LACASAIDH

An exhibition exploring the various species and ecosystems surrounding the Laxay River, and the cultural connections held by the community, both past and present

Monday-Saturday, 10am-4pm
Kinloch Community Hub



ISLANDS BOOK TRUST



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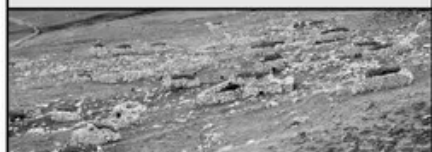
EDITION OF RARE ST KILDA BOOK

**ST KILDA
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- A NEW EDITION OF
THE REV.
J B MACKENZIE'S

'An Episode in the Life of the
Rev. Neil Mackenzie at St Kilda
(1911)' with an introduction and
notes by Philippe Laplace.



The Rev. Neil Mackenzie
played a central role in
the transformational
changes made to the
housing and layout of the
village on St Kilda in the
1830s and 1840s, but
his privately printed
memoir is not widely
available.



This beautiful new
edition, including
iconic images such as
Sir Thomas Acland's
drawing of the old
village in 1812 and
Sharbau's plan of
1860 showing the
new layout, will be
published later this
year by the Islands
Book Trust

**BOOK LAUNCH to
take place at the
St Kilda Club
Reunion in
Edinburgh on 21st
November.**



The book will also be
available price £15 plus
P and P from
islandsbooktrust.org



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Sgoil na Pairc

Friday 25th September

10.30am - 12 noon

We hope to see you there!

Stand In the Gap presents

Join us for **A Taste of Italy**, a relaxed community food night celebrating classic Italian flavours, good company, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Enjoy delicious pasta, home made pizza, and Italian-inspired dishes while meeting neighbours, sharing conversation, and experiencing a little taste of la dolce vita close to home.

**Donations
at the door
in aid of
Young Lives vs Cancer**



A Taste of Italy

A Variety of Mains including

Pesto Pasta Bake
Pizza + choice of toppings
Beef / Veg Lasagna
Meatballs
Spaghetti Bolognaise
Chicken Pasta



FRIDAY 25th Sept

Lots of Desserts including
Cheesecake, Tiramisu Cake
Pannacotta
Italian Ice Cream

Buon Appetito!!

Church Hall, Gravir
Served from
6:30 – 8:30pm

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

♥ Come along, enjoy a cuppa,
help a great cause! ♥



Everyone
welcome! ♥

📍 Where: Balallan Hall

📅 When: 13th October

🕒 Time: 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

📄 Entry by donation

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A CUPPA



Hosted by
The Kinloch Golden Oldies.

GAMES NIGHT



Get your aim face on!

Let's see what face you make as you line up that shot for carpet bowls, darts and (coming soon) pool!



Every Tuesday 7-9pm
Over 16s welcome



Balallan Hall £3 hall entry

JOIN US!



Woodland Workshop & Volunteering Afternoon

Explore the project • Learn woodland creation skills • Get hands-on • Enjoy tea & cake



Join us for an afternoon in the woodland, where we'll:

- Take a guided tour of the site sharing the story of how the project began
 - Discuss what's worked well — and what hasn't
- Talk about croft diversification, tree species and woodland creation
 - Demonstrate tree-planting and maintenance techniques
 - Do a practical session clearing and mulching small trees
- Finish with tea & cake and conversation at our home in Crossbost

Date & Time: Saturday 26th September 14.00-17.30

Location: 37 Crossbost, North lochs, Isle of Lewis HS2 9NP

(58°08'02.0"N 6°26'12.1"W) Google map coordinates or contact us for directions

Bring: Warm clothing • Boots • Gloves & Water proof clothing (if you have them)

Express interest: Please email or text to show your interest in coming along

Contact detail: johnhamilton573@gmail.com **Mobile:** 07444542522

All welcome — a relaxed, friendly afternoon for anyone interested in trees, crofting, or land stewardship.

LOOKING FOR INTEREST!

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WE'LL BE IN TOUCH
WITH MORE DETAILS!



BE THE DIFFERENCE.
GET INVOLVED. GET STARTED.

Youth Enablement Award

DRIVING LESSON SCHEME



The Pairc Trust are offering support towards the cost of driving lessons. The award is specifically designed to reduce the financial barriers that often prevent individuals from accessing driving instruction. By subsidising the cost of lessons, the initiative supports young people in Pairc in gaining the necessary licences and driving skills aligned with their career or personal development goals.

By enabling access across multiple licence categories (available for standard car lessons, motorbikes, HGV training, and more!) the scheme increases flexibility for applicants.

Up to 3 lessons fully funded!



Applications are now open!

For further information and to apply please visit:
www.pairctrust.co.uk/youth-enablement-award

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DEER MARAUDING DRIVE WITH CARE

All drivers are urged to:

- Reduce speed in wooded and rural areas, especially near known deer crossings.
- Be alert for deer at the roadside—where one is seen, others are often nearby.
- Report any collisions or sightings of injured or deceased deer as soon as possible.
- If you are involved in a collision with a deer, please contact the local police station in Stornoway, who will then ensure the incident is passed on to the appropriate person responsible for dealing with the deer in that area.
- Your cooperation is appreciated in helping to ensure the safety of both road users and wildlife.

Pairc & Kinloch Calendar

Weekly Events

Mondays

- Dance Class, Resource Centre (7pm)

Tuesdays

- Game Night, Balallan Hall (7-9pm)

Saturdays

- Pairc Social Walk, see WhatsApp group for location (11am)

Fortnightly Events

Wednesdays (from 29th October)

- Pairc Social Lunch, Ravenspoint cafe (1pm)

Monthly Events

Every Second Wednesday

- Aline Woodland Development Group meeting, Resource Centre, Kershader (7pm)

Wednesday 23rd September

- **Household waste collection**

Thursday 24th September

- Pride in Place event, Resource Centre (6-8pm)
- CCnP AGM, Ravenspoint (7:30-9:30pm)

Friday 25th September

- Macmillan Coffee Morning, Sgoil na Pairc (10:30am-12pm)
- Italian Food Night, Pairc Free Church Hall (6:30-8:30pm)

What's on in Pairc?



Saturday 26th September

- Woodland Workshop & Volunteering, 37 Crossbost (2-5:30pm)

Wednesday 30th September

- **Organic & mixed recycling collection**

Thursday 1st October

- Peat, Place, and People, Resource Centre (2-4pm)