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The Pairc Estate – May 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 a new photography & art exhibition opening at Ravenspoint, a bumper series of funding for Community Councils and groups from Muaitheabhal Community Trust, a planned walk to the historic site of Eilean Chaluim Chille with the Islands Book Trust and more news and events from across South Lochs & Kinloch.

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Goose Management

The Pairc Trust is aware of the growing impact that greylag geese are having on croft and common grazing land across the Estate, and the issues this presents for crofting communities.

To aid in the control of the local goose population and to prevent serious agricultural damage being caused to croft land, we are looking for Pairc Estate residents who possess valid public liability insurance and firearm/shotgun certificates to assist local crofters in managing the impacts of greylag geese. Experience in egg pricking/oiling would also be useful.

If you possess the skills and equipment to assist in this, or have any queries, please contact us via info@pairctrust.co.uk.

Pairc Trust 10-Year Strategic Plan

The Trust held a community consultation event on Tuesday 17th May to invite members and local residents to give their thoughts on where the Trust should focus its efforts over the next decade, and several of our volunteer Directors were present to discuss the Trust's work and the role Directors play in setting our strategic direction.

The consultation led to some good feedback, including the promotion of community growing spaces, discussion on tourist sites and attractions within the district, provision of electric vehicle charging points, and more.

If you weren't able to attend the consultation, we've set up an online form for you to give your feedback on where our priorities should be focused over the next decade, which can be accessed via: <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/RsN9fMLG8t>

Gunnera Management

The growing season is approaching, which means that Gunnera plants will begin to show themselves around the Estate. Gunnera is a highly invasive non-native plant which spreads easily and can shade out native vegetation, as well as blocking ditches and drains.



This year we are being supported by staff from the Stornoway Trust, building on the assistance we received last year from the North Harris Trust in spraying and controlling Gunnera on the Estate.

In order to target these efforts as effectively as possible, we ask residents on the Estate to 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. The team will be checking locations previously registered for new/re-emerging plants - please contact us if you would like advance notice of their attendance, i.e. if you have stock you would like to move away from plants to be treated.

Tigh Ceilidh Renovation

The Trust is pleased to report that renovation works on the Tigh Ceilidh, Gravir, are progressing well. The timber-frame walls of the new extension have now been constructed and new roof trusses and gable end frameworks are now in place.

The build is on track with the planned programme of works and we look forward to bringing you further updates as work proceeds on the building!



MUAITHEABHAL
COMMUNITY TRUST

Muaithéabhal Community Trust Invests £20,000 in Grassroots Community Action Across Lewis and Harris

Muaithéabhal Community Trust has awarded annual grants of £5,000 each to Pairc Community Council, North Lochs Community Council, Kinloch Community Council and North Harris Community Council. The grants, totalling £20,000, are designed to place funding directly in the hands of those closest to local need; giving community councils the resources to respond quickly and flexibly to grassroots organisations and projects that might otherwise struggle to access support.

Community councils occupy a unique position in local life. They are embedded in their areas, they know their communities and they are often the first to hear about emerging needs, small organisations doing vital work, or local initiatives that simply require a modest injection of funding to get off the ground. By channelling grants through community councils, Muaithéabhal Community Trust can reach smaller groups and individuals at grassroots level; quickly, with minimal bureaucracy and with the confidence that decisions are being made by people with genuine local knowledge.

The four community councils receiving grants – Pairc, North Lochs, Kinloch and North Harris, together cover a substantial part of the Trust's priority area, stretching from Maaruig, Rheinigadale and Scaladale in Harris to the communities of south and east Lewis. The grants reflect Muaithéabhal Community Trust's commitment to ensuring that the benefits of community wealth are felt widely and at the most local level possible.

Pairc Community Council, said: *"This funding from Muaithéabhal Community Trust makes a real difference to what we are able to do for our community. Pairc is a rural area with a strong sense of identity and a great deal of local activity, but smaller groups often find it difficult to navigate larger funding processes. Being able to direct support quickly to where it is needed most, without delay, is genuinely valuable, and we are grateful to the Trust for placing that confidence in us."*



Iain Macaskill, Treasurer of North Lochs Community Council, said: *“North Lochs has a vibrant network of local groups and volunteers who do tremendous work but rarely have the time or resources to pursue larger grant applications. The support from Muaitheabhal Community Trust means we can step in and back those efforts at the right moment. That kind of agile, local funding is exactly what grassroots community activity needs to thrive.”*

Sandra Macdonald, Secretary of Kinloch Community Council, said: *“Kinloch covers a wide and varied area and the community councils here are often the most accessible point of contact for local people and local groups.”*

Having a dedicated fund from Muaitheabhal Community Trust allows us to act on local priorities without the delays that larger funding streams often involve. We welcome this continued partnership and the Trust’s recognition of the important role community councils play.”

Agnes Morrison, Secretary of North Harris Community Council, said: *“North Harris is home to a remarkable range of community activity, much of it driven by volunteers who are passionate about this place. Muaitheabhal Community Trust’s grant gives us the flexibility to support that work at the pace the community moves, which is sometimes very fast indeed. We are proud to work in partnership with the Trust to keep that energy going.”*

Donnie Morrison, Board Member at Muaitheabhal Community Trust, said: *“Community councils are the tier of governance closest to the people, and they understand local need that no outside body can replicate. By investing directly in community councils and trusting them to make the decisions, we are ensuring that funding reaches the smallest and most grassroots organisations, the very groups that often make the biggest difference to everyday life in our communities. We are delighted to continue this partnership and look forward to seeing the results across all four areas.”*



Muaithéalbhail Community Trust Awards £2,000 Grant to Fèis Eilean na Hearadh

Muaithéalbhail Community Trust is pleased to announce a grant of £2,000 to Fèis Eilean na Hearadh, supporting the running costs of the 2025 Fèis on the Isle of Harris. The funding will help sustain one of the Outer Hebrides' longest-running Gaelic arts festivals, which has been nurturing young talent in traditional music, language and culture since 1992.

Now in its fourth decade, Fèis Eilean na Hearadh is a member of Fèisean nan Gàidheal, the national body supporting community-based Gaelic arts tuition. Each year, more than 100 children gather at Sir E Scott School on the Isle of Harris for a week-long festival of tuition,

performance and celebration.

The 2026 Fèis offers tuition in accordion, guitar, fiddle, drumming, clàrsach, keyboard and chanter, alongside classes in Gaelic singing and drama, Highland dancing and Harris Tweed crafts. Younger children – those due to start school in August and current P1 and P2 pupils – are catered for through a dedicated Fèis Club. The week culminates in a Tutors' Ceilidh and a Children's Concert, giving participants the chance to showcase what they have learned.

Donald Ian MacLennan, on behalf of Fèis Eilean na Hearadh, said: *"The Gaelic language is an important part of our heritage, and the Fèis movement greatly helps to further the language, music and culture within the younger generation – particularly in a community like Harris where opportunities to develop skills in the Gaelic arts can be limited."*

"Fèis Eilean na Hearadh takes pride in the fact that there is now, in Harris, a nucleus of developing young musicians and dancers who, but for the Fèis movement, would not have taken an interest in traditional music. We are grateful to Muaithéalbhail Community Trust for their support."

The project aligns with Muaithéalbhail Community Trust's charitable priorities around education, community development and the promotion of heritage and culture. Situated in North Harris – one of the Trust's priority areas – the Fèis draws children from across the island and beyond.



Donnie Morrison, Board Member of Muaitheabhal Community Trust, said: *“We are delighted to support Fèis Eilean na Hearadh in delivering another year of this wonderful festival. Investing in the Gaelic language and traditional arts for young people in Harris is exactly the kind of community-focused work Muaitheabhal Community Trust exists to support. The Fèis has a remarkable track record of inspiring the next generation, and we look forward to seeing it go from strength to strength.”*

Muaitheabhal Community Trust Awards £1,300 Grant to Stramash Festival

Muaitheabhal Community Trust is pleased to announce a grant of £1,300 to Stramash, supporting the 2026 edition of

the much-loved free outdoor festival taking place in Stornoway on 14 and 15 August. Now in its sixth year at this scale, Stramash brings together families, individuals and community groups for two days of live music, activities and food – entirely free of charge and run entirely by volunteers.

Stramash is a free outdoor festival held annually in Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, celebrating community, creativity and togetherness. The festival offers a full programme of family activities, live performances from local musicians, hot food and treats for children – all provided at no cost to those attending. There are no tickets, no entry fees and no price tags: you can go cashless to Stramash, although you are encouraged to donate to the charities they support with a raffle, and there is also a bar for those who wish to buy drinks.

Beyond the festival itself, Stramash plays a broader role in the local community, lending equipment and providing practical support to other groups running their own fun days and community shows throughout the summer months. Volunteers from multiple organisations work side by side, deepening connections and building the kind of community cohesion that outlasts any single event.

Stramash was founded on a simple but powerful principle: that every family and individual deserves a day out free from financial worry. With attendance growing each year – a trend that has accelerated sharply during the cost-of-living crisis –



the festival has become a genuine lifeline for many in the community, offering a safe, welcoming space where personal circumstances are invisible and dignity is maintained for all.

The festival also provides a platform for local musicians and performers to share their work with a live audience and has fostered new creative collaborations between Lewis-based artists and visiting performers from further afield. For volunteers, participation brings the development of new skills, a sense of purpose and a measurable boost to wellbeing and self-esteem.

Paul Matheson of Stramash said: *“Stramash exists to make sure that nobody in our community misses out on a brilliant day out because of money. With the cost of living continuing to put real pressure on families, that mission has never felt more important. This grant from Muaitheabhal Community Trust means we can deliver the 2026 festival to the same standard our community has*

come to expect – completely free, full of music and life, and open to absolutely everyone. We are incredibly grateful for their support.”

Donnie Morrison, Board Member at Muaitheabhal Community Trust, said: *“Stramash is exactly the kind of project we are proud to support. It brings people together, removes barriers, supports local talent and strengthens the bonds between community groups – all delivered through the dedication of volunteers. The fact that it is entirely free and welcoming to everyone speaks volumes about the values behind it. We wish the Stramash team every success for August.”*

The 2026 Stramash festival takes place on 14 and 15 August in Stornoway. Follow the festival on Instagram at [@stramashfestival](#) and on Facebook at [Stramash Festival](#) for updates.

IBT Talk and Visit to Eilean Chaluim Chille – 13th June

We are pleased to announce details of this Islands Book Trust event on Saturday 13th June, arranged in co-operation with the Crobeag Estate to whom we are most grateful.

This is a good opportunity to learn about and discuss this important scheduled historic monument, followed by a guided visit to the island. Arranged in partnership with Crobeag Estate, a limited number of cars will be allowed to drive along the



the private estate road to park as close as possible to the causeway. The walk from the causeway to the church ruins is an easy walk of about 300 metres on fairly level ground, but stout footwear is advised for crossing the beach and causeway. We should have around 2 hours on the island.

The event will start at the Resource Centre, Kershader, South Lochs, Lewis at 10.00am with an illustrated talk about the history of the tidal island (Eilean Chaluim Chille – St Columba’s Isle) near the mouth of Loch Erisort, particularly the remains of an early church dedicated to St Columba (Eaglais Chaluim Chille) and its related structures (graveyard and burial enclosures).

Following lunch, which will be available in the Ravenspoint café, we will drive by shared private cars to Crobeag and walk across the causeway to the island at low

tide to view the historic church, graveyard and burial enclosures.

Advance booking not required. No charge for talk and visit but donations to IBT welcome. Lunch can be purchased at Ravenspoint.

Safe Families Western Isles

‘No-one should feel alone.’

This motto is at the heart of our work here in Safe Families Western Isles.

We appreciate that life can be challenging, and families can feel isolated and overwhelmed. At Safe Families, support is delivered to help families through a trained and carefully vetted volunteer “Family Friend” model, whereby volunteers’ journey alongside families for a period of approximately 3–9 months. This relationship-based approach focuses on agreed goals designed to empower families, strengthen resilience, and enable parents to make informed and positive decisions for themselves and their children.

Since our service began in 2023, we have journeyed with over 40 families. The support we offer is wide ranging and can benefit parents, carers, grandparents, and children.

Some of what our volunteers do:

- Visiting parents at their homes and/or taking them out for a coffee/walk; helping parents and/or families de-clutter their home;
- taking children out to do something fun or visit the child at home;



- host homes where children can visit during the day and enjoy an overnight stay to give parents/carers a break (appropriate safeguarding and safety checks are done prior to this).

One local Mum commented: *"Support has been really good and made a difference! My volunteer's encouragements have led me to get out more and make good choices for myself."*

We support families with children between the ages 3-15. Our support can also be provided virtually via phone, Zoom or Teams if the family would prefer. This can especially be helpful for families in the Uists and Barra.

To benefit from any of the services we provide, families can self-refer (our team would be happy to help) or can ask a professional such as a GP, Health Visitor, Mental Health Worker etc to complete the referral on their behalf.

Our team are based in the Barn Family Centre on Francis Street, Stornoway and would be delighted to speak to any family who may feel they could benefit from such support.

You can contact us on 07570316276, at westernisles@safefamilies.uk, or via our Facebook page at Safe Families Western Isles. Anyone is also very welcome to visit our office for a cuppa and chat.

We would love to hear from you, as we are here for you!

Pebbles Sawyer Fundraiser Meets Target

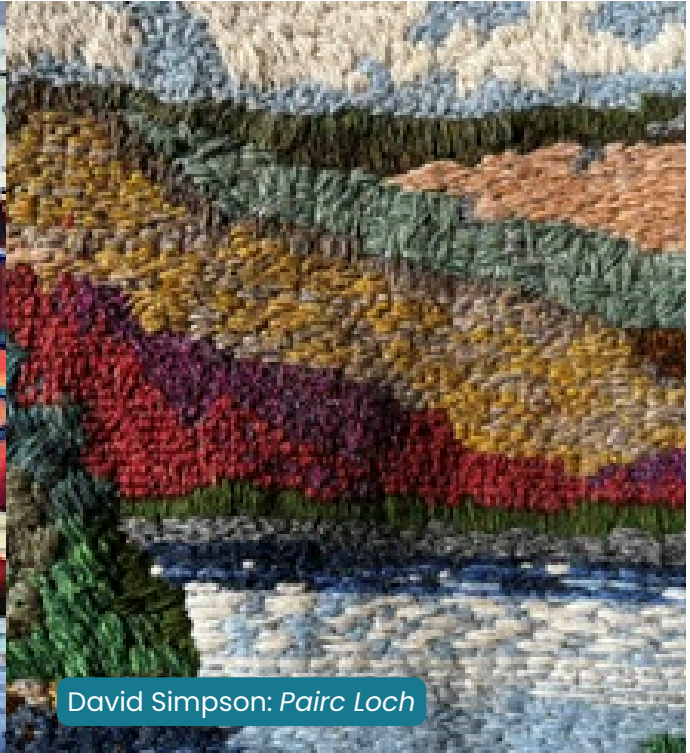
The Erisort Trust's crowdfunding campaign to provide Pebbles Sawyer, Laxay, with a specialist powered wheelchair successfully met its £14,000 target on 18th May, and raised over £15,000 to put towards the new equipment.

The fundraising campaign saw efforts from across the South Lochs & Kinloch community, including donations from the Erisort Trust, Aline Community Woodland, Lochs FC, The Pairc Trust, Lewis Sports Centre, and Soval Lodge, funds raised from tabletop sales, raffles, and charity events, and, above all, the kindness and generosity of supporters from across the Western Isles and wider world.

The Pairc Trust are delighted to have supported this worthy cause with a £1,000 donation, and wish Pebbles the best with her new wheelchair!



Barbara Hemmings: *Wee Red House*



David Simpson: *Pàirc Loch*

Pàirc Landscapes Exhibition

A Celebratory Exhibition by Pàirc artists, photographers and makers from each of our villages - June 2026 Ravenspoint Museum Kershader, Pàirc.

Pàirc Historical Society is holding an exhibition of multi media artworks inspired by our landscape here in Pàirc. It will be held and displayed at the Ravenspoint Museum in Kershader, Pàirc from 23 June with free entry for the rest of the summer.

Each of the village settlements in Pàirc are being represented and will have accompanying information about the artist and history legend to help visitors interpret and understand something of the context for each piece displayed. (In English and Gaelic).

The exhibition is also a collaboration with Pàirc Trust so that visitors and residents can enjoy the interactive Pàirc Tapestry recently created by our local craft group.

There will be an exhibition catalogue with information about the exhibition and Pàirc for visitors and the community.

We will be hosting an opening evening for our community and invited guests on Friday 12 June at Ravenspoint from 6:30pm and will feature a musical entertainment from Pebbles and her siblings from Laxay.

Get in touch for more information and queries: David Simpson 07762730 401.

Lochs FC

Monday 25th May saw Lochs FC win their first round, first leg game of the The Eilean Fhraoich Cup with a 4-1 victory over Harris FC, with the second leg taking place on Monday 8th June in Harris. The team's



previous games in the L&H FA League on Friday 22nd May and Friday 15th May went 2-1 to Carloway FC and 2-3 to Ness FC, respectively.

The U14 team saw a 1-0 win over Western Thistle on Wednesday 20th May, and the U8 & U10s enjoyed a festival up in Ness, with the U12s playing in Stornoway, on Saturday 16th May.





Aberdeen Awards Ceremony

Tianna, P3

I won an engineer competition, and I went to Aberdeen to get a prize.

On Monday we took a ferry and stayed at my Gran's house in Kyle then we drove to Aberdeen on Tuesday.

There were lots of other children from other schools and their work was displayed in a big hall. In the hall there was lots of seats, and they called me up to the stage and gave me my prize.

I was worried when I went on the stage and when I got my prize, I was very happy.

Then we took a ferry back home on Wednesday.



Pheobe, P3

We were going to Aberdeen because I won an engineer competition, I was a winner, and Tianna was highly commended.

So, Mum and I went to the ferry, and it took us to Ullapool then we went on a 1-hour bus journey to Inverness. Then I went on my first train and after a few stops, we finally made it to Aberdeen. We found the B&B that we were staying at.

When we got to the Beach Ballroom in the taxi, we were the first in. Of all off the inventions displayed on the boards my favourite was the one that keeps the washing dry. And it was a P1 girl and it won the overall prize.

I was nervous to go on the stage because there were so many people, but when they called me up, I was happy because I won.



Eco Schools Scotland Awards

Pairc School entered the film that they made for the Pairc Trust 'Changing Places' project for this award and were delighted to learn that we came 3rd!!

The judges commented that this was a beautiful school-to-community project linking learning to real life with learners taking the lead in questioning and understanding the issues surrounding climate change and how seaweed can provide solutions.

P7 trip to Fairburn

Callie, P7

On Wednesday, the 6th of May, Sgoil Na Loch and Sgoil Na Pairc P7 pupils went to Fairburn for three days. The ferry journey took two hours, and the bus ride took one hour. Once we arrived at Fairburn the instructors told us to go to our dorms and

make our beds. Then the instructor, put off the fire alarm for safety training.

The first activity we did was orienteering, so we got to know the grounds. Then we were put into three groups. Eagles, Buzzards and Herons. I was in the Eagles. Then the Eagles went raft building.

My teammate was Tayla, Katie, and Maisie were together. Not long after it was lunchtime, we all had our packed lunches. Then went on to the next activity, we did archery. While, I got first place, Tayla got second place and Katie got third place. Then it was time for dinner. After dinner we played some games against each other, and we did the cup challenge, such as seeing who could eat the sweet the fastest.

The next day, the Eagles activity was Crate stacking. There were two partners who would see how high they could climb up crates. Tayla, and I got 11crates high , Katie and Maisie got 14 and so did Freya



and Jaya. Not long after we did Jacob's Ladder. Since Jacob's Ladder is 10 rungs tall, between trees, with thick pieces of wood far apart from each other. Most of us made it to the top, but some didn't. Then after lunch we did Zorbing. Zorbing are these big balls that people go inside and try and knock other people over.

However, after Zorbing, we went paintballing. We did boys versus girls and the girls won. Then the teachers went against the girls, and then the teachers against the boys. The whole time the children won though. On the second night when we were doing the challenges, we did throw the egg's up in the air and bouncing the ball. Although, that's when Marie, who worked there, cracked the egg on Mr. Grey's head!

On the last day we had two activities. The first activity was making a fire from scratch. Then we boiled the water and made a nice warm hot chocolate. Not long after we went for a bike ride and

dunked our heads in the loch.

I had so much fun on the P7 trip and I hope people get to experience it just like I did.

Leya, P7

On Wednesday the 6th of May the P7s from Sgoil nan Loch and Sgoil na Pairc went to Fairburn. The ferry was 2-3 hours long and the bus ride was about 1 hour long. When we got there, we were greeted by all of the instructors and cooks. After that we were given our room numbers and told to unpack and make our beds. Although it was hard we eventually made our beds.

Then we went back down and we got put in groups, I was in a group with Olivia, Suhayla, Ryan, Seóraidh and Nathan. After we were told our groups we got started with our first activity, orienteering, our group had to find the names of countries. After that we did raft building, we built the rafts and pushed them into the loch our instructor Simon encouraged us to splash each other. As well as that we were also told to jump in the water and push the raft back. Then we walked back and got changed, plus we got some free time and we played some board games.

On Thursday, we got ready and had breakfast, after that we continued the morning with more activities, we started with archery. We all got shown how to hold the bow and how to use the arrow, then we started. After we finished, we put some balloons on the target and then we tried to pop them with the bow and



arrow. At first, I could not pop mine, however, after a few times of trying I finally hit it. When we all had finished, we went back and played board games till the other groups finished then we all had lunch. After lunch we did mini paintball, it was boy vs girl. I was with Suhayla and Olivia and we were against Nathan, Seóraidh, and Ryan. After we were told the rules we tested our paintball guns and our aim and then we started. At the start the boys were winning and hitting us all the time however, then the girls got better and we were in the lead. After a while we finished, with the girls winning. After mini paintball we did body Zorbing. At first, we were just rolling around and having fun than we did Sumo fighting with the Zorbs, we all went up against Seóraidh however, nobody could beat him.

Sadly, Friday was the last day and our last activities were crate stacking and Jacobs ladder. I got to nine crates on

crate stacking and three rungs on Jacobs ladder. Then we headed home.

We had a great time, it was a fabulous P7 trip, I would go again.

Olivia, P7

When we all got to the ferry terminal we counted everyone in case anybody was missing and there was – 18 children and 7 teachers then we all went on the ferry, and it took about 2-3 hours. When we arrived, we got on a coach and headed to Fairburn.

After the coach we all got put to our dorms. I was in a dorm with Leya, Callie, Suhayla and me and we unpacked our things since we didn't need anything for the activities we were doing. Later, we had a fire drill, and we all went through the fire exit to outside. While we were outside we all did our first activity which was orienteering so that we could get to know the grounds with an instructor called Simon.

After orienteering, we got changed into clothes we wouldn't mind getting wet and we headed in our separate groups and headed with Simon for raft building. In my group there was Suhayla, Nathan, Ryan, Leya, Seóraidh and I. In raft building, we pushed our rafts into the Loch, and we hopped on and Miss Graham and Simon were splashing us with water. When we got changed into dry clothes and waited for everyone to get back from their activities and then we had lunch. After lunch we got to hang out in our rooms and outside until the very nice



cook called Ella made us do the Conga around the place outside before dinner. After dinner, we did a lot of games such as who can eat the fastest or try to guess the correct order of drinks. After about an hour or so we all headed up to bed.

On Thursday, we all got ready and made our lunches in a room next to the courtyard. Then, we all headed down to the courtyard, and all got split up into our groups again for activities. My group headed down with our instructor called Rhoda and she took us to go and do some zorbing which was amazing! After zorbing we did paint ball with a different instructor called Greg. The paintball was fun although it hurt a lot and was quite messy, but it was fine because we had suits and masks on. When we had finished, we waited for everyone else to be done with their activities for a while however they came back and we all had lunch. Next, we did crate stacking which was extremely scary although it was also

quite fun. Then we did Jacob's ladder and it was even more scary than crate stacking. When we headed back, we did the Macarena in the courtyard before dinner, and we did a quiz before bed.

On Friday, my group did the night line, and we also went down to the pond to look at the tadpoles. When we had finished everything, we all packed up and went on the coach then on ferry home.

Sports Day

Leisha, P6

On Wednesday 20th May we went to Sgoil nan Loch for Sports Day, it was horrible weather, we all got drenched. Leya, Olivia, Armainn and I were there.

There were four races, the sack race, the partner race, the running race and lastly the egg and spoon race. It went like this, P1 boys then P1 girls and so on until we finished the races. When we finished, I was so tired but also happy because I got second place in two races. I thought everyone did so very good especially Leya she did so well and so did Armainn, he got 3 second places and 1st in the partner race. Olivia, she got second place in all the races except the sack race.

At the end of the day, I couldn't stop smiling because I was so happy that I went. Armainn, P1, took part in the P1/2 'Fun Fours' football game!



Safe Families Western Isles

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Pàirc Landscapes Sealladh-tìr na Pàirc



**A celebratory exhibition
by artists, photographers and creative makers from our villages**

You are invited to come to an 'Exhibition Opening Evening'
**Friday 12 June from 6:30pm
at Ravenspoint Museum**

Ravenspoint Cafe

Back open for the Summer!

Offering soup & roll, cheese & crackers,
fresh baking and hot & cold drinks.

'Ravenspoint Cafe is open all summer
With homebaking, lush soups, fresh rolls and butter,
So drop in for a bite and stay for a blether —
There's nowhere in Lewis that's better (probably)'

**Mon - Sat
11:00 - 16:00**



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Community for Growing

**Are you interested in
community growing and
food resilience?**

Would you like to meet
up with like minded
folk?

**Do you want to
gain knowledge
from island
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Look out for upcoming
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ISLANDS BOOK TRUST



EILEAN CHALUIM CHILLE TALK AND VISIT

An illustrated talk about the history of the tidal island (Eilean Chaluim Chille – St Columba's Isle) near the mouth of Loch Erisort

SATURDAY 13th JUNE

The event will start at the Resource Centre, Kershader, South Lochs, Lewis.

10.00am

Advance booking not required.
No charge for talk and visit but donations to IBT welcome.
Lunch can be purchased at Ravenspoint.

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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)

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 10th June

- **Household waste collection**

Friday 12th June

- Pairc Landscapes Exhibition Opening, Ravenspoint (6:30pm)

Saturday 13th June

- IBT Walk & Talk, Ravenspoint/Eilean Chaluim Chille (10:00am)

Wednesday 17th June

- **Organic & mixed recycling collection**

What's on in Pairc?

