

PAIRC NEWSLETTER

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The Pairc Estate – December 2025

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 our Christmas light switch-on, updates from the Ravenspoint Hostel and Islands Book Trust, a community survey for Lochs residents for the Local Place Plan, and more news and events from across South Lochs & Kinloch.

As we head into the Christmas holidays, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas from all of us here at the Trust!

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Message from the Chair – Angus McDowall

2025 has been another busy year for the Trust, and with our increased activities has come a change in personnel. Our Project Manager, Ralph Tonge, who joined in 2024 has moved on to a new role at the Muaitheabhal Community Windfarm Trust, and I'd like to thank him for his time and hard work over the past year in managing and progressing the Trust's portfolio of projects. Although we are sad to see him leave, we are pleased to continue working closely with him through one of our valued local partners. Catherine Muir has joined us as our new Project Manager, working alongside and supporting our Estate Manager, Emma Mackenzie, and Luke Crosland-Thomson, our Communications & Administration Assistant. The Board of Directors would like to thank our staff for the hard work they have put in over the last year.

We have also seen several changes on the Board, saying goodbye to Jenny McLaughlin (Garyvard), Chris Coles (Gravir), and John Murdo Matheson (Gravir), and welcoming Joe Wilson (Habost) back on to the Board. The skills and time of all of our Directors have been invaluable in advancing projects in the Pairc Estate, and we thank our outgoing Directors for their efforts. We would like to extend particular thanks to John Murdo for his contributions as Vice-Chair, particularly on crofting matters where his dedication to the Pairc Estate, deep local knowledge, and familiarity with the crofting system allowed him to speak with true expertise and passion.

The Pairc Trust relies on the commitment and skills of our volunteer Board members and we heavily encourage applications from local residents who can devote their time and effort to making the Trust a success. If you are interested in acting as a Director, please enquire via our office and our staff will be happy to help you make an application.



2025 has seen good progress on our portfolio of projects. We are delighted to have updated the Estate boundary signage to its correct location near the Balallan junction, which saw Domhnall Angie, Pairc's oldest crofter, cutting the ribbon on our new signs. Our project to convert the Tigh Ceilidh, Gravir, into an affordable family home is at an advanced stage and we hope to make some exciting announcements very soon into the New Year. We have just received the final feasibility study report on our proposal to redevelop the Resource Centre into a more accessible multi-purpose community hub for Pairc, and we will be investigating options to take this forward in 2026. We are also pleased to have installed new tables at the Habost picnic site and will be working to enhance the site for the 2026 season. The Pairc Landscape Project has also seen our staff collaborating closely with local residents, artists, and the pupils at Sgoil na Pairc to develop several pieces of art investigating the history and future of Pairc.

The Trust is pleased to have worked with the North Harris Trust and Community Land Outer Hebrides to combat infestations of invasive gunnera plants in the Estate - we will be continuing this work next year, so if you are aware of any gunnera on your croft/land please let us know! We have also worked with our sporting tenant and the Lewis & Harris Deer Management Group to increase the annual cull of deer on the Estate and this year's cull (at time of writing) stands at 10 stags & 8 hinds, with a target of 30 hinds taken by the end of the season.

We look forward to a successful 2026, and I'd like to take this chance to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year on behalf of all of us at the Pairc Trust!

Angus McDowall, Chair



Pairc Christmas Light Switch-On

The Pairc Trust would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who turned out for the Pairc Christmas Light Switch-On on Saturday 29th November, which saw members of the community join us for Christmas arts & crafts, festive treats, and some special visits to Santa!

Special thanks go out to the Stornoway Trust for their donation of a Christmas tree from the castle grounds, Angus and Hayden for putting the tree up, [Ravenspoint Centre](#) bakers for a wonderful array of mince pies, shortbread, and other festive baked delights, our staff and directors for their

help decorating the Resource Centre and helping to organise and run the event, and, of course, Santa, with a thoughtful gift for every child who attended and plenty of festive cheer! We are also grateful to [Muaitheabhal Community Wind Farm Trust](#) and [Pairc Community Council](#) for providing funding support which made the event possible, and to Ravenspoint for kindly supplying refreshments and festive treats for everyone to enjoy.

It was fantastic to see so many people joining us to celebrate, from all of us at The Pairc Trust, we wish you a very Merry Christmas!



Credit: Lorraine Parramore

Ravenspoint Hostel: 2025 Season in Review

Co-Chomunn na Pairc

The 2025 season has been a great success, helped along by our new website at www.ravenspoint.net and the introduction of easy online booking. We're now open year-round, and the response has been wonderfully positive –especially to our great-value offers for stays of two nights or more.

We're inviting local residents to stop by for a friendly tour, see what we offer, and get a feel for the space. You can enquire about arranging a tour by

speaking with our shop staff, contacting one of our directors, or emailing hostel@ravenspoint.net. If you like what you find, we'd be grateful if you'd consider recommending Ravenspoint to friends and family planning a visit.

The following article and stunning accompanying photos were provided by a recent guest who enjoyed their winter stay with us, and we're delighted to share their perspective on what makes Ravenspoint such a special place at this time of year.



Credit: Lorraine Parramore

Ravenspoint Perfect Base for Photography

Lorraine Parramore /
[@loriargyll.bsky.social](https://www.bsky.social/@loriargyll)

From the 15th November I stayed for eleven nights at Ravenspoint Hostel. I was so glad it remained open for the winter months. It offered me affordable, self-catering accommodation to enjoy my hobby of landscape photography, at a prime time of year for dramatic images in the best light. Photographers worldwide descend on the islands in winter for courses and workshops, or to capture stunning images for their portfolios, leaving a lone, camera club member from Dunoon out in the cold!

The Hostel volunteers gave me a warm

welcome, booking online was simple, and the venue is perfectly located to visit all the finest scenic locations in any direction.

I originally booked for six nights but extended my stay, being blessed with perfect weather conditions: sunshine, snow capped hills, dramatic clouds and squalls with rainbows everywhere. Off season trips also benefit from being able to make flexible, short notice decisions on accommodation and ferry bookings, weather and delays permitting of course!

As the hostel caters for singles, couples, or groups, with a well equipped kitchen and cosy sitting room, my successful trip has generated interest within my fellow Cowal Camera Club members. I would certainly return next winter; hopefully with others inspired by making stunning images at an affordable price.



Credit: Angus Macmillan

Update from the Islands Book Trust

John Randall

We have just launched our 8th publication of the year: Donald Meek's 'Giving the Devil his Due', a re-assessment of the life and work of Malcolm McLaurin, the controversial Chamberlain (Factor) of Tiree in the early decades of the 19th century when crofting was introduced to the island. This complements our earlier book 'Crofting Crucible', also about the circumstances of the establishment of small crofts in the Tiree township of Balephuill and the subsequent 'Land Struggle'.

Both publications, although specifically about Tiree, are very relevant to understanding similar developments in Pairc during the 19th century and shed considerable light on the economic pressures and dramatic land tenure changes which occurred here. They are available on www.islandsbooktrust.org.

We also have a full schedule of publications planned for next year, including three of direct interest to Pairc during the first half of 2026:

- **PAIRC LANDSCAPE PROJECT FINAL REPORT** by Pairc residents. An illustrated booklet of some 50 pages on the outcome of the Pairc Landscape Project, incorporating text, photos, and artwork about the environment and human history of the Pairc area. This major project has been co-ordinated by Pairc Trust.



Historic photo of Lemreway

- **‘BETWEEN THE ECHOES’** by Angus Macmillan. A compelling and sensitive new book by well-known Lewis-born poet and author Angus Macmillan of Lemreway, once a member of ‘The Lochies’ folk music group. It describes his upbringing in Lemreway in the 1950s and ‘60s and how he now looks back on his experiences through memory and imagination from his present location on the mainland – with a mixture of nostalgia but also an awareness that both he and the places he so beautifully describes have changed and can never be re-captured.
- **‘OUR NEW CROFTING LIFE’** by David Bartles-Smith and Isabella de Santis. Based on extracts from their diaries, this is a lavishly illustrated account of David and Izzy’s initial experiences as new croft entrants aiming to establish a sustainable croft-based enterprise. This book will be of absorbing interest to all in Pairc and indeed much further afield as they describe their experiences looking after rare breeds of sheep and diversifying into environmental education, art, and adventure tourism. The diary entries are combined with reflective pieces which give an honest assessment of the potential financial viability of crofting and its contribution to wider issues such as rural development, biodiversity, and combatting climate change.

Keep an eye on our website www.islandsbooktrust.org and social media platforms for further information about the timing and launches of these publications – or, better still, consider becoming a member of the Islands Book Trust which entitles you to receive quarterly newsletters and to purchase our publications at a discount.



Rachael Boyle U-16 League Trophy Success

Lochs FC under 14 & 16 player Ellie-May Macdonald brought the Rachael Boyle Under 16 League Trophy home with her last week and gave it an airing at training. Lochs FC are extremely proud of her and her Ross County career.

The Cup has returned to the mainland with her as she heads off to attend the Club's Player Of The Year awards. Congratulations Ellie-May!

The two Lochs FC U-18 teams playing in the 6th December 7-a-side tournament also acquitted themselves well, with the Lochs B team qualifying as runners up out

of their group and winning 4-1 against Back A in the semi-final. Unfortunately, Aths A narrowly won the final 2-1 but the Lochs teams finished runners up overall and played well. Meanwhile, the U8 and 10 teams played well in the Coll winter festival - well done!

Congratulations to Aths and thanks to the organisers, sponsors and referees for their time and effort running the end of season tournament and festival.

Lochs Community Survey

Have Your Say on the Future of Lochs

Residents of Lochs are being invited to help shape the next decade of local development. The Kinloch, North Lochs and Pairc Area Forums are gathering community views on



priorities such as housing, services, employment and transport.

Made up of local community groups, the three Forums are working together to create Community Plans for each area and a Local Place Plan for the wider Lochs region. These plans will help guide future investment and development—and your input is essential.

Take Part in the Survey

A community survey is now open, and every member of your household is encouraged to take part. It can be completed online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/lochs> or by scanning the QR code provided.

Paper copies are also available from:

- Ravenspoint

- Pairc Trust Offices
- North Lochs Community Centre
- Kinloch Historical Society

Completed paper surveys can be returned to any of these locations.

The survey closes Monday 5th January 2026, giving plenty of time for residents to contribute their views.

A separate survey for young people is available at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Lochsyoung>.

If you would prefer to give feedback by phone or email, you can contact Impact Hub Inverness on 01463 715533 or inverness@impacthub.net.



Christmas Card Prize

The Pairc Trust were delighted to invite pupils from Sgoil na Pairc to take part in our Christmas card competition! Every pupil received a gift in recognition of their wonderful efforts, and the winning design, featuring a beautifully drawn reindeer, received a voucher for Toy World!

A huge thank you to Sgoil na Pairc and to all the children who took part, the Trust was very impressed by the creativity, colour, and festive cheer in every card, we have some great young artists in the Pairc community!

Pairc Trust Christmas Opening Hours

The Pairc Trust offices will close at the end of Friday 19th December and will re-open on Monday 5th January.

If you have any queries or questions for us over the Christmas period, please drop us an email via info@pairctrust.co.uk and a member of our team will get back to you once we re-open.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - see you in 2026!



Christmas Craft Fair

Callie, P7

On Saturday 29th November, Pairc Primary School took part in the Christmas Craft Fair that was held in the Ravenspoint Centre. The reason that Pairc Primary School took part in the Craft Fair was to raise money, to support the P7 trip to Fairburn Activity Center in 2026.

Before the craft fair, we had to figure out the costs of all the ingredients that we needed to buy for the baking by checking Tesco online. We also made gift cards to sell and needed to consider how much the cards took to print.

Then on Thursday, we had to bake all the cakes. We had chocolate Rudolph cakes and orange Fairy cakes. Olivia,

Callie and Leisha made Rudolph cakes. Then Leya, Tianna and Phoebe made Fairy cakes.

Then, on the day of the Christmas Craft Fair, Callie was the only pupil there to help sell at the stall. There were Seven other stalls as well as the Pairc Primary School stall.

We sold most of our cards and cakes and we made more than £150.00, as well as the money made on the raffle.

The raffle is still in Ravenspoint until the 19th of December.

ISHGA Visit

Olivia, P7

Pairc school took an exciting trip to ISHGA on the 11th of December 2025!

We went to ISHGA as we were learning about how important seaweed is and what it can do.



When we got there, we waited in the entrance until two ladies came and said we could go on the tour. Then, a nice lady called Rachael told us to follow her, and she gave us a tour of the ISHGA laboratory space, where they make all their serums, cleansers, shampoos, and more. When they get seaweed, they soak it in water or oil depending on what they're making. They also have dry seaweed that is soft and crispy. She showed us a few of the people she works with.

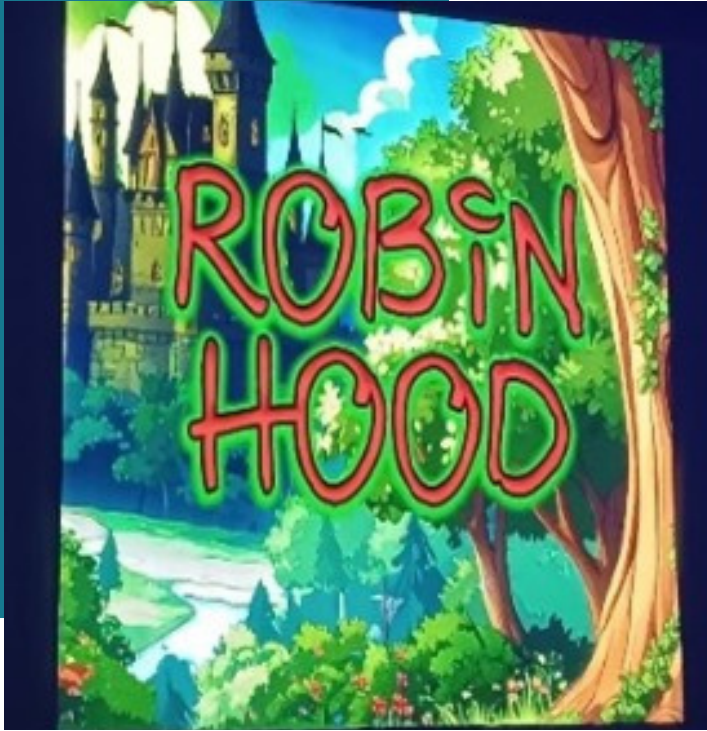
After that, we were shown a cool oil dispensing machine, and when you put a small empty bottle inside, it moves the bottles and fills them to the top and when the bottles reach in front of the workers, the workers pick up the bottles, put the lid just on top of the bottle and they put it back in the machine so that it automatically screws

the cap on and then it prints a tiny number on the bottle to know what number bottle it is.

She told us that they ship off a lot of their products to China, Australia and Ireland and way more places!

After that, we went upstairs and she showed us a type of water call 'Spring water' which comes straight from the ground. They use Spring Water for the products because it's better than tap water. One lady showed us how they filled the tall bottles with serum and the machine made a funny noise.

Then, she showed us some of the candles that they make and some soap that they were boiling inside of a pot to make it liquid, then it is put inside of these really smooth molds that say ISHGA on the inside. She showed us some of the soaps that didn't quite work out and let us keep them!!



Before we left, she showed us some of the scents that she likes to put in the products and let us smell them. Some of them were nice but most of them were strong and smelly. Some of the smells were mandarin, frankincense, lavender, cucumber and bergamot.

We really enjoyed the trip to ISHGA and had the best time ever!

Christmas Panto

Leya, P7

On Friday the 5th of December the whole school went to a pantomime. The Pantomime was called 'Robin Hood.' It was about Robin Hood, a guy who liked to help people. He stole from the rich and gave it to the poor. Then the Sherriff of Nottingham, a mean character, tried to kill Robin Hood and capture John and Janet the children. Robin Hood broke

free from the dungeon and saved John and Janet.

I liked the pantomime, it was very good, and I liked all the costumes that they wore, and their acting was really good. The props they used were very cool, and the lights added a cool effect as well as the smoke they used on the floor for effect.

After the pantomime had finished we went out to Caladh Inn for lunch. Callie, Olivia, Leisha, Pheobe, and I had a mini chicken wrap with salad. Tianna had cheese pizza. We all got a scoop of ice cream after, then when we had all finished, we took a photo next to the Christmas tree.

We would like to thank the Parent Council for this Christmas treat.



Royal Ballet Workshop – Alice in Wonderland

Leisha, P6

Alice was reading her book, then she fell asleep and fell into a bunny hole. When she looked around, she saw a white rabbit and followed him, and she went on a boat with him to the Mad Hatter's tea party. However, after the tea party it did not go well for Alice as she met the Queen of Hearts.

The Queen of Hearts was evil. She was screaming at everybody because somebody stole her jam tarts and she was furious. Then she turned to Alice and said, 'Did you steal my jam tarts?' Alice nodded 'no.' The queen screamed 'Off with their heads!' Then the

executioner came with a massive axe, and the queen grabbed the axe and swung it around, everybody ducked.

We were watching the ballet dancers on the Smartboard, and we were copying their moves, and we were acting like we were the characters. At first, we were working alone but in the next part we had to find a partner, Leya went with Callie, Tianna went with Phoebe, and I had to go with the teacher. After that we watched the end of the story when Alice woke up, and she looked at her book, and a card of the Queen fell down from the sky. 'Was it a dream?' wondered Alice.

I thought it was excellent because the dancing was brilliant and when I was moving after it finished, I felt very energetic.

Lochs Community Survey

Do you live in Lochs? We would value your ideas about what's needed locally over the next decade - things like housing, services, jobs, and transport?

- We are seeking the views of individuals so everyone in a household can complete the survey. If you'd like extra paper copies for others in your household, just let us know.
- Your views will also help the Kinloch, North Lochs, and Pairc Area Forums put together Community Action Plans for each area, setting out what we as communities want to focus on in the years ahead.
- We'll also be holding drop-in meetings in February 2026 in Pairc, Kinloch and North Lochs where you can chat about your ideas in person.
- The survey is anonymous, and all answers are confidential and will only be used for the purposes of preparing the Local Place Plan
- Take this opportunity to influence and inform CnES's next Local Development Plan by completing this survey.

You can fill in the survey online via the QR code below, or pick up and return a paper copy at Ravenspoint, Pairc Trust Offices, North Lochs Community Centre, or Kinloch Historical Society. The survey is being carried out by Impact Hub Inverness on behalf of our three Lochs Area Forums as we prepare a Local Place Plan.

The survey will close on **Monday 5th January 2026**.



If you'd like to talk to someone instead of completing the survey, you can reach us on 01463 715533 or email inverness@impacthub.net
For information on Local Development Plans and Local Place Plans see here <https://www.pas.org.uk/what-we-do/community-led-plans/>



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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HEBRIDEAN MEN'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW 2025



Tickets for this year's prize draw are £2 each and can be purchased at <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/heb-mens-cancer-support-christmas-prize-draw-2025> or scan the QR code

Dewalt Drill	Jewsons	12 Days of Ishga Calendar (worth £245)	Ishga
£500 of Coal or Smokeless Fuel	Macaskill Fuels	2 x £50 Macgregors vouchers	AB Electronic
£50 Voucher	No10 Retail Warehouse	10Ton of Aggregate (delivered)	Breedon Trading Ltd
2 x £50 Angus Campbell Voucher	AB Electronics	Framed picture of Callanish Stones	Colin Cameron
2 x £100 Butchers Voucher	DN Cudig	£50 Woodlands Voucher	Stornoway Trust
'Meet & Greet' Family Gift Voucher	Alpacan Alpacas	£250 Tesco Voucher	Point & Sandwick Trust
£250 Buth an Rubha Voucher	Point & Sandwick Trust	Bottle Glen Moray Single Malt	John Macdonald
£200 Voucher	Ken Macdonald & Co	Cushion, Harris Tweed Bag, Hat & Scarf	Sardars
£50 Voucher for HIC	Discover Hebrides	£100 Voucher	AD Munro
Delux 2 in 1 Swing Set	Maclean Mair Nicolson & Co	MOT Voucher	Lavas Garage
Wildlife Tour for 2 people	Rob Howard Photography	2 Night Stay	Wavecrest Campsite, Isle of Barra
£60 Gift Voucher	Influence	Bottle of Harris Gin & Tour	Isle of Harris Distillers Ltd
£100 Gift Voucher	Macleod & Macleod	2 x Bottle of The Hearach Single Malt	Islander Shellfish
£50 Voucher for Events Christmas Shop	Events	£50 Gift Voucher	Galson Stornoway Motors
2 x £50 Vouchers	Engelbrets Ltd	2 x £100 Amazon Gift Vouchers	Macaulay Askernish
£100 Local Shop Voucher	Morrison Construction Services	£100 Voucher	Charles Macleod Ltd
Bottle of Glenlivet	Anonymous	High Pressure Washer	Autoparts
£50 Voucher for any local Shop	Stornoway Painters & Decorators	2 x Calendars	Outerheeb Photography
£100 Kilt Hire Voucher	Celtic Clothing	Framed Print	Ralph Tonge
Bottle Tullibardine 10 year old Single Malt	Donald A Stewart	£50 Eleven Voucher	OnTime Computer Services
6 Bottles White & 6 Bottles Red Wine	County Hotel	£50 Fuel Voucher	Gordon's Filling Station
2 bags concrete mix & 10 bags cement	Huws Gray	2 x £20 Autoparts Vouchers	JN Body Repairs
500 Ltrs of Domestic Fuel	Scottish Fuels	£100 Voucher	Spar / Manor Filling Station
Voucher	Hebridean Soap Company	Rug	Floor to Floor Ltd
£300 Co-op Voucher	Tolsta Community Development Ltd	£30 Voucher	Co-op Stornoway
Hand Knitted Gents Jumper	Mrs Spence	Afternoon Tea for Two	Lews Castle by Together Travel
£100 Voucher	Sandwick Bay Candles	Dinner for Two	Iasg Seafood Restaurant
2 x Bottles of 12yo Highland Park	Criterion Bar	£400 Harris Tweed Jacket Voucher	Harris Tweed Hebrides
Bottle of Hearach Whisky	The Hebridean Mustard Company	90x60cm Land/Seascape Photo on Canvas	Sandra Mackay
£100 Voucher	Furniture World	One night stay	South Dell Pod
£100 Cash	IM Murray Engineering Ltd	3 x Books	Acair Books
£100 Gift Voucher	Delights	2 x £50 Vouchers	WJ Macdonald
Faux Fur Throw & Bottle of Mulled Wine	Duncan & Catherine Macleod	£300 Co-op Voucher	Alex Murray Construction Ltd
£50 Voucher	Lewis Crofters	Bottle of Lagavulin Single Malt	James Smith
Power Tool Bundle	Home Improvement Centre	£70 Cabarfeidh Voucher	George Murray
Handmade Peg Loom Rug	Mark Griffiths	MOT Test Voucher	Kiwi's Garage
Home Fragrance Gift Basket	MyWaxWorx	1 Night Accommodation & Breakfast	Harris Hotel
Case of Wine	Woodys Express Parcels	Weekend Stay at Callanish View	Callanish View
£60 Voucher	Stornoway Fisherman's Coop	£100 Eleven/Boatshed/HS1/Cleaver Voucher	Cala Hotels Group
£300 Voucher	Harris Tweed Isle of Harris	£250 Voucher	Grillburger Frozen Foods
3 x 3Kg boxes of Hebridean Langoustines	MacDuff Shellfish	2 x £150 Gift Vouchers for Blakes Bar & Kitchen	Fergusons Ltd
Voucher for 2 Pizzas of winner's choice	Piotsa	2 x MOT Vouchers	Angus Clinton Motors
2 Seat in Saltbox Sauna	Immerse Hebrides	Signed Celtic Football Strip	Celtic Football Club
£50 Amazon Voucher	Paicr Trust	2 x Boiler Services	Lewis Builders
£100 Tesco voucher	Prestige Decorators STY	1200mm shower panel and chrome fittings.	Alena Edgar
		Leather bag, scented candle and spray	KJ Macdonald Ltd
		£100 Voucher	Royal Hotel
		Rointe 15 element heater (worth £450)	Medlocks Electrical
		£50 Fuel voucher	Campbells Service Station

The aim of the Group is to help and support men and their families, who are affected by cancer. We are very grateful to all of the above sponsors for their generous donations to the Prize Draw

Prize Draw will take place on Thursday, 18th December 2025



Ravenspoint Christmas Raffle



Many great prizes including:

Pairc venison, donated by Soval Estate

Christmas food and drink hamper, donated by Pairc Trust

Tefal air fryer, donated by Appliance Town

Vouchers donated by Lewis Crofters

Return car ferry passage for 2 passengers, donated by MacAulay Askernish

Harris Gin, donated by Isle of Harris Distillery

Afternoon tea for 2 in the Caberfeidh hotel

Bottles of wine

And much more!

Tickets are available at £1 a strip from
Ravenspoint on:

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

The draw will take place on:

SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED, YOUR SUPPORT IS
GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

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Saturday 10 January, 4pm

KINLOCH COMMUNITY HUB

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE OLD NEW YEAR WITH OUR ANNUAL SALT MEAT MEAL

TICKETS ARE £15 PER PERSON

ALTERNATIVE MEAL OPTION AVAILABLE

TO BOOK CONTACT: GEMMA@KINLOCHHISTORICALSOCIETY.CO.UK



*Thàinig sinn a-nochd dhan duthaich san àm ùrachadh na Calainn
Cha leig sinn a leas a bhith ga innse bha i ann bho linn ar seanair
Leis an tart a tha san duthaich cha bhith dùil againn ri drama
Ach beagan do thoradh an t-samhraidh ma tha e ann, cuir a-mach e*

Horticultural workshops 44 Ranish

Funded and supported by Climate Hebrides, Ideas in to action Fund!

Whole day workshops with **Lunch provided.**

Workshop one Date: 17th January 9.00-15.00

Croft/ Garden Planning horticultural focus

- Overall site planning
- Dealing with the climate and adding biodiversity
 - Budgeting and working with grants
 - On site tour of 44 Ranish
- Group support and ideas for you own projects

Workshop two Date: 24th January 9.00-15.00

Produce planning and spring planting

- Equipment and tools
- Transplanting and direct sowing
 - Crop planning and rotation
- Propagation and transplanting practical session
- Group practical discussion time planning crops that work for you

Workshop three Date: 31st January 9.00-15.00

Soil preparation, health and composting

- Looking after soil
- How to make compost
- Building permeant beds and garden layout
- Group practical session making compost
- Group discussion time planning your own garden layout and bed design

Cost Per workshop £50

Location Address: 44 Ranish, Isle of Lewis, HS2 9NN

Sign Up: please email johnhamilton573@gmail.com

Limited spaces available so please sign up soon!



SAVE THE DATE!

**NEW
YEAR**
Ceilidh

JANUARY | **2** | 8:00 PM

AT THE NORTH LOCHS
COMMUNITY CENTRE

LIVE MUSIC FROM GRAHAM
MACLENNAN TRIO!

TICKETS £10

Tickets available to buy **NOW**
from: northlochs.co.uk

2026

Christmas Carols

Featuring Pairc School Children

Friday 19th
December 2025

Gravir Church Hall
7:15pm

ALL WELCOME



*We all go through
dark days and
difficult
situations.*

STAND IN THE GAP

presents

hope

*We all long for
hope. But what is the
source of hope?*

*Where do we find it?
And what happens
when we find it?*

Christians have **HOPE** because their faith is rooted in the promises of God, who is described as loving, compassionate and ever present in times of need.

This **HOPE** is not based on circumstances,
but on the assurance that God:

- cares for His people
- heals the broken hearted
- and brings peace and joy through trusting in Him

Whether you are searching for answers, or simply curious about the promises found in faith, and you would like to discover more about this **HOPE**, you are warmly invited to come along to

Gravir Church Hall on Friday 28th Nov 2025

Guest speakers

Esther Williams (Life story)

Janis Brand (Sty Street Pastors)

Donald Martin
(Good News For Everyone, formerly Gideons)



If you would like a lift to
and from this
event, please phone
07979 663 694
by noon Friday 28th Nov

Refreshments & Home Baking

Doors open @ 7pm starts 7:30pm

All Welcome



Pairc Trust staff and board members will be taking a break over the festive period.

Our offices will be closed from **Friday 19th December** and will re-open **Monday 5th January**.

We would like to wish the Pairc community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

WISHING YOU
a Merry
Christmas
and a
WONDERFUL
New Year

Pairc & Kinloch Calendar

Weekly Events

Mondays

- Dance Class, Resource Centre (7pm)

Tuesdays

- Pairc Craft Club, Resource Centre (1-3pm)

Wednesdays

- Ravenspoint Warm Hub (12-4:30pm)

Fridays

- Warm Hub, Kinloch Hub (12-2pm)

Saturdays

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

Fortnightly Events

Wednesdays (from 29th October)

- Pairc Social Lunch, Ravenspoint cafe (1pm)

Thursday 18th December

- Hebridean Men's Cancer Support Group
Christmas Prize Draw

Friday 19th December

- Christmas Carols, Pairc Free Church Hall (7:15pm)

Saturday 20th December

- Ravenspoint Christmas Raffle Draw

Wednesday 24th December

- **Household waste collection**

Thursday 25th December

- **Merry Christmas!**

Saturday 27th December

- **Glass waste collection**

What's on in Pairc?



Wednesday 31st December

- **Organic waste & mixed recycling collection**

Thursday 1st January

- **Happy New Year!**

Friday 2nd January

- North Lochs New Year Ceilidh (8pm)

Saturday 10th January

- Kinloch Hub Salt Meat Meal (4pm)

Wednesday 14th January

- **Household waste collection**

Thursday 15th January

- **Glass waste collection**

Saturday 17th January

- 44 Ranish Horticultural Workshop (9am-3pm)