

PAIRC NEWSLETTER

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The Pairc Estate – August 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 opening of expressions of interest for the Tigh Ceilidh, a farewell to our Project Manager, Catherine, an Island Book Trust event on the possible origins of the Callanish stones, a summary of local winners at the Lochs Show, and more news and events from across South Lochs & Kinloch.

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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.





Pairc Youth Engagement Summer Activities

The Pairc Trust were pleased to see that our summer events activities were very well attended. The Trust organised a series of activities for local children: kayaking on Loch Odhairn, Gravir and bushcraft skills with the Scaladale Centre, a moth and butterfly themed art workshop with An Lanntair, and a boxing for fitness class with Island Corner Fitness. The events were held in Gravir and at the hall in the Resource Centre, and were free to attend thanks to funding from Western Isles Development Trust (WIDT).

The Trust would like to thank WIDT for providing funding for the activity program, Pairc Free Church for use of their building in Gravir during the



kayaking activities, the teams from the Scaladale Centre, An Lanntair, and Island Corner Fitness for putting on some brilliant activities, and finally the children who attended and had a great time!



Catherine Muir, Project Manager, Leaves Pairc Trust

The Trust wishes to share that Catherine Muir, our Project Manager, will be leaving the Trust at the end of August.

Catherine joined us in July 2025, having previously held a long career in the education sector as an English teacher and Literacy Coordinator, and took on the Trust's portfolio of projects with gusto. In particular, she played a key role in successfully delivering the Pairc Landscape Project, including in helping to design and craft the Pairc Tapestry which now hangs in the Resource Centre.

We thank Catherine for her time and efforts in working with us and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

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



Possible Sources of Calanais Stones

The Islands Book Trust is inviting the public to a fascinating talk by archaeologist Ian McHardy exploring the possible sources of the Calanais Standing Stones.

Taking place at 11.00am on Saturday 5 September at Breasclete Community Centre, the event will be followed by a visit to one of the possible quarry sites.

Ian McHardy has lived and worked on Lewis for more than twenty years, leading commercial and research archaeology projects, including two years as the archaeologist for St Kilda. Passionate about making archaeology accessible, he believes local communities should have greater access to the discoveries made about their own landscapes.

The event is free to attend, with donations to the Islands Book Trust welcome.

Booking is not required and the talk forms part of the Doors Open Days programme.

Lochs FC Youth Team Successes

Congratulations to the Lochs FC U18 team, who prevailed over Ness 9-1 in the AB Electronics Cup match on Tuesday 19th August. Luke Macleod scored 5 goals, with one goal each picked up by Cameron Macleod, Tormod Macleod, Martin Maciver and Ethan Macadam. This takes the team through the AB Electronics Cup final scheduled for Saturday 29th August.

Well done also to the U14 team, who won a 1-8 result against Stornoway United with Callan Macleod scoring 3 goals, Matthew Morrison and Archie Mackenzie 2 each, and Lily Price one.

Pairc Free Church

The Ordination and Induction of Rev Scott Macleod to the charge of Park Free Church will take place on Tuesday 25th August 2026 at 7.00 pm, subject to the successful completion of ordination trials.

The service to be taken by Rev Colin Macleod. A reception will follow in the Caberfeidh Hotel at 9.00pm. Anyone wishing to travel to the Caberfeidh Hotel by minibus should add their name to the sheet at the back of the hall as soon as possible.

All warmly invited.



Lochs Show 2026

The Lochs Show has concluded for another year. The weather held for an excellent day out at the Laxay showground as the show got underway.

The committee would like to thank Peter MacLennan, Chair, for his time and work in helping to organise and run the Lochs Agricultural Society which hosts the show. Peter served in this role for 13 years and his efforts helped make the Lochs Show what it is today. Thanks also go to the Committee members for their time in organising the event, and to the host of volunteers who helped to set up, run, pack away and clean up at the showground. The Lochs Show represents an incredible effort from across the community, one that we at the Trust are very thankful for.

In the midst of entertainment from Bubbles the Clown, Chainsaw Pete, mini-golf, zorbing, pirate ship rides, and more, congratulations go out to all those who entered and won prizes in the various categories at the show. A full list can be found on the [Lochs Agricultural Society's Facebook page](#), but special congratulations go out to the South Lochs residents who won awards:

- **Craft Section (Stolt Cup for Highest Points):** Donna Campbell, Seaforth Head
- **Breeding Cow in Milk (Pairc Crofters Cup), Female Calf Born Before 1st April (Moto Plus Shield), Male Calf Born Before 1st April (D Montgomery (Butcher) Cup), Reserve Champion in Cattle (Soval Cup):** J Macdonald, Kershader



- **Best North Country Cheviot by local exhibitor (Shiant Isle Trophy), Highest Points in Sheep Section (Macleod & Macleod Butchers Shield), Best Gimmer (any breed) by local exhibitor (MAL Civils Cup), NC Hill Cheviot Champion (Lewis Crofters Cup):** Harry McDowall, Habost
- **Art Section (Lloyds TSB Quaich for Highest Points):** Denise Wilson, Habost & David Bartles-Smith, Lemreway

An excellent showing from local residents - here's to another excellent showing next year!



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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ISLANDS BOOK TRUST



THE POSSIBLE SOURCES OF THE CALANAIS STONES

TALK BY IAN MCHARDY

Followed by a visit to a
possible quarry site.

Saturday 5th September

11.00am

**Breasclete Community
Centre**

Booking not required. No charge
but donations to IBT welcome.
This event is part of the Doors
Open Days programme.

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COTHROMAN CABADAICH AIR NA LOCHAN

GAELIC CONVERSATION IN LOCHS TO END SEPT

Kinloch Hub/Balallan

Diciadain/Weds 7:00-8:30pm

05/08/2026

19/08/2026

02/09/2026

30/09/2026

Resource Centre/Kershader

Dihaoine/Friday 11:30am-1:00pm

31/07/2026

14/08/2026

28/08/2026

18/09/2026



All levels welcome! No need to book, just drop in!

Donations welcome.

RSVP gu: holley@kinlochhistoricalsociety.co.uk



A wee taste of Gaelic

Blasad na Gàidhlig

Want to try out a bit of Gaelic?

Come along to our bi-weekly
Gaelic taster session!



In this short one-off session, you'll learn everyday greetings, handy phrases, and a little about the culture and history of Pairc, all while enjoying a friendly atmosphere and beautiful views of Loch Erisort.

In the Resource Centre Boardroom, 11:30am-1pm on the Thursdays below.
No need to book, just pop along. Donations welcome.

- 23/07/2026
- 06/08/2026
- 20/08/2026
- 03/09/2026

Help for Parents of GME kids

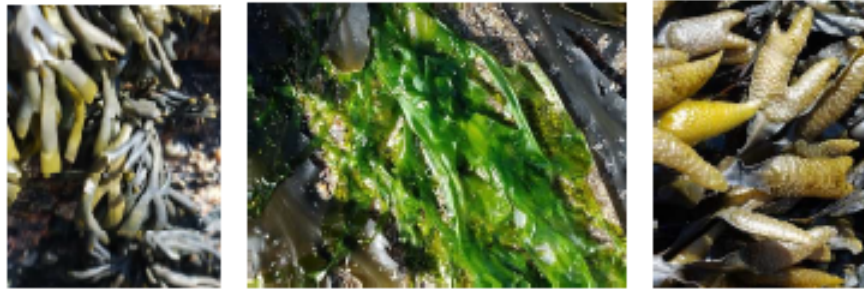


Supporting you to bring Gaelic into everyday family life. Personal sessions or small groups available to support your learning. Reach out to learn more or arrange a time.

Contact: Holley, Lochs Gaelic development Officer
holley@kinlochhistoricalsociety.co.uk

Edible Seaweed Foraging Workshops Dr Jill Ireland

(retired marine biologist)



Friday 14th August 2.30PM

Saturday 15th August 3PM

Saturday 29th August 2.15PM

Garry beach, Isle of Lewis

Booking Essential

Limited Places

£20 per person

(Approx 2hrs duration)

Contact: Jill: 07733 717312

croft36gravir@gmail.com

SURVEY DEADLINE: 01.09.26

HOME IS CALLING... IS HOUSING STOPPING YOU?

Want to move home?

Hard to rent a house or flat in your district?

Is lack of housing holding back jobs?

LET US KNOW ABOUT
YOUR HOUSING NEEDS.

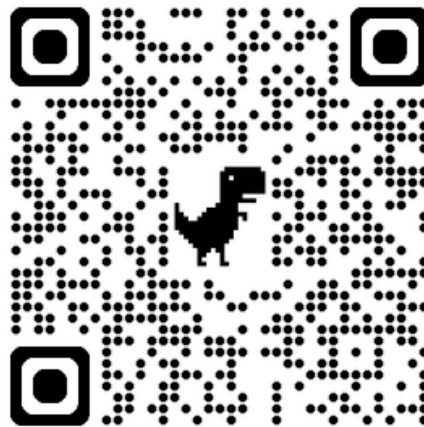
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survey and have your say.



Torcuil Crichton MP
Ag obair dhuibh uile



Donald MacKinnon MSP
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**DOORS
OPEN
DAYS** 2026



UNLOCK SCOTLAND THIS SEPTEMBER

The Outer Hebrides Doors Open Days Festival 04 - 06 September

**An annual nation-wide festival which
offers free access to over a thousand
venues across Scotland**

**Join various venues throughout the
Outer Hebrides over the first September
weekend for a variety of FREE events
and engagement**

**For more information, check out the events
programme on the Doors Open Days website**

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**European Heritage Days
Journées européennes
du patrimoine**

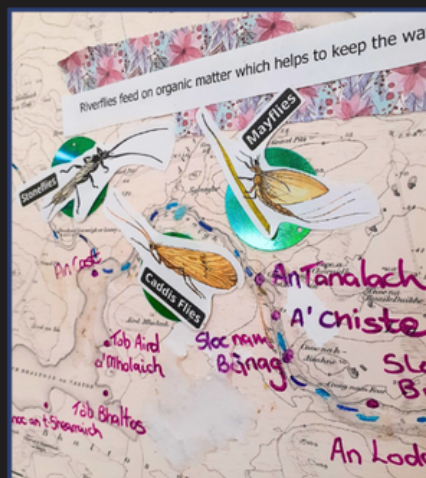
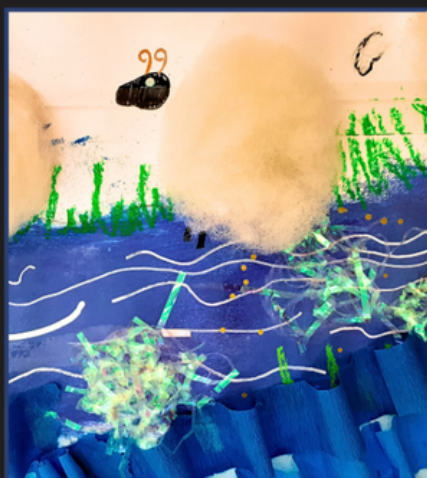


**SCOTTISH
CIVIC
TRUST**

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



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)

Saturday 25th July

- Lochs Show, Laxay Showground

Tuesday 25th August

- Ordination & Induction of Rev Scott Macleod, Pairc Free Church (7pm)

Friday 28th August

- Stand in the Gap - Come As You Are Prayer Night, Pairc Free Church

Wednesday 9th September

- **Organic & mixed recycling collection**

What's on in Pairc?



Thursday 4th September

- Gaelic Taster Session, Resource Centre (11:30am-1pm)
- Doors Open Days Festival starts (ends 6th September)

Wednesday 2nd September

- **Household waste collection**

Thursday 3rd September

- **Glass waste collection**

Saturday 5th September

- IBT Event - The Possible Sources of the Callanish Stones, Breasclete Community Centre (11am)