

# PAIRC NEWSLETTER

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November 2025



Historic photo of Garyvard

## The Pairc Estate – November 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 the unveiling of new signage for the Estate as part of this year's Community Land Festival celebration, as well as bringing you updates on awards from the Pairc Trust Community Benefit Fund, vital funding awarded to Aline Community Woodland, and more news and events from across South Lochs & Kinloch.

### Top News

**Community Land Festival  
2025 – Pairc Signage  
Celebration**

**Pairc Trust Community  
Benefit Fund – Craft Club  
Sewing Workshop**

**Aline Community  
Woodland Awarded  
Funding**

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## Pairc Trust Signage Celebration

The Pairc Trust would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who joined us on Saturday 25th October for the unveiling of our new boundary signage, a truly historic moment for our community. The event marked the correction of a long-standing error, and for the first time, our signage now accurately reflects the true boundary of the Pairc Estate and proudly shows the Estate as being community- owned.

We were especially honoured to have Domhnall Angie of Cromore, Pairc's oldest crofter at 102 years, cut the ribbon. Dolangie brought warmth to the day with

stories and memories of his youth. The Pairc Trust were delighted to have him join us and play such an important part in the celebration!

Special thanks to our Chairperson Angus McDowall for his words which reflected on the significance of the signage, thanking our funders who made this possible, [Acorn Signs](#) for producing the signage, and to CnES for installing it. We would also like to thank [Ravenspoint Centre](#), especially Helena and Izzy, for hosting a delicious community lunch with Pairc venison burgers and sausages, with thanks to The Pairc Trust shooting tenant for providing this. We would also like to thank Donnie Morrison for capturing some amazing photos of the day which





will help us to remember and share this milestone for years to come.

This was a fantastic Pairc community event and part of the **Community Land Scotland** Festival, an annual celebration that celebrates community landowners and their achievements across Scotland. It was great to see such a good turnout of everyone coming together to mark this special celebration!

## Remembrance Event

Saturday 8th November saw an excellent community turn-out for the Remembrance Day service held by Pairc Historical Society. Thanks to Rev.



Donald Montgomery, U14 POTY

Paul Murray for leading the service, and to the volunteers at Ravenspoint for preparing home-baking and refreshments for the attendees.

## Lochs FC Awards & Ross County Success

Lochs FC saw an excellent attendance at their end of year awards ceremony, with trophies given out to players who had performed above and beyond throughout the season:

- U8's POTY was Brady Yearly, development POTY William Maclean.
- U10's POTY was Archie Mackenzie, development POTY Harry McDowall.





Ross County U16 Colts

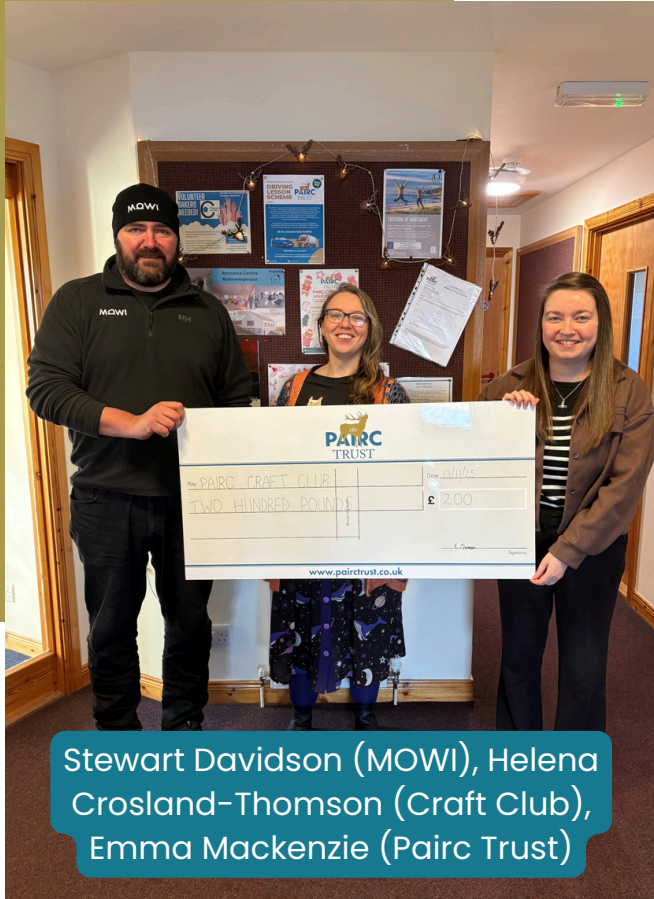
- U12's POTY was Alfie Berry, development POTY was Roan Mackenzie.
- U14's POTY was Donald Montgomery, development POTY were Ollie Greenhowe and Ruaridh Mackenzie.
- U16's POTY was Lawson Macarthur, development POTY was Mathew Macleod.
- U18's POTY was Lawson Macarthur, development POTY was Odhran Mackay, top goalscorer was Luke Macleod, goal of the season was scored by Ethan MacAdam.
- Gordie Maciver picked up both the players' and fans' POTY awards
- U21 POTY was Kuba Soutar
- Top goal scorer was Joe Ross.
- Goal of the season was Michael "peel" Maciver.
- Most appearances for the season was Harry Williams.

The club would like to thank Duncan Norman Macleod & Calum Murdo Mackenzie for acting as MC and presenting trophies, respectively; the Good Food Boutique for providing an excellent array of food; Lyndsay, Emma & their helpers for their work organising the evening; the North Lochs Community Association & staff for the use of the hall; those who donated to the raffle and auction; and all of this year's coaching staff & players, especially Gordie Mackenzie who stepped down as senior team manager after 2 seasons at the club.

In separate news, congratulations to Ellie May Macdonald, who plays for the Lochs FC U14 &16 sides, for her excellent performance with the Ross County U16 side against Aberdeen West End on 9<sup>th</sup> November.

Best of luck for 2026!





Stewart Davidson (MOWI), Helena Crosland-Thomson (Craft Club), Emma Mackenzie (Pairc Trust)



## The Pairc Trust Community Benefit Fund – Pairc Craft Club Sewing Workshop

The Pairc Trust were pleased to award £200 from the Community Benefit fund, in partnership with MOWI Scotland, to the Pairc Craft Club in order to fund a series of sewing machine workshops, led by local textile artist Emma MacKenzie.

The workshops saw Emma guide the participants in the setting up and use of their sewing machines in order to complete a small project, including bunting, cushion covers, tote bags, and hair scrunchies.

The sewing group meet on a Thursday evening from 7pm-9pm at the Resource Centre. Anyone who would like to join them or learn/teach them some techniques would be very welcome. Pairc Craft Club also meets every Tuesday from 1pm-3pm at the Resource Centre. Everyone is welcome at both groups!

The Trust are delighted to have supported local residents in learning and developing new skills with the aid of a local artist, and we encourage applications from individuals or groups in the Pairc area for projects/ideas which meet the fund's objectives.

For the full fund guidance, and to make an application, please see our website: <https://www.pairctrust.co.uk/community-benefit-fund>





## Funding Secures the Future of Aline Woodland Walkway

The popular Aline Woodland Walkway has been saved from potential closure thanks to essential repairs funded by a £10,000 capital grant from NHS Western Isles.

The boardwalks and tracks are very well used daily by the public and form the largest accessible woodland outside of Stornoway. The woodland walkway is a unique asset allowing people of all abilities to walk in the forest and enjoy the unique scenery.

Located around 20 miles between Stornoway on Lewis and Tarbert on Harris, Aline Community Woodland offers accessible boardwalks, both wheelchair and buggy friendly, a picnic area with tables and benches, and a children's playground - making it an ideal destination for a family day out.

Donnie Morrison, Chairman, Aline Community Woodland, said: *"We are extremely grateful to have received £10,000 in capital grant funding from NHS Western Isles allowing us to undertake essential repairs to boardwalks and paths in the woodland."*

*"In the last year we were faced with the possible closure of the walkways due to the deteriorating structure of the popular decking walks. The funding has allowed us to undertake a comprehensive program of deck replacement and ensure that the walkways have remained accessible all year."*

Aline Community Woodland is a community project supported by volunteers who ensure the cabins and playpark area are well kept. The team supporting the woodland





have recently undertaken a twenty-year review and are now recruiting new volunteers and developing plans for a wide range of future developments.

Diane Macdonald, Director of Human Resources & Workforce Development, NHS Western Isles, said: *“NHS Western Isles is delighted to have supported the repairs at Aline Woodland Walkway. This space offers a safe, free, and inclusive environment where people of all ages and abilities can enjoy the benefits of walking – one of the best ways to boost physical health and mental wellbeing.”*

This funding was made available to NHS Western Isles as capital grant funding, separate to revenue and capital core funding allocations for patient care and NHS services/staff. NHS Western Isles understands how difficult the financial situation can be for the third sector and not for profit organisations and bids for Capital Grant funding from NHS Scotland to help support these groups.





# Ravenspoint Christmas Craft Fair and Pairc Christmas Light Switch-On

Ravenspoint warmly welcome you to attend the Ravenspoint Christmas Craft Fair on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 11am-4pm at Ravenspoint Centre, featuring festive stalls with products and crafts by local residents and volunteers at Ravenspoint.

Hot drinks, mince pies and refreshments will be available, and visitors can try their luck at the tombola. Raffle prizes are also

up for grabs, and tickets can be purchased from the Ravenspoint shop.

The Pairc Trust also warmly invites you to join us for the switch-on of our Christmas lights on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November! The Resource Centre will be open from 2-5pm with a range of children's Christmas arts & crafts, and we have a special visit from Santa in our festive grotto! To arrange a visit for your children with Santa, book a free time slot via our event link and each child who visits the grotto will receive a gift: <https://www.pairctrust.co.uk/events/pairc-christmas-light-switch-on>

Hot drinks, mince pies, shortbread and other festive food and drinks will be freely available throughout the day, and we will be turning the lights on around 5pm.

We look forward to seeing you, and wish you all a Merry Christmas!





*the*  
**PAIRC**  
TRUST

# PAIRC CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH-ON



**SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER  
2-5PM**



**THE RESOURCE CENTRE, KERSHADER**




JOIN US FOR FESTIVE TREATS, CHRISTMAS  
ARTS & CRAFTS, AND A SPECIAL VISIT FROM  
SANTA!


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**09/18**

# Ravenspoint Christmas Fayre



Bottle donations of any variety are gratefully received and can be dropped off at Ravenspoint during shop hours.



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:  
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# KINLOCH80

**EXHIBITION LAUNCH**  
**THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER, 7.45PM**  
**KINLOCH COMMUNITY HUB**

**An exhibition exploring the changes in the  
community of Kinloch over the past 80 years**

KINLOCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER: SC006858

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# Christmas Fayre

Balallan Hall

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

1pm

£5 adults  
£1 over 12's  
Under 5's  
free!

Sales table  
and  
Bumper  
raffle!!

Soup/tea/coffee  
with mince  
pies/Shortbread

Santa is coming!  
2pm

# What's Coming up at THE NORTH LOCHS COMMUNITY CENTRE

## October

- 18th - Kenny Macmillan Memorial Cup Charity Match
- 24th - Lochs FC Awards Night
- 31st - Children's Halloween Parties & Halloween Trail



## November

- 1st - Halloween Monster's Ball
- 5th - Bonfire Night
- 8th - Remembrance Day Soup & Pudding
- 15th - Car Boot & Table Top Sale
- 21st - NLCA Quiz Night



## December

- 6th - Silver Darling's Tea Party
- Christmas Events and Activities - Keep an eye on our social media for more info!

## January

- 2nd - End of Year Ceilidh
- 24th - Burn's Supper





**LOCHS FOOTBALL CLUB**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**730pm Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025**  
**@ THE CREAGAN DUBH**  
**(NORTH LOCHS COMMUNITY CENTRE)**



**WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE**  
**ALL THOSE WITH AN INTEREST IN THE CLUB**  
**TO COME ALONG**

# Christmas Carols

## Featuring Pairc School Children

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
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





## School Orienteering Challenge

Sgoil na Pairc pupils completed an orienteering challenge set by our Active Schools Co-ordinator, Jenna Macleod. Pupils used their mapping skills and compass-reading skills to find the control cards and clues. A brilliant outdoor learning experience, as well as lots of fun!

Many thanks to Jenna for organising the activity.

### Halloween Snapshot



# 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 29<sup>th</sup> October)

- Pairc Social Lunch, Ravenspoint cafe (1pm)

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November

- North Lochs Community Association Quiz Night, North Lochs Community Hall

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November

- Kinloch 80 Launch Event, Kinloch Hub (7:45pm)

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November

- Ravenspoint Christmas Craft Fayre (11am-16:30pm)
- Stand in the Gap - Hope, Pairc Free Church Hall (7pm)

### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November

- Ravenspoint Christmas Craft Fayre (11am-16:30pm)
- Pairc Trust Christmas Light Switch-On & Santa's Grotto (2-5pm)

## What's on in Pairc?



### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

- Lochs FC AGM, North Lochs Community Hall (7:30pm)

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

- **Glass waste collection (TBC by CnES)**

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

- Silver Darling's Tea Party, North Lochs Community Centre
- Balallan Christmas Fayre, Balallan Hall (1pm)

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

- **Organic waste & mixed recycling collection**

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

- **Household waste collection**

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

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