

Ardentinny Community Trust

Glenfinart Walled Garden

News letter 14

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August 2015

The Community Picnic was a great success. The weather was lovely and the live music kept everyone entertained. Our 'Perfect Picnic' picture along with 8 other community groups won £100 in Argyll & the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (AICCT) competition. We have pledged to use it to buy recycle bins.

The AGM was held in the village hall.

September

Franziska's first Masterclass entitled Nettles, Seaweed, Mare's Tail: Natural Fertilizers and Pesticides was well received and everyone agreed to meet at the next Masterclass.

Bark donated by Ridings Sawmills and transported by Steve Kenney, of the National Park, was used to enhance the paths and cover the area below the south wall.

Sandbank Village Hall donated outdoor stalls to the Trust which will be invaluable for garden events.

The apples in the orchard were picked and juiced for tasting at the Harvest Fair.

October

Our 3rd Harvest Fair was well attended and raised in excess of £1500. A big thank you goes to all our visitors, supporters and the volunteers who helped both in the lead up to, and on the day.

The raised beds were completed thanks to the Payback Team who built and strengthened them, collected hardcore, dung and seaweed and filled them ready for planting. Thanks also to Dundairach Stables, Beinn Mhor Park Sandbank and Argyll and Bute Council.

We had a table at the Craft Fair in the village hall and raised £127 selling vegetables from the garden and homemade items donated by locals and friends of the garden.

At the Ardentinny Centre Open Day we raised £93 at our stall.

National Park volunteers continue to attend Volunteer Days. The next two are on the 31st October and the 28th November.

Community Payback support the garden weekly. Carr Gomm bring volunteers to the garden on Wednesdays.

Patrons: Emma and Sophie Thompson

Franziska leads a the Masterclasses below. Anyone wishing to join in can call her on 07410 549933

Masterclasses to come:

22nd November: Leeks, Cabbages & Co: Your Polytunnel in Winter

17th January 2016: Perfect Your Pruning

21st February: Herbal Gifts for Mother's Day

27th March : Starting to grow Fruit & Veg

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The plans for the garden over the next few months are:

- ❖ To plant winter vegetables in the polytunnel
- ❖ To put box profile on the shed roof
- ❖ To source pumps to get water from the river to keep the bowsers full and to ensure there is water for the polytunnel

The garden is now closed for the winter except for the Masterclasses. You are, however welcome any day if the gate is open or by appointment.

Any enquiries, requests to visit the Garden and offers of help please contact Lynn on 810275, Anna on 810238.

Thank you to all the people who continue to support the garden giving of their time and to those who donate money and equipment to the project.

Convener	Anna Williamson
Treasurer	Jean Rowland
Secretary	Lynn Kerr
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