

# Ardentiny Community Trust

## Glenfinart Walled Garden

Newsletter 18

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### November 2016

Sam Campbell was employed to fell several trees to make way for the parking spaces outside the wall. Over and above his remit he cut up the wood to enable us to sell the logs. Thanks Sam.

### December

The Trustees had a table at the Dunoon Dazzle Christmas Event and made over £350. Thank you to all who contributed to the stall.

A grant, awarded by Cowal Health and Wellbeing Network, will assist with the transportation of volunteers to the garden.

There was a 'Sparkle Bomb' the Garden event. Locals and visitors brought Christmas decorations to sparkle the children's area. Thank you to all who participated.

### January 2017

Neil Robinson kindly gave us 2 of his wooden crafted reindeers for the children's area and they seem to like their new surroundings.

### February

A diesel generator was installed behind the main shed. There is now power in the shed and outdoor electric sockets for events.

Lynn gave a talk at the first meeting of the DASH Recovery Cafe

The garden had a stall at the Jobs' Fair in Dunoon Grammar

National Park Volunteers returned to the garden and will continue to volunteer on the last Saturday and second Sundays of the month.

Neil Black and Eilidh McKerry from the National Park visited the garden on their annual grant monitoring visit. They were delighted with the progress of the garden.

### March

The Road Upgrade and 2 Disabled Parking spaces as well as parking for a minibus and 1 car were completed by Ross Macarthur Contractors Ltd.

### April

**The garden will open for the season with an Easter Event on Easter Sunday 1 – 4.30 p.m. and donations of baking will be gratefully received.**

It will begin with an Easter Egg Hunt at 1 p.m. (The Forestry is having its event at Glenbranter this year.)

Simon will be hosting a 'Young Gardeners' Club' for Primary School children, with a max group size of 6. These will take place on the last Sundays of the month, over the summer, from 12 – 3pm. Club forms will be available at the Easter Event.

Following the Easter Event the garden will be open on **Saturdays and Sundays 1 – 4.30 p.m.** and **whenever the gate is open.**

Weather permitting the garden will be open on the Village Hall's **'Soup n Sandwich' days 12 – 2p.m.**

**The garden can be opened to groups, on request, out with these times,**

Simon (07962 086474) is in the garden on **Mondays**, when a pupil from the Grammar is on work experience and **Thursdays** when a young man from Argyll College is on work placement. National Park volunteers will come to the garden on the **last Saturday and second Sunday** of the month. Local volunteers join in on these days.

The plans for the garden:

- ❖ Young Gardeners' Group
- ❖ Fruit cages
- ❖ A composting toilet

Donations of the following would be very welcome:

- Wood chips
- Perennial Plants
- Tools and wheel barrows
- Used and new grow bags

For enquiries or requests to visit the Garden contact Lynn 810275, Anna on 810238 or any Trustee.

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**Thank you to all the people who continue to support the garden giving time, money and equipment.**

Patrons: Emma and Sophie Thompson

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