

Ardentiny Community Trust

Glenfinart Walled Garden

Newsletter 20

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July 2017

A pump, powered by the generator was fitted in the polytunnel to aid watering, saving time and energy. A produce and flower stall was designed and erected by David from the Caravan Park. Bookpoint in Dunoon kindly gave us window space for 2 weeks to advertise the garden. We had a stall at Uig Hall on Saturday 29th July at the Riverside Surgery fundraiser. The annual Big Picnic was on Sunday 30th July with live music from the 'Elderly Brothers'. The garden now has a Walker's loyalty card. If you are making a purchase please mention Glenfinart Walled Garden to donate your points - 5 for every £1 spent, including the coffee shop. Each point is worth 1p to spend in store. Please pass this information on to friends and family.

August

Corrie MacDonald returned after the Summer break to continue his work experience. This year Corrie is managing the raised beds as part of his school project assisted by his support worker, Reg MacWhirter.

We had a stall at Kirn Gala and raised £136.

September

The Harvest Fair was a great success with 3 stalls taken by local groups. The Elderly Brothers entertained everyone and there was soup and apple crumble as well as home baking, teas and coffee. The produce stall with fruit and vegetables from the garden and bunches of freshly picked flowers was popular too. The Coconut Shy was a big draw for the children and those of a competitive nature. After overheads over £1300 was raised. Thank you to all who supported this event.

Anthea Gage exhibited in the garden during Cowal Open Studios weekend and welcomed over 190 visitors.

October

We provided tea, coffee and home baking on open days during Cowalfest. The garden closed for the season when the schools opened after the holidays.

November

We were informed by the Co-op that we were successful in our bid for a grant to put in a composting toilet for all in the garden. Three local charities were successful therefore we will get 1/3 of the money raised from carrier bag sales and a share of the 1p donated on certain Co-op brands. You can nominate the charity which receives the 1p donations.

We had a stall at Dunoon Dazzle and raised over £200. The winning raffle ticket for 10 car driver tickets was number 42.

The garden is closed for the season except for:
Possible volunteer days:

Mondays, during term times, 10.30a.m. – 2.30p.m.
Second Sunday of the month November then February onwards

Last Saturday of the month November then February onwards and when the gate is open, or by appointment.

The plans for the garden:

- ❖ A composting toilet
- ❖ Changing shed
- ❖ Bandstand

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. email sec@glenfinartgarden.org and follow us on www.facebook.com/GlenfinartWalledGarden and at www.glenfinartgarden.org

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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