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Common dolphins in Loch Erisort, seen from the Resource Centre.
Credit: Ralph Tonge Photography.

TOP NEWS

Tam Begg, from Garyvard, named **'Farmer of the Year'** at the Aquaculture Awards 2024.

Celebrating **50 Years of Pairc School**, and **Scottish Engineering Leaders Awards** for Pairc pupils.

The Pairc Estate – June 2024

Summer is here, although you wouldn't know it! Preparations for the Trust's AGM continue and we can confirm that we will be joined by Calum Iain Maciver, Depute Chief Executive at CnES, who will speak about Renewable Energy Opportunities in Pairc.

Croft rents for 2024 have now been posted out and should be with you. Please contact us if you have any queries or have not received your rent invoice.

This month there are some great successes to celebrate, and excellent community events lined up across the Estate. We want to hear from you, so if you have an event, project, or item of news that you think would be of interest to the Pairc community please get in touch with us.

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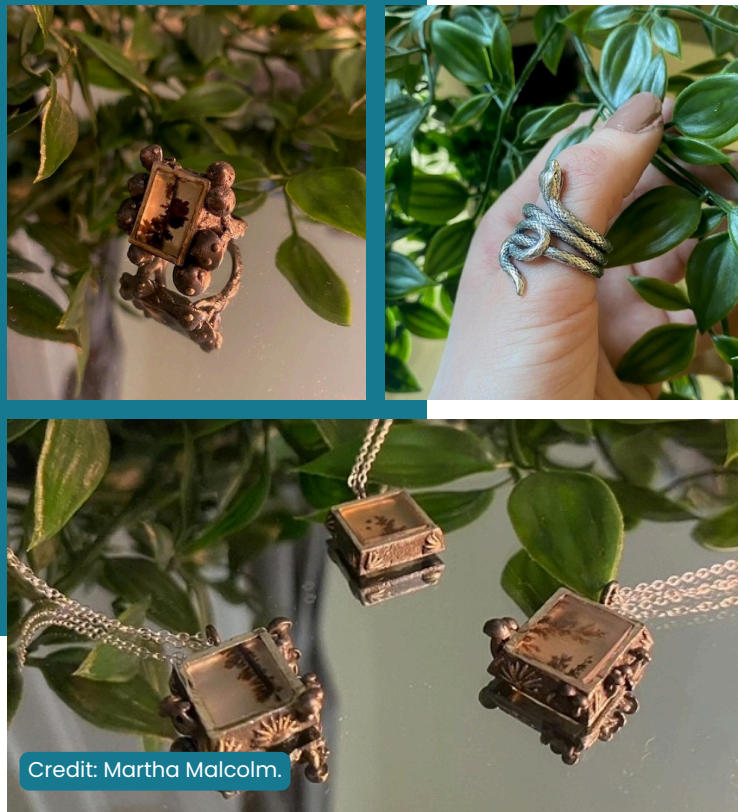
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News from the Trust

As a reminder, our **Annual General Meeting** is taking place on **Tuesday 18th June 2024**, at **7:30pm** at **Gravir Free Church Hall**.

We welcome and encourage all members and estate residents to attend, and look forward to seeing you there.

Meet the Directors and Staff!



Credit: Martha Malcolm.

Youth Enablement Award 2023 – 6 Month Update

The Pairc Trust are pleased to report on the impact that our Youth Enablement Award for 2023 had on applicants. Our investment in young people from the Pairc Estate is a vital part of our community engagement and we were pleased to hear from both award recipients.

Louise Wilson

Louise Wilson received the award in November 2023 and has used the funds to support her career development working for Stornoway Skip Hire & McLaughlin Plant Haulage. Louise lives in Habost and is committed to a locally based career.

Louise said: "I have used the award to advance my career, training and working towards an HGV license. I am currently gaining lots of experience whilst working on the theory test and hope to be fully qualified soon. The award made a real difference to progressing with my licence". Louise can be seen pictured below at work in Sildinis.



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Community Benefit Fund

The Pairc Trust are pleased to formally announce the launch of our **Community Benefit Fund**, in collaboration with MOWI Scotland Ltd.

The fund aims to support individuals and organisations based within the Pairc Estate with projects that benefit the people, place and community of Pairc.

For information on guidance, terms and conditions, and an application form please visit:

<https://www.pairctrust.co.uk/community-benefit-fund/>



Martha Malcolm

Martha Malcom received the award in October 2023 to contribute towards a 3D printer, giving her the ability to create more products for her jewellery business and work on her own 3D printing skills.

Martha is from Marvig and is currently studying HND Jewellery at Glasgow Kelvin College.

Martha said: "I did manage to get my 3D printer along with some resin for printing. It's been such a great opportunity for me and I'm so grateful for the grant. Without it I wouldn't have been able to afford the printer. Many of my ideas are inspired by the Isle of Lewis. I'm excited to see how my business will grow, and this grant has given it a good start!"

Sgoil na Pairc Awarded Funding

The Pairc Trust were pleased to support Sgoil na Pairc in covering transport and accommodation costs for three highly-commended pupils to attend an awards ceremony at Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, enabling them and their families to celebrate their achievements.

The pupils themselves have given an account of their trip on page 5.

The Trust are delighted to be able to support Sgoil na Pairc with such a great achievement for the pupils and the school, and we look forward to supporting similar causes within the community.

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50 Years of Pairc School

We were delighted to share in May's gala day celebrations for Sgoil na Pairc's 50th anniversary with staff and pupils, past and present. It was great to see a big turnout from the community at the event.

Plants grown by the pupils in the school polycrubb were available to purchase, along with handmade jewellery. Baking by pupils and the community was also available, and the South Lochs station fire engine also made an appearance.

The pupils, local musicians and singers provided entertainment at the evening ceilidh, along with a buffet and dancing.



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Engineering Success

Ghibbs, Tianna, and Leisha from Pairc School were invited to Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, to receive awards after submitting ideas to the Scottish Engineering Leaders Award on the topic: "If you were an engineer what would you do?"

Ghibbs and Leisha have shared their accounts of the trip with us.



Credit: Pairc School

Leisha, P4 – Pairc School

"Firstly, we had to go on the ferry to Ullapool. Then we had to go on the bus to Inverness and then the train to Aberdeen. It was long but I liked it because I could draw and listen to the computer voice saying the next stop like 'Inch' or 'Huntly.' We went there because Ghibbs and Tianna and I got Highly Commended for an 'if you were an engineer competition.'

The award ceremony took place at Robert Gordon University. We had to go up and get our trophy and it was in a frame. My invention was called Glasses Finder, it will help people find their glasses. A professor and an engineer were at the university, and they gave me my trophy.

I was so happy I got my trophy and went back home and saw my Mum and Dad and showed it to them."

Ghibbs, P7 – Pairc School

"I had to wake up at 5am to get ready before we left for the ferry!

We had entered a competition called 'If you were an engineer what would you do....' You had to invent something new that someone has not made yet.

My invention was a heated table I called it Hable. I got the idea because one day at school my table was cold, so I thought of the idea a heated table. So, we wrote a letter to the engineer with a drawing of the idea. When it arrived at their building, they read it and said that mine was 'Highly Commended.'

When we arrived there, they showed us into a big room filled with displays of everyone's ideas including mine. After a few people received their award, I was allowed to collect my award which was a framed certificate of my design and a special badge.

Then the next day we got back at 8:00pm."

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Public Consultation

The **Scottish Fire & Rescue Service** are running a public consultation on changes to the way they deliver emergency services.

We highly encourage Pairc residents to give their views via the online consultation at <https://t.ly/YEZUy>, open until **Sunday 30th June**.



Aquaculture Award Success

One of Bakkafrost Scotland's most experienced managers has won 'Fish Farmer of the Year' at the 2024 Aquaculture Awards.

'Fish Farmer of the Year', was presented to marine site manager Thomas Begg, of Garyvard, in celebration of his dedication and commitment.

Thomas is involved in all aspects of site management and strives to help embed change, improve processes, and encourage others to look at aquaculture as a way of life, not 'just a job'.

His experience has helped address challenges, find sustainable solutions, and applying the learnings has helped other colleagues.

Reproduced with thanks to Thomas Begg & Davy Blair, Bakkafrost Scotland.



Credit: Paul Campbell

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Mòd Wins for Pairc residents

Two Pairc sisters achieved great successes at the Lewis Mòd earlier this month.

Jessica McDowall placed first in the Girls Solo Singing Primary 6-7 Learners and her big sister Lily finished first place in the Instrumental Open on the accordion, winning the Bernera Cup for her efforts.

Well done to both of them!

CCnP seeks new Members

Co-Chomunn na Pairc, the community co-operative which runs the Ravenspoint Centre, is seeking new Members to join the company.

If you're interested in supporting and contributing to this community-owned organisation, membership application forms are available from Ravenspoint.

Lochs U18 Football Victory

The AB Electronics Cup Final 2024 was won by the Lochs Under-18 team after a 2-3 victory over Stornoway Athletic on Saturday 15th June.

The Lochies defended a commanding lead against a fierce late comeback from Aths leading to a tense end to the match, but a strong performance from the Lochs side saw them carry the day with Sam Ross being singled out as man of the match.

Congratulations to the team for a well-deserved victory!

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View of Habost Common Grazings.

What's on in Pairc?

Below is a collection of events, organised either on the Estate or elsewhere, that we think might be of relevance to Pairc residents.

If you have an idea for an event at the Resource Centre please get in touch via info@pairctrust.co.uk to discuss your requirements.

Upcoming Events

- The **Pairc Area Forum** is holding its AGM online via Teams on **Thursday 27th June at 7:30pm**. Contact us via email if you would like to attend.
- The **Pairc Social Club** meet for lunch at Ravenspoint on **Wednesday 12th/26th June** at 1pm. All welcome.
- **26th June, 7:30pm** - a free **Bike Basics** session will be hosted at the Resource Centre for tips and demos of bicycle set-up and maintenance.
- For more community events, join the **What's on in Pairc? (WhatsApp)** group. Emma & Luke at the Pairc Trust office can add you!

LAND REFORM RESEARCH



We're pleased to welcome Alona Bronstein to Pairc. Alona is staying at Ravenspoint conducting research for her Master's thesis in Environmental Anthropology.

Alona would love to speak to residents about the history of land struggles in Pairc. She can be reached via email at alonabronstein@gmail.com, and be sure to say hi if you see her at Ravenspoint!

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