



GIGHA NEWS



Welcome to the March 2019 Gigha News

Dear Member,

Please find enclosed this month's newsletter.

Regards,

Ian Wilson

Chair

For and behalf of Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust

Dates for your Diary

IGHT Tenants meeting – Thursday 14th March

Tenants meeting will take place at 7pm in Gigha Village Hall.

Gigha day – Friday 15th March

We welcome all to our Traditional Flag Raising with bagpipes from Joe Teale at 3.15pm. IGH T invite the Community of Gigha and visitors to an information sharing day at the Gigha Hotel. Afternoon session from 3.30pm-5pm and evening session from 7pm-8.30pm. The Gigha Hotel are kindly providing afternoon tea for the afternoon session and a curry tasting during the evening session.

Come along to ask us any questions you may have and see what projects the Trust are planning for the island and the vision for the future.

IGHT Staff Structure

On 5th March, Jane Millar joined the team as Business Development Manager for IGH T.

We'd also like to welcome Nicola Evans who will now be the Minute Secretary for IGH T Board.

Achamore Gardens

We will soon be looking to advertise employment for the Gardens for this season. We are potentially looking for individuals to cut grass and carrying out general tidying up and maintenance. We are also always looking for any volunteers to help with the Gardens so anyone who is interested in gardening should contact the Trust office at admin@gigha.org.uk

IGHT Asset Sales

Woodend Cottage and Braehouse have both been put up for sale. These properties have just come on market and there has been considerable interest already!

Gigha Access Project

We had a productive meeting with the Natural and Cultural Heritage Fund project officer to discuss our application for improvements to the path network on Gigha. This project plans to focus on creating more accessible routes to hidden landscape, provide new signs and interpretation, possibly conserving some of the carved stones on the island, and employing a Ranger. We are keen to get our young people involved in the project as much as possible and they have been helping in identify priority routes. We would like to see if we can include skills training and development as part of the project also.

If you have any specific questions about the project, please get in touch by email to jane@gigha.org.uk. We are also going to be asking for letters of support for the project which we hope will: increase visitor numbers to Gigha, help us to manage visitors more sustainably, improve the visitor experience, and help conserve some of our precious heritage assets.

We will be sending out more details about the project soon. Letters of support would then be much appreciated and can be sent to the Trust office or emailed to jane@gigha.org.uk.

Financial Update

The Trust is in now in a slightly better financial position than it was 6 months ago. It continues to focus on debt reduction and reducing costs. Income from renewable companies remains constant and is a positive support to the Trust. Bookings for holiday lets are starting to get busy and hopefully we can have as good a season as we had last year. Immediate focus for the office is on year end activities for accounts and preparation for audit.

GREL/GGPL Update

Andy Oliver and Elaine Morrison have resigned from the board of GREL and GGPL. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Andy and Elaine for their contributions during their time on the board.

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