

BENNACHIE COMMUNITY NEWS

This newsletter promotes the Bennachie Area and the activities happening within it. You can get printed copies from: - Bennachie Leisure Centre, Inch; The Old Post Office and Bennachie Visitor Centre, Chapel of Garioch; Morgan McVeighs, Colpy; Kellockbank, Smile at Oyne, Logie Durno Hall, Poppy's Old Rayne and Inch Library. You can contact us on bennachiecommunitynews@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA

OCTOBER	What	Where
Saturday 3rd October	Pop up pub and Mr Chipper	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Inch
Saturday 3rd October	Lourin Duck Pop up Pub + Buzz's Kitchen street food	St Lawrence Village Hall, Old Rayne
Saturday 3rd October 10am – 12noon	table top sale entry including a cuppa and cake £5 adult £2 child under 13.	Premnay Village Hall, Premnay
Tuesday 6th October	Bingo Night in aid of Bennachie Leisure Centre at Ashvale in Inverurie see them for tickets	Ashvale in Inverurie
Sat 10th October	Comedy Night, doors open 7pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Inch
Wed 14th October	Quiz night 7-7.30pm start. £10 for a table of four. Fly cup included. Largie SWI	Institute Hall, Rannes Street, Inch
Wed 14th October	Premnay SWI, 7.30pm to 9pm	Premnay Village Hall, Premnay
Friday 23 rd October	Quiz Night, 7pm	Meikle Wartle Village Hall
Fri 23 rd to Sun 25 th Fri 30 th to Sun 1 st Nov	Wizard School at Leith Hall	Leith Hall, Kennethmont, AB54 4NQ
Friday 30 th October	Family Halloween Disco	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Inch
NOVEMBER	What	Where
Sat 1st Nov	Speaker Lunch with Alan Rough	Inch Golf Club, Inch
Wed 4th November	Inch Christmas Shopping night	Inch
Friday 13 November	Quiz Night 7pm,	Logie Durno Hall, Logie Durno
Sat 14 th November	Christmas fair and coffee morning	Premnay Village Hall, Premnay
Sat 14 November	Gin Tasting, 7-10pm, 4 x 25ml gin £18 plus bar	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Inch
Friday 27 November	Quiz Night, 7pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Inch
Friday 27 November	Pop up Pub 7pm – 11pm with The Bay Fish and Chip Shop serving from 5pm onwards	Chapel of Garioch Village Hall
Saturday 28 November	Bus trip to Edinburgh Christmas Market, £27 per person, leaving BLC at 7am, leaving Edinburgh at 5pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Inch
DECEMBER	What	Where
Fri 4 th and Sat 5 th	Wreath Making	Leith Hall, Kennethmont
Sat 5 th December	Party Night at Inch Golf Club	Inch Golf Club, Inch
Sat/Sunday 5 th + 6 th	Santa's Grotto	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Inch
Sunday 6 th December	Christmas Light switch on	Meikle Wartle Village Hall
Sat/Sun 12 & 13 th	Santa's Grotto	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Inch
Sat/Sun 12 & 13 th	Breakfast with Santa	Leith Hall, Kennethmont, AB54 4NQ
Sat 12 th December	Festive Afternoon Tea 12 between noon – 3pm	Inch Golf Club, Inch
31 st December 8pm	Hogmanay	Meikle Wartle Village Hall

BENNACHIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



The Bennachie Community Council (BCC) is a group of elected local volunteers who liaise with Aberdeenshire Council and other groups to represent the views of the area. Part of our role involves being a statutory consultee for planning applications within our area. We meet on the fourth Monday of the month and our next meeting is on October 26th. We are still looking for new members from the following areas- Inch (2), Oyne (1), Meikle Wartle / Durno (1) and Premnay (2) and Culsalmond and Colpy (1). If you want to help your community, please let us know at

bennachieCC@outlook.com

So, who are we: - Chairperson: Sheena Lonchay (Inch) Vice Chair: Kevin Shand (Culsalmond and Colpy), Treasurer: Wally Rhodes (Leslie), Secretary: Lynda Bain (Chapel of Garioch) Alan Simpson (Leslie), Frank Musgrave (Oyne), Mark Worsley and Duncan Thow (Chapel of Garioch, Whiteford and Pitcaple), Gill Walker and Diana Muriel (Rayne), Gill Bishop (Durno and Meikle Wartle), Janette Taylor, Gordon Hood and Rab Riggs (Inch)

We are supported by our 3 Councillors: - Moray Grant, Sam Payne and Hazel Smith.

If you want to contact us our email is bennachiecc@outlook.com or see our [Facebook](#) page or website [Home | Bennachie Community Council | Aberdeenshire](#)

The five main topics we are looking at just now which are keeping us really busy are: -

1. Inch Hospital and health care within our area.
2. Resilience Planning. Work is ongoing at looking at village hall resilience.
3. Community Action Plans and Local Place plans.
4. Developments within the area i.e. Coreen and Foudland Hill Windfarm and Battery Energy Storage.
5. We have also just started up a paths/green space group.

Healthcare

Despite contradictory evidence presented Integration Joint Board votes to close and dispose of Inch War Memorial Hospital

The proposal to close and dispose of Inch War Memorial Hospital was posted on the Aberdeenshire IJB website on August 28th, 8 days ahead of the IJB Meeting. Bennachie Community Council circulated a paper to all IJB members and BCC representatives spoke in the September 2nd meeting asking that the decision be deferred until the next IJB meeting.

The report to the IJB from Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership was 100 pages long but was evidently flawed.

- the proposal and communication with the regulator Healthcare Improvement Scotland identified a Minor Change whereas the report clearly specifies a Major Change is required to get rid of the in-patient beds

- Data showing that over 230 incidents where patients had been negatively impacted by the loss of services previously provided at Inch Hospital has been provided. (i.e. almost one per week since the hospital closed in 2020.) Risk assessments do not appear to consider this.

- The Integrated Impact Assessment shows that 7 of 12 negative impacts can not be mitigated. The Overall Outcome of the Health Equalities Assessment is that “No Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated”.

- Where strategy and policies are cited in mitigation there is no indication that these services are actually available locally in Inch

- AHSCP assert that they have fully considered residents’ feedback from the Consultation survey by retaining vaccinations and baby massage locally in the medical practice.

Inch Hospital has been treated differently from any other community hospital in Aberdeenshire. There is evident loss of healthcare capacity in the area with the loss of community hospital and care home beds, reduction in MIU services and loss of clinical services previously provided at Inch hospital.

Representing the Gordon Highlander Lord Forbes told the meeting: “The war memorial at Inch is a hospital. It’s one of only four such memorials in Scotland which are registered at the Imperial War Museum. The high

number of Gordon Highlanders particularly lost in both World Wars and remembered through the hospital is especially felt in this area. It would be an absolute travesty and disgrace if their legacy was now thwarted by an ineffective bureaucracy". Few residents will disagree with Lord Forbes assessment.

Since the Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2029 and the Aberdeenshire Community Hospital review include no community hospital beds in Inch residents think the disposal of Inch Hospital was a done deal before "Consultation" started.

Local expectation has of course been influenced by the visit of the First Minister during Holyrood elections in May 2021 when the P&J reported that she said "I am determined Inch War Memorial Hospital will reopen and I think any suggestion it wouldn't is unacceptable" and "as first minister I would not find it acceptable to have a hospital like this not reopening.

So committed are we to it, that we have included [it] in our plans for capital investment." She continued "We are prepared as a government, if re-elected, to make the funding available to the health board, not just to reopen it but to do work to give it a long term, sustainable future."

We wrote to the current First Minister before the last elections to confirm that if re-elected his government would honour this promise, but received no reply. The current Cabinet Secretary for Health has advised that decisions regarding the planning and delivery of local NHS services are matters for NHS Boards and local partners exercising their statutory responsibilities and will not get involved.

1430 people filled in the survey regarding the closure of the hospital with 47.7% saying closure of the hospital would have a big impact, 22% saying it would have a lot of impact, 16.3% said some impact, 4.9% a little impact and only 9.1% said that it would have no impact.

No Aberdeenshire councillors or members of NH(G) Board opposed the recommendations to close Inch Hospital and dispose of the building.

Bennachie Community Council will continue to work with the Friends of Inch Hospital and Inch Medical practice to secure the highest possible standards of care for local residents and to pressure AHSCP to actually deliver services which it says are available.

TRANSPORT

A96

All options for the A96 Dualling came through the Bennachie Community Council (BCC) area. In the consultation which followed the Cabinet Secretary's Statement to the Scottish Parliament in November 2024 BCC strongly supported the A96 Corridor Review Revised Package of Interventions. After the Cabinet Secretary's statement and the subsequent consultation BCC wrote to local MSPs in February 2025 and asked them to make sure that BCCs's views were heard in the Scottish Parliament and in any discussions with ministers.

A decision on the plans for the A96 between Elgin and Inverurie has been outstanding since then. A statement from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport referring to the A96 Dualling was posted on the Transport Scotland Website dated February 3rd 2026 which:

- reiterates the Scottish Government commitment to fully dualling the A96
- advises that the already agreed work on the western end of the dualling will be delayed, commencing in 2028/29 and 2029
- indicated that next steps including an Elgin bypass will follow after that. However the statement does not indicate:
- when work on dualling the western end of the A96 will be completed
- whether or not the Scottish Government intends to undertake the Corridor Review Refined Package of Interventions,
- when any work between Elgin and Inverurie may be undertaken.

No decision is the worst possible outcome for the BCC area. BCC wrote to the Cabinet Secretary before the Scottish Government elections asking her to confirm:

1. whether the Scottish Government intends to implement the A96 Corridor Review Revised
2. what works will be undertaken between Elgin and Inverurie in the next two years? In particular we are concerned about safety improvements for example at the Colpy Junction where two fatal accidents have occurred in recent years and note that a fatality recently occurred on the A96 at Huntly on March 8th.

The Cabinet Secretary did not reply, but during the pre-election period of sensitivity we received a holding response from a civil servant that reiterates the website information, does not confirm any timescales but assured us that “safety is of paramount importance” After the elections BCC wrote again to Steven Flynn, the new Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport with the same request, emphasising safety improvements at the Colpy junction, where two fatalities have occurred in recent years and at Bainshole, where there have been 15 accidents resulting in injuries in the last 15 years.

A holding response was received when our letter was submitted but we have not yet received a substantive response. The gravity of the situation for the Inverurie-Huntly section of the A96 is illustrated by a recent three car accident in Huntly, when 7 people were taken to A&E.

We will chase the government for a response and a credible plan. Our local MP and constituency MSP have agreed to pressure the Scottish Government to produce a credible near term plan for the Inverurie - Huntly section of the A96.

Local Bus Services

Aberdeenshire Council have undertaken a procurement exercise for replacement services/journeys in North Aberdeenshire and revised services were implemented on 17 August 2026 for a 5-year duration.

- Service 41 Inch - Inverurie; (Monday - Saturday) is now operated by Premier Coaches (Kintore) Limited [41 - Inch - Inverurie – Premier Coaches – Bus Times](#)
- Stagecoach have removed the 64A Service: ex Huntly (0848)Aberdeen via Kennethmont, Inch, Oyne and Inverurie.

Service 308 – Turriff to Inverurie via Meikle Wartle have an increase to the number of buses [308 - Turriff - Inverurie – Watermill Coaches – Bus Times](#)

There are also the A2B buses for people who have no other suitable bus service in the area. If there is alternative public transport, A2B services are provided for older and disabled residents only. [Inverurie rural A2B dial-a-bus - Aberdeenshire Council](#) and [Huntly A2B dial-a-bus - Aberdeenshire Council](#)

Ember [Electric bus between Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Stirling, Kinross, Edinburgh Airport and more](#)

- [Ember](#) also run a bus service with some stops on the A96 as well [M96 Bus Route & Timetable: Aberdeen - Inverness | Stagecoach](#) but this only picks up at Huntly.

Scottish Rail also has [ScotRail Family Pass | ScotRail](#) For just £60, up to two adults and four children can enjoy seven days of unlimited train travel across Scotland. You can start your seven days of consecutive travel any day between 12 and 19 October 2026 - so it's perfect for the school break.

RESILIENCE

Its getting to that time of year again when we need to think about how well prepared we are for winter. With the strongest El Nino being predicted it could be an interesting winter. The Scottish Government's message is that you personally need to be able to have enough food and water to survive for 72 hours without power or help however we all know that it was about 9 days before most of us could get out and about last year due to the snow so it might be a good idea to have a bigger stock pile to last longer.

As the BCC area is so spread out we have been trying to work with village halls to increase their resilience. The main issue is that most of us live in a rural location and the first message is to only venture out if safe to do so. This means that nobody should be travelling in a red or amber weather warning if they don't have to. This is also the case for the volunteers who help out.

Each year we publish information on Resilience in the October newsletter. On the Bennachie Community Council Website you will see under the newsletter section the resilience one published in 2023. A lot of this information still holds true today. Click on this link to [get the page. 4ceee3 bdbf374a500f48c2ba62c71a31e9f29b.pdf](#). For up to date information see [Ready Scotland - Ready Scotland](#). This has links to where you can find information about weather events, wildfires, floods and power outages . <https://ready.campaign.gov.scot/find-share-information-emergency>

The BCC will publish all of the Resilience information for our area – Weather/flood/Wildfire/Drought/Road information on its Facebook site [Bennachie Community News | Facebook](#).

We will try to update other local pages with important information but there is sometimes a delay on the posts

being published due to admins, who like ourselves, are volunteers and may have other commitments.

You can play a part in keeping everyone up to date by commenting with photos and up to date information on some of the posts to let people know what the issues are in your area i.e. flooding/snow etc. This also allows us to feedback information to the council if we are asked.

If you have a disability, chronic illness, over 65 or have children under 5 then sign up to [The PSR - The Priority Services Register \(PSR\) is a free UK wide service which provides extra advice and support, including when there's an interruption to your electricity or gas supply - PSR](#)

Fire and Scotland Community Asset Register

The Community Asset Register (CAR) is a Scotland wide database of volunteers willing to help during an emergency. The database plots assets on a map so if an emergency incident occurs, we can identify those who could help. Assets can be people with either skills or equipment.

Fire and Rescue Scotland manage and host the CAR, but other organisations such as Police Scotland and local authorities can access it. The register was launched in 2017 and built on existing local databases. The Community Asset Register is a fantastic way to contribute to your local community and they are asking if companies and people would like to register. See [Community Asset Register | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service](#) for more information.

To register, [complete our application form](#) and return it to SFRS.CommunityAssetRegister@firescotland.gov.uk. With details of equipment or skills you have.



From your churches

The closing months of the year tend to be busy ones for our church communities. We continue with all the on-going things which we do around caring for the people of our area, seeking to bring people together and build communities which are open, inclusive and helpful. Of

course worship, prayer and learning remain at the heart of all that we do, and everyone is welcome to join in with that, but it is also important to us that we express our beliefs and values in ways that benefit the whole community, particularly those facing difficult times.

In the Church of Scotland we have been busy restructuring our leadership, with a view to allowing more people to participate in overseeing the many and varied things we do. We are also looking to undertake significant maintenance work on our clock tower. This comes at a hefty cost, but we know that it is a valued landmark in the village so we are keen to ensure that it is safe for the future.

Looking forward, we are all too aware that the Christmas season creeps up on us all too quickly. We will be preparing our usual variety of ways to celebrate the season and delve into the deeper meaning of all that it has to offer. We are also planning a joint discussion group on the four Mondays of Advent, so look out for information about that and come along and join in the conversations.



BENNACHIE LEISURE CENTRE

Summer at BLC was busy with our seven day opening and new events including the Critter Keeper, Breakfast Club courtesy of Fire and Rescue staff, lunch and Lego sessions and parent-led bouncy castle playtimes.

Our charity shop, Twice is Nice, gets better and better thanks to our marvellous volunteers who sort and display clothing, homeware and bric-a-brac. Pop in and be tempted!

And it's all change at our café. Our wonderful chef, Daniel is moving on and we are so grateful to him for all he has done for BLC. From Wednesday 23 September, we will be offering a more limited community café menu which Daniel has helped us with and shared his recipes. We will still open seven days a week and offer soups, sandwiches, toasties, paninis, jacket potatoes, quiches and the usual breakfast rolls, sweet treats and barista coffee. And as it's a community café, we need community support both in using the café and in volunteering for kitchen duties.

We have recently had InPost boxes installed at the back of BLC, facing the playpark. These are proving very popular and another useful source of income for BLC along with our electric car charging points.

We have events lined up in the coming months:

- *Saturday 3 October Pop up pub and Mr Chipper from 5pm
- *Tuesday 6 October Bingo Night at Ashvale in Inverurie, £20 for chip supper, bingo and prizes
- *Saturday 10 October Comedy Night, doors open 7pm, £15 per ticket, bar available
- *Friday 30 October Family Halloween Disco – prizes for best dressed family.
- *Saturday 14 November Gin Tasting, 7-10pm, 4 x 25ml gin £18 plus bar
- *Friday 27 November Quiz Night, 7pm start, £5 per person, bring own drinks and snacks
- *Saturday 28 November Bus trip to Edinburgh Christmas Market, £27 per person, leaving BLC at 7am, leaving Edinburgh at 5pm
- * Saturday, Sunday 5 & 6th, and 12 & 13th December Santa's Grotto £12.50 per child Bookings can be made at BLC or call 01464 821248

All these events rely on volunteers and if you would like to join our Helping Hands WhatsApp group to help out now and then, please call BLC to find out more.

BLC is a community facility, funded by the community, We receive no Council funding and grant income to contribute to our running costs is impossible to find in the current financial climate. Please help the Trustees and staff to continue to offer a welcoming community hub with lots to do for everyone, a place to meet friends or just to have five minutes peace or chat to our friendly staff. For more information and to book, contact BLC on 01464 821248.

Employment Connect

The following links and posters show where you can find out more information or register for support when looking for employment, please see the links below:-

[Parent Connect](#) / [EmploymentCONNECT](#) / [Aberdeenshire Employability Partnership](#)

[EmploymentCONNECT](#) / [Aberdeenshire Employability Partnership](#) ([Employment support - Aberdeenshire Council](#)) (Ctrl and click to follow the link)

**Aberdeenshire
Employment
Support Team**

**Offering assistance to anyone
living in Aberdeenshire who
is actively seeking
employment, or looking to
enter education or training**

 **Searching for new employment?
Gain further training & qualifications.
CV writing & job application support.
Interview preparation.**

**Contact the Employment Support Team on: (01467) 533058
Employmentsupportteam@aberdeenshire.gov.uk**

**Twitter: @abshire_est • LinkedIn: aberdeenshire-employment-support-team
Instagram: @abshire_est • Facebook: @ShireEmploymentSupportTeam**

**Aberdeenshire
COUNCIL** 

*Are you a parent or carer in
Aberdeenshire looking to get into, or
move closer to, employment?*

How the 'Parent Connect Team' can help support you!

 **EmploymentCONNECT**
aberdeenshire employability partnership

SUPPORTING FAMILIES, BUILDING CONFIDENCE & CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

Whether you're thinking about returning to work after an extended break, getting into employment or volunteering, accessing training, refreshing your skills, building your confidence, or exploring new opportunities, our Parent Connect team are here to help every step of the way!

Parent Connect is a **free**, friendly and confidential service supporting families across Aberdeenshire, delivered in partnership by the Employment Support Team at Aberdeenshire Council, ENABLE Works, and Aberdeen Foyer.

Our Employability Keyworkers and Development Coaches work alongside individuals to understand your individual circumstances and provide personalised, flexible support that fits around family life.



We recognise that every family's situation is different.

We know many parents face a range of challenges, and our role is to support you to overcome these barriers, progress at a pace that works for you, access the right services at the right time, and feel more confident in taking your next steps.





If you, or someone you know, could benefit from Parent Connect, we would love to hear from you. Whether you're looking to take your first steps back into work, explore new opportunities, or simply need some guidance, we're here to help. We provide:-

- 1-2-1 tailored advice & employability support**
- Help with CV's, job searching & interview preparation**
- Support to improve digital skills & confidence**
- Guidance on financial support & funding opportunities**
- Support to improve mental health & wellbeing**
- Employer Engagement - providing advice and guidance on helping local employers offer flexible, inclusive opportunities that work for parents**
- Information on childcare services in your area**

For more information or to register with us, please contact:
employmentconnect@aberdeenshire.gov.uk
01467 468585



Help Protect Our Environment: Volunteers Needed to Tackle Giant Hogweed

Our local landscapes around Inch are home to many beautiful native plants that support wildlife, improve biodiversity, and make our countryside such a special place.

However, some invasive non-native plant species (INNS) can spread rapidly and cause significant problems for both nature and people.

One of the most concerning invasive non-native species in Aberdeenshire is giant hogweed. Originally introduced as an ornamental garden plant, giant hogweed can grow over three metres tall and quickly dominate riverbanks, roadsides, and open ground. Its dense growth crowds out native vegetation, reducing habitat for wildlife and limiting the natural diversity of our local environment.

Giant hogweed also poses a serious risk to human health. The sap can cause painful skin burns and blistering when exposed to sunlight, so any control work must be carried out safely and with appropriate training. Aberdeenshire Council undertakes control works on council-managed land, however private landowners are responsible for limiting the spread of INNS. The Scottish Invasive Species Initiative (SISI) are doing fantastic work across Scotland, controlling and eradicating INNS to restore our native species and landscapes. You can learn more about their work at

<https://invasivespecies.scot/>

We are currently exploring opportunities through the Nature Restoration Fund to provide free training and certification for a small number of local volunteers interested in helping tackle giant hogweed in your area. Training would cover plant identification, health and safety procedures, and approved control methods, giving volunteers the skills and confidence to contribute safely to local habitat restoration efforts. Volunteers would work alongside SISI until they are confident to work independently.

Community action can make a real difference. Residents know their local area better than anyone and we rely on reports from residents to keep us updated and to direct our control efforts. If you have spotted any suspected INNS please report at <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/environment/invasive-plants> so that we can take action. By working

together, we can help protect our rivers, woodlands, and open spaces while creating healthier habitats for native plants and wildlife.

If you would be interested in learning more about volunteering opportunities or taking part in future training sessions, please get in touch at Victoria.Graves@aberdeenshire.gov.uk. Even a small amount of time can help support the long-term restoration of our local environment.

Together, we can help keep our natural spaces thriving for future generations.

Shevock Burn Allotments.



In the early Spring of 2026, we gained Planning Approval for our allotment project. We immediately started work establishing a proper paved entrance with car parking spaces.

Our allotment team then set out the plot dimensions, allocating space and we all started planting.

The summer saw twelve plots allocated with our first veggies being cropped. Courgettes, potatoes, lettuce, garlic, onions, shallots, peas, beans, squashes and pumpkins have all flourished.

We now have a Communal Tool Shed and have just completed our large Polycrub meaning each plot holder has access to a shed for storage and an indoor growing space for tomatoes or seedlings etc.

The polycrub will also be our base for meetings and workshops.

We have a diverse mix of plot holders with young couples, families, grandparents and grandchildren all sharing gardening tips and enjoying the outdoor space.

Our first Annual Shevock Burn Allotment Picnic was held Saturday 12 September with a great turnout of plot holders with family and friends.

None of this would have been possible with support and aid of several local organisations.

NESCAN, Glens of Foudland, Friends of Inch Hospital and The National Lottery all stepped in at vital times to help us get established.

Our thanks also go to Bennachie Community Council for their encouragement and assistance in gaining our initial planning permissions.

We have further plots available and we'd be pleased to speak to others who would like to enjoy the physical and mental health benefits of being outside and growing delicious vegetables for their family.

We are also keen that local groups should have the chance to use the space for events and activities.

You can contact us at sballotments@gmail.com

Happy Growing, Shevock Burn Allotments

Scottish Women's Institute

LARGIE SWI

Largie SWI meet the second Wednesday of the month at the Institute Hall, Rannes Street, Inch 7.30pm. All visitors welcome. Largie SWI are holding a Quiz night on Wednesday 14th October 7-7.30 start. £10 for a table of four. Fly cup included.

PREMNAY SWI

Premnay SWI meet on the second Wednesday of the month at Premnay Village Hall 7.30pm to 9pm and the next meeting is on Wednesday 14th October.

LEITH HALL GARDEN & ESTATE

Leith Hall Opening Times - Hall - October

Friday - Sunday, 10:30 - 15:30

Guided Tours at 10:30 - 12:30 - 14:30

Open Guiding between 11:00 - 14:30

Hall is closed November - March

Henrietta's Tearoom

October: Friday - Sunday, 10:30 - 15:30

November + December: Saturday & Sunday, 10:30 - 15:30

The Garden & Grounds are open every day.

UP COMING EVENTS



The poster for 'UPCOMING EVENTS at Leith Hall' features a dark green background with white text and festive illustrations. At the top right is the National Trust for Scotland logo. The main title 'UPCOMING EVENTS' is in large, bold, white letters, with 'at Leith Hall' in a smaller, cursive font. Below the title, there are three event boxes: 'Wizarding School' (Friday 23rd October - Sunday 1st November) with a blue wizard hat icon, 'Wreath Making' (4th & 5th December) with a red bow and holly icon, and 'Breakfast with Santa' (Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th December) with a red Santa hat icon. A circular inset image shows Leith Hall. A QR code is located next to the 'Breakfast with Santa' box, with an arrow pointing to it and the text 'TICKETS & INFO'. At the bottom, contact information is provided: Email: leithhall@nts.org.uk, Phone: 01464 831216, and a note to visit Eventbrite - Leith Hall or Facebook for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS at Leith Hall

NATIONAL TRUST for SCOTLAND

Wizarding School
Friday 23rd October - Sunday 1st November

Wreath Making
4th & 5th December

Breakfast with Santa
Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th December

TICKETS & INFO

Email: leithhall@nts.org.uk
Phone: 01464 831216

Visit Eventbrite - Leith Hall or Facebook for more information

Check out our Facebook and Eventbrite pages for up-to-date information and events. <https://www.facebook.com/LeithHallGardensEstate>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/leith-hall-garden-amp-estate-33806233645>



The Bailies of Bennachie merchandise includes our Calendar which is out now. This is available from local shops and our website <https://bailiesofbennachie.co.uk/shop>

INSCH LIBRARY NEWS

Opening Times and Contact
Information:

Tuesday 3pm – 5pm,

Friday 2pm – 5pm

E - insch.library@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

T - 01464 635190

W - www.livelifieberdeenshire.org.uk/libraries/



As the leaves turn to shades of gold, amber and crimson, autumn has arrived once again. It's always been my favourite time of year, with its cosy evenings and perfect excuse to snuggle up with a good book. This October is a particularly special one for me as I celebrate a milestone birthday!

I'd like to start by thanking everyone who took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge. We had a fantastic response from local children, and we're now keeping our fingers crossed as we wait to hear whether any of our entrants have won a prize.

Over the coming months I'll be refreshing and updating our book stock, so keep an eye out for a change of titles appearing on the shelves. Our self-service issue machine has also proved very popular, offering a quick and convenient way to borrow books if you'd rather not wait in a queue, although staff are always happy to help.

During the Tattie Holidays, join us for an autumn story and craft adventure! We'll enjoy a seasonal story, and children will create their own Autumn Lantern Jar, decorating it in autumn colours before adding a safe tealight to create a warm, magical glow. It's the perfect way to celebrate the season and take home a special handmade keepsake. Tuesday 20th October 11am – 12pm, booking required.

Our popular Bookbug sessions continue throughout the season. On Friday 30 October we'll be holding a special Halloween Bookbug, with little ones invited to come along in their favourite costumes for spooky stories, songs, rhymes and lots of fun. Then on Friday 11 December, I'll be delivering a festive Christmas



Are you a runner, walker, rider, nature lover or visitor who uses and loves Bennachie? Clubs, individuals, families and businesses - you can all get involved. We need to raise as much awareness and money as possible for our project to Help Your Hill before the Timeline Trail path repairs scheduled to begin in October. The work is estimated to cost £100,000 for one kilometre of path. Every donation, large and small, every share and conversation will help us get this over the line. Thank you.

See our website to read more and to donate

<https://bailiesofbennachie.co.uk/paths>. Any questions

can be emailed to us at info@bailiesofbennachie.co.uk

Bookbug, featuring seasonal stories, songs and plenty of Christmas cheer.

Our Bookbug sessions run from 1-1.30pm, every second Friday. Upcoming dates –

*October 2nd, 16th, 30th
(Halloween theme)

*November 13th, 27th

*December 11th (Christmas theme and last session of 2026)

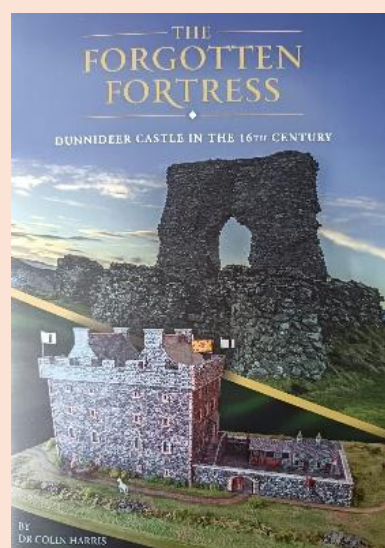


For the latest news, events and library updates, don't forget to follow us on Facebook.

As always, thank you for your continued support of Insch Library. Grace and I look forward to welcoming you through our doors this autumn.

Happy reading! Melissa Watson, Senior Library Administrator, Insch Library

The museum has had a busy season with around 380 visitors both local and from throughout the UK and as far afield as California. Our second room has proved popular, particularly the clothing we have on display and the screen showing a range of photos of Insch in times gone by.



Last year we held two talks about the Dunnydeer Hill which were so successful that we have now published a book. The Forgotten Fortress, by Dr Colin Harris, gives an extensive history of this much loved local landmark. The book is on sale at the museum which is open on Wednesdays and

Sundays from 2-4pm throughout October. It can also be purchased at our Christmas shopping evening on Wednesday 4 November from 4-8pm or online by emailing insch.museum@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who has visited our museum this season and we look forward to welcoming you back next year and if you haven't visited us yet, put it in your diary for next year. Admission free but donations appreciated.

We have barrier free access via the platform and through the waiting room. Insch Connection Museum, Railway Station North Road, Insch, AB52 6XP

Website: www.inschmuseum.org.uk

E-mail: insch.museum@gmail.com

Facebook: [Insch Connection Museum](https://www.facebook.com/InschConnectionMuseum)

LinkedIn: Insch Connection Museum



INSCH GOLF CLUB

As we say goodbye to another fantastic golfing season, we can look back on what has been an incredibly successful — and dare we say, busy! — six months at Insch Golf Club.

It has been brilliant to welcome so many people from the village into our small but very friendly clubhouse. Our junior section has grown immensely, and it is fantastic to see so many young people taking an interest in golf. We hope that by encouraging the younger generation now, we will see them become long-term members and continue to enjoy the club well into their adult years.

It has also been a real delight to welcome back some familiar faces who were previously part of our junior section and are now returning to Insch, this time with families of their own. Seeing members come full circle and bring the next generation along is exactly what a community club is all about.

A huge thank you to all our new and returning members for helping to make the summer season such a success. We couldn't do it without your continued support.

And now, as the clubs are being put away for the winter, the festive 2026 season is looking just as busy!

October – Things Are Getting Spooky!

October sees the return of our extremely popular Boozy Brunch, and this year we're getting into the Halloween spirit! Preparations are already well underway to make sure you all have a scarily good time.

We can't wait to welcome you along for what promises to be another fantastic event. And if that's not enough excitement, BINGO IS BACK! Get those dabbers ready and eyes down at 8pm on Friday 9th October.

Bingo will then take place every two weeks right through until April, so there are plenty of opportunities to test your luck, enjoy some friendly competition and, of course, have a great night in the clubhouse.

November – A Special Speakers Lunch

On 1st November, we welcome former Scotland goalkeeper and football legend Alan Rough for our Speakers Lunch.

This daytime event includes a delicious two-course lunch with wine, followed by the opportunity to enjoy a dram and listen to Alan's stories and experiences.

Tickets are still available, so if you'd like to join us, please get in touch with the club to book your place. It promises to be a fantastic afternoon.

December – Let the Festivities Begin!

December is set to be a busy month, starting with our Christmas Party Night on 5th December, featuring DJ JMAC. Grab your work colleagues, friends or family and come along to get properly into the festive spirit! The evening includes a welcome drink, three-course meal and entertainment throughout the night. It's the perfect opportunity to leave the Christmas shopping behind for a few hours, put on your dancing shoes and enjoy a great night out at the clubhouse.

And that's not all... We'll also be hosting our ever-popular Festive Afternoon Teas. Our menu will be published over the next few weeks — once Mrs Claus has decided exactly how much gingerbread is required and whether Santa is getting cookies and milk this year... or whether a small tippie might be needed to help him through the busiest night of the year!

Our Christmas Menu will also be launching soon and will be available throughout December for group bookings, making the clubhouse a great place to gather with friends, family or colleagues over the festive period.

From golf to bingo, brunches to festive celebrations, there really is something for everyone at Inch Golf Club this winter. We look forward to welcoming our members, friends, families and the wider community

throughout the festive season — and raising a glass to what has been a fantastic year at the club.

Merry Christmas and here's to an even bigger and better 2027! From everyone at Inch Golf Club



*Wartle
Community
Association*

Wartle Hall, the village hall in Meikle Wartle, is located on the left hand side of the road as you enter the village from the Drum Of Wartle Filling Station & Shop.

The main hall is 10m x 5m internally and has audio visual equipment, including a screen for projections. There is a well equipped kitchen, a bar area and a large external patio.

The hall is available to hire for private parties, meetings, events, etc. at a cost of £15/hr.

Upcoming Events At Wartle Hal

Quiz Night	Fri 23 rd Oct 7pm
Christmas Lights Switch On	Sun 6 th Dec 4pm
Hogmanay	31 st Dec 8pm till late.

For other events — please check village notice boards & Facebook.

Enquiries can be made to wartlehall@outlook.com

Chapel of Garioch Village Hall have a pop up pub on 27th November 7pm – 11pm with The Bay Fish and Chip Shop serving from 5pm onwards



**Premnay Hall
(SC023055)**

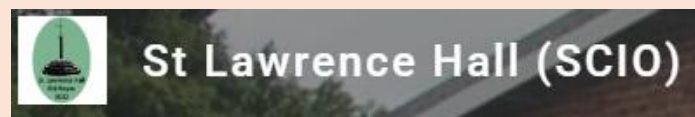
The events coming up in the hall in the next few months are:

3rd October - 10am - 12md - table top sale (hire a table to sell your things £10) entry including a cuppa and cake £5 adult £2 child under 13.

14th November - Christmas fair and coffee morning
entry £5 adult £2 child under 13

EVERY Monday morning coffee morning 09.30-11.30am

Last Friday of the month - quiz night.



St. Lawrence Hall is the Hall in Old Rayne and we have the following events coming up:

POP UP PUB
OLD RAYNE VILLAGE HALL
Saturday 3rd October 2026
6.00pm till 11.30pm

THE LOURIN DUCK
POP-UP PUB
EST. 2025

BREW TOON

BUZZ'S KITCHEN
STREET FOOD

LAGER & ALE
ON TAP
plus cider, wine, spirits,
non-alcoholic options & soft drinks

FULLY LICENSED BAR
16/17 yrs: Entry until 9pm
18+ only after 9pm

ALL PROFITS GO TO
HALL FUNDS

For more information about the hall and how to book it see our website - www.oldraynevillagehall.com

THE STUDIO INSCH

What's been going on at The Studio?

It has been a fun packed few months!
Here's what a typical week looks like at The Studio...



Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are art class days. The studio is open for art classes for kids (6-11yrs) and adults in the afternoons and evenings.

When you join a class you receive a quality sketchbook to use and keep. Each week I set a different task, give you some top tips and then we get arty. We enjoy a cuppa, a natter and create something fabulous in our sketchbooks.

These classes are friendly, small group sessions with a maximum of 6 attending. They are sold as a 4 week block and are £65 for adults, £40 for kids.

If you'd be interested in joining in the fun, email Becky at theillustratedtreeco@gmail.com and I'd be delighted to give you more info.

Fridays and Saturdays 11-4 are shopping days! I've been creating and buying lots of goodies from local and uk based businesses.

There are candles from Turriff, wooden bookmarks and badges from Premnay, jewellery from Edinburgh, tweed makes from lovely Hayley, some pottery makes from Fifi in Insch... beautifully illustrated family trees from yours truly... mugs, coasters, tote bags... there's something for everyone 🧡



Insch Christmas Shopping Event



I'm pleased to announce that the Insch Christmas Shopping event will be on Wednesday 4th November! Keep an eye out as more details will be coming soon!



Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy
The Lord-Lieutenant's Update



Gordon Rural Action

I was delighted to officially open the Gordon Rural Action Community Support Hub in Huntly. The project has been the culmination of five years of hard work,



collaboration and perseverance. What was a dark and tired interior has been transformed into a clean, bright, welcoming and environmentally friendly space which includes a Baby Bank and Uniform Exchange as well as advice rooms, digital access and meeting spaces. The adjoining charity shop has also benefitted from major refurbishment works. Congratulations to everyone at GRA.

Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal, visits Aberdeenshire



We were honoured to welcome Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal, to Aberdeenshire recently. I welcomed The Princess to Whitelink Seafoods Ltd, Fraserburgh, where Her Royal Highness toured the factory, met employees and suppliers. Deputy Lieutenant Fiona Kennedy Clark OBE welcomed Her Royal Highness to International Fish Cannery Ltd, Fraserburgh. Nicola Bradford DL welcomed Her Royal Highness to the Aberdeenshire Bairns Hoose in Kemnay and Deputy Lieutenant Rosemary Walker welcomed The Princess to Midmar and District Men's Shed and Midmar Community Hall. The Men's Shed are in the process of self-building new premises. Her Royal Highness cut a cake to celebrate 120 years since Midmar Hall opened.

Visits

I have been fortunate to visit a variety of venues, groups and organisations across Aberdeenshire over the summer months. These have included attending the many Highland Games, the unveiling of a cairn in Dunecht in memory of Robbie Sheperd and Turriff Show.

Anniversaries, Birthdays

Members of the Lieutenancy have been delighted to visit couples, over the past few months, celebrating their Diamond, Blue Sapphire and Platinum wedding anniversaries. I also visited Mr James Kirkpatrick who celebrated his 100th birthday. Myself, or one of my Deputies are always delighted to visit on the day of special milestones, 60th, 70th or 75th wedding anniversaries and 100th and 105th birthdays, to present a card and personal congratulations. Please do look at our web site, details below, for further information.

Honours Awards

The Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy relies on communities and individuals informing us of any individual or voluntary organisation who has made an exceptional contribution for the wider benefit of others in their community. The King's Awards for Enterprise recognises outstanding achievement by UK businesses in the categories of; young founder, innovation, international trade, sustainability and promoting opportunity through social mobility. The King's Awards for Voluntary Service shines a light on the outstanding work of local volunteer groups that provide social, economic, or environmental benefits to their communities. The Lieutenancy will assist in giving full consideration for appropriate recognition. Information can be found on the Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy website

<https://www.lord-lieutenant-aberdeenshire.co.uk> or contact us info@lordlieutenant-aberdeenshire.co.uk



You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram – 'Lord-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire'

Very best wishes to you all

Sandy Manson, His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire

LOCAL GROUPS IN THE AREA

DAY	WHEN	WHERE
MONDAY		
Community Café See St Drostan's Facebook page	11 am to 1 pm	St Drostan's, Episcopal Church, Commerce Street, Inch, AB52 6JB
Community Café See Premnay Hall Facebook Page -	9.30am - 11am	Premnay Hall & Community Association, Oyne Road, Premnay, Auchleven, Inch, AB52 6QE
Craft Classes - beading, embroidery etc	11am to 2pm	Insch Institute, Rannes Street. Ann 07742 330717
Sit Fit Chair Fitness	11am	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Grampian Cardiac Rehabilitation Group	14:30 to 15:30pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Brew and Blether (1 st Monday of the month)	2 – 4	Logie Durno Village Hall, Pitcaple, AB51 5EJ
Satori Martial Arts – All ages	From 6:30pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Insch Tennis Club (see Insch Tennis Club Facebook page)	3 – 5pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Jog Scotland Insch Beginners and Intermediates-See Facebook page	6.30pm Beginners 7.30pm Intermediate	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Indoor Bowling- September - April	6.50 for 7pm	Insch Bowling Club, Rannes Street Insch behind the Library, AB52 6JJ
Jazzercise	7pm	Oyne Village Hall, Onye
Bible Study Group 7pm to 8pm except holidays	7pm to 8pm	Small Church Hall, Western Road, AB52 6JR
Bennachie Community Council Meetings The Fourth Monday in the month except for July and December	7pm – 9pm	St Drostan's Church, Commerce Street, AB52 6JB
TUESDAY		
FIT 4 LIFE circuits	9.30 - 10.15am	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Walking Football	10.45am	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Painting for Leisure	10.30am to 12.30	The Institute, Rannes Street, Inch, AB52 6JJ contact Jill on 01464 820199
Insch Library	3pm to 5pm	Insch Library, The Institute, Rannes Street, Inch, AB52 6JJ
The Fun and Friendship Group Meets fortnightly every Second Tuesday	2pm to 4pm	Insch Church Hall, Western Road, AB52 6JR
Whist Group	2 – 3.30pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Spin	17.30pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Pilates	6.30 – 7.30pm	Oyne Village Hall, Onye
Insch Trail Running Club	7pm	See Insch Trail Running Facebook page
Functional Fitness Exercise Classes	6-7 pm and 7-8pm	Premnay Village Hall, Premnay
Box N Fit	7pm	Insch Institute, Rannes Street, Inch, AB52 6JJ
WEDNESDAY		
Sole mates Walking Group	10:00 – 11:00	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
TRX	10am	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Walking Rugby 18yrs to 80yrs	11:00 – 12:00	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Margot Cairns Pilates See Facebook page for details	9.15 -10.15am, 10.30-11.30am and 11.45 to 12;45	Insch Church Hall, Western Road, AB52 6JR
Walking Netball	13.30 to 14.30	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Insch Connection Museum April to October 28 th	2 – 4 pm	Railway Station, North Road, Inch
Insch Community Choir	7pm – 8.30pm	St Drostan's Church Hall, Inch, Commerce Street,
Junior Golf (spring and autumn)	6 to 7pm	Insch Golf Club, Golf Terrace, Inch, AB52 6JY
Jazzercise	7pm	Oyne Village Hall, Onye
Pilates	19.15 to 20.00	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Scottish Women's Institute Largie- every 2 nd Wednesday of the month	7.30 pm	Institute Hall , Inch, Rannes Street, AB52 6JB

Scottish Women's Institute Premnay - every 2 nd Wednesday of the month	7.30 pm	Premnay Village Hall, Premnay
Every few weeks see Craft Nights Logie Durno Facebook page for timings	6 pm to 9pm	Logie Durno Village Hall, AB51 5EB
THURSDAY		
WALKFIT	9.15 – 9.45am	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
SIT FIT Chair Fitness	11 – 12 noon	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Brenda Gordon School of Dance	Thursday afternoons see Facebook page	Insch Church Hall, Western Road, AB52 6JR
Insch, Leslie & District Men's Shed Alternative week times	1pm – 4pm 1pm – 8pm	Old School, Leslie . See Facebook page for more details regarding Sunday hours
Indoor Short mat Bowling- 2 nd October to March	6.50 for 7pm	Insch Bowling Club, Rannes Street Insch behind the Library, AB52 6JJ
Adult Beginners Tennis	6 to 7pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Yarn n Yarn. Knitting and Crochet group. Second and Fourth Thursday of the month	7.30pm to 9pm	St Drostan's, Episcopal Church, Commerce Street, Insch, AB52 6JB
Insch Craft Group Third Thursday of the month	6.30pm to 9pm	Insch Church Hall, Western Road, AB52 6JR
Scottish Country Dancing - new members and beginner's welcome. Starts 14 th Sept	8pm to 9.30pm	Insch Church Hall, Western Road, AB52 6JR contact Margaret 01464 821384 or Pam 01464 821304
Fit 4 Life/Circuits	18:15 – 7 pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Aikido Ten Shin Kan	7 to 9pm	Premnay Village Hall, Auchleven
Jog Scotland Insch -See Facebook page	6pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Functional Fitness Exercise Classes	6-7 pm and 7-8pm	Old Rayne Village Hall, Old Rayne
Box N Fit	7pm	Insch Institute, Rannes Street, Insch, AB52 6JJ
Yoga	6.30pm to 7.30pm	Oyne Village Hall, Oyne
Netball	8pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
FRIDAY		
Body Blast	10 – 10.45am	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Pottery	10am – 2pm	Oyne Village Hall, Oyne
TRX stretch	11am – 11:45am	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Adult Badminton	1pm	Bennachie Leisure Centre, Largie Road, AB52 6LT
Insch Library	2pm to 5pm	Insch Library, The Institute, Rannes Street, Insch,
Bookworms- Insch Library Book Group monthly on a Friday	4.30pm	Insch Library, The Institute, Rannes Street, Insch, AB52 6JJ
Scottish Dance Last Friday in the month	2pm to 4pm	Insch Parish Church Hall, Western Road, AB52 6JR
Tea Dance every 3 rd Friday in the month	2pm to 4pm	Insch Parish Church Hall, Western Road, AB52 6JR
Bingo every second week starting October for members	8pm	Insch Golf Club, Golf Terrace, Insch
SATURDAY		
Men's Breakfast Club	From 8.30am to 9.30/10am	Alternates monthly between Insch Parish Church and St Drostan's Episcopal Church Insch
Reel Club (1 st Saturday of the month)	7pm	Oyne Village Hall, Oyne
SUNDAY		
St Drostan's Episcopal Church	Service starts at 10 am see Facebook page for other services	St Drostan's Episcopal Church, Commerce Street, Insch
Insch, Leslie, Premnay, Oyne Parish Presbyterian Church	Service starts at 10.30 am see Facebook page for other services	Insch Parish Church, Western Road, Insch, AB52 6JR
Christian Youth Club for youngsters of secondary school age.	5 to 7pm in St in St Drostan's Hall	St Drostan's, Episcopal Church, Commerce Street, Insch, AB52 6JB

Younger Christian youth club called All Stars for those in primary 5, 6 and 7.	4 to 5.30pm in St Drostan's Hall.	St Drostan's, Episcopal Church, Commerce Street, Inch, AB52 6JB
Bennachie Parish Church at Chapel of Garioch	Services 10am on the 2 nd & 4 th Sundays of the month.	See www.bennachieparish.church for any changes or updates to planned services
Insch Cycling Club	Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursday and Sundays	See Insch Cycling Club Facebook page
Insch Walking Group, Members of Grampian 50+ Network	Meet every Alternative Sunday at 9.30am	Walk 4 - 5 miles within 30 miles of Inch, See Insch Walking Group on Facebook.
Insch Connection Museum	April to October 28 th 2 – 4 pm	Railway Station, North Road, Inch
Insch Ceilidh Club – See Facebook page for dates. Last full week of the month on Sunday	Family Club 2pm	Insch Parish Church Hall, Western Road, Inch, AB52 6JR
Monthly Pop up Bakery with Pork Fae the Park 18 th October + 29 th November	10am – 12 noon	Insch Institute, Rannes Street, Inch

Contacts details for children's groups

Bennachie Leisure Centre, [Bennachie Leisure Centre \(blcinsch.scot\)](http://BennachieLeisureCentre(blcinsch.scot)) ; Guiding – Bennachiedc@gmail.com

Scouting -insch@gordondistrictscouts.org.uk or pitcaple@gordondistrictscouts.org.uk

Insch District Football club also have a [Facebook](#) page

There is a Kennethmont Toddlers Group, Chapel Toddlers Group (0 to 5 years) and Inschy Winchy Spiders Baby Group up to 2yr olds – Contact details can be found on their Facebook pages.

Old Rayne has a 2's Group on Tuesday and Wednesday's. Tiny talk Aberdeenshire Rural is on a Friday morning in Inch which teaches BSL. Abribeats and Playtheme at The Bennachie Leisure Centre. See all of their Facebook pages for more details.

Running Groups – Jog Scotland meet on Monday (6.30 and 7.30pm) and Thursdays 6pm at Bennachie Leisure Centre. See Jog Scotland Inch [Facebook](#) Page

For information about Insch Trail Running Club see their website [Committee & Membership – INSCH TRAIL RUNNING CLUB](#)

Insch Leslie and District Men's Shed – Meeting every Thursday at the Old School in Leslie. Open one week 1 – 4pm and alternate week 1 – 8pm to give working people the opportunity to attend. See their Facebook page for more details. [Insch, Leslie District Men's Shed | Facebook](#) .

Insch Men's Breakfast Club - Meet from 8.30am to 9.30/10am on the first Saturday of the month for a chat, fellowship and food. We meet and alternate between Parish Church Hall and the Episcopal Church in Inch. See [Insch Mens Breakfast | Facebook](#) for more details.

For information about the Nordic Ski Club See their [Facebook](#) Page and [Huntly Nordic and Outdoor Centre - Live, Life Aberdeenshire](#)

We would like to thank the Glens of Foudland Windfarm Community Trust for a grant which will allow us to print the next 8 issues of the Bennachie Community Newsletter. This is very much appreciated and allows us to reach people who cannot access our Social Media Page [Bennachie Community Council | Inch | Facebook](#) or Website where the newsletter is published [Bennachie Community Newsletter | Bennachie CC](#)