

# JUNE 2022

# Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust Newsletter

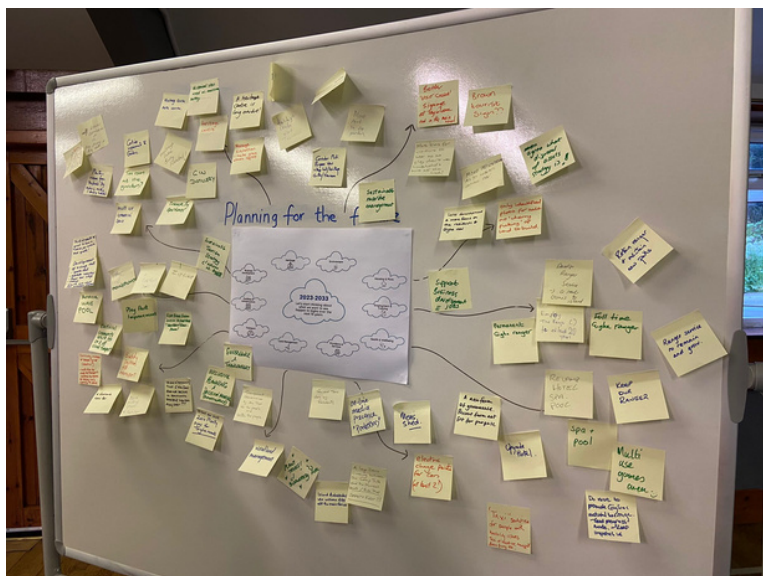
## Community Involvement Day

Thanks to all who were able to attend the Community Involvement Day on 23rd June and for providing feedback on the current priorities and future aspirations for the island.

There was an opportunity to sign up for working groups reviewing the 3 following matters:

- IGHT Memorandum and Articles
- Self-build plots
- 10 year strategy

If you have not yet been in touch and wish to sign up for a group, please contact [shona@gigha.org.uk](mailto:shona@gigha.org.uk) or telephone 01583 505390 before Friday 8th June.



## Members Communications

Can all communications relating to the Board now be emailed to [directors@gigha.org.uk](mailto:directors@gigha.org.uk) or delivered in writing to the Trust office and addressed to the Board. This is to ensure that correspondence is reviewed by all Board members and will be discussed at monthly Board meetings.

## Marketing Graduate

Our Scotgrad Marketing Graduate Carly's 12 month placement will be coming to an end mid July. The [marketing@gigha.org.uk](mailto:marketing@gigha.org.uk) mail box will still be monitored, so please continue to direct any marketing, website or social media queries to that email address and a member of the team will get back to you.

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## Campsite Update

The campsite is nearly there - issues with the wastewater treatment system have been rectified, the final touches are being made and the end is in sight! We're keeping our fingers and toes crossed for an opening date in July, which we'll confirm as soon as we can.



## Gateway to Gigha

June might have seemed a quiet month in terms of Gateway activity but be assured that things have been ticking along behind the scenes. Our Phase 2 paths are well advanced now, though none is 'officially' complete. But most of the necessary steppingstones and stone pitching are in place. One notable exception is at the top of Dun Chibhich, where on-site guidance by Historic Environment Scotland and Argyll Archaeology will be followed to ensure the integrity of this important ancient monument is preserved.



*Crossing a burn on the route to Dun Chibhich*

## Gateway to Gigha continued

Much of our waymarking has been installed or at least laid out on site and we now await delivery of our fingerposts. Materials for the planned boardwalk, facilitating much easier access from the north road end to Tràigh nam Beachan (The 'Real Twin Beaches'), have been ordered with building scheduled to begin in September

We also now have more detailed plans for the main route in the final Phase (3), which will run from the new campsite, close to the coast, rejoining the road north near Croft 3&4. This will provide walkers and cyclists with an alternative, shorter route north as well as creating a 2.5km circuit.

Regarding our heritage interpretation, a stone builder will be on Gigha for periods during the summer to build the plinths to which our panels will be fitted. Our 'wayfinders' (secondary interpretation points) will also be ordered soon, as will our adaptive e-bikes, which will join our existing fleet of e-bikes, giving access to our paths and heritage spaces to an even wider range of users.

Our Community Heritage Project will also be offering further opportunities to residents and visitors to engage more closely with the island's heritage, so watch this space, as well as Casey-Jo's reports, social media and the notice board for further details.

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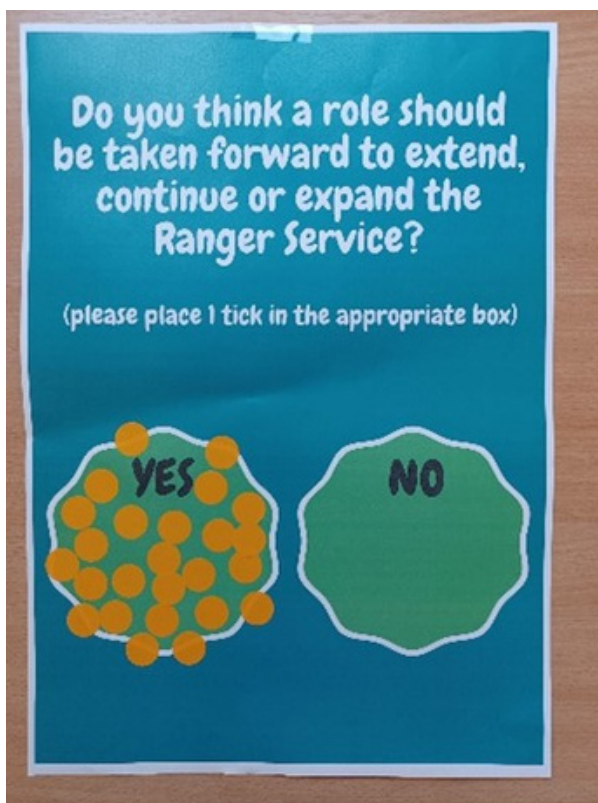
## Gigha Ranger Service

Firstly, a HUGE and sincere thank you. I am incredibly grateful for the response and turnout that our recent community drop-in session received. The evening was to discover if the community would like to see the Ranger role continue and/or establish a position going forwards that will work to deliver outcomes identified by the community. I received some amazing feedback and was absolutely bowled over by the level of support residents were so kind to show. Thank you truly, and I will now be working hard to realise some of these ideas.



## Gigha Ranger Service continued

As part of the Gateway to Gigha's community heritage project, residents voted that approved/official conservation and management of Gigha's historical monuments should be a priority. To make this happen we have invited Archaeology Scotland to Gigha from 1st to 4th July to set up the "Adopt a Monument Scheme" for Kilchattan Chapel. The scheme aims to support local communities to become actively engaged in the care and interpretation of the heritage that is important to them. This training and advice supports community groups to learn and care for Scotland's archaeological sites and landscapes. Join us for 3 days of training in vegetation management, gravestone recording and maintenance plan building. Booking isn't necessary, and teas and coffees will be available each day, but please bring lunch!



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## Gigha Ranger Service continued

Just another reminder that there are now recycling facilities at Gigha Primary School which will allow the community to recycle the items below. The shed is located on the east side of the school, and can be accessed outside of school hours, after 3pm.

- Dental products: toothpaste tubes and caps, plastic toothbrushes, electric toothbrush heads, floss containers.
- Stationary: pens, pencils, sharpeners, staplers, hole punchers, tape dispensers, glue sticks, correction fluid bottles, plastic file dividers, plastic folders, binders.
- Batteries.

You may have noticed that some of the marine litter bins are missing. This is to encourage people to take their litter home with them during the summer season, rather than seeing overflowing bins, litter around the island's hotspots and village, and to reduce impacts on wildlife and the local environment. This is purely an experiment that is being carried out across Scotland, but if this proves unsuccessful this year, we will look into reintroducing bins across the island. Argyll and Bute Council have also issued us with new bin facilities at the ferry slip and stickers to promote the above message. Let's hope these measures help to keep Gigha looking beautiful.

## Achamore Gardens Residents' Picnic

This month saw the second Residents' Picnic held in Achamore Gardens. It was such a lovely afternoon with a total of 53 adults and 20 children in attendance. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us, and of course to One Fyne Deli and Heather Gorman for the fantastic picnics and cakes, and to Maggie Lister, Morgan Russell, Ellie Logan and Tony Walker for some accompanying music for the afternoon.

