



December Newsletter



What happened this month

Welcome to Kieran

A big welcome to Kieran who has joined the ACLI gardening team as an apprentice. A chilly time of year to start but Kieran has thrown himself in to the tasks on site with great enthusiasm and will be an asset to the team.

Ground cover going down

Work has been progressing on site despite the snow to get the ground cover down. This will provide a great growing area for food crops including the potatoes for our CCF project and be an asset on site for years to come.



Info in Hub

Don't forget in our hub building there is info on our activities and details about the project. Do drop by. We also have info on our board in Arran Active and posters go up in the Whiting Bay for events.



Arran High working hard on site

Our AHS group comes every week to work on site and so far this year has done some great work on the community garden, compost area, planting trees and in the polytunnels. Thanks guys!

Linen still available

As part of our CCF carbon saving project we have collected unwanted linen from the Douglas Hotel and are looking for ways for it to be reused. There is a variety of bedding and other linen with varying reuse potential - please drop in to the hub if you would like some. For ideas, we have already passed on the linen for reuse for school plays (costumes & scenery), decoration making, dog towels and ground cover. Some is suitable for reuse as bedding and we have single and super king size duvets covers and sheets.

Why are we doing this? Reusing fabric rather than sending it to landfill as waste saves 16x its own weight in carbon - so by reusing this waste linen we are reducing carbon going into the atmosphere and helping to stop climate change. The weight of linen collected was over half a tonne!!

Coming up in the New Year

- **Community Meeting Tues 30th Jan 6pm** venue tbc – looking at future plans for the land
- **Growers Drop in Sessions** – run every Wednesday from 3-4pm with Darren and Matt. Open to everyone – not just our allotment plot holders. Also runs every first Saturday in the month 9-10am.
- **Volunteer Days** – 10am-12 on Saturday in the first weekend in the month.
- **Grubby Greenies Sessions!** 10-12 on first Saturday of the month
Next one Jan 6th – start your New Year outdoors having fun and wear off those mince pies!

Notices & info – are put up in our hub building on site, in Whiting Bay village on notice boards and on our notice board in the foyer of Arran Active in Brodick - you can check activities and see more general project info. Regular updates are online on Facebook and (along with more formal info) on our website.

If you would like to keep in touch send your email address to development@arranland.org . *The Community Land is signposted off Golf Course Road in Whiting Bay. Follow the sign up the track to our car park which is now back in action. For all sessions, please wear sturdy shoes, bring refreshments and waterproofs just in case!*

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT AT ALL SESSIONS.

All welcome! Come and enjoy the Community Land!

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