

# Mid Argyll Estate Management newsletter December 2023

Welcome to your local newsletter, which tells you what's happening on ACHA's Mid Argyll estates. **Coming up in the next few months...**

## Winter works

During the winter season, our grounds maintenance team are making good use of their quiet season to work on our sheltered schemes at **Caledonia Court, Lochgair Place & Chalmers Court**. They will be removing moss from paths and doing a winter tidy-up.

## External wall insulation

Work is going well in Tarbert, Lochgilphead & Adrishalg to make our homes warmer and more attractive with external wall insulation. ACHA have also managed to pull in external funding for the works, saving money and getting more value for our tenants' rents. The contractors are on site in all areas and aim to be finished by Spring 2024.



## Architects progressing funding bid for Duncholgan TP site

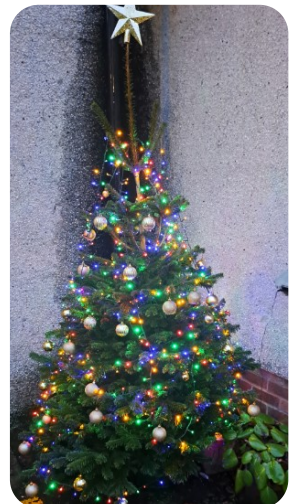
In September, Inch Architects met with our Duncholgan residents and members of the wider Traveller Community to progress plans for applying for Scottish government funding. The architects are currently getting costings for potential improvements to the Duncholgan Travelling Persons site, and we are hoping to apply for funds when the next round of funding opens.



## Community spirit is alive and well in Mid Argyll

Our Caledonia Court residents really appreciated a bit of seasonal tree with their Christmas tree donated by Harbro.

And Tarbert food bank The Pantry benefitted from a £100 food donation, thanks to the generosity of a prize-winning tenant.



# Estate walkabouts

## Your chance to join our team

If you want to have a say on how your local environment is managed, come and join our local team in an estate walkabout in your area.

These joint trips out are your chance to see how your housing team inspects the area, how they deal with common issues, and what they have to tackle in their roles.



**Come and join Emma, Jane & Ross out on our estates for a brisk walkabout!**

**Call us on 01546 605800 for more information, or check details online at [www.acha.co.uk](http://www.acha.co.uk).**

In Autumn/Winter 2023, we visited Inveraray, Furnace, Minard, Lochgilphead East (MacDonalds, McIntyres & Ardpatrik Place) and Lochgilphead central (Dewar Avenue, Brodie Crescent, Unions, McCallum Court, Rowan Park, McCracken Court, McKellar Buildings).

### **Our 2024 programme for the Mid Argyll Estate Walkabouts:**

**Lochgilphead West: 18th January (morning)**

**Lochgilphead flats & closes: 29th February (morning)**

**Ardrishaig top** (Glenfyne Park/Upper, Knapdale Terrace, Duncuan View: **March**

**Ardrishaig South** (Glenfyne Crescent, Hill Biew, Caledonia Court, Brae Road): **April**

**Ardrishaig lower:** (Lochfyne Terrace, MacMillan Court, Seaside View, Hermione Terrace, Victoria Terrace, Chalmers Street): **May**

**Achahoish: May**

**Ardfern, Ford, Eredine, Kilmartin, Kilmichael Glassary: June**

**Cairnbaan, Crinan, Tayvallich: June**

**Tarbert West** (Oakhill, Oakfield, Croft Park): **July**

**Clachan & Torinturk: July**

**Tarbert East** (Kingsway, Church Terrace, Lochgair Place, Easfield, Hillfoot Terrace, Bruce Hill): **August**



# Estate walkabouts 2023 - what we found



Blocked gutters - ordered to be cleared. Roughcast jointly owned with private owner - we negotiate to get the repair done, and get it fixed if it's affecting our tenants.



Overgrown brambles or hidden gardens that need more care - we contact the tenants and keep on at them until the garden is clear.



Rain!



Discarded items that need uplifting - we keep up the contact with our tenants to get them to do the right thing and clear their things. If they don't do it themselves, we uplift it and recharge them for the cost.



Weed trees in walls - quickly cleared by ACHA's ground maintenance team.



Flytipping on ACHA land - where we can't find the owners, we arrange for it to be uplifted.



And we also reminded ourselves that some ACHA tenants live in truly beautiful places...

## Assisted gardening scheme

Our assisted gardening scheme offers a free grass-cutting service to residents who are over 65 or struggling with long-term illness or disability. This service is limited and there are currently no free spaces. If you feel that you qualify, please contact our Mid Argyll housing team to ask to go on the waiting list.

## Jane's coming to a close near you!

Mid Argyll's longstanding Housing & Neighbourhood Services Assistant, Jane Hepburn, is passionate about getting out on estates and making sure that ACHA tenants can enjoy living in a clean and pleasant environment.

What I really want to say to people is,  
**"Please clean your close!"**

All too often I visit closes where they are full of obstructions, window ledges are dirty and covered with cobwebs, and the floors are filthy. It's not fair on neighbours to have to walk past other tenants' dirt and clutter.

Do your bit, take half an hour every week and soon it will be looking lovely.



## Have your say

Do you want to be listened to more?

Do you want to challenge ACHA on service delivery?

ACHA's fun and supportive '**Your Voice**' group is made up of tenants just like you who meet regularly to have a real voice in ACHA. Call us on **0800 028 2755** to find out more.



### Your local team in Mid Argyll:

**Jane Hepburn** (Housing & Neighbourhood Services Assistant)

**Emma Oates** (Housing & Neighbourhood Services Officer)

**Rachael MacIndeor, Sheila Gillen & Chloe Wilson** (Customer Services team)

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