

# WINTER NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2017

URRAS OIGHREACHD GHABHSAINN



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Welcome to the Winter edition of the UOG Newsletter, bringing you some updates on what's been happening at Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn for the past few months.

## Board of Trustees

Pictured from L-R: Colin MacLean, Murdanie MacLeod, Norman Thomson, Donald S MacLeod, Carola Bell, Alasdair Smith, Agnes Rennie (Chair), James MacLeod, Mairi Smith (Vice Chair), Donald MacSween, Sandra MacLeod, Murray MacLeod.



We were pleased to welcome new board members onto our board of Trustees in December: Donald MacSween and Sandra MacLeod. Alasdair Smith was also recently elected and re-joined the board.

## Calendar 2018

## On Sale Now!

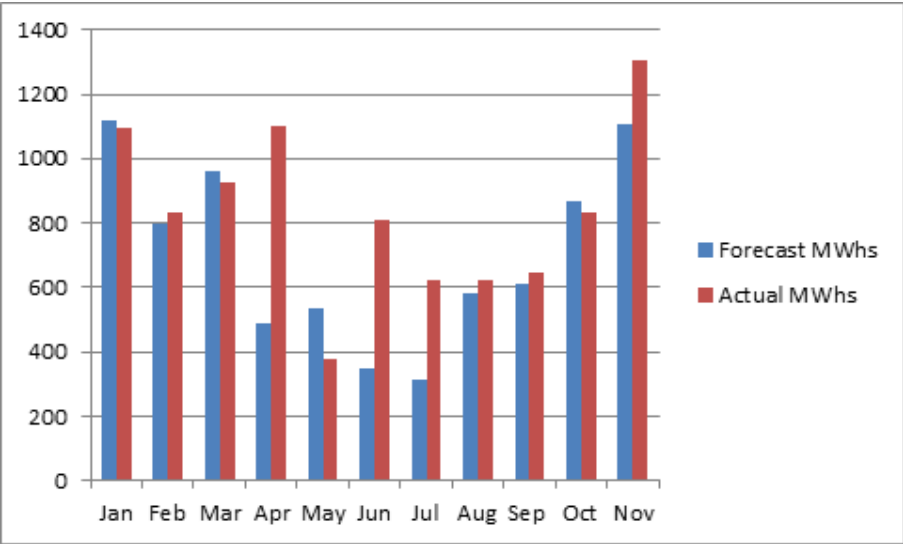
Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn 2018 Calendar is now on sale, showcasing the beautiful scenery and wildlife across the estate. You can buy it at the UOG Business Centre and it is also on sale in local outlets across the estate.





As we draw to the close of the calendar year, the graph shows that 2017 was another productive period. This winter is proving to be very windy so far and November exceeded the forecast production quite significantly, in fact it was the second highest month since January 2014 (the highest was December 2015). Up to the end of November, production for the calendar year was 119% against the forecast MegaWatt Hours.

## Turbine Performance



## October Outdoor Sessions

We held another two Outdoor Sessions during the October holidays with children and families enjoying Bushcraft and Outdoor Play in Eoropie and Borge. Thank you to everyone who came along and made them so much fun for all.



Keep an eye out for more sessions next year!

## LED Communities Project

Our project to reduce householders' carbon emission, in partnership with Tighean Innse Gall (TIG) and Urras Oighreachd Chàrlabhaigh is now fully subscribed. We are now considering ways to roll out phase 2 of this project. If you have already signed up and would like information please contact Holly at TIG on:

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# Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn AGM

UOG held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the 10th of October 2017 and welcomed a very good turnout. Alasdair MacLean, General Manager of Lewis Crofters addressed the members following the main business of the meeting. A successful year on many fronts was reported.



## Outer Hebrides Community Land Trusts



UOG hosted the third Outer Hebrides Community Land Trusts Event in November. A one day event held to bring Community Land Trusts and Development Trusts together for knowledge sharing, networking and to discuss project around specific industry sectors.

The Year of Young People was considered on the agenda with trusts agreeing to work together on activities to support the themed year and ensure it has maximum impact. Delegates enjoyed an afternoon session on community development led by Professor Frank Rennie. A fourth event is planned for Spring 2018 and will be hosted by North Harris Trust.

## Loch Stiapabhat Nature Reserve Meeting

On Tuesday 12th December Anne MacLellan who owns and runs Balranald Hebridean Holidays in North Uist came to speak at the UOG Business Centre. Anne is a crofter and also runs her tourism business which is situated in the heart of the RSPB managed Balranald Nature Reserve. There was a great turnout on the evening, despite the icy conditions.

It was helpful to open up discussion around the management of the Local Nature Reserve at Loch Stiapabhat and hear about Anne's business. It's important that we safeguard the rights of the crofters but also seek to ensure we are managing the reserve in a proactive manner. The evening generated lots of positive discussion to build upon.





# Habost Amenity Site Christmas Opening Hours

	Open from	Open to	Open from	Open to
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	10am	12 noon	2pm	4pm
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	9am	12 noon	2pm	4pm
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am	12 noon	2pm	4pm
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am	12 noon	2pm	4pm
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am	12 noon	2pm	4pm
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9am	12 noon	2pm	4pm
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10am	12 noon	2pm	4pm

## Job Opportunity



### Graduate Placement Opportunity

Events, Marketing and PR Officer

12 Month Contract

Salary: £19,000

Closing date for applications: 07/01/18

This is a fantastic opportunity to work with a number of organisations and agencies to develop and co-ordinate a number of community events and activities as part of the Year of the Young People (YOYP). The graduate will be required to develop and oversee the implementation of a marketing and social media strategy to raise awareness of the YOYP within the Western Isles. The successful candidate will help promote awareness of future opportunities for young people to become involved within their community, and also support the development of an event to recognise and celebrate young people in the Galson estate area.

Further details and a Role Description for the post can be found at:

<https://www.scotgrad.co.uk/graduates/placements>

Reference Code: WNPVRZYEQH

For informal enquiries regarding this position please contact Lisa Maclean

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## January Coastal Walks

### Join Us for a Walk on the Galson Estate

#### A SERIES OF WALKS TO BLOW AWAY THE WINTER BLUES

Saturday 6th January 10.30 am Butt of Lewis Loop

Saturday 3rd February 10.30 am Borge to Galson

Saturday 3rd March 10.30am Shader & Baile An Truiseil Loop

To book a place contact [office@uogtld.com](mailto:office@uogtld.com) or

Phone 01851 850 393

