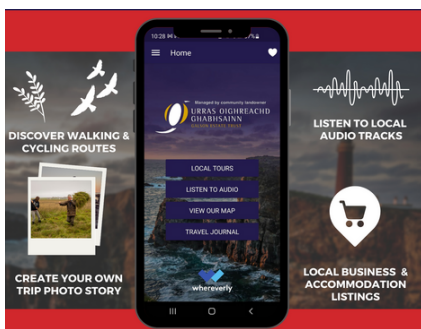


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A note from the Chairperson

Gealach abachaidh an eòrna ‘s i bheir sinne Leòdhas dhachaigh” briathran an t-seann amhran a tha air a bhith cho freagarrach air oidhcheannan gealaich am bliadhna. Ged nach eil torr eòrna no coirce ri fhaicinn s na làithean seo tha obair an fhoghair a’ dol air adhart ann an dòighean eile agus fiù fhad ‘s a tha mi a’ sgrìobhadh seo tha uain agus laoiigh gan reic aig margaidhean an fhoghair.

Tha bliadhna thrang air a bhith ann thuige seo agus chan eil teagamh nach eil faochadh mòr air a bhith ann dha daoine faighean air ais gu cùisean rudeigin àbhaisteach às dèidh a bhuidh thug Covid 19 air ar beatha.

Tha obair an Urrais air a bhith dol a meud agus a measg rudan eile se tlachd air leth a bh’ ann Maoin na Coimhearsnachd fhosgladh às ùr. Tha mi air leth toilichte fàilte bhlàth a chur air manaidsear ùr an Urrais. Tha Jemma Nic a Phiocair a’ tighinn thugainn à Uibhist, ach ‘s ann do sgìre Bhac a bhuineas i. Bidh Jemma a’ tòiseachadh san obair ùr aig toiseachd an t-Samhain.

One of my favourite traditional Gaelic songs describes the annual return of the harvest moon, not just for its beauty but as the seasonal marker to returning home to Lewis. This year we have had a beautiful harvest moon and whilst ripening fields of oats and barley are no longer seen the annual sales of lambs and calves provide their own seasonal markers.

It's been a busy year for everyone, but it's also been a great relief for everyone to get back to normality after two years living in the shadow of Covid 19. Unfortunately, the virus has not disappeared but thank goodness society is now able to control it better.

This newsletter gives just a flavour of the varied workstream which the Urras is now involved in. We have been especially pleased to have been able to re-launch the Community Investment fund after nearly 18 months during which the fund was frozen. Several projects have received funding and the Urras website provides information on the application process.

I am very pleased to welcome our new manager at the Urras. Jemma Macvicar comes to the Urras from Uist, but is returning to her native Lewis where her family live in Back.

Agnes Rennie

UOG Chairperson / Cathraiche UOG



Dùthchas 2022

DÙTHCHAS
Galson Estate Heritage Week

Abair gun robh spòrs againn aig Dùthchas 2022. What a brilliant Dùthchas week it was across Galson Estate.

Dùthchas is Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn's heritage festival, celebrating the heritage of Galson Estate.

From 3rd - 10th September inclusive, organisations and groups from Barvas to Port of Ness hosted a range of fantastic events. There was a coastal walk with local RSPB, an artist in residence and time for prayer at St Moluag's, and two pertinent talks from doctoral researchers Juliette Desportes and Ryan Dziadowiec at the Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn Business Centre. For creative types, there was Ceòl sa Cafaidh, tweed waulking and wool spinning demonstrations at Comunn Eachdraidh Nis, and a mono-printing session with local artist Elaine Smith at Clan Macquarrie Community Centre. See more photos of events on the link provided at the end of this column.



With tourism on Galson Estate identified as one of our key priorities, Dùthchas events focus on the unique aspects of north-west Lewis that provide a different visitor experience, thus encouraging sustainable interaction and local expenditure in our area. Events also build awareness and understanding of place for local people.

UOG would like to express their thanks to all partners, providers and attendees of Dùthchas events. We look forward to celebrating Dùthchas 2023 with you next September.



**To see photos and recordings
of both past and present
Dùthchas events, please visit:
www.duthchas.com**

Calendar Competition 2023

Congratulations to our 2023 Calendar Competition winners.

In the adult category, Scott Davidson won with this sublime capture at the breakwater in Port of Ness, above.



In the junior category, Kerry Graham won with this impressive shot of a moth in the peats, below.



Well done to both winners, who each receive a £50 voucher for Malcolm Macleod's Photography in Stornoway. All featured photographers in the calendar will also receive a copy of the calendar.

We'll soon be calling for entries for our 2024 calendar. Keep snapping photographs around Galson Estate and who knows - perhaps you will be our winner next year!

Community Investment Fund - Recent Awards



The Community Investment Fund, which reopened in June, has made a series of recent awards to community groups, including:

- Ness Football Club, who were awarded £2,000 to cover costs associated with competing in the Highland Amateur Cup semi-finals
- Cross Church of Scotland, who were awarded £2,000 to create a youth club for S1-S6 pupils, and
- Acair, who were awarded £1,000 to assist in the creation of a Nicolson Institute Centenary Book.

The Community Investment Programme was established to invest funds from the renewables project income back into the community of the Galson Estate.

If you are a constituted local group interested in applying to the Community Investment Fund, please visit our website for more information:

www.galsontrust.com/community-investment

Alternatively, contact us on **cif@uogltd.com** or **01851 850 393**.



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2PM TO 4PM

THURSDAY

10AM TO 12 NOON

2PM TO 4PM

TUESDAY

CLOSED

FRIDAY

10AM TO 12 NOON

2PM TO 4PM

WEDNESDAY

10AM TO 12 NOON

2PM TO 4PM

SATURDAY

9AM TO 12 NOON

1PM TO 4PM

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Contact Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn – 01851 850393

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
URRAS OIGHREACHD GHABHSAINN
WILL BE HELD ON:**

1ST NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7:30PM

**AT THE
UOG BUSINESS CENTRE,
TOM NA BÀ, SOUTH GALSON,
HS2 0SH**

MEETING ALSO AVAILABLE ON ZOOM

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THE AGM COMMENCES AT 7:30PM (MEMBERS ONLY),

**THE PUBLIC MEETING WILL OPEN AT 8:00PM
(ALL WELCOME).**

**WHETHER ATTENDING IN PERSON OR ONLINE,
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Introduction to Rock Climbing

Thank you to Isi Oakley and the Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Outdoor Learning team for hosting an introductory session to rock climbing in early September.

Those aged 16 years plus from both Galson Estate and further afield were 'shown the ropes' at Stoth in Port of Ness on a lovely sunny evening. We hope you all enjoyed the event!

Tickets for Galson Estate residents were subsidised by Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn for this event.



UOG Staff Updates

Welcoming Jemma Macvicar as Executive Manager



Tha sinn air adhartas mòr a dhèanamh le àrd-oifigear ùr agus bidh Jemma NicBhiocair a' tòiseachadh a dh'aithghearr.

We are delighted to confirm that Jemma MacVicar has been appointed as Executive Manager and will be starting with UOG at the end of October. She is originally from Back and is currently employed through the North Uist and Benbecula Locality Partnership. Jemma cut her management teeth with Boots and TalkTalk before moving to the Southern Isles and we are looking forward to benefiting from her leadership as the Urras moves into another important phase of regeneration.

Catherine appointed to Modern Apprenticeship role

We're delighted that Catherine Thomson has been appointed as our Community Development Modern Apprentice, having originally been employed as Project Assistant at UOG over the summer. Catherine demonstrated great ability in the role and we're thrilled to retain her as part of the UOG team. Although we have had graduate posts in the past, this is the first time Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn has had a Modern Apprentice as part of the staff team. In her two-year role, Catherine will be working her way through course modules, as well as assisting on other UOG projects.

'S math a rinn thu, a Chatriona!



Lindy returns from adoption leave

We are delighted to welcome back Lindy, our Development Officer, who is returning after being off on adoption leave. We're also delighted to be welcoming her wee M to the extended UOG family!

Goodbye to Jasmine & Fiona

In September, we were sorry to say goodbye to Jasmine, our Media & Communications Officer. Jasmine has been with the UOG team for almost three years, and moves to a post with the Outer Hebrides Heritage Forum.

In October we were also saddened to say goodbye to Fiona, who has been with UOG for 6 years on and off. Fiona will shortly be moving (temporarily) to Australia with her partner.



Plòigh Plòigh MHÒR!

FUN AND EDUCATIONAL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
FOR CHILDREN ON THE GALSON ESTATE
SEISEANAN SAMHAIDH AIR OIGHREACHD GHABHSAINN

SAVE THE DATES | CINN-LÀTHA:
17- 21 October 2022
17 - 21 An Dàmhair 2022

BOOKING WILL OPEN ON:
3 October | 3 An Dámhair
at ploigh.co.uk

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