

CROC TALK

COVID-19 RESPONSE ON CUMBRAE



Millport Support Group

LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL!

COVID-19 vaccinations are under way on the island with the over-80's first to get their jabs in January from Cumbrae Medical Practice at Garrison House, followed by the over-65's at the DA Hall by a Health Board team on Saturday 6th Feb.

The DA Hall vaccination event had been brought forward from the original date of 17th February, but the blue appointment envelopes landed on island doormats just in time. Big thanks go to our posties for a magnificent effort on one of the worst days of the year and with 2 days-worth of mail to deliver due to the ferry being off the previous day!



Around xxx people aged 65 and over or shielding have now been vaccinated on Cumbrae, estimated at an impressive xx% of those eligible.

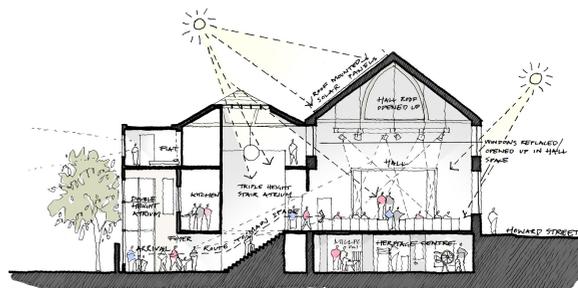
For more information or advice, please call the Vaccination Helpline on **0800 030 8013**



TOWN HALL FUNDING SUCCESS!

An update from Angie and the Town Hall team:

We are so delighted to tell you all that we have received an award of £1.5 million from the Scottish Government for the regeneration of Millport Town Hall. Together with the funding already secured from the North Ayrshire Council Community Investment Fund, Crown Estates, Scottish Land Trust, CARS, the Sir Hugh Fraser Foundation, the Islands Green Recovery Programme, Sir Boyd Tunnock and of course from local fundraising events, it brings us close enough to the £2m costs of Phase 1 to go ahead with building work. As we've already completed detailed building surveys, we'll soon be tendering for contractors to start in May and we're encouraging loca



Phase 1 is a complete overhaul of the building along with the addition of three holiday flats to make the project financially sustainable into the future. There will be an atrium extension to the side for the main access and lifts installed.

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**OUR TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL HERE TO OFFER SUPPORT!
IF WE CAN GIVE HELP OR EVEN A LISTENING EAR,
CALL US ON 01475 789 179**

KEEPING CUMBRAE UPDATED AND SAFE

TOWN HALL UPDATE (CTD)

We are very grateful to all our funders, our partners, our supporters and last but not least this community. We are taking ownership of the site from North Ayrshire Council, membership of the Charity is free and this will be **your** Hall. Through our consultations you have helped us with the plans for the spaces and we'll be consulting further to make sure we deliver what the community wants and needs when the building is operational. More than 20 local groups have already expressed an interest in using the Town Hall and we've had over 130 people volunteer to get involved. A place for community clubs, support groups, parties and events big and small - amateur and professional, maybe classes in music, dance, art, advice sessions – tell us more about what you would like by contacting us on info@millporttownhall.co.uk

When COVID restrictions allow we'll organise some face-to-face meetings and, as the project develops, give more details on employment and volunteering opportunities.

It's wonderful, positive news for Millport at a time when we all need something to look forward to. The planned opening date is May 2022 - please bear with us during the build stages, we will do everything in our power to make it as pain free as possible!



In a historic first online episcopal election, the Diocese of Argyll & The Isles has chosen a new Bishop.

The Rev Canon Dr Keith Riglin was selected by the Electoral Synod from a short-list of three candidates, and will fill the vacancy brought about by the translation of the Rt Rev Kevin Pearson to the Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway last year. The successful outcome also means that the College of Bishops will now have a full complement of seven Bishops for the first time since 2016.

The Bishop-elect is Vice Dean and Chaplain at King's College London, where he is also a Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies. He also serves as Assistant Priest at St Anne's Church, Soho and as an Authorised Presbyter at Wesley's Chapel, London.

After his election, he said: "I am delighted and deeply touched to be elected as Bishop." "This is such an important time for our communities and churches. I'm humbled by the confidence placed in me, and look forward to all that God may do."

WEEKLY LUNCHES CONTINUE



The weekly lunches organised by MSG, funded by The Cumbrae Forum, provided by the Newton Bar and

delivered by our local taxi service are proving to be very popular with over a hundred meals going out weekly. We were delighted to receive financial help from The Lodge Kelburn, The Newton Bar and The Premier Stores who each provided the meals for one week. The Cumbrae Forum are committed to continue to support this weekly service until Spring.

If you feel you would like to receive a meal please call MSG on 01475 789179. If you wish to support this service you can donate to the Cumbrae Forum.

Our grateful thanks go to Robert and Lesley at The Newton for providing this much appreciated service during lockdown.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE YOUNG ISLANDER'S CHALLENGE? AN INVITATION FROM YOUTH SCOTLAND



If you are a young person living in one of Scotland's island communities – we want to hear from you!

Working in partnership with the Scottish Government and the National Islands Plan, we want to understand what it's like to live and grow up in our island communities from the people who know best – you!

We want to know your views on topics that matter to your life like:

- What are the issues that affect your life?
- What is good about your island community?
- What could be better about your island community?
- What would you change if you could?
- What would you like to see the Young Islander's Network do and/or achieve?

In addition to understanding young people's views, we are going to provide training and support to young people and will work with young people and community-based youth groups to establish a Young Islander's Network.

For more information, visit
<https://tinyurl.com/ynjefekr>