

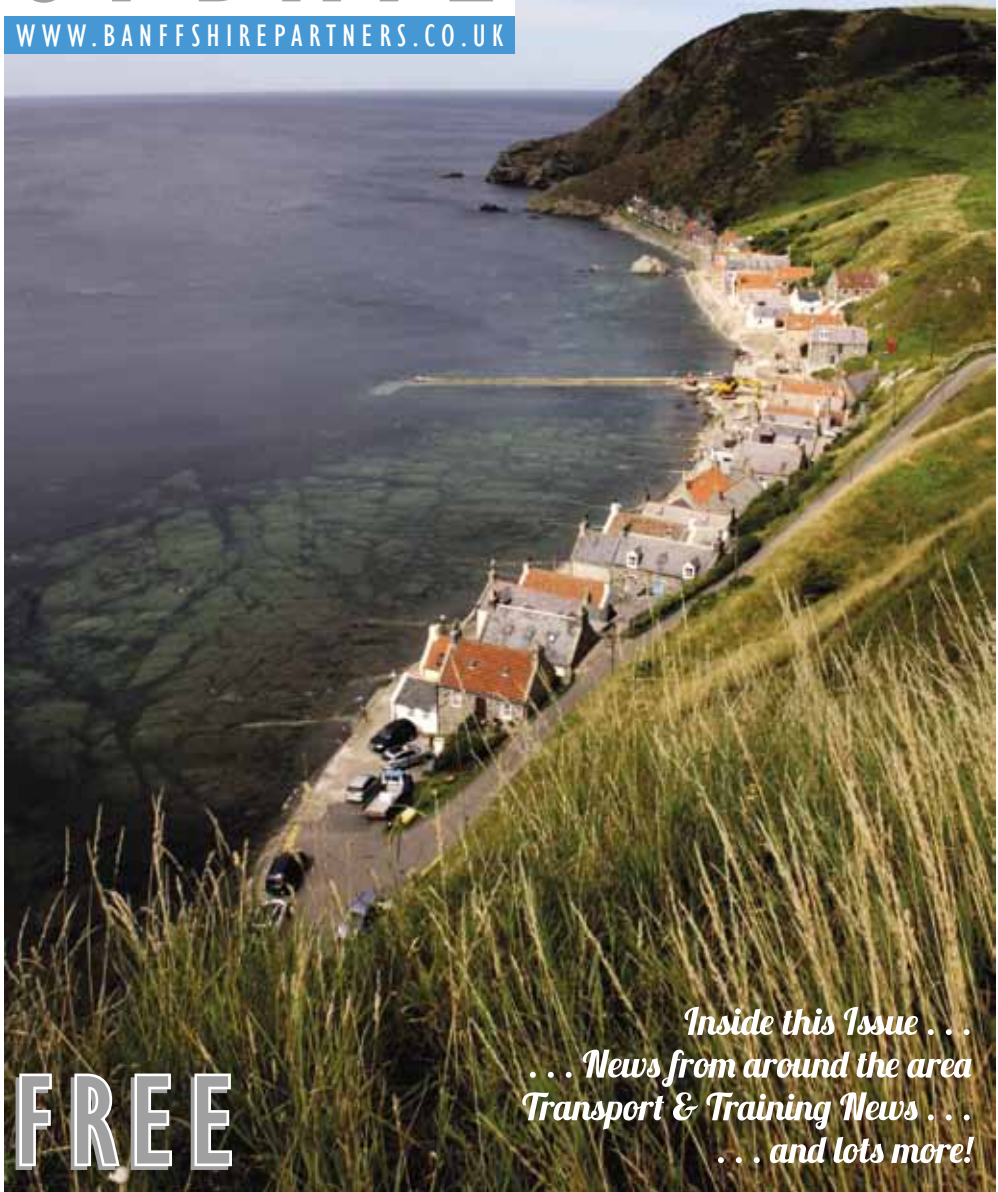


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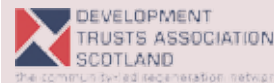
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## Chairman's Letter

Welcome to the new edition of the Banffshire Partnership Yearbook. As in previous years, it has been a very challenging year for everybody at the Partnership and I would like to thank Duncan Leece, his staff and especially all the volunteers for all their efforts in meeting those challenges.

### COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Since the Community Transport side of the business started it has grown steadily and is now the main activity of Banffshire Partnership. We now have three minibuses, two of which are wheelchair accessible. We try to keep our fleet up-to-date and have just purchased a new Ford Transit minibus

The dial-a-bus service is very well used. Our annual survey of our passengers shows how valuable this service is to them, not just getting them to the shops and on outings, but in terms of social interaction and helping to alleviate social exclusion. Community hire activity has done very well this year, and we would like to remind all local groups that our vehicles are available at very reasonable cost for outings, meetings, etc.

Well above half of the funding for our Community Transport comes from Aberdeenshire Council grants and with the Council's budget being tightened each year, our priority is to provide a friendly, reliable but cost effective service to all our clients

### TRAINING

For many years we have provided transport related training to minibus drivers and Passenger Assistants. We have now broadened our range of available courses and we are able to offer a range of training courses in HSE accredited First Aid, Health & Safety At Work and Manual Handling.

We have already delivered training for local and national companies and community organisations and feedback from our customers has been excellent.

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### COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Although now the smallest part of the activities of Banffshire Partnership in financial terms, the Community Economic Development side plays a very large role in the communities that it serves.

BPL is an active member of the Local Community Planning Partnership, and it has assisted many community groups with projects, business plans and funding applications over the years.

We have a paid contract with Aberdeenshire Council to provide this service, and without that income we would be unable to help community groups. This financial year saw an increase in our funding for this work, as opposed to budget cuts in previous years. This is most welcome and I can assure you that the extra income will be spent in helping communities, even though we are still receiving more requests for assistance than we can comfortably handle with our limited resources

The board is very well aware that we face tightening budgets in the coming years. However, it is our wish to continue with the broad range of activities that we currently undertake and where possible expand them to meet the needs of our communities.

*Robin Maddock*

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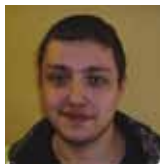
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### OUR VALUED VOLUNTEERS

Many of our passenger assistants and drivers - whether for the Dial-A-Bus or community groups - are volunteers, whose contribution is greatly valued by all who benefit. If you would like to join them, it's necessary to register with us and take up appropriate training.

If you think you can help please contact us:

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**Michael Moloney**

# A Word From Our DOO!

Each year I have to persuade myself to sit down and concentrate on writing my contributions to Partnership Update. There are always so many other priorities. As soon as I make a start, however, I love the job, because it makes me reflect on just how much community-led activity is happening within our corner of Scotland.

Most of this work is done by volunteers, and BPL would simply not be able to exist without their efforts supplementing those of my team of paid staff. This book allows me an annual opportunity to thank publicly, all those who have helped BPL throughout the year, paid or unpaid.

In Robin's introduction to Partnership Update, you will have read that we purchased another brand new minibus to keep our

fleet in prime condition. With great pleasure I can report that once again, this vehicle was purchased outright using the money given in coin donations by passengers using our Dial-a-Bus services. I am absolutely delighted by this, as apart from the obvious financial benefit, this level of regular donations confirms what our clients tell us verbally, that they really value what we do, and we are getting things right. That is great news for any organisation.

So get yourself a cup of tea, sit back, and read Partnership Update. As ever, most of the book is about the achievements and plans of the groups we work with, and you will be impressed.

Remember that what we have space for in this book is just the tip of the iceberg. I hope it spurs you on



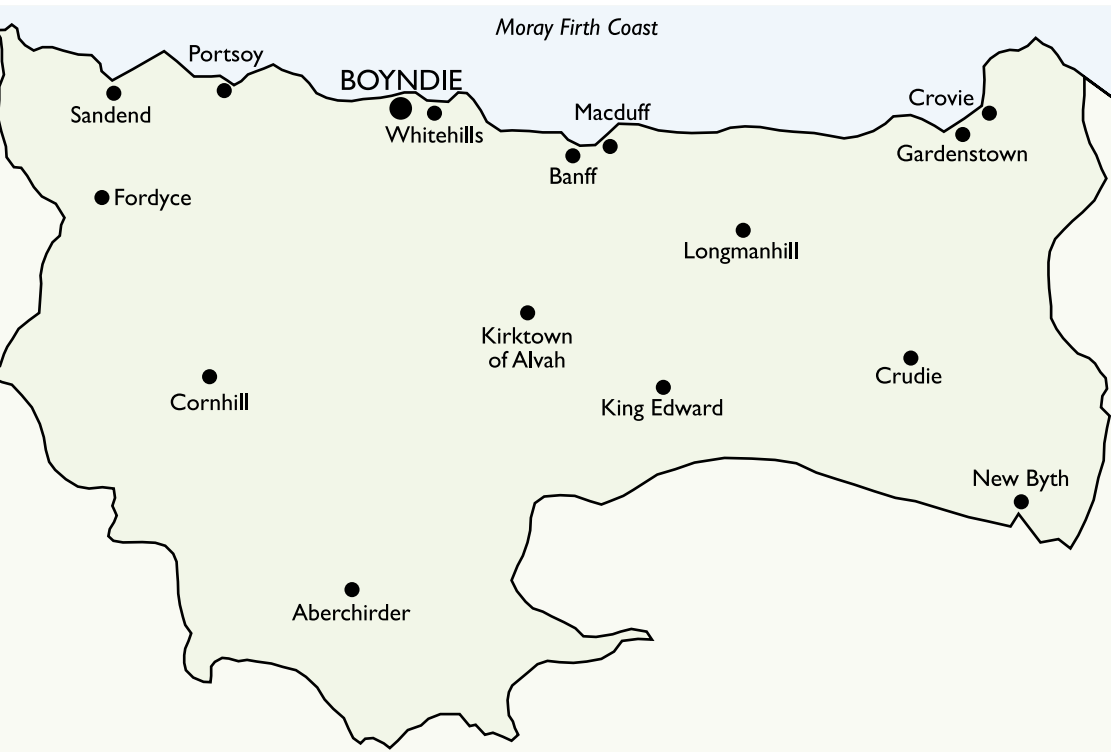
to get involved in your community, if you have not been 'bitten by the bug' already!

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# Where Is Banffshire Partnership Based?



The Banffshire Partnership is based at Boyndie on the Moray Firth coast and is delighted to work with community groups throughout the Banff & Buchan area.

The following pages highlight some of the activities and events which have been happening throughout the area over the past months, as well as giving an insight into some of the events which will be taking place throughout this year.

It is our intention to publish an annual Partnership Update. The next edition of the newsletter - Issue 17 - will appear in early 2015 so don't miss out on a great opportunity to get some free publicity for your group's activities or forthcoming events.

Please send us any articles, photographs, adverts or announcements which you would like to be included - we look forward to hearing from you!

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# Banffshire Partnership Aims And Values

**OUR PURPOSE:**  
Within our area to contribute to the economic, social and environmental well-being of local communities by;

- valuing the work of volunteers
- creating opportunities for employment based on the sustainable use of local culture, skills and resources,
- enabling and encouraging lifelong learning amongst local people.

We also aim to encourage and support partnership working between community groups and private, public and voluntary organisations.

**VALUES: We try to:**

- encourage participation and consensus
- be open and transparent in our dealings
- maximise resources - human, physical and financial
- remain people focused

**OBJECTIVES:**  
To encourage and support communities to run and participate in activity that will help them develop.

Provide rural transport solutions to individuals and communities, where mainstream public transport is inaccessible.

Specific encouragement will be given to projects that have an economic benefit and/or develop partnership working with other groups and public agencies, such as the Local Authority.

The Partnership has a particular interest in tourism initiatives and ideas to promote the use of local products and local suppliers.

**It is Banffshire Partnership's observation and belief that the more local people participate in and take ownership of activities within their communities, the better that place will become to live in.**

Practical ways in which Banffshire Partnership supports projects include:

- Project management advice, and capacity building of groups as a whole, and individual members.
- Assistance with funding applications, or development of financial management packages.
- Putting groups in contact with others who have done similar projects, and helping the sharing of knowledge.
- Reducing rural isolation, and social exclusion, through transport initiatives and opportunities for individuals to access community activity.
- Facilitating two-way communication between local communities, and public agencies, or policy makers at regional and national level.



Photo courtesy of the Banffshire Coast Tourism Partnership.

## BANFF PRESERVATION & HERITAGE SOCIETY



Our Society now has a public place you can meet us. Every week, on Saturday mornings from 10.30am till 1.00pm, the Museum of Banff on the High Street is open, run by ourselves. In the visitors' season we are open longer, three mornings a week. There has been a much admired redecoration and refit of the Museum. One of the big upstairs rooms, which was a store packed full with intriguing numbered but unlabelled packages, has now been emptied. Apart from what we kept, its contents went to the Aberdeenshire Museum Service store in Mintlaw, although we can borrow back anything we want to display. This means we have a fine new room on Banff High Street for Banff's own exhibitions. Work continues in progress.

In the last few years, much of our Society's work was fielding e-mails about family history. This still goes on, but nowadays we meet visitors face to face, many of whom bring things to show us. There is a wider range of interest than just in family history. The Society has to have a museum accessions policy because people offer us things. Going round our collection sparks off memories, and we learn so much from visitors who hadn't come planning on a conversation with us, but saw something that brought back a forgotten past.

Our next project is connected with the centenary of the 1914-18 War. Soon after the war Macduff brought out a Roll

of Honour. Banff did not, we have started the research to provide one. The core of the book will be the list of everyone from Banff who fought in that war, but around that we hope to add pictures, memories and extracts from letters. It is a project in which we hope to involve lots of people including schools. It does not have to be completed in 2014.

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*What a lot to see! Museum of Banff.*



## RAF BANFF PROJECT



When we wrote our piece for Partnership Update last year, we thought 2013 was going to be the year the RAF Banff Heritage Trail was built. It wasn't . . . but 2014 will be! That is not to say the project has been static during 2013. Far from it.

The best news is that, thanks to excellent work by local farmer Jimmy Forbes, who farms some of the land on the former RAF site, an excellent route has been finalised for the new two-mile trail.

It combines great countryside views, with lots of points of historical interest; and very cleverly, requires the minimum of work to create, and doesn't hamper commercial operation of the current land users, either for farming or Boyndie Windfarm.

Contractors are appointed, quotes are within budget, and funding is in place. We are working with Seafeld Estates to progress transfer of ownership of the two principal former RAF buildings to community ownership.

An amalgamation has been agreed of the RAF Banff Association and the Banff Airfield Trust, to form a single, stronger group for the future.

Progress may seem slow, but it is a great project, and the heritage trail will be very popular with locals and visitors alike. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to know more, or better still, become involved in the project.

For further information contact Duncan Leece on 01261 843249

# BANFFSHIRE COAST TOURISM PARTNERSHIP



2013 has been particularly successful in raising the profile of the area, regionally and nationally - and moving into international promotion. Our marketing campaigns have achieved around £1 million worth of PR coverage in a range of quality publications over two years. The recent inclusion of the Scottish Traditional Boat Festival in the VisitScotland Brilliant Moments TV ad campaign - shown nationally and internationally - is a great coup for the area.

Our activity has included producing a range of

marketing material - the Area Guide having flown off the shelves, creating an online presence, business workshops and a visitor feedback survey. This valuable survey has both highlighted areas for future development and promotion, and confirmed that first-time visitors to the area are at their highest level since the survey began. Very strong links have been built with other tourism organisations, including VisitScotland and VisitAberdeen, resulting in the area being well represented in a broad range of newspapers, high quality publications and websites.

2014 plans contain strong development projects, further promotional campaigns, together with initiatives designed to help member businesses develop and work together to ensure



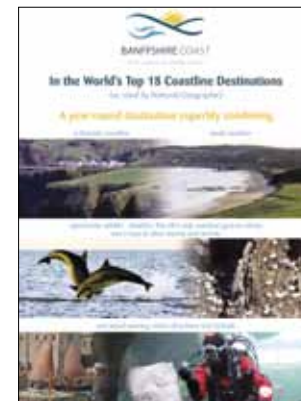
that visitors to the area enjoy a fantastic holiday. A 2nd edition of the popular Area Guide will be launched - with extended distribution to popular tourist destinations. The excellent relationships established with other tourism agencies will lead on to more collaborative initiatives to promote the area - regionally, nationally and internationally - via a wide spectrum of promotional and online media.

Integral to the promotional campaigns will be a continuing focus on the natural attributes of the area (the coastline - rated

# MAKING MAJOR STRIDES IN PROMOTING THE AREA

by National Geographic in the Top 18 Coastline Destinations in the World, rolling inland countryside, wildlife and scenery), which time and again top the ratings in our visitor feedback survey. Added to these will be a focus on the traditional seaside holiday, the harbours, artisan shopping and the quality food product.

Through exceeding expectations and becoming recognised as a credible tourism organisation punching above its weight, the Partnership secured further funding until early 2015 - and we are very grateful to our supportive funders, Aberdeenshire European Fisheries Fund, Aberdeenshire Council and Scottish Enterprise.



We would also like to thank our growing membership base for their continuing support.

On which subject, if your business is involved in tourism - and just everyone is - then please give us a call. We would do our best to help you grow.

We are looking forward to another year of great progress in 2014 which is being billed as a great year for Scotland; and we

are determined that the Banffshire Coast area will be well represented.

Whether a visitor or a resident, please visit [www.banffshirecoast.com](http://www.banffshirecoast.com) where you will find lots of useful information.

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## BOYNDIE VISITOR CENTRE

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Customers have seen a lot of improvements to Boyndie over the past year, and there are more to come in 2014. It is going to be another exciting year.

our biggest challenge has been keeping it stocked and finding those interesting and different bits and pieces customers expect from us. There are lots of new lines in the pipeline too.

The restaurant has been busy as ever, and our push to grow on site a larger proportion of plants we sell

in the garden centre, has paid off. Having our new wood workshop firing on all cylinders has been such a boost for creating new displays too. The new-look walled garden is nearly ready, and customer reaction has generally been one word . . . "wow!"

We have hosted all sorts of meetings, seminars and training events in our new Banffshire Suite, but nice as it is, delegates always rate the lunchtime food and exploring the gift shops during breaks, as the best bit of coming here. We can happily live with that.

And alongside all that customer-focused activity, we have been getting to grips with ever-increasing the quality of our training



"But you haven't told us what the new things coming for 2014 will be?"

Absolutely true . . . and I am not going to, either. Come to Boyndie and find out!

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I must pay tribute to everyone who has worked so hard during this period of change, whether on work placement training with us, paid staff or volunteer. It has been great fun, yes, exciting, but hard work too. And that Boyndie 'trade mark' of smiles and happiness, has never slipped.

Our new retail section has gone down a storm with customers, and probably



team, many of whom we work with as colleagues on almost a daily basis.

I can't begin to quantify the help and advice we have received, and I know we have now developed a great long-lasting partnership.

and development services for people who come to work with us on placement. After all, that is why we started our charity back in 1999.

We were honoured to get great feedback from the recent HMI Education inspection of the Banff area.

But if I had to single out any one group, I want to pay another public tribute, this time to Aberdeenshire Council's Care Management



## FORDYCE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: COMMUNITY HALL PROJECT

Since 2002 much of the Community Association Management Committee's effort, both in terms of volunteer work and fundraising, has been directed towards the upgrade of Fordyce Community Hall. A 'ring-fenced' Development Fund was set up specifically for the redevelopment project. Prior to commencing the project we undertook an extensive consultation process with both existing and potential users. This was to ensure that any work carried out would meet both current potential future needs. Structural surveys and energy efficiency audits were carried also undertaken.

As well as our own extensive fund-raising events we have been gratified to receive support from a number of individuals and organization, including Portsoy Thrift Shop and Deveron District Age Concern. Applications to large-scale funders, such as the National Lottery, fell at the first hurdle because of the small size of the community and we continue to look for assistance from relatively small-scale funders. In 2013 we were fortunate to have the project supported by Aberdeenshire Council with an award of £10000 from the Banff & Buchan Area Initiatives Fund.



Below is an outline of work carried out over the last year or so, using the funds that the Association had raised since 2002.

- At the beginning of 2012 the hall annex was re-roofed at a cost of over £16,000.
- A new storage unit was purchased.
- The main hall was completely redecorated, old double-glazing replaced with new energy efficient units and new blinds installed.
- Acoustic 'baffles' were fitted in the main hall to reduce echo; after this successful experiment we are currently creating wall hangings/ banners to enhance this work.
- The entrance porch was repainted and a new hardwood door and handrail installed.
- Corridors and meeting room/small hall repainted.
- Single glazed window units in the kitchen/toilet annex were replaced with energy efficient double-glazed units, new lighting installed and

all entry doors and fire exits renewed.

We have prepared plans for a refurbished kitchen area, new disabled toilets, new female and male toilet areas, creation of a link between the new storage unit and the main hall, and the installation of improved ventilation. Our hope is that this final phase of the project will be completed during 2014.

We are grateful for all the support given both by those who have made donations and grants toward the Association's efforts and the tireless work of the committee and volunteers who have worked so hard to make the project a success.

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## GARDENSTOWN: "SAVE OUR VILLAGE" CAMPAIGN

As a result of a "save our village" campaign at the start of the year there has been a significant increase in community spirit in the village during 2013.

A Gardenstown Village Action Committee (GVAC) was formed to pursue issues of concern in the village and stimulate activities to benefit the community. GVAC has also sought to link with the Aberdeenshire Council, Banff & Buchan Area (ACBB) and its officials, and liaise with the King Edward and Gamrie Community Council (KEGCC).

Initiatives carried out have included village clean ups, greater awareness of the council dog fouling scheme and sponsored barrels with excellent floral displays, thanks to additional summer plants received from the council. GVAC sponsored a best barrel competition as part of the local annual Flower and Craft Show and, in discussion with ACBB officials, has sought to have improvements to roads and safety in the village and will continue this work. Planned future initiatives include

additional signposting and a new tourism brochure.

When GVAC was formed, the Gardenstown Public Hall committee was enlarged, the hall has been locally renamed as the Dreel Hall, and more activities have been carried out, including regular meetings of the Gamrie Crafters, community cafes, games evenings, pottery painting, etc.

Having missed a year, the Gardenstown Harbour Trustees, with the Hall committee, organised a very successful annual Harbour Gala, which was opened by our local MP, Eilidh Whiteford. Bands and sideshows provided entertainment for all, the Fraserburgh lifeboat paid a visit and there was the usual excellent fish and chip lunches. Everyone was pleased to have a day of glorious sunshine!

GVAC, the Hall Committee and the Harbour Trust have made use of Aberdeenshire Council funding opportunities this year, and the village committees would like to express thanks to the council and the local councillors for their support.

GVAC has obtained village notice boards, the Hall Committee have obtained funding allowing work to be carried out on improvements in the hall, including refurbishment of the games room, painting, maintenance and new equipment. The Harbour Trustees have also obtained new benches and a new CCTV system and have funding available for kitchen facilities in the ground floor of the old Salmon House. This will encourage more events around the harbour which is the centre of the village community. In the forthcoming year there are plans to improve facilities to the western pier to allow tourist to board boats at all stages of the tide.



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## HARVEST MINISTRIES

This has been another busy but fruitful year in our efforts to restore and revitalise The Trinity & Alvah Church; to realise the vision of making it a thriving place of worship once again and also a venue for a variety of community activities.

In relation to the programme of works, as a matter of urgency and funded by Aberdeenshire Council, the dome and upper stone structure of the bell tower were removed, repaired and rebuilt during May.

In September work commenced on establishing foundations for underfloor heating in the lower hall; a large task necessitating the removal of the old floor, digging out and levelling the ground below and installing

a network of piping through which hot water will eventually circulate. A liquid screed was then poured over the entire area and when set, established a new ground floor (see photo - screed, not flooding - thank goodness).

The next step is to remove the stain glass windows, many of which have been seriously vandalised and, following repairs and cleaning, have them reinstalled in new frames. Concurrent with this will be the installation of modern 'facilities' in the original vestibule, a stage and baptismal at the front and new emergency exits. Cosmetic repairs to harling, plasterwork and new rainwater goods will follow.

A costly venture for which we have received ongoing encouragement and support

from The Banffshire Partnership; generous grants from Aberdeenshire Council, The Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic Scotland, plus some from several other agencies, personal donations and our own continuous fundraising activities. We are very grateful to all concerned.

The latest fund raising venture is proving highly successful. Cinema nights at Harvest Centre! Come along and enjoy new releases with popcorn and soft drinks in a warm friendly setting.

For information and tickets, that can be purchased in advance, contact Strachan Pharmacies at Banff 01261 812404 or Turriff on 01888 562403



## MACDUFF AQUARIUM

A visit to Macduff Marine Aquarium is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbours - the underwater kind.

This fascinating attraction, on the shores of the scenic Banffshire coast, introduces visitors to hundreds of local fishy characters from the rocky beaches to the fringing kelp reef and beyond to the murky sea floor.

Exciting and interactive displays bring you face to face with fearsome wolf fish, ancient lobsters, colourful wrasse, graceful rays, gentle jellyfish and many other denizens of the deep. Look out for the shark nursery and the native seahorses display.

Visitors can also get up close and personal with starfish, anemones and other seashore life in the touch pools. It's always fun to watch a feeding frenzy in the kelp reef exhibit when scuba divers hand feed the fish. In the summer months, there is even a chance to spy on breeding gannets via a live-camera link to the cliffs along the coast at Troup Head - the only mainland gannet colony in Scotland.

Other feeding shows, illustrated talks and presentations throughout the day, as well as fun quizzes for the kids, mean that visitors can make the



most of their all-day ticket. Enthusiastic staff are always on hand to provide extra information to ensure that nobody goes home without learning something about our own marine life and having fun in the process!

If you haven't yet discovered the aquarium, it is a great day out for people of all ages, especially if you combine it with a coastal drive to really take in and appreciate the wonders of the Moray Firth.

For information about opening times, admission prices, exhibits, events, feeding shows or even schools education programmes, visit the aquarium's website or find the Facebook page: [www.macduff-aquarium.org.uk](http://www.macduff-aquarium.org.uk) [www.facebook.com/macduffmarineaquarium](https://www.facebook.com/macduffmarineaquarium)

# WHAT IS THE TRADITIONAL BOAT FESTIVAL?



About to celebrate its 21st year, for which plans are progressing well, this might be a good time to tell you about the whole organisation. Technically it is a registered charity (and that means non-profit making) and limited company with a board of trustees or directors, but it is also now much more than the annual Festival.

Its aims are:

*“Through the Scottish Traditional Boat Festival, the Salmon Bothy and the PORT Boatshed, every member of the family can discover, enjoy, learn about and participate in the maritime and cultural heritage of the North East. This includes sailing, boat building and restoration, fishing, history, crafts, theatre, literature and language, music, dance and dancing and food and drink.”*

The different parts of the Festival company are:

**THE FESTIVAL** which, sets out to capture the essence of the region’s rich maritime and rural culture in the annual event and is constantly reviewed to ensure its freshness and appeal. In 2014 the focus will be on

the development of links with the countries around the North Sea. As ever, it will incorporate sailing and a full range of maritime skills, maritime and rural crafts, traditional music, song and dance, the region’s food and drink and opportunities for visitors to take part in activities.

**THE SALMON BOTHY** which came into STBF’s ownership in 2008 and was restored at a cost of over £400,000 with funds raised by the company. See the separate article with full information about PORT.

**PORT.** During 2011, STBF completed the acquisition of assets of the former Portsoy Maritime Heritage, assets which include the Shore Street buildings, now known as the “PORT Boatshed” and a number of boats of heritage interest. See the separate article with full information about PORT.

**PORTSOY LINKS CARAVAN PARK.** During 2012 STBF, via a wholly owned trading company took over the operation of Portsoy Links Caravan Park on a 60 year lease with Aberdeenshire Council. The aims of Portsoy Caravan Park Ltd are to:-

1. Provide and operate an attractive, high quality caravan park to add significantly to the tourism offering in the area.
2. Develop the site as a community enterprise by sourcing employees, trainees and volunteers locally, using local products and contractors wherever possible.

3. Provide significant economic benefit to local businesses and encourage inward investment into the area.
4. Provide an income stream to ensure financial sustainability for STBF and its widening range of community projects.

Now in its second year of operation, PLCP has achieved all of the above and has proved to be an important and natural extension of the total STBF operation. Recognition must also be given to the wonderful work done by Violet Richmond and her family who ensure that the Park is well run and that visitors receive a very warm welcome.

STBF is now working with the North East of Scotland Preservation Trust to restore the Back Green buildings as a bunkhouse with 25 beds. If the necessary funds are raised, the bunkhouse would open in 2015.

Nothing that the Festival company does would happen without the amazing support and commitment of so many people in the community and to all of whom the warmest thanks are extended.

If you are not involved, please get in touch about joining the team: just call and leave a message on 01261 842951 or e-mail [admin@stbfportsoy.com](mailto:admin@stbfportsoy.com)

# SCOTTISH TRADITIONAL BOAT FESTIVAL



Taking place across two harbours in the beautiful natural setting of Portsoy on the Moray Firth Coast, there was no better place to celebrate The Year of Natural Scotland than the twentieth Scottish Traditional Boat Festival. Despite poor weather on Sunday, over the weekend the crowds were regaled with a great celebration of the North East’s unique maritime and cultural heritage.

Portsoy again welcomed heritage vessels including Isabella Fortuna, Reaper and Swan, plus numerous small boats and St Ayles Skiffs. Good sailing conditions on the Saturday allowed for a plentiful schedule of races for all on the water, and after three years of watching Skiffs compete at the Festival, the ladies of Portsoy were able to participate in the weekend’s various rowing events in their own hand built skiff, ‘Soy Quine’.

A superb traditional music line up saw Archie Fisher, former presenter of BBC’s Travelling Folk, headline the concert, supported by the local Lennox Family and the internationally renowned Shanty Band, Kimber’s Men. Completing the line-up were MOT from Australia, who delivered beautiful harmonies. Arthur Watson and Danny Couper hosted the Friday Late Session, while The Spiers

Family, Ron Gardiner, The Cast and many others ensured the town rang with music. Dutch favourites De Kinkels rocked the Harbour stage and The Station Hotel, while Borders based HLI raised the roof in the marquee tent. Portsoy’s own Skip to the Beat and Anne McArthur’s dancers also delighted the crowds.

Good regional food and drink was on offer again at the Wally Green Food Fayre, with lots to sample, buy and watch being prepared in the popular cookery demonstration programme. Ian Spink had visitors queuing up for his Arbroath Smokies and our thanks again go to Downies of Whitehills for their support of the Food Fayre.

In recognition of the Year of Natural Scotland there were special displays over the weekend from Scottish Natural Heritage and The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. Flaxland, a company featured on BBC’s Wartime Farm last year, demonstrated how flax was used for many things maritime and the links this had with Portsoy’s past. In the big harbour tent, beginners were encouraged to have a go at making eyes, joins, back-splices and “needle-less” whipped ends courtesy of the Maritime Studies Department at Orkney College.



Thanks to the Aberdeenshire Sport and Leisure team, Loch Soy again provided plenty of adventure for the energetic, including body zorbing, cycling, SPLASH sailing and street sports. The Sunday morning 2K Fun Run and 10K Road Run provided a further challenge for the enthusiastic.

As always, sincere thanks go to everyone involved in the Festival’s organisation; to all organisations and sponsors, including title sponsors Aberdeen Asset Management, and to the people of Portsoy - your continued help and support ensures the future of the Festival.

Preparations are underway for the 2014 Festival on 27th-29th June. Themed the Year of Homecoming it aims to draw visitors from far and wide. It will also see the launch of the North Sea Ring which will create links with boating enthusiasts in Scotland, England, Norway, Sweden, Germany and Holland. In a ‘Year of Brilliant Moments’, you are sure to find many at the 2014 Scottish Traditional Boat Festival!

[www.stbfportsoy.com](http://www.stbfportsoy.com)

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PORTSOY SALMON BOTHY

The Salmon Bothy will be entering its sixth year in 2014. The Bothy Sub Group continues to provide leadership and management for its day to day running and reports to the Board of Trustees regularly.

salmon where one drops in money and the salmon gobbles it up. Donations are up on last year!

Upstairs at the Bothy continues to provide a space for a variety of activities and events. It is available for private lets at a competitive rate. Details can be obtained by contacting: [contact@salmonbothy.org.uk](mailto:contact@salmonbothy.org.uk)



In 2013, the museum was refreshed. A number of new artefacts were introduced and the space reorganised. The response has been favourable and Visit Scotland awarded us a four star museum when visited during the summer. The Bothy has a number of dedicated volunteers who are essential for keeping the museum open. We are always on the outlook for new volunteers. Induction and training are given. Our income at the museum is dependent on donations. A successful attraction this year has been a fiberglass

In 2013 there have been weddings, birthday parties, corporate meetings and concerts.

There are a number of regular community and private groups. The knitters meet on a Monday morning, the craft group has moved to a Wednesday evening and the art group continues to meet on a Friday afternoon. The groups are always looking for new members. Pilates are held on a Monday evening and the Folk Club, the third Friday in the month. Times and details can be

## PORTSOY SALMON BOTHY

found on the website: [www.salmonbothy.org.uk](http://www.salmonbothy.org.uk)

The Bothy continues to link with local and national projects such as the Sound and Word Festivals, Neat theatre productions, Open Doors and Open Studios as well as putting on their own events - Sunday Talks and exhibitions.

This year we have been part of a pilot project to show films. English Vinglish was shown in October as part of an Indian Themed Fundraiser. Young folk had Wreck it Ralph in the October school holidays. There was a large turnout to view Whisky Galore on Hallowe'en. This event was enhanced with a nip of Glenglassaugh and some Walker's shortbread. The response has been good so the Bothy will continue with further showings in 2014. Look out for posters, facebook postings and the website.

The Bothy appreciates the support of the local and wider communities attending events and supporting fundraising activities.

Portsoy Salmon Bothy  
Links Road, Portsoy  
01261 842951  
[www.salmonbothy.org.uk](http://www.salmonbothy.org.uk)

## PORTSOY ORGANISATION FOR RESTORATION AND TRAINING (PORT)

The Portsoy Organisation for Restoration and Training (PORT) was formed by combining the assets of the Portsoy Maritime Heritage with the Scottish Traditional Boat Festival's Portsoy Faering Project. Bringing these two complimentary activities together under one banner has given Portsoy a unique capability in training young people to build small boats before they graduate to assisting adult volunteers to restore our collection of traditional craft.

In a unique and ground breaking project, for the past three years members of PORT have worked with pupils from seven local primary schools to build small dinghies. During that time nearly 350 pupils have helped to build a total of 35 boats that the pupils have then sailed or paddled on Loch Soy. Building the boats has allowed us to look at developing a sailing capability that will enable year-round sail training for local children. The development of their skills will lead them to be able to crew the traditional craft that they will have helped restore as they graduate from stage to stage with PORT.

We're delighted to report that funding from several sources has allowed us to start work on the restoration and development of PORT's Boatshed next to The Shore Inn by Portsoy's Old Harbour. Developing the Boatshed will give PORT a spacious workshop that will allow its training and restoration arms to work side by side in full view of the public.

In 2014 PORT will continue its programme of primary school boat building and will build on that proven and successful base to develop boat building for Banff Academy pupils. In addition, we will embark on our most ambitious project to date. With funding from The Heritage Lottery we are building a full size salmon coble, the first wooden coble built since the 1970s. The boat will be based on Tern and Tarlair, the boats that fished from Portsoy and Macduff. Both boats were built and operated by the



Sellar family and were built specifically for the waters they served and Tarlair was the biggest wooden coble ever built. The boat will be built in a temporary workshop in South High Street in Portsoy.

PORT has ambitious plans for the future, developing a comprehensive package of boat building, restoration and sailing that will be unique in Scotland, and that will see today's primary pupils and visitors from far and wide sailing traditional craft that they have helped restore.

We are looking for more people to help in these projects and if you would like to join us, these are some of the skills we need: boat builder or restorer, sailor or sail trainer, safety boat crew, fund raiser and administrator.

For more for details, contact us at the Salmon Bothy or e-mail [thestbf@googlemail.com](mailto:thestbf@googlemail.com)





The second year of operation by Portsoy Links Caravan Park Limited - a subsidiary of the Boat Festival - has proved to be successful, thanks to some very good weather and the excellent service provided by our warden Violet Richmond and her able assistant Irene Thomson. The facilities may be getting on a bit, but they are always well maintained and spotlessly clean. Thanks to support from Aberdeenshire Council,

## PORTSOY LINKS CARAVAN PARK

the Park was able to add a unisex disabled shower and toilet and we also carried out essential maintenance and some decoration.

Any surplus the Park makes goes towards the Festival organisation including the event itself, the Salmon Bothy and the PORT Boatshed. We're also delighted that we have been able to use the services of local suppliers for all necessary work and actively promote to our visitors the shops, caterers and services in and around the town. Work is now progressing on the potential development of the Back Green buildings as a self-catering bunk house facility. Planning approval has been secured

and funding is being sought for what we believe would be a splendid addition to Portsoy's assets and a perfect partner for the Caravan Park.

In the meantime we are now looking forward to the 2014 season - commencing at the end of March - and we know that all our visitors will be assured of the warmest of welcomes from Violet and Irene.

Portsoy Links Caravan Park will open at Easter for the 2013 season. Please let visitors know about the site and full information can be found on [www.portsoylinks.co.uk](http://www.portsoylinks.co.uk) or call 01261 842695 for bookings.



## PORTSOY THRIFT SHOP

It seems hard to believe that it's 13 years since some ladies in Portsoy got together in temporary premises to take in and sell clothing and knick-knacks with the aim of raising funds for the community. Today, the Portsoy Thrift Shop is a well-established social business with its attractive shop in the Square; a reputation that brings donors and customers from far and wide and a remarkable donations track record with funds given out in excess of £126,000 - all for the benefit of local causes.

So, why has it worked so well? At its heart are the team of ladies (all entirely volunteers and most of whom have been involved from the early days) who make sure that everyone who comes by - be they customers or donors - is given the warmest of welcomes. They also work very hard to ensure that the shop's stock is spotlessly fresh and clean, attractively displayed and priced to ensure the very best value for money. It's also very much about ensuring that the range on offer is what their customers are looking for.

Whilst they do get some very unusual donations, generally it's splendid children's and adult's clothing; a wonderful and wide range of china, glassware, paintings, prints and ornaments; a huge range of books and DVD's and a splendid array of toys and games. If browsing is your game, then the Thrift Shop is perfect for you - and there are many customers who come back week after week to see what's newly in!

So whether you have something you feel you'd like to donate, or if you're looking for something for



yourself or perhaps a gift for someone dear, come along to the Portsoy Thrift Shop. From 10.00 am till 12.00 and from 2.00 pm till 4.00, every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, the ladies will be there and delighted to welcome you.

You can also contact the ladies during opening hours on 07870 536776. Portsoy Thrift Shop The Square, Portsoy



## PORTSOY PAVILION

**W**ant to change your life-style, get fit and improve your health? Then Portsoy Pavilion has everything you need!



A spacious, well equipped gymnasium includes all the modern weight training and cardio-vascular machines for your fitness needs. Whether you're a fitness fanatic or just a beginner, everything you need is under one roof here.

Membership is gained through a gym induction and it's up to you from there

on to achieve the fitness you want!

There is also a large all-weather Astroturf pitch on offer, available for all kinds of sports - football and tennis being most popular. All equipment is provided and a booking is required. So, if you fancy 5-a-side football with your friends, or a relaxing game of tennis,

Portsoy Pavilion is only a short distance away.

Open: *Mon, Wed, Fri:*  
9am-12noon & 2pm -8pm;  
*Tues & Thurs:* 5pm-8pm;  
*Sat:* 10am-1pm

Portsoy Pavilion  
Seafield Terrace, Portsoy  
(opposite Portsoy Motors)  
01261 843555

## BRIDGE STREET COMMUNITY CENTRE

**A**t Bridge Street Community Centre in Banff there are a variety of groups that run throughout the year or at specific times which are available for people of all in ages in Banff and the surrounding area to participate in. If you are not sure what is going on, just call in and ask or pick up a programme in the foyer.

The community workers based at the centre are also able to help with advice and support or signpost people

to appropriate groups, people or charities. Volunteers play an important part in the Banff community and at the Community Centre a training course is regularly held throughout the year for people interested in volunteering. Primarily it is for people who wish to volunteer as an adult literacies tutor; however there are other opportunities that are increasing all the time which may be available to them once they have completed the course. No

formal qualifications are needed, but it helps if you are enthusiastic and patient. Contact the Community Centre if you are interested.

Anyone who feels they need support or help with their reading, writing or numbers can contact the centre either by telephone on 01261 812450 or calling in to Bridge St. Community Centre, Bridge St. Banff.

## WHITEHILLS & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**O**ur hard-working team of Community Councillors continue to respond where possible to the requests and desires of the local populace, for improvements to and maintenance of our lovely area. My personal thanks go to all of them for their help and assistance throughout the year.

Our Community Council website ([www.whitehillsanddistrict.co.uk](http://www.whitehillsanddistrict.co.uk)) continues to field a large number of 'hits' and provides you with all you need to know regarding our activities over the year and also includes the minutes of our monthly meetings.

We are still working with Aberdeenshire Council to endeavour to provide a safe pathway between the growing Ladysbridge Village community and Whitehills village, and hopefully this will be resolved in 2014 for the benefit of both communities. A new Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has been set up in the Boyndie area and new signage is now in place.

Attractive flower displays have once again been a highlight over the summer

months, enhanced by the purchase of 13 new re-cycled, barrel lookalike planters distributed throughout the village, complementing the existing metal displays and the 'Cartie' up at the crossroads.

It is also worth mentioning our 'Silver Loo Award' for 2013 for the Public Toilets in Loch Street maintained by local volunteers, and our thanks goes out to them for their continuing success year on year.

A lot of work has been put into an 'RAF Banff Project' over the past year to endeavour to create a visitor attraction at the WW2 'drome, accessed from Boyndie Visitor Centre, and to help maintain existing WW2 buildings. It is hoped that this exercise will come together in 2014 to help maintain the important historical value of the site.

Over the course of the year we have been able to assist a number of local projects through the Boyndie Windfarm Community Fund with grants totalling some £16,800, and we continue to be open for applications from bodies within our Community



Council boundary for funding that fits with our laid down guidelines.

Please use our website to keep up with our activities and speak to any of our Community Councillors with any ideas you may have which could benefit our community.

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# Developing Communities

# Community Action Plans

Banffshire Partnership Limited (BPL) is a network of community groups formed in 1999. Although entirely independent, it is supported financially by Aberdeenshire Council, and maintains good relationships and links with various departments of that organisation.

We exist to help community groups, or whole communities, plan and develop projects, large or small. These projects may be things that create jobs, boost the local economy, or perhaps just improve the quality of life for local people and visitors to our area.

- Practical examples of what we do include:
- Helping and advising you how to draw up a business or project plan.
  - Assisting you to market or publicise your idea.
  - Working with you when writing funding bids and filling in forms.
  - Putting you in touch with others who have done similar projects before.
  - Liaising with local Council Officers, so that they know about your plans, and you know what services they may be able to offer.

What we will not do is take your project over and run it for you. Our help is all aimed at advising,



supporting and mentoring and equipping you with the knowledge and skills to make your own idea work.

Of course, what we hope is that, when you have been successful and completed a project, you will be willing to share that experience with future newcomers. BPL's paid staff and volunteer Directors, have all been involved in community projects, and made that commitment to hand their knowledge on to others.

More and more, potential funders of your project will look for your organisation or community, to develop partnerships with other relevant groups. They will want proof

that your project really does have the support of your community too. BPL is well placed to help in both cases.

Best of all, the help you get from us is nearly always free of charge, thanks to the continued valued support from Aberdeenshire Council.

For more information contact:  
Banffshire Partnership -  
Developing Communities  
on 01261 843598  
or E-mail [bpl.contact@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:bpl.contact@tiscali.co.uk)



## SUPPORT FOR ABERDEENSHIRE BUSINESS SCHEME

To find out more about whether Aberdeenshire Council can help your business grow contact:

(Banff & Buchan Area)  
10 Commerce Street, Fraserburgh, AB43 9QA  
T: 01346 519881  
[www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/support/finance/sab.asp](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/support/finance/sab.asp)

Banffshire Partnership Limited offers to assist Community Councils, or other such organisations, to formulate a Community Action Plan, from the views, ideas and priorities of local people.

Our methods avoid hostilities or arguments that can arise in traditional public meetings and allows everyone's view to be heard . . . not just those with the loudest voices.

BPL has secured grant funding under an Aberdeenshire-wide project called 'Making it Real', and this pays for most of the key costs.

BPL will run the event, collate the ideas and data generated, help you to prioritise it into achievable

projects, form it into a clear and professional document and get copies of it printed for you.

You will find it useful in helping you choose projects to do, that meet the needs of your community and can demonstrate that they have the backing of local residents.

We recommend that your Community Action Plan be given a life of about three years, as by that time, projects may have been achieved and priorities or opportunities may have changed. Time to do it again!

*You will need to:*

- Be prepared to distribute publicity material, and twist a few arms, so that a public meeting is attended by a good number, and cross section of local residents.
- Hire a suitable hall for the evening and muster some volunteers to serve teas and coffees, and a couple more to assist the BPL staff manage the crowds!
- Be prepared to spend a little time after the event helping BPL word the final report and supply a few photos to illustrate it.



For more information contact:  
Banffshire Partnership -  
Developing Communities  
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E-mail [bpl.contact@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:bpl.contact@tiscali.co.uk)

# Modern New Transport For All The Community

Banffshire Partnership has been providing a Dial-a-Bus service in the community for over ten years. In that time we have signed up over 500 clients and currently, around 120 clients use the service at least once a month.

Shopping is the main request from our Dial-a-Bus services and we take our clients to and from places where they cannot get to on the normal bus service. To be eligible for the Dial-a-Bus service you need to have difficulty getting to the shops. This may be because you don't have a car or the nearest bus stop is too far for you to walk to. We pick you up at your front door, take you to the shops (help you shop if you need help), pack your shopping in the bus and bring you and your shopping home to your front door. We are not in competition with the normal bus service, so you need to register with us before using the buses.

We also hire out our buses to community groups when they are not being used for the dial-a-bus service. The buses are available most afternoons, evenings and at weekends.

We provide a service in our community in many ways:

## DIAL-A-BUS

We have two buses which have been specially built with the shopping trips in mind. Both buses have internal tail lifts and plenty of storage space for all our clients' shopping bags!

We serve the communities of: Aberchirder, Alvah, Banff, Boyndie, Cornhill, Crudie, Fordyce, Forglen, Gamrie, Gardenstown, Hilton, King Edward, Macduff, New Byth, Ordiquhill, Portsoy, Sandend and Whitehills.

We cater for people who have difficulty using the normal bus service for various reasons including: living more than a ½ mile from the nearest bus stop, being unable to carry shopping, being disabled or infirm. For many of our clients the service also means a social outing as it may be the only time from week to week that they get the chance to talk to others. All our dial-a-bus services operate with a driver and passenger assistant. They are there to help.

The buses are out every day and depending on where you live you may have more than one opportunity to shop. We operate a first come first served booking service and you must book in advance. Please phone the office on 01261 843598 for more information or to register with us.

We will then ask one of our staff to visit you at home. They will explain the service in more detail and make sure it suits your needs.

## COMMUNITY MINIBUSES

We run our operations with three minibuses. All three are available for hire by community groups who are registered with us. Two of the three buses can accommodate wheelchair passengers. These two buses also have a large capacity for shopping/luggage and can take up to 12 passengers or 11 passengers and one wheelchair. Our third bus can take 16 passengers. All three buses have side steps.

We encourage the community groups to have their own driver. However, we currently have a pool of paid and volunteer drivers who we can rely on.

As members of the Community Transport Association, we provide the nationally accredited Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme (MiDAS) training to everyone who drives our buses. Our charges are very competitive; please call us to find out the current charges.

If you would like to find out more or register your group, please call us on 01261 843598. We'd be delighted to give you more information.

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## VOLUNTEERS

A few committed and enthusiastic volunteers support our paid staff that drive the minibuses and act as passenger assistants. They all say that they find the work fun, sociable and rewarding and not in the least bit boring or difficult.

## Training In The Community

For a number of years now we have provided minibus Driver and Passenger Assistant training, along with emergency evacuation (Out in Three) and MiDAS for Car and MPV training. These courses are delivered free to all our volunteers and at a small charge for persons who are part of a community group or commercial organisation.



If you have any spare time and like to interact with others, we would be delighted to welcome you to our team. Please don't think you would have to work every day, even the odd morning or afternoon will make a difference.

We will make sure you get all the training and support you need to do the job. With your help we can keep the Dial-a-Bus services running in all our communities, benefitting a large number of people.

We are able to reimburse our volunteers with any out of pocket expenses. Anyone interested should phone us on 01261 843598 for more information.

Over the previous two years we have been building steadily on our First Aid training portfolio.

We are an approved training provider and now offer the following courses:

- First Aid at Work (3 Days)
- First Aid at Work Re-qualifier (2 Days)
- Emergency First Aid at Work (1 Day)
- Manual Handling (Core Module)
- Manual Handling (Assisting with Mobility)
- Wheelchairs, Hoists and Stand Aids
- Disability awareness

The above list is not exhaustive; we can, and do build bespoke courses for organisations. We are currently

We will be happy to answer all your questions. You can call us on the number given or email us at [bpl.transport@banffdb.or.uk](mailto:transport@banffdb.or.uk)

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banffdb.org.uk](mailto:bpl.transport@banffdb.org.uk)

working with a sister organisation to provide Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) training. Our training courses are delivered at our state of the art training venue (The Banffshire Suite) at The Old School Boyndie. BPL training is also happy to provide courses at client's own venues.

For further information or a list of our current prices and course dates, please contact:  
Alan Thomson, Banffshire Partnership - Training  
on 01261 843598  
or e-mail [bpl.transport@  
banffdb.org.uk](mailto:bpl.transport@banffdb.org.uk)

# Useful Community Contact Numbers

## COMMUNITY GROUPS & ASSOCIATIONS

### Banff Preservation & Heritage Society

T: 01261 812941  
W: [www.banffpreservationandheritagesociety.org.uk](http://www.banffpreservationandheritagesociety.org.uk)

### Bridge Street Community Centre

T: 01261 812450

### Banffshire Coast Tourism Partnership

T: 01261 815641  
E: [contact@banffshirecoast.com](mailto:contact@banffshirecoast.com)  
W: [www.banffshirecoast.com](http://www.banffshirecoast.com)

### Boyndie Trust Limited

T: 01261 843249  
E: [boyndietrust@hotmail.com](mailto:boyndietrust@hotmail.com)  
W: [www.boyndietrust.co.uk](http://www.boyndietrust.co.uk)

### Fordyce Community Association

T: 01466 842350

### Gardenstown Village Action Committee (GVAC)

T: 01261 851339  
E: [GVAC@outlook.com](mailto:GVAC@outlook.com)  
F: [www.facebook.com/GardenstownVillageCommunity](http://www.facebook.com/GardenstownVillageCommunity)

### The Dree! Hall, Gardenstown

T: 01261 851411  
F: [www.facebook.com/TheDree!Hall](http://www.facebook.com/TheDree!Hall)

### Gardenstown Harbour Trustees

T: 07736 157317

### Macduff Aquarium

W: [www.macduff-aquarium.org.uk](http://www.macduff-aquarium.org.uk)  
F: [www.facebook.com/macduffmarineaquarium](http://www.facebook.com/macduffmarineaquarium)

### Portsoy Pavilion

T: 01261 843555

### Portsoy Links Caravan Park

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### Portsoy Salmon Bothy

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### Portsoy Organisation for Restoration and Training (PORT)

T: 01261 842951  
E: [thestbf@googlemail.com](mailto:thestbf@googlemail.com)

### Portsoy Thrift Shop

T: 07870 536776

### RAF Banff Project c/o Boyndie Visitor Centre

T: 01261 843249  
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### Scottish Traditional Boat Festival

T: 01261 842951  
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W: [www.stbportsoy.com](http://www.stbportsoy.com)

## LOCAL RURAL PARTNERSHIP

### Banffshire Partnership - Community Transport

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### Banffshire Partnership - Developing Communities

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W: [www.banffshirepartners.co.uk](http://www.banffshirepartners.co.uk)

### Banffshire Partnership - Training

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## COMMUNITY COUNCILS

### Alvah & Forglan Community Council

T: 01466 780275

### Banff & Macduff Community Council

T: 01261 815025

### Cornhill & Ordiquill Community Council

T: 01466 751326

### Fordyce, Sandend & District Community Council

T: 01261 843890

### King Edward & Gamrie Community Council

T: 01261 851616

### Portsoy & District Community Council

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