



The Edderton Newsletter

Autumn/Winter 2023



A Note from the (sort of) 'Eddertor'

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Edderton newsletter. As you can see, there has been a redesign to reflect the change of personnel.

For those who don't know, the newsletter was the brainchild of community councillor, Ruairidh Gollan – the original 'Eddertor' – who piloted the sourcing of stories and production of the original editions.

Ruairidh has now moved on, to sate his wanderlust, but he has given his blessing to a new look edition and been vital in the production.

My thanks to Community Council secretary Nikki Beesley who has done most of the work and to Lynsey Gilmour who has also done some heavy lifting.

The newsletter is a work-in-progress and I'm sure there will be many changes in the future. For any feedback – good or bad – please feel free to drop me an email at:

pajnewman@outlook.com or, better still, to Nikki at eccsecretary@aol.com

Thank you to everyone who contributed this month and I look forward to the next edition.

Have a very fine Autumn/Winter,

Pete

Community News

EDDERTON Community Council (ECC) have organised a free bus to Inverness on the 2nd December 2023. This will leave Edderton at 09:00 and depart Inverness at 16:00.

The Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner

THE dinner will be going ahead in January (date to be confirmed) If you over 60, you are entitled to have a meal on the Community Council or a gift voucher, whichever you choose. We are sorry if we missed you in 2022, but please let us know for 2023. Please contact me if you would like to be added to the list.

Anybody wishing to attend, please contact LORNA on 07775700040 or NIKKI on eccsecretary@aol.com or message on 07483234172.

Children's Christmas Voucher

THE Community Council will again be issuing gift vouchers for children up to 18 in the village. If we missed you last year, we're sorry but please contact me so that I can add you to the list.

Christmas Hamper

THE Community Council are organising a Christmas Food Hamper again this year. It will be done on request and the hampers will be ready for collection on **Friday 22nd December from 10am -1pm**

We are hoping to include some form of turkey joint, mince pies, individual Christmas puddings, biscuits. There will also be fresh potatoes, carrots, parsnips and brussel sprouts to collect so please bring something to put them in. Please contact or Nikki on: eccsecretary@aol.com or message me on 07483234172.

Christmas lights

THE Christmas lights will be turned on, on the 15th December at 17.30. The children from Edderton Primary School will be singing carols and there will be having a craft fair at the village hall afterwards with coffee/teas and biscuits for sale to help raise money for the school. Everyone welcome.

There will be a letter box put at the village hall

The Postie Need Only Ring Once

A LETTER box put at the village hall for anyone to pop in any suggestions you have for the Community Council or to respond to any of these articles. Please feel free to use it. I will try and empty it on a weekly basis.

Halloween



THE families of all the Edderton kids want to say a big **Thank You** to the village for being so welcoming and generous. The children all had an amazing time guising.

We Will Remember

Edderton Primary School pupils attend a Remembrance Day Service at the village war memorial.



What's On?



Meetings are held in Edderton Community Hall, at 7.30p.m. Everyone welcome.

4th Dec. 2023

David McAllister,
"Garden Friends and Foes"

5th Feb. 2024

Philip Ward,
"Gardening in the Royal Palaces"

4th March 2024
night

Gardening Quiz

8th April

Sarah Whealing,
Corrycroft Nursery,
"Compost"

Correspondence

FOR the last few months my partner and I have visited Nigg beaches, where the ferry goes across to Cromarty. We were horrified to see the amount of rubbish, plastic bottles,



gun cartridges, cans, plastic bags, tyres, ear plugs, work gloves, sanitary products and polystyrene washed up on the beaches every time we visited.

We took it upon ourselves to keep carrier bags in which to collect the rubbish and, on each visit, we would put two full bags of rubbish in the bins at the car park. We have also used copious amounts of sanitising gel.

We witness beach users leaving sandwich and crisp bags, used disposable E-cigarettes semi-buried in the sand rather than walk to the car park and use the bins. When will this littering stop? Do our seas have to become so rubbish-strewn that our much loved marine and wild bird life we enjoy witnessing here cease to exist? My heart breaks, not just every time I go to Nigg but Golspie, Dornoch etc... Equally litter strewn.

When are we as human beings going to take responsibility? Why do so few people take it upon themselves to pick up after the many?

The most shocking part of our two-man crusade was being accosted by a man who asked, 'did we get enough?' I looked puzzled at him and offered him a look in my carrier bag. He apologised, saying he had been collecting driftwood and had left a

load on the dunes. He thought we had helped ourselves to his wood! Enquiring if he was local he said, 'yes,' he was.

My brain ached to ask, 'why aren't you out here keeping this beautiful place clean, as well as collecting drift wood?'

He simply went on his way, stepping over bits of rubbish, collecting drift wood.

I worry what our grandchildren will inherit once our generation has gone.

If we all took a bag with us each time we went to the beach and did a wee tidy up, I'm certain it would make a difference.

Get the kids involved, instil the importance of nature and our environment.

Lisa Wilson

ECC Grants Available.

Skill Seekers Grant Up To £250.00

This grant is available annually for anyone that is doing some form of training/ re-training, these include University costs, driving lessons, the list goes on.....



Smoke Alarm Grant Up To £200.00.

This grant is available to help with the costs of installing smoke alarms to the required Scottish Government legislation.

Energy Conservation Grant Up To £300.00

This grant is to help with the costs of installing insulation, double glazing and anything that will help energy conservation.



For more information on any of these grants or a copy of the application form, please contact Nikki on eccsecretary@aol.com or 07483234172.