

Toilet Maintenance Contracts

The Harbour and Ardmaree contracts continue to operate satisfactorily. A new portable toilet disposal point for campervans has been provided at Ardmaree Terminal. This has been in operation since June 2005 and has been well-used.

Skip Loading Improvements and Storage Area for Recyclable Rubbish

The skip loading ramp and the adjacent pens were constructed in February 2005. These pens are for the storage of recyclable goods such as washing machines, cookers, tyres and batteries.

We would also make a plea to users to try and keep this facility tidy and to lift any debris they spill at the ramp. BDG has applied for funding to enable us to provide additional surface dressing for this whole area.

'Port of Entry Enhancement Scheme' at Ardmaree Terminal

The first phase of this project was completed in June 2005 and involved the construction of: 70 metres of drystone walling; a drystone wall enclosure for the wheelie bins; a toilet disposal point and water point for caravans and campervans.

The second phase of enhancement will involve the construction of an additional car park to allow for overnight or long stay parking of vehicles. J. MacCuish Sollas is due to start work on this project by the end of January.

Membership of Berneray Development Group

BDG would like to invite you to become a member. Don't worry it won't cost you money, but we are looking for more people who are prepared to support the aims of the Group, as set out below. New members who wish to get practically involved will obviously be especially welcome - helping for instance to operate the Nurses' Cottage as a community facility and to manage and develop other projects for the benefit of the community. Increased membership will assist us in our development and with funding applications. Fresh ideas and enthusiasm are always required. Membership forms will be distributed shortly and will be collected by the end of the month.

Letting Office/Space

We are still looking for a client to rent our nice office space. The office has been hired on three occasions in the past year, but we would obviously welcome a longer term client. Anyone who knows or hears of a requirement for office space, short or long term, please contact: John Angus MacCuish. Tel: 01876 540214.

Crofting Communities Development Scheme - Construction of Stock Handling-Pens

Not much progress to report here with little work done since last June. Work on the pens is about 75% complete.

The pens are for the safe handling and loading of cattle and sheep and this project is the crofter element of a funding package and partnership between Berneray Development Group and Borge Township. Mr Alan MacIsaac is the build contractor.

Youth Cafe

Older Berneray Youth Club members attended the Youth Cafe on Wednesday nights between October and December, and enjoyed watching DVDs and playing on the Playstation together. A new rota has been drawn up going forward from January. A fund-raising event is planned for sometime between January and Easter.

Sports Nights at The Hall

Sports sessions in the Hall started with the onset of winter and are a great success, popular with both children and adults. Football, table tennis, badminton and snooker are available. The sessions are now split between Friday, which is principally a badminton session for adults, and Saturday which is for children, with a variety of games on offer. Both sessions run from 8pm - 10pm and admission is £1. All welcome!

Berneray Development Group (BDG) was formed in October 2002 and is a company limited by guarantee with charitable status

The objects of the BDG are for the benefit of the general public in Berneray and the surrounding area, as follows:

- To provide facilities for recreation and leisure with a view to improving conditions of life.
- To advance education and promote opportunities for learning.
- To protect and preserve the environment.
- To promote the advancement of education by the study of local history and provide a base for the research and display of local photographs and documents.
- To relieve poverty.
- To promote the trade and industry of Berneray and surrounding area.
- To promote, establish, operate and/or support other schemes and projects of a charitable nature.

BDG Board members: Gloria MacKillop (Chair), Fred MacLeod (Treasurer), John Angus MacCuish (Secretary), Meg Rodger, John Forshaw, Andrew Ross