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Go Golspie is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO – Number SCO46438) Established November 2015.

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New Office

We now have our own office which is located in the upstairs of the Voluntary Groups office, Alba, Main Street, Golspie. We obtained the keys at the beginning of May and are in the process of getting things up and running as best we can, taking social distancing and other restrictions in to account.



Coronavirus Update

Whilst we have all had to take great care during the Coronavirus outbreak and look after each other as best we can, we have continued to be active and work hard throughout. Owing to self-isolation and social distancing, we have worked well together using modern technology, social media and video calls for meetings. This has kept us up to date with what is going on in the community and has allowed us to keep working together, planning and arranging for the weeks ahead and for the future.

Sadly, many events have had to be cancelled, including Golspie Gala Week and The Dunrobin Vintage Car Rally. However, it is hoped that as lockdown eases and things begin to return to normal, that we may be able to organise some small events within the community to help make up for the many events that we are not able to attend. This will of course have to be done under strict government guidelines and we will have to comply with any conditions that are imposed. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for such events that would be beneficial for the community and bring a smile to people's faces.

Funding

Go Golspie is acting as the Anchor organisation for Golspie and has been awarded £10,000 to help organisations and individuals who have been affected by the Covid19 pandemic. Applications are welcome from anyone who has found themselves in difficulty/struggling to make ends meet and we want to hear from anyone who needs help with fuel costs whether it be heating oil, coal or electricity, food or any other essential supplies that they may need.

We will be working closely with TYKES, Sutherland Care Forum and the CAB as well as the Golspie Community Council and we will accept referrals either from these organisations or from individuals. We are registered with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) and we can assure anyone who applies of complete confidentiality. For any further information contact Go Golspie on info@gogolspie.co.uk or call us on [01408 634033](tel:01408634033) (line open from 12.00 20/05/20) We will also be adding details to our website www.gogolspie.co.uk.

YMCA

We have now secured a lease with the Highland Council and are in the process of applying for further funding in order that the building can be fully renovated. We will keep you updated once we have more information available.

Art Competition

Thanks to all 39 entries from Primary school to the Go Golspie art competition, the winners have now been announced and with parental permission watch out for the winning pictures in a forthcoming edition of the Northern Times. We wish to thank the Golspie GALA week for sponsoring the prizes.

Community Assistance

The Golspie Lunch Club normally takes place every second Tuesday within the Community Lounge. Owing to the Coronavirus outbreak the lunch club has had to stop which is a great shame as this is a fantastic event for senior members of the community to meet up, have a good blether, enjoy each other's company and of course enjoy a fantastic lunch. Whilst the lunch club was not able to go ahead, our funding has provided fish suppers within the community for a number of weeks so far, with more than 30 fish suppers being supplied to local residents every week. Week 1 was sponsored by the Trawler, Week 2 Golspie Gala Week, Week 3, 4 & 5 was thanks to a funding application made by us to the North Highland Initiative. The 3 weeks to the end of May will be covered by a funding application to Tesco Bags of Help that has been confirmed as successful. We will make every effort to look for further funding to continue with any extended lockdown period. Hopefully the lunch club service will return in the near future which will allow everyone to get together and enjoy each other's company once again. Keegan Campbell is pictured ready for deliveries.



Part Time Administrator Post

Following our advertisement for a Part Time Administrator, we were lucky to receive a high number of very good applications for the post. Interviews for this post were held on Monday 16th March and following some very tough decision making, we are delighted to announce that Peter Allan was the successful applicant. Peter's start date was delayed slightly owing to the Coronavirus legislation, but he was able to officially start with us on Monday 4th May. Peter is now working to get things ready in the new office and for all the hard work that we have planned for him.

Minibus Usage

Since the date of the last newsletter, the minibus had been very busy until the start of the Coronavirus lockdown. There have been more than 90 bookings by local groups and it has also been used for private bookings. The minibus has completed many runs locally and as far afield as Oban. It is also used to assist members of the community to attend the lunch club and not forgetting the delivery of the Friday fish suppers. More than 200 fish suppers have been delivered now. It is also hoped that the minibus Midas driver training will be resumed as soon as possible.