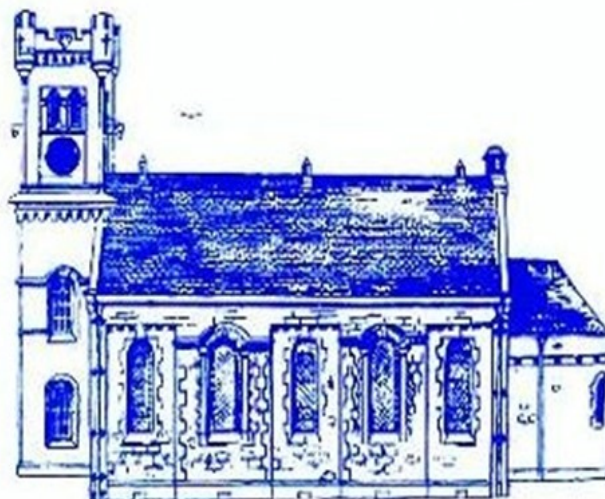


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# KIRK NEWS



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Hello from the Manse!

This edition of Kirk News is arriving to you during Christian Aid week. You will likely be familiar with the annual envelope appeal of Christian Aid and I'll say a little more about it below. But first the exciting news that as Christian Aid week starts on May 12<sup>th</sup>, we'll be welcoming the Head of Christian Aid in Scotland, Val Brown, to lead worship in Craigellachie and Aberlour – please do come and hear Val speak about the inspirational work of this amazing organisation which works with those experiencing extreme poverty worldwide, regardless of faith.

I want also to say a huge thank you to those who have supported Christian Aid in the past: you support genuinely life-saving and life-changing work across the world, through a charity which works directly with partners in the areas it works. Christian Aid has been a world leader in sustainable development for over 75 years and is also a member of the alliance of charitable organisations known as the Disaster Emergency Committee, who are often the first and best placed organisations to respond to emergency crises across the world.

As a church, we've supported Christian Aid's recent disaster appeals, in Ukraine; in Turkey; in Syria; and throughout advent last year, the Middle East as the conflict in Gaza continues to cause some of the most difficult humanitarian conditions of recent decades. As I write this, at least a month before you'll read it, the headlines tell the story of 3 British aid workers killed in Gaza while attempting to deliver food supplies. We are thankful for the courage and humanity of those who work in disaster relief, and we long for an end to conflict.

Alongside Christian Aid's disaster relief work is their ongoing development work, which often focuses on improving the resilience of communities where our changing world makes life very difficult. Major focuses of Christian Aid's work include the effects of climate chaos, ending gender-based violence, and empowering people with the tools they need to create sustainable livelihoods.

This year the story profiled is of Aline in Burundi, central Africa. In Burundi, malnourishment and poverty affect more than 70% of the population, making survival a daily struggle. Jobs and food are hard to come by, and those who have homes often have no electricity or running water.

For Aline, life was a constant struggle. She was married young and gave birth to her eldest son, Fisto, when she was just 14 years old. Aline experienced constant abuse at the hands of her violent husband. A few years later, Aline faced even

more devastation. Her husband married another woman, forcing Aline to flee. He prevented her from taking their children with her, and in a further act of cruelty, told the local community that Aline was mentally ill and unable to care for her children.

Through Christian Aid, Aline was taught how to form a Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) and establish a steady income. VSLAs mean people can save for their future and borrow money to kickstart small rural businesses. With all she had learned, Aline started a small business selling peanuts and avocados: soon, her dream of getting her children back finally felt possible.

Today, Aline lives peacefully on her own plot of land in a remote village in the Kayogoro Commune in Makamba Province. She's baked her own bricks and is building a strong home for her and her children in every sense. Now Aline can afford food, clothes and essential healthcare for her family. She's also purchased solar panels so her children can do their evening homework by electric light.

Giving what you can this week to Christian Aid will help people like Aline, and countless others, in parts of the world where lives and livelihoods can be transformed with a bit of support.

Wishing you well – and for a peaceful flourishing summer.  
God's blessing be with you and yours,

Andrew.

PARISH REGISTER: <u>Funerals and memorial services</u>	
2024 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Sandy Dent
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Jeff Robson (taken by Rev Dr Amy Bender)
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Jessie Smith
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Netta Milne

Stamp Appeal 2023 - 2024: Firmly Planted Malawi Project.  
Money raised from the sale of used stamps, will go to help The Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (C.C.A.P.). The C.C A.P. Firmly Planted Project aims to establish Self-Sustaining Tree Nurseries to nurture and protect the environment, and protect livelihoods for households and communities. There is a box in both Aberlour and Craigellachie Churches for you to leave used stamps; even if it's just a few, every Little Helps.  
Thank you.

Linda Grant.

# Church Diary



Sunday Services normally\* take place in both churches:

9.45am in Craigellachie Church &

11.15am in Aberlour Parish Church

\*On the first Sunday of each month a joint service is held

at 11.15am in Aberlour Parish Church.

Please note there is no service in Craigellachie on the first Sunday of the month.

The Holy Sacrament of Communion:

26 May in both churches at the usual service times.

25 August at 11.15am in Aberlour Parish Church.

Aberlour Parish Church  
presents

## **"Musical Man"**

An evening with Roger Jones, Director of Christian Music Ministries.

**Saturday, 8 June at 7.00pm**

Entry by donation for Christian Music Ministries & Aberlour Parish Church  
Refreshments provided.

## **ROGER JONES**

It is forty years since Roger and his wife, Mary, set up Christian Music Ministries, based in Birmingham. It was a brave decision for Roger to give up a steady job teaching music in a secondary school, and it was a decision that arose from the couple's strong faith. Roger is a composer who has written many musicals of well known stories from the Bible. He and his team also travel around the U.K. giving performances of the musicals, leading worship, music workshops and residential courses.

"Musical Man" is a presentation which takes the form of a Q & A interview, with the Rev Andrew Kimmitt asking the questions and Roger openly talking about his life, his ministry, the challenges and the joys along the way. Some of his music will illustrate the talk. Maureen Anderson's Kirk Singers have performed many of Roger's musicals and we are delighted that several of her singers will be singing with Roger again.

Roger's story is fascinating and "Musical Man" promises to be a very interesting, enjoyable and motivating evening.



2024 will be a very exciting year for the Car Share as we celebrate 20 years of being a registered charity. The Scheme was originally established in the year 2000 and operated from Tomintoul under the name of the Transport Group, however it ran into financial difficulties in 2003 and the committee had little option but to take the difficult decision to discontinue the Scheme until they could secure the funding needed to operate effectively. The individuals who got involved in taking things forward looked at what could be done differently and simply "rolled up their sleeves" to do what was necessary to get things up and running again in a viable way. A new Management Committee was formed and, along with the Coordinator and Secretary, they were able to get the Scheme registered as a Scottish Charity. There was pressure from some to get things up and running as quickly as possible and by all accounts a degree of pessimism that it may never happen, but others understood that a more cautious approach was needed to get the Scheme on a stronger financial footing before starting up again. After 18 months of hard work, perseverance and determination they were successful in securing the funding required and the Scheme was officially relaunched on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2004 as "Speyside Community Car Sharing Scheme". Over the last 20 years we have been fortunate to have had support from so many volunteers and funders and have grown from having 50 members and 13 volunteers at the end of the first year to currently having 530 members and 31 volunteers.

We are so grateful for the time our volunteer drivers, telephonists and Committee give up to make sure our members can make their journeys. We are desperately keen to welcome more volunteer drivers to our team, as it is more efficient for us to use a driver as close as possible to the member and we have a few of our current volunteers unavailable at present due to health problems. It is a very flexible way of volunteering as we don't ask for any regular commitment from our drivers and they give whatever time they can spare - even an hour or so every now and again is a huge help to us. Our telephonists also play a vital part in the efficient running of the Scheme, so if you are at home one day a week and would be able to take calls from our members and help organise their journeys please get in touch. This could be on a fixed day each week, or simply helping out to cover holidays or illness on a day you're free. You don't need any equipment, just access to a phone (landline or mobile) and I divert the calls to your number.

We have secured funding towards our costs for the next financial year and thank Berry Burn Community Fund, Corra Foundation, Paul's Hill Windfarm, Rothies Windfarm, National Lottery Community Fund and TSI Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund for their support. We are also grateful to the many individuals, businesses and organisations who have made donations to us this last year. We plan to hold our own fundraising events throughout our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year and if any local business would like donate a raffle prize please get in touch. I'm looking forward to sharing further details of these events in the next newsletter and in the meantime look out for updates on our website and Facebook page.

If you would like information on joining the scheme, becoming a volunteer or can help us financially or in any other way, please get in touch. I'd be more than happy to chat to you and I'm also willing to attend meetings of any community groups who'd like to know a bit more about what we do. You can send a message by either e-mailing [admin@speysideccss.co.uk](mailto:admin@speysideccss.co.uk) or via our website [www.speysideccss.co.uk](http://www.speysideccss.co.uk) using the contact us tab (please leave your telephone number) or call 01340 831748 between 9:00 and 5:00 Monday to Friday.

Rhoma Pirie, Project Coordinator



## The Rothes Way

It's hard to believe that less than 4 years ago, The Rothes Way Association came into being at a meeting held in my back garden, as inside events were banned due to covid. Eight months later, in April 2021, the project was kick started by G & A Construction, part of the Forsyth Group of companies, resurfacing the first part of the old railway line, from the top of Land Street, up to the Bulwark, free of charge.

The resurfacing of the second section of the railway line, taking us up to opposite Dandaleith Cottages, was completed last year and things are well underway in getting the necessary agreements plans etc. in place for the next section, which will finally link Rothes and Craigellachie with a multi use path. We are grateful to Edrington for scraping back the vegetation on the old "branch" road leading from Macallan brae down to the access road to the Telford Bridge

Our Coffee morning in February, raised £900. Thank you to everyone who donated, helped and supported the event and to the Kirk Hall ladies for manning the kitchen for us.

If you are keen to help the Rothes Way Association in any way, or become a member, please contact us by email, [rothesway@gmail.com](mailto:rothesway@gmail.com).

## Craigellachie Church

Sadly, Craigellachie Church building will cease as a place of regular worship after the morning service on 30 June 2024. However, before that happens, the congregation has arranged some special events in Craigellachie Church to commemorate the building's role in the community:



**Friday 21st June: SONGS OF PRAISE** at 7pm. A selection of favourite hymns. Refreshments and opportunity to chat after the service. All welcome.

**Saturday 22nd June: CRAIGELLACHIE CHURCH OPEN DAY** including **FLORAL FESTIVAL & DISPLAY OF MEMORABILIA**, 10am - 4pm. Teas & home bakes. All welcome.

**Sunday 23rd June: Joint Service of Thanksgiving & Looking Forward** at 9.45am, followed by picnic in Highlander Play Park. Please bring your own picnic. (If very wet the picnic will take place in Craigellachie Village Hall). All welcome.

Over the years, numerous weddings, baptisms, nativity plays and Sunday School gatherings have taken place in Craigellachie Church, and we are sure there are photographs commemorating the celebrations in many photo albums and photo frames. If you are able to lend photos, or other items of interest, please contact Jane Tweedie as soon as possible: Tel 01340 871515, email [jane871515@outlook.com](mailto:jane871515@outlook.com).



## Aberlour Walking Group Summer 2024 Walks

Welcome to our 2024 Summer walks. Aberlour Walking Group is a welcoming group, open to everybody in the community. Our aim is to combine walking with an opportunity to meet and chat with other walkers, and to introduce walkers to some new areas. Children are welcome, and so are dogs, under adult supervision. We usually stop for a quick tea/coffee *en route*, so please bring a flask and wear walking boots or strong shoes. Come ready to start the walks at 9:30am. If you need more information or help with transport please contact Donald (contact details below). Please confirm with Donald that you are coming on any walk.

### **25<sup>th</sup> May 2024: Allan Reid to Knochkan (circular) (12.5km / 7.75m, 170m ascent).**

This one may be squelchy! We will park at the Allan Reid car park near Tomnavoulin and follow the River Livet to Knochkan bothy passing many ruined bothies. At Knochkan there is an option to walk up to Suie bothy. We return by a slightly different route over expansive moorland to the Blye water, returning on the east side of the Bochel to the car park. This is a fantastic walk (on a nice day) in the foothills of the Ladder Hills, with excellent visibility.

**(NOTE the different date, there is no June walk).**

### **Sat 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024: Portsoy to Sandend (circular) (9.0km / 5.5m, 130m ascent).**

This circular route starts at the old Harbour at Portsoy and follows the cliff path to the headland at Redhythe Point, and on to Sandend Bay, stopping for refreshments at the picnic tables on the beach at Sandend. We will return on a more direct route over the hill at Arnbath and back to Portsoy. We travel on rough, sandy and grassy tracks, passing sea arches and WWII pill boxes on the way.

### **Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024: East Culbin (circular) (12.3km / 6m, 50m ascent).**

This circular route starts at the Wellhill car park on the East side of Culbin Forest near Forres and is on wide forest tracks throughout. We walk NE from the car park to Findhorn Bay, stopping for refreshments overlooking Findhorn, before returning via the coast at Buckie Loch. We may go *off piste* on the way - bring a compass!

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**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024: Whiteash Woods circular**  
**(6.7km /4.2m,220m ascent).**

This route is shorter than normal but has a greater ascent than normal. We will start at the main Forestry car park about 1km East of Fochabers on the A98, passing Longhowe Loch, the Duchess of Richmond's Pyramid, Ranald's Grave and Peep's View. If the weather is nice, there should be some excellent views on the way.

Donald Grassie

Aberlour Walking Group Convenor

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[aberlourwalking@gmail.com](mailto:aberlourwalking@gmail.com)

## **Christian Aid Week Envelopes**



Christian Aid Week this year (12th-18th May) focuses on Makamba Province in Burundi, where it is estimated 70% of the population live in poverty. Please see Andrew's letter (page 3) for details of the help Christian Aid is giving there through its partners. Read the moving story of Aline.

I hope you will decide to give, however much or little you can afford. If you do, you can then return the filled envelope **in Craigellachie** to:

**Alexander and Jane Tweedie, Cuil Sith, Brickfield Court, Craigellachie**

**Craigellachie Church on a Sunday or ask anyone you know who attends Church to take it)**

**In Aberlour to:**

**Gammack's Shop, High Street, Aberlour**

**Rev. Andrew Kimmitt at The Manse, Mary Avenue**

**Aberlour Church on a Sunday (or ask anyone you know who attends Church to take it)**

**You can also give online** (Please see details on envelope).

Remember that while Christian Aid is an agency of the Churches, it helps people regardless of which faith or no faith. Thank you for reading this, and for any support you may give.

**David Anderson, Christian Aid Aberlour, Convenor.**



14 September 1812

# Aberlour Community Association

SCIO Registered Number: SC009817

We're thrilled to report the success of our first-ever **Aberlour Community Day**! Nearly 30 local organisations came together to showcase their initiatives, talents, and services, attracting around 200 attendees. It was a wonderful opportunity for our community to connect, collaborate, and celebrate what's happening in our own backyard.

It has also been a pleasure to see the **Old Station Tea Room** reopened after last year's floods. Subject to volunteer support, we are hoping to welcome visitors regularly from Thursday through Sunday, between 1:00 PM and 4:30PM. Join us for delightful treats and warm hospitality in this charming setting—and if you would be willing to help bake cakes or volunteer at the tearoom, please get in touch. It's a wonderful space for building connections and all funds support local projects.

We're also reaching out to our community for support in reopening the **Speyside Visitor Centre**. Unfortunately, we cannot resume operations without dedicated volunteers. If you're passionate about showcasing our region's rich heritage and welcoming visitors with open arms, please consider lending your time and skills to this worthy cause.

Please **save the date**. Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Fleming Hall. Attending our AGM offers a valuable opportunity to voice your ideas, concerns, and aspirations for our community's future. It's a chance to actively participate in decision-making processes, connect with fellow community members, and contribute to shaping the direction of our association.

We hope to connect with you at our upcoming events and meetings! For all enquiries, please email [aberlourcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:aberlourcommunity@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook.

## ABERLOUR TENNIS CLUB

Queens Road, Aberlour AB38 9PR  
(next to Aberlour Bowling Club  
and opposite the Fleming Hospi-  
tal)

### CLUB OPEN DAY

Saturday 25th May 2024

2pm to 4pm

Come along, meet the members,  
play some tennis

Refreshments & Raffle

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house

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Tennis is a great sport, good for mind, body and soul,  
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doorstep in the heart of Aberlour

For more information please call 07901 747446 or find  
us on Facebook

## Aberlour Glebe Community Garden

As spring blooms around us, we're excited to be starting our first full growing season at the Aberlour Community Garden. Here's what's been happening and what's on the horizon:

1. **New Addition: Polytunnel Unveiled** We welcomed a brand-new polytunnel at the end of January 2024! This fantastic addition opens endless possibilities for extending our growing season and nurturing delicate seedlings in a protected environment.

2. **Seed Swap Success!** Our second annual seed swap & social event on April 13 was a vibrant gathering, with over 50 attendees exchanging seeds, stories, and smiles. From heirloom tomatoes to fragrant herbs, seeds were shared, and cake consumed—a lovely way to grow our community together.

3. **Growing Together: All-Ages Seed Planting Drop-in** Our recent all-ages seed planting drop-in was a hit among seasoned gardeners and budding enthusiasts alike! Our recent drop-in event attracted gardeners of all ages, fostering intergenerational connections and passing on the joy of gardening.

4. **Calling All Green Thumbs** To maintain our garden's beauty and productivity, we're seeking volunteers to drop-in for regular tasks like planting, watering, and weeding. Your hands in the soil make all the difference!

5. **Stay Connected: Join Our New WhatsApp Group** Stay connected with fellow gardeners through our new WhatsApp group. Share tips, coordinate working sessions, and receive timely updates about garden life. Join by entering [aberlourglebe.org/whatsapp](https://aberlourglebe.org/whatsapp) on your phone and following the instructions.

**Get Involved: Join us for some social gardening** Join us for weekend work sessions or our weekly Thursday gardening meetups from 1:30-2:30pm. Can't make it during the day? Evening sessions are in the works—let us know your preferred time by emailing

[info@aberlourglebe.org](mailto:info@aberlourglebe.org)! For more details, find us on Facebook or email us to subscribe to our newsletter.

Happy gardening from the whole Aberlour Glebe Community Garden team!

## Guild News

The 'Bannocks & Blether' coffee morning in February had a super turnout; thanks to everyone who came along and supported us.

The 'Big Sing' on 11<sup>th</sup> April didn't attract the numbers that the Coffee Morning did, however those who attended thoroughly enjoyed a wide selection of hymns and readings. Everyone was in good voice, and enjoyed a welcome cuppa and home bakes during the interval.

Thanks to George who played the organ for us, and to Samuel for preparing the hymns on the big screen.

The information for the Summer Outing in June will be made known to members as soon as details are finalised.

Hilda M.



## SCIO CRAIGELLACHIE VILLAGE COUNCIL SCO18399

March was a busy month and saw the Village Council hosting a free Soup and Sweet lunch for village residents aged over 60. It was lovely to host 50 guests and we are grateful to everyone who donated food or helped at the lunch.

Also in March, the annual Strathdee Sponsored Bottle Bingo in the hall raised £1849 and we are indebted to Strathdee Properties for continuing to sponsor the event. Thanks are also due to the volunteers and all those who came along to play bingo.

Our next fundraising event will be a Quiz Night in the village hall on Friday 6 September 2024.

The Craigellachie Football Club have been improving the drainage at the entrance to the football field and around the goalposts. We hope they have a successful season. Please encourage the lads by cheering them on next time they have a home game.

Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) - you may recall we issued questionnaires last year seeking the community's opinions on changing the current tennis courts to MUGA. The collated responses revealed the majority of respondents were in favour of a MUGA. There are questions and fine details which require clarification before settling on the final design; including the type of sports to be accommodated, since different surfaces suit different activities.

After much research and consideration, the Craigellachie Village Council decided they were not in a position to take on the running of the toilets at the Fiddich Park. Whilst it would be great to see the toilets open again to the public, the cost of getting them up to standard, coupled with the annual maintenance and running costs, was a responsibility we could not take on.

We shall once again be purchasing summer bedding plants for the tubs and floral display areas around the village. Any support with planting and watering tubs or areas near you would be much appreciated. If we get several volunteers for each of the various areas a rota could be organised to share the responsibility for particular tubs. Please consider volunteering to join a rota to water a tub or display near you. Contact Jane Tweedie Tel 871515 or email [jane871515@outlook.com](mailto:jane871515@outlook.com) to register your interest in getting involved.



## Dates for the Diary (details advised to Kirk News at time of going to print)



### May 2024

- 4 Aberlour Walking Group (see page 8 for details)
- 4 Aberlour School Gardens Sale, Tower Villa, Mary Avenue, 10am-1pm
- 4&5 Coffee Weekend & Heritage Display, Craigellachie Village Hall, 10am-12noon & 2-4pm
- 7 Reading Group, Aberlour Library, 2.30pm
- 8 Aberlour Senior Citizens Ordinary Meeting, Fleming Hall at 2pm.
- 11 Aberlour School Gardens Project Sale @ Dufftown Market
- 13 Storytelling with Nana Tomova, Aberlour Hotel, 7-8pm
- 17 N4H Nature Walk—Linn Falls. Meet in Aberlour Square. 1.30-3pm
- 23 Aberlour Community Assoc AGM, at 7pm in Fleming Hall
- 25 Aberlour Walking Group (see page 8 for details)
- 25 Aberlour Tennis Club Open Day, 2pm-4pm.
- 25 Music Night with the Budapest Café Orchestra, Edinville Hall 7.30pm
- 30 Chess Club, Aberlour Library, 6.30-7.30pm.
- 31 N4H Nature Walk—River Walk 1. Meet in Aberlour Square. 1.30-3pm

### June 2024

- 1 Aberlour School Gardens Project Sale, Tower Villa, Mary Avenue, 10am-1pm
- 3 Local Holiday
- 4 Reading Group, Aberlour Library, 2.30pm
- 6 Bookbug Session, Aberlour Library, 1.45-2.15pm
- 8 An evening with Roger Jones, Christian Musical Ministries, Aberlour Church 7pm
- 14 N4H Nature Walk—Forest Walk. Meet in Aberlour Square. 1.30-3pm
- 17 Storytelling with Nana Tomova, Aberlour Hotel, 7-8pm
- 21 Songs of Praise, Craigellachie Church at 7pm.
- 22 Craigellachie Church Open Day, Flower Festival, Teas & homebakes, 10am-4pm.
- 27 Chess Club, Aberlour Library 6.30-7.30pm
- 28 N4H Nature Walk—River Walk 2. Meet in Aberlour Square. 1.30-3pm

### July 2024

- 6 Aberlour Walking Group (see page 8 for details)
- 12 N4H Nature Walk—Linn Falls. Meet in Aberlour Square. 1.30-3pm
- 26 N4H Nature Walk—River Walk 1. Meet in Aberlour Square. 1.30-3pm

### August 2024

- 3 Aberlour Walking Group (see page 8 for details)
- 3 Aberlour Highland Games, Alice Littler Park
- 9 N4H Nature Walk—Forest Walk. Meet in Aberlour Square. 1.30-3pm
- 23 N4H Nature Walk—River Walk 2. Meet in Aberlour Square. 1.30-3pm

### September 2024

- 6 Quiz Night, Craigellachie Village Council, in Village Hall. Bring your own refreshments. See posters for details.
- 7 Aberlour Walking Group (see page 9 for details)

The Village Diary is displayed in the window at Aberlour Library, providing a reference for "What's On" & publicising fundraising events or meetings; not everyone uses Facebook or other online social media sites!

To have an event included in the Village Diary send an email to [aberlour.library@moray.gov.uk](mailto:aberlour.library@moray.gov.uk) or tel 01340 871693.

Similarly, for anyone arranging an event, it would be a good idea to check the Village Diary to avoid clashing with other events.

### Charity Café

The Station Tearoom is available for your charity to rent to help raise more funds for your chosen cause.

Rent it for the whole day or morning/afternoon.

Rent it for a one off event, or make it a feature of your fundraising.

**Old Station Tearoom, Aberlour**

Contact Jackie: [aberlourcommunity2@gmail.com](mailto:aberlourcommunity2@gmail.com)

### ABERLOUR HEALTH WALKS

We meet weekly on TUESDAYS, at 7pm, by the War Memorial in Aberlour Square.

Come and join our friendly group for our weekly evening walks, designed to be fun and inclusive of all, regardless of age or mobility. We'd love to see you there!

For more information please contact organ at Morgan at [MORGAN.MCKAY3@NHS.SCOT](mailto:MORGAN.MCKAY3@NHS.SCOT) or find us on Facebook at Aberlour Health Walks or Walk Moray.



## Classified Directory of Local Services

### Alarms & CCTV

Forsyth & Freeman- Fire & Security Technology. Heath Cott, Craigellachie, AB38 9TB. .... 07526 711667  
Services for commercial & domestic premises incl. design, installation, emergency call outs & repairs. email: [info.fffast@gmail.com](mailto:info.fffast@gmail.com)

### Beauty Therapist & Nail Technician

Top to Toe Beauty, mobile beauty treatments, Lyne of Carron Farm, Aberlour AB38 9NT ..... 01340 684486

### Bed & Breakfast

B Croy, Bridge View, Leslie Terrace, Craigellachie ([visitcraigellachie.com](http://visitcraigellachie.com))..... 01340 881376

### Boiler Servicing

Boiler Care Services Speyside, A Payne, Deldonald, Aberlour ([adrianpaynebcs@gmail.com](mailto:adrianpaynebcs@gmail.com)) 01340 810885/07435 787929

### Butcher

S A Mackie, 77 High St, Aberlour ..... 01340 871428

### Café & Crafts & Gifts

The Gather'n Café, 89 High St, Aberlour ([www.thegathern.com](http://www.thegathern.com)) ..... 01340 881749

### Caravan Park

Speyside Gardens Caravan Park, Aberlour [www.speysidegardens.com](http://www.speysidegardens.com) ..... 01340 871586

### Carpet & Cleaning Services, Fire & Water Damage Restoration

Shearpride Services, 9 Land St, Rothes email: [shearpride@btinternet.com](mailto:shearpride@btinternet.com) ..... 01340 881794

### Car Sharing Scheme

Speyside Community Car Sharing Scheme (Membership required) ..... 01340 831748  
(Monday - Friday 9.00am -5.00pm) email: [rhoma.pirie@speysideccss.co.uk](mailto:rhoma.pirie@speysideccss.co.uk)

Website: <http://www.speysideccss.co.uk/> Facebook: Speyside Community Car Sharing Scheme

### Dentist

Speyside Dental Surgery, 138 High St, Aberlour [www.speysidedental.com](http://www.speysidedental.com) ..... 01340 871738

### Dog Boarding & Day Care/Walking Service

Dacie Grey Home Boarding, Glenview, Aberlour Gardens, Aberlour AB38 9LD..... 01340 871285

### Electricians (Contractors)

Aberlour Electrics, 57 High Street, Aberlour..... 01340 881687/ 07718 923150

AR Electrical Services, Locherbain Farm, Aberlour ..... 07825 873651

Richard Strathdee, Birchlea, Glenallachie email: [rs@richardstrathdee.co.uk](mailto:rs@richardstrathdee.co.uk) ..... 07900 696051

### Engineering-Fabrication-Repairs-Design-Manufacture

Aberlour Engineering, Mary Ave, Aberlour email: [john@aberlourengineering.co.uk](mailto:john@aberlourengineering.co.uk)..... 01340 871833

Standfast Precision Engineering, Craigellachie email: [graham@standfast-engineering.com](mailto:graham@standfast-engineering.com)..... 01340 881371

### Filling Station

Craigellachie Filling Station, Dufftown Rd, Craigellachie ..... 01340 881635

### Fishing Tackle

Spey Sport, 79 High St, Aberlour email: [briandoran@btinternet.com](mailto:briandoran@btinternet.com) ..... 01340 871457/07990 551221

### Funeral Director

Frank S McLean & Son, 20 High St, Aberlour [www.fsmclean.co.uk](http://www.fsmclean.co.uk) [ask@fsmclean.co.uk](mailto:ask@fsmclean.co.uk)..... 01340 871001

### Gallery

Galleryia Scotland, 79 High St, Aberlour email: [kerrydoran122@icloud.com](mailto:kerrydoran122@icloud.com) ..... 01340 871457/07766 704910

### Garages

Frank Ogg & Son, 13-19 High Street, Aberlour ..... 01340 871505

McLean, Maggieknockater, Craigellachie ..... 01542 860325

### Hairdressers

Vanity Hair, Victoria Street, Craigellachie ..... 01340 881788

## Classified Directory of Local Services

### Hotels

Aberlour Hotel, 87 High St, Aberlour.....	01340 871287
Craigellachie Lodge, Craigellachie   www.craigellachielodge.co.uk .....	01340 881900
Dowans Hotel, Aberlour   www.dowanshotel.com.....	01340 871488
The Highlander Inn, Craigellachie.....	01340 881446

### Ironmonger & D.I.Y.

C A Gammack, 83 High St, Aberlour   www.cagammack.co.uk .....	01340 871319
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### Joiners

J Morrison & Son, 34 Sellar Place, Aberlour.....	07803 605975/01340 871016
Matt Roberts, Sunnybank, John St, Craigellachie.....	07739 048142

### Ladies Fashions

Speyside Wardrobe, Ladies Fashion, Victoria St, Craigellachie   www.speysidewardrobe.co.uk	01340 871943
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### Newsagent & Post Office

S Cattanach, 71a High Street, Aberlour.....	01340 871240
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### Painters

K Donald & Son, Cottarfield, Balliemullich,Aberlour .....	07748 916514
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### Personal Services (Toe Nail Trimming)

Moray Handy Person Services, Victoria House, Elgin: Office/Home Visits Moray-wide .....	01343 559739
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### Pet Service (Pet behaviourist & dog walking)

“Home Boy” Dog Services, Alex Benvie (email abenvie6@hotmail.com).....	01340 820351/07787 352648
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### Pharmacy

Aberlour Pharmacy, 112 High Street, Aberlour   email: pharm.aberlour4093@nhs.scot.....	01340 871279
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### Plasterer & Home Maintenance

Garry Glendinning, Ivy Dene Cottage, Edinville .....	01340 871861/07940 160825
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### Plumbers

Speyside Plumbing Services Ltd (A Gall), Tomneen Farm, Craigellachie AB38 9SB .....	01340 871360
P A Stuart, 69 High St, Aberlour .....	01340 871226

### Property Maintenance/Repairs/Improvements

J Morrison & Son, 34 Sellar Place, Aberlour .....	07803 605975/ 01340 871016
Derek Gall, Tipper/Light Haulage/Cherry Picker/Mini Digger Hire, Carron. email: Derekgall60@hotmail.co.uk .....	01340 810264/07799 484356

### Public House

The Highlander Inn, Craigellachie.....	01340 881446
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### Restaurants

Aberlour Hotel, 87 High St, Aberlour .....	01340 871287
'57' at Dowans Hotel, Aberlour.....	01340 871488
The Highlander Inn, Craigellachie.....	01340 881446

### Self Catering Accommodation

Mrs L Cordiner, The Pines, Wester Gauldwell, Craigellachie (email: lwcordiner@outlook.com) ..	07419 904142
B Croy, Bridge View, Leslie Terrace, Craigellachie   visitcraigellachie.com.....	01340 881376
Mrs E Milne, Balnellan, Craigellachie.....	01542 860284

### Shortbread Manufacturer

Walkers Shortbread Ltd, Aberlour.....	01340 871555
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**Taxi Services**

Craigellachie Cars, Scatterbrook, Gauldwell, Craigellachie .....07960 567118

**Veterinary Surgeons**

Aberlour Veterinary Centre, Rinnachat.....01340 871385

**Visitor Centre**

Speyside Cooperage, Dufftown Road, Craigellachie .....01340 871108

**Web Design**

Bob Fuller Web Design, Braeside of Beatshach, Aberlour ([www.bobfuller.me.uk](http://www.bobfuller.me.uk)).....01340 871745

**Wool Shop**

3 Bags Wool, 8 Balvenie St., Dufftown ([www.3bagswool.com](http://www.3bagswool.com)) .....07359 392352

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