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KIRK NEWS



CRAIGELLACHIE & ABERLOUR

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Dear Aberlour Parish Family

Hello and thank you for taking me on as a locum while you go through changes once again in your church family and also within the Church of Scotland. Your faith will again be able to find someone to fill Andrew and his family's massive shoes.

So, it's a New Year and we move forward, yes we can reflect on the past and use past experience to help us move forward; from the Old Testament, Joshua 1:9, " Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go". At the start of a New Year this verse reminds us to face fresh challenges with confidence. God's presence is constant, encouraging us to step into unknown paths without fear.

From Ephesians 6:10-18: Don't be afraid to put God's armour on. The belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shoes of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation and sword of the spirit (word of God), with prayer as a vital part. A call to stand firm in spiritual battles.

But a New year is also a time to make new memories with our families and our church family. I hope I will be able to share some of my family with you over the next few months. The little boy with bunny ears (see photo below) is my grandchildren's cousin. From an early age, family is a vital part of our lives and happiness. Jesus is part of our family; let him dwell among us and help us make Christian family memories this year.

My grandchildren, three girls and a boy, are my joy and blessings from God, and I hope there will be an opportunity for you to meet them.

So, moving forward, I hope the elders and church family will help me meet those who need a minister to visit; or give communion at home within the parish; help me organise specific church celebrations; help with care home services and connect with the community.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, joyful, blessed New Year. Please do not hesitate to contact me, Tel 07748700929; if I don't answer please leave a voice message or text.

Blessings and Love in Christ,

Rev Sonia Palmer.

(From Nutty Nanny's House!)



Dear friends,

I wanted to take a final opportunity to write in the Kirk News to express our huge gratitude as a family for the kindness and generosity of the congregation and wider community upon me leaving as minister to take up the new post of chaplain at HMP Glenochil.

In a season of big change for us as a family it has been such an incredible gift to feel supported and encouraged through the move, even as it has come with poignant farewells. We have loved our time in Speyside - we have so many incredible cherished memories, and are thankful for knowing so many of you who will be reading this.

To the congregation particularly - we are absolutely overwhelmed by your generosity towards a leaving gift, which we're going to use towards art of the area to be a constant and beautiful reminder of a very special chapter in our lives. We will always be grateful for the church family we have loved being a part of in these years.

At time of writing I'm pleased to report the move has gone well, and we are settling into the new rhythms of life very happily - even if we might be living out of boxes for a wee while yet!

I'm delighted that the Rev Sonia Palmer will be locum in the vacancy - I trust that she will experience the same care and support I have been blessed by. I'm also aware that vacancies come with their challenges as well as their opportunities. As you discern and follow in the path that lies ahead, please know that you all remain in our prayers, and we wish you every blessing for the time ahead.

God's blessing be with you,

Andrew

Date for Diary:

Soup & Sweet

Sat 18 April

12 noon—2pm

in

Aberlour Parish Church

See posters for details

Parish Register

Funerals

2 nd	Dec 2025	Robert Murray
9 th	Dec 2025	Jessie Grant
23 rd	Dec 2025	Agnes Donaldson
16 th	Jan 2026	Gordon Innes

Church Diary



Sunday Service:

11.15am

in Aberlour Parish Church
ALL ALWAYS WELCOME

Holy Sacrament of Communion:

31st May 2026

at 11.15am
in Aberlour Parish Church.

World Day of Prayer service.

St Margaret's Church, Aberlour, will host this year's World Day of Prayer Service on **Friday 6th March**, at 2pm.

The title for the service is "I Will Give You Rest: Come" and it has been prepared by the women from Nigeria.

Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Aberlour Parish Church Easter Services:

Sunday 29th March, Palm Sunday Service, 11.15am

Friday 3rd April, Good Friday Service, 7pm

Sunday 5th April, Easter Sunday Service, 11.15am

Everyone always very welcome to come along.

Easter at St Margaret's Church:

The following services will take place in St Margaret's Church during Holy Week and we will welcome everyone who would like to come along to any, or all, of them.

Sunday 29th March 10am Eucharist for Palm Sunday

Thursday 2nd April 4pm Eucharist for Maundy Thursday

Sunday 5th April 10am Eucharist for Easter Sunday

The Stamp Project, which has been running for 56 years, ceased in February 2026. From 1995 to 2024 an amazing £96,459.67 was raised for projects such as the HIV programme and Mount Olivet Boys' home in Jamaica & Cayman Islands. A huge thank you to all who supported the stamp appeal.

Aberlour Walking Group Spring 2026 Walks



Welcome to our 2026 Spring walks. Aberlour Walking Group is open to everybody in the community and any visitors. 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 and dogs are welcome - under adult supervision. We usually stop for a tea/coffee *enroute*, so please bring a flask and wear walking boots or strong shoes. Come ready to start the walks at 10:00 a.m. If you need more information, help with transport, or to confirm that you are joining a walk, please contact Donald (details below) or use our WhatsApp group (which includes all walk details).

If you wish to join our WhatsApp group, please email aberlourwalking@gmail.com with your name and phone number.

Sat 14th March 2026: Lhanbryde to Mosstodloch (linear) (9km / 5.5m, 50m).

Starting at Threaplands, we walk on paths through the Loch Na Bo estate, passing kettle lochs, then Blackburn and the old Orbliston station. A minor road then takes us to Balnacoul Wood, where we follow a path to Mosstodloch. This is a mainly level walk - a favourite from the past.

Sat 11th April 2026: Glacks of Balloch to Bridgehaugh (Glenfiddich Lodge) (9.2km / 5.7m, 180m ascent)

The route starts from the entrance to the Dornell Wind Farm site at the Glacks of Balloch (just South of Dufftown on the Cabrach road) and follows good forest tracks through the forest around Carn Chrom to the ruined Glenfiddich Lodge, following the River Fiddich back to Bridgehaugh. Cars will be parked at both ends to allow for transport back to the start.

Sat 9th May 2026: Archiestown to Cairn Cattoch (circular) (9.5km / 6m, 160m ascent).

Starting at the square in Archiestown, we follow forest tracks and paths due North from Archiestown, to the saddle between Hunt Hill and Cairn Cattoch (our destination). We return West and then South rejoining the track back to Archiestown. Excellent views of Ben Rinnes, the surrounding forest and the wind farm. A new walk for us.

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Sat 6th June 2026: Lossie Forest (circular) (9km / 5.5m, 40m ascent).

We start from the car park close to Inchbroom, walking on forest tracks to the North East, past an old WW2 military station. We then walk on winding sandy paths through the forest, returning past WW2 pillboxes and concrete blocks. We retrace our route back to the car park on forest tracks.

Donald Grassie

Aberlour Walking Group Convenor

07909 936724 aberlourwalking@gmail.com



The Rothes Way

As many of you are aware, work has started on the final section linking Rothes & Craigellachie with a multi use path.

Moray Council is organising the work currently taking place on Macallan brae. They will also be constructing the road crossings and erecting “warning pedestrian signs”. Unfortunately the bad weather has delayed works and made conditions difficult.

In summer, RWA will complete construction of the path, bringing it up to join the old tarmac road (Branch Road), leading down to the Telford Bridge road.

All that will be left to do, is erect signage, mark the route and organise a celebration between our two communities!

Guild News

Our 'different' Christmas Lunch in December was held in the Church. Our caterer Anne and her team were delighted with such a well-appointed kitchen, and they served up a beautiful three course meal for us all, even providing festive decorations. We all thoroughly enjoyed our meal. After lunch Edna Henry entertained us with fun quiz games. Many thanks to Edna for providing an entertaining end to a perfect day. Thanks also to Willie for setting up the church and putting on the heating; it was so cosy. Lastly, but certainly not least, thank you to Annies Wee Catering Co. who, along with her 'special' helpers, did us proud,



We are a happy, friendly group of people who enjoy meeting up in our lovely church monthly, from Sept - March, and would be delighted to welcome anyone wishing to join us.

Our final meeting for this session will be on Thurs 12th March.

Hilda

SPEYSIDE COMMUNITY CAR SHARING SCHEME



It's hard to believe that we are about to move into our 23rd year of supporting our members in Speyside & Glenlivet with their journeys. How far we've come from having 50 members at the end of our first year to over 500 now.

We're very grateful to our drivers, telephonists and committee members who are all volunteers and give up their time for free - last year they donated an amazing 5,517 hours. We do pay our drivers a mileage allowance for every mile they cover for the Scheme, which helps a little with their petrol and car maintenance costs. In the last 5 years our annual mileage has gone from 16,940 miles to 56,777 in our most recent financial year - and of course higher mileage means higher costs!

We haven't made any significant changes to our mileage rates since we last increased it to 30p in 2011 so to help with these rising costs we'll be making a small increase to our mileage rates of around 5p per mile effective from 1st April 2026. At the same time, we're taking the chance to simplify our fare structure and will have fixed rates for each journey (around 35p per mile for return journeys) with our minimum fare increasing to £4. This should make it easier for our drivers and also our members will always be able to find out in advance how much they're going to be paying for their journey.

We'll also be introducing an additional charge of £5 if the driver's wait for a member is two hours and above. Don't worry though if you are attending a medically related appointment, as this will only apply if it involves a social reason for your journey i.e. social clubs, shopping, hairdresser, etc. and will be waived for all local runs charged at minimum fare. If you are an existing member, please ask your driver for a leaflet giving more information on our fare structure (available from the 22nd March) or if you have any questions, please call 01340 831748 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

If you would like to join as a member or volunteer, or can help us in any other way, please get in touch either by calling us on the above number or emailing admin@speysideccss.co.uk (remember to add a telephone number so we can call you back). And, on the subject of volunteers, have you recently retired or find yourself with some spare time on your hands? If so, why not think about joining our team of volunteers? As a driver you don't need to make any regular commitment, just have your own car and be willing to help us out when you can. This could be for runs within your own town only if that is what you prefer, or longer runs to Elgin, Aberdeen or Inverness. As a telephonist all you need is to have access to a phone (landline or mobile) and be available one day a week to take calls from our members - even just covering the odd day for holidays or sickness would be a great help. So, if you think you can spare some time, even it's an hour or two every now and then, please consider joining our team of volunteers - it's a very flexible way of giving something back to your local community.

Rhoma Pirie, Project Coordinator

REMEMBER -

ONE OF THE GREATEST GIFTS YOU CAN GIVE IS YOUR TIME

Aberlour Glebe Garden

growing
together



My last report started "and finally some rain". We've been hit with all the elements over the past six weeks... finally, the sun shone today. Successful gardening is dealing with whatever weather is handed to us - adjusting your work plans, planning to overcome adverse conditions you experience, reaping the benefit of good weather.

The impact of wind, storms, sudden heavy snow falls over winter will make us more resilient in 2026 - tunnels, fruit cages and supports are being reinforced. Some things like garlic (above left) improve with winter, the ice has disappeared from the pond and new shoots are appearing. Our first seed extravaganza of the year helped develop a new partnership with **One Seed Forward**, who aim to encourage people to grow their own food, eat healthily, and share knowledge.

Over the winter, we have been successful in obtaining funding from Action Earth (to develop a willow osiery), and Moray Mental Health and Wellbeing fund (to develop our path network and accessibility in the garden). When this note is published, we will have completed our planning application for all our planned work over the next four years. Our volunteer gardeners don't go into hibernation, the winter months have allowed us to tidy up, repair and improve structures, mulch beds, propagate the seeds for this year's crop, and build a bug hotel!

We are currently planting our willow osiery (with the help of Aberlour Primary), planting onion sets, building raised beds and planning the laying of the first section of our path. We have teams working in the morning on Monday to Wednesday, and when possible, on Saturday. Please join us, lend a hand, develop new skills, or offer us your experience. Contact us on: aberlourglebe@gmail.com, join our WhatsApp group, or through the details on our noticeboard at our entrance on the Alice Littler car park

Donald Grassie

Aberlour Glebe Garden

A community initiative of Aberlour Parish Church, SC001336

ABERLOUR BOWLING CLUB

Spring is just around the corner and we are looking forward to our opening on **SUNDAY 19th APRIL AT 1.30 PM** at the Bowling Green on Queens Road, Aberlour. Despite the rain, snow, frost and low temperatures here at the Bowling Green, we have been busy with maintenance jobs to get the Green prepared for the new season. Our mower has been serviced by Annand's of Keith and is ready to go when the weather improves.



Why not join us this year? Have you thought about it but not quite sure how to approach us? It's simple, just come along to the Clubhouse, Queens Road, on Sunday 19th April at 1.30 pm and we will introduce you to our club and existing members. If you have not played before, don't worry, friendly assistance will be available. All you need are flat shoes or trainers - everything else is available at the club.

Bowling is not as serious as you might imagine. We have lots of friendly games with other local clubs where you can meet up with other bowlers, enjoy some friendly rivalry and then enjoy a cup of tea/coffee afterwards. These games are usually played in an evening.

The Bowling Club is open from late April to late September and you can play at any time during the day or evening. We also have a Club Night, affectionately known as 'The Hat Night', on a Friday evening when anyone can come along and play. For the Hat Night winners there are prizes available from "The Sweetie Box".

If you would rather meet for the first time on a one-to-one basis just get in touch with The Secretary, Nancy Keir, on 01340 871664 or 07708432992. You can also find us on Facebook, so why not have a look and see what we have been up to and future events available.

Health Walks Aberlour

We had some great walks in autumn and early winter and enjoyed a Christmas coffee and cake at the Gather'n in early December. 2026 started off with some pretty awful weather, however our hardy walkers only missed their walk on the first Tuesday of the year when most of us were snowed in. In spite of rain and ice this was the only walk we have had to cancel and we managed to find safe routes through the village when the paths were too slippery to venture much beyond the High Street.

We are continuing with our Tuesday 2pm walks throughout the year and from 2nd April, just after the clocks change, we will be walking in the evenings again too. This year our evening walks will be on Thursdays - still at 7pm and meeting at the War Memorial in the Square. We would love to welcome new walkers to our group - no weekly commitment and no charge! Just turn up at 2pm any Tuesday or 7pm on Thursday (from April) where you will receive a friendly greeting and we will decide together how far we are all able to walk. Everyone is welcome whatever your walking ability, but for everyone's safety we don't allow dogs to accompany us.

Our walks last an hour and sometimes a few walkers choose to continue the chat over a cup of tea or hot chocolate at The Gather'n. It has been so nice to have it open until 4pm this winter. We are now looking forward to lots of bright spring walks round the many varied routes that Aberlour has to offer. Please come and join us.

SCIO CRAIGELLACHIE VILLAGE COUNCIL SC 018399

We held our popular fundraising **Bottle Bingo** in December. Thanks to Strathdee Properties for sponsoring the event and also to Craigellachie Filling Station for donating mincemeat pies for half time teas. Grateful thanks to helpers, who continue to turn up and make our fundraising events a success, and to everyone who supports our events.

The next fundraising event will be a **Prize Bingo** in the village hall on **Friday 13 March 2026** – so get those dabbers at the ready! Children welcome and eyes down at 7.30pm.

War Memorial - we continue to investigate relocating the Craigellachie War Memorial to the village hall. It is unknown if the memorial is solid or hollow and the work to relocate it will be complex. The initial quote for moving it was nearly £40,000 and so far we have been unable to identify any funding assistance to meet this cost.

New Treasurer - at the AGM in November our Treasurer for the past 25 years, Ken Fraser, retired. Craigellachie Village Council is immensely grateful to Ken for his dedication and hard work over the years, ensuring all income and expenditure was dealt with efficiently. We are delighted to welcome a new recruit to CVC, David Guild, who has stepped forward to be our treasurer.

Flooding - at the AGM the Chairman gave an informative video presentation of a survey completed in 2013 on the drains on Hill Street/Edward Avenue (Dufftown Road/A941). Despite the horrendous state of the drains in the video, nothing has been done to initiate repairs. The meeting agreed Moray Council should be asked to undertake another drainage survey to determine the level of deterioration since the 2013 survey, and implement urgent action to repair and reinstate adequate drainage on Dufftown Road. The Dufftown Road is a vital route for the economy of not only Craigellachie, but also for the wider Speyside community. Continuing deterioration of the drains could lead to collapse of the A941 and the resulting impact on businesses in Craigellachie, Dufftown and further afield would be huge—we cannot wait another 13 years!

Snow clearing and gritting – We raised our concerns to the Education Dept following the introduction in November 2025 of new snow clearing service arrangements for Craigellachie Primary School. The Education Dept advised the school to employ a private contactor to provide an additional snow clearance service for the car parking area at the village hall, along with the carriageway of John Street and Fife Street, from Edward Avenue to Spey Road. These are all public roads and footpaths adopted by Moray Council.

This service is to permit staff and pupils of the Primary School access to the school and hall for the delivery of all aspects of statutory education and for the welfare of children receiving school lunches. Craigellachie School Parent Partnership, Busy Bees Childcare Business and Craigellachie Village Council have been requested to pay for this new service, despite receiving no service agreement for the snow clearing. It was felt this is effectively geographical discrimination against rural schools, pupils, staff and supporting groups. We hope the Education Department will liaise with the Roads Department to ensure a sufficient snow clearing service to the school.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 13 March – Prize Bingo, Craigellachie Village Hall – 7.30pm.

Wednesday 18 March 2026 - Just Like That, The Tommy Cooper Show – 7.30pm in Craigellachie Village Hall (see posters for details)

Saturday 2 May and Sunday 3 May – Coffee & Heritage Weekend (10am to 2pm) Craigellachie Village Hall.

Brenda C, Secretary



Aberlour Community Association

SCIO Registered Number: SC009817

As we welcome the arrival of spring, the Aberlour Community Association would like to share some positive updates and extend heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers and supporters who continue to make our village such a wonderful place to live.

Aberlour Play Park Project – Exciting Progress

We are delighted to report the Aberlour Play Park Project continues to make excellent progress. Following two very successful fundraising events — the **Soup and Sweet in November** and the **Jumble Sale in January** at the Fleming Hall — the latter raising around **£2,000**. We are pleased to share exciting news from our partners at the council; **Kompan** have now been awarded the contract to carry out the replacement of the play park. Work is scheduled to **begin at the end of March**, with a projected **completion date in May 2026**. This is a significant milestone for the project and a testament to the hard work and generosity of our community. Fundraising continues for additional ancillary equipment to further enhance the park. Our next event will be a **Ladies Day at the Fleming Hall on Saturday 28th February 2026, from 1pm to 5pm**. Tickets for the event are selling out fast.

The group would like to sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to the project so far, whether through donations, attending events, or volunteering their time.

Aberlour Christmas Market – A Great Success

December saw a **very successful Aberlour Christmas Market**, held for the first time at the new venue of the **Fleming Hall**. The event was extremely well attended and created a wonderful festive atmosphere in the heart of the village.

Our thanks go to all the **vendors, customers**, and especially the **volunteers** whose hard work ensured the event ran smoothly and successfully. Your support made the market a highlight of the festive season.

Village Flowers – Volunteers Welcome

As we move into the brighter months, the volunteers who care for the beautiful flowers throughout the village are preparing for the busy summer season. Their efforts do so much to keep Aberlour looking welcoming and vibrant.

They would be delighted to welcome **new volunteers** who may wish to lend a hand, even occasionally. If you enjoy gardening and would like to help keep our village looking its best, please consider getting involved.

Station Tearoom Toilets – A Valuable Community Resource

We would also like to recognise and thank the dedicated volunteers who look after the public toilets at the **Station Tearooms**. Their regular efforts ensure this important facility remains clean, open, and available for residents and visitors alike. If anyone is able to spare even a small amount of time to help with this essential task, your assistance would be greatly appreciated and would help keep this valuable resource available to the community.

Thank you once again to everyone who gives their time, energy, and support to the many initiatives that make Aberlour such a special place. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events and wish you all a bright and enjoyable spring.

Contact Aberlour Community Association via email: aberlourcommunity@gmail.com

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

March 2026



- 3 Reading Group, Aberlour Library, 2.30pm
- 5 Bookbug, Aberlour Library, 1.45-2.15pm
- 5 Reading Group, Aberlour Library, 6.30pm
- 6 N4H Nature Walk - see poster
- 11 Senior Citizens' Ordinary Meeting, Fleming Hall 2pm-4pm
- 12 Aberlour Guild, Aberlour Parish Church 2pm
- 13 Prize Bingo, Craigellachie Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 14 Aberlour Walking Group - see page 6
- 14 Music Night, Edinville Hall—see poster for details
- 18 Just Like That, The Tommy Cooper Show, Craigellachie Village Hall 7.30pm
- 20 Easter Egg Bingo, Fleming Hall 6.30pm for 7pm
- 20 N4H Nature Walk - see poster
- 21 Senior Citizens' Coffee Morning, Fleming Hall, 10am-12noon
- 25 Winter Warmer, Soup lunch, Knockando Church 12noon - 2pm
- 26 Chess Club, Aberlour Library, 6.30pm

April 2026

- 3 N4H Nature Walk - see poster
- 4 Reading Group, Aberlour Library, 2.30pm
- 8 Senior Citizens' Ordinary Meeting, Fleming Hall 2pm-4pm
- 11 Aberlour Walking Group - see page 6
- 17 N4H Nature Walk - see poster
- 18 Soup & Sweet Lunch, Aberlour Parish Church 12noon-2pm
- 19 Aberlour Bowling Green Opens, Queen's Road, Aberlour, 1.30pm

May 2026

- 2 Coffee & Heritage Weekend, Craigellachie Village Hall 10am-2pm
- 3 Coffee & Heritage Weekend, Craigellachie Village Hall 10am-2pm
- 7 Music Night, Edinville Hall—see poster for details
- 9 Aberlour Walking Group - see page 6

B.A.L.L. group meets weekly, 10am on Mondays—see back page for details.

HEALTH WALKS take place weekly —see page 10 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 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.

Classified Directory of Local Services

Bed & Breakfast

D Croy, Bridge View, Leslie Terrace, Craigellachie (visitcraigellachie.com)..... 01340 881376

Boiler Servicing

Boiler Care Services Speyside, A Payne, Deldonald, Aberlour (adrianpaynebc@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)..... 01340 881749

Caravan Park

Speyside Gardens Caravan Park, Aberlour www.speysidegardens.com..... 01340 871586

Carpet & Cleaning Services, Fire & Water Damage Restoration

Shearpride Services, 9 Land St, Rothes email: 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

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

Dentist

Speyside Dental Surgery, 138 High St, Aberlour www.speysidedental.com 01340 871738

Dog Boarding & Day Care/Walking Service

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

Drum Tuition

Rossini Cavalcante, 50 High St, Aberlour, email: rossinicalcavante@gmail.com..... 07963 273392

Electricians (Contractors)

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

AR Electrical Services, Blue Bauds, Mulben..... 07825 873651

Richard Strathdee, Birchlea, Glenallachie email: upperfolds@btinternet.com 07900 696051

Engineering-Fabrication-Repairs-Design-Manufacture

Aberlour Engineering, Mary Ave, Aberlour email: john@aberlourengineering.co.uk 01340 871833

Standfast Precision Engineering, Craigellachie email: graham@standfast-engineering.com..... 01340 881371

Filling Station

Craigellachie Filling Station, Dufftown Rd, Craigellachie 01340 881635

Funeral Director

Frank S McLean & Son, 20 High St, Aberlour www.fsmclean.co.uk..... 01340 871001

Garages

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

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

Hotels

Aberlour Hotel, 87 High St, Aberlour 01340 871287

Craigellachie Lodge, Craigellachie www.craigellachielodge.co.uk..... 01340 881900

The Highlander Inn, Craigellachie 01340 881446

Ironmonger & D.I.Y.

C A Gammack, 83 High St, Aberlour. Email: cagammack@live.co.uk 01340 871319

Joiners

J Morrison & Son, 34 Sellar Place, Aberlour.....07803 605975/01340 871016

Classified Directory of Local Services

Personal Services (Toe Nail Trimming)

Moray Handy Person Services, Victoria House, Elgin: Office/Home Visits Moray-wide 01343 559739

Pet Service (Pet behaviourist & dog walking)

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

Pharmacy

Aberlour Pharmacy, 112 High Street, Aberlour email: pharm.aberlour4093@nhs.scot.....01340 871279

Picture Framer

Kerry Doran (email kerrydoran122@icloud.com).....07766 704910

Plasterer & Home Maintenance

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

Plumbers

P A Stuart, 69 High St, Aberlour01340 871226

Property Maintenance/Repairs/Improvements

J Morrison & Son, 34 Sellar Place, Aberlour 07803 605975/ 01340 871016

Public House

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

Restaurants

Aberlour Hotel, 87 High St, Aberlour01340 871287

Archies at Hotel 1881, Archiestown (linked with Dowans Hotel)01340 221010

'57' at Dowans Hotel, Aberlour.....01340 871488

The Highlander Inn, Craigellachie 01340 881446

Shortbread Manufacturer

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