**Killin & Ardeonaig Trust (KAT)**

Smile, it’s Summertime!

At least that’s what the calendar says, but as I write it seems someone forgot to tell the sunshine gods. Perhaps by the time you read this, we’ll be basking in bountiful balminess.

All this wet stuff means the Falls are even more spectacular and everything in the garden looks fresh, verdant and glorious, almost as though it’s been on super-steroids.

Talking of fresh looks, the Old Co-op has had a complete face-lift and thoroughly deserves its rejuvenated name.

As we approach opening the new property, it feels like a good time to stop calling it “the Old Co-op” and restore its original name of “Fassiefern”. Does anyone know its meaning, if so, we’d love to hear it? The nearest I’ve got is “House among the alders”.

Understandably it will take a while for us all to get used to calling it Fassiefern, but once the **Re-use** shop’s in and open, it’ll become second nature. The Re-use shop is currently in a state of limbo as we wait to move; but we’re still accepting donations, particularly things like games, bric-a-brac, jewellery and small electrical items or modest pieces of furniture. If you have other items you’d like to donate, could you please store them for the moment until we can get into Fassiefern. We’ll post a message onto the Shop page as soon as we’re able to take them, at which time we’ll need all the help we can get to move, arrange and be ready to serve; so if you have any time to spare, please pop in a have a chat with Kirsty 07470 798 357, email Kirsty@Killincdt.co.uk.

The work in Fassiefern is pretty much completed, with a just few small jobs still to be done. We’ve already moved the KAT office into the premises, but it will be a while before we can move the Reuse Shop, Tool Library and Community Fridge, or invite tenants for the fabulous shop unit.

The reason for this is down to an ongoing dispute with Scottish Power regarding the meter. We are really hoping to have this all sorted out over the next month or so. We’ve had to open another new case with the Energy Ombudsman which we hope will resolve the issue soon.

I know you’re all very keen to see inside the new space, aside from pressing noses to the windows and peering in 😊 It is huge inside, so much bigger than you’ll remember from the old Co-op. So just as a teaser, until we can properly invite you in, take a peek at some photos.

At the other end of the village, the **Old Mill** is looking amazing! The shop is now also open on Sundays and has so many brilliant gifts and beautiful things to fill our homes as well as lending inspiration to the creatives among us to get started on that next project. We recently held our first craft workshop this year, with local maker Evelyn Walker, who also sells her work in our Makers' Market. The day was enjoyed by all, and some lovely work was produced. I hope you enjoy the photographs of the morning here! Thanks to Evelyn and everyone who came. If you have any ideas about the type of workshop you would like to attend, please let the team at the Old Mill know.

On the **heritage** front, keep an eye out for our new guest exhibition opening Thursday evening 5th September at the Old Mill. It is being displayed as part of the Stirling Photography Festival and features work by photographer Tom Astbury. The black and white photos feature local landscapes and are inspired by the work of 18th century poet Duncan ban McIntyre who lived in and wrote about Glen Lochy and focuses on the clearances. There will also be a history and photography walk up Glen Lochy with Tom on 22nd September. Details will go out on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/oldmill.KAT soon.

Sadly, the **food project** has hit a bit of a stumbling block; the site we had lined up is considered to be at risk under the climate change projection for flood risk by SEPA, therefore the Planning Authority do not recommend we apply for permission for a garden and associated buildings (polytunnels, tool sheds, comfort hut) as it would likely be refused. We are therefore back to looking for a community food growing site. If you know of any potential land, please let us know Raina@killincdt.co.uk.

We are so very lucky to have all these amazing things happening in our small (but perfectly formed) village. We’re also incredibly fortunate to have the super-duper **Youth Project**. With school holidays well underway, there’s a plethora of fun-filled summer sessions to be had. If you’d like to know more, head over to Carla’s (carla@killincdt.co.uk) page.

As always, when you want to find out about each of the KAT projects and everyone who contributes tirelessly to support our community, take a peek at our [**website**](https://killincdt.co.uk/).

Remember, each of these projects is initiated by your ideas detailed in your Community Place Plan.

And if you feel **you** can support your community by volunteering or joining us; please don’t hesitate to get in touch with theresa@killincdt.co.uk

We look forward to bringing you more updates over the coming weeks and thank you as always for your support and collaboration.

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