

## Your Community Needs You!

Want to help your community? Do you want your friends, neighbors and those in your local area to be healthier, happier and more contented with better job prospects? Do you want your community and your environment to be thriving?

Then please join TSCT – your local Trust. In order to make the lasting changes described above we need an organisation which can act for the community as a whole, can buy, lease land, buildings and structures on behalf of the community and obtain grants and funding. TSCT can do all this.

TARBERT NEEDS

## WHY JOIN?

Although the Trust is run by volunteers, we have to spend money on administering the activities of the Trust. Membership fees can help cover this. Also we need you to be involved. Being a member entitles you to vote on important issues affecting your community. Also, by becoming a member your skills, experience, enterprise and enthusiasm can help strengthen the Trust. After a while you might consider becoming a director.



## Check out our brand new website online......

Just google 'Argyll Communities' and search for T&SCT or check out the link below:

http://argyllcommunities.org/tarbertandskipnesscommunitytrust/

So don't delay - join today

What we have done so far:

- Castle You only need to look up at the castle to see the work currently being carried out on this wonderful monument. Once this work has been completed better access and interpretation will be added (watch this space!)
- © Community Wind turbine. We have carried out a community ballot on the proposed turbine(s) and are now progressing the project to planning stage.
- Big Green Tarbert. We have over the past 2 years, raised awareness of climate change and helped people learn new skills.
- Tarbert Community Gardens. We have brought together the management of all the greenspace in and around the village and encourage local groups and individuals to become involved.
- Breathing Place Take a walk from Garvel Road to the Bird hide or the 'White Shore' to discover this special area of interest.

## KIST

Kist is a magazine about local history and local natural history, including archaeology, wildlife and folklore. It delves into our own unique landscapes or mid Argyll, Knapdale and North Kintyre.

It come out twice a year and recently celebrated its 40th birthday with edition number 80 in colour. One of the main articles is on Tarbert Castle with excellent pictures of the details of the restoration carried out so far.

The Kist is on sale in Ian McIntyres on Harbour Street and is published by the Natural History and Antiquarian Society of Mid Argyll (NHASMA).





The project finishes on 31st March 2011. In this issue we review project achievements **Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust** were successful in getting Climate Challenge funding in April 2009 to set up the Big Green Tarbert project. The project set out to help local residents lower their carbon emissions and save money on energy bills.

Through auditing peoples home and lifestyle we have found that the majority of local people heat their home with electricity. We all know that energy and food costs continue to rise. Not everyone has the money to install solar panels – so we have been promoting low cost energy saving measures:

- Switch off lights and appliances when not in use
- Install low energy light bulbs
- Turn your thermostat down one degree
- Bye to standby
- **☑** Don't overfill the kettle
- **☑** Start composting
- Recycle more waste
- Drive less/walk more
- Fly less holiday in the UK
- Take up eco driving techniques
- M Don't waste water

