

Islay and the Covid-19 Virus

Last Updated 4/10/21 (1 pm)

As things seem very stable now this will be the FINAL update of this document unless we enter some form of lockdown again. Many businesses are moving to winter opening hours - please contact the business/organisation to find out the latest information.

This document is an attempt to pull together in one place what is happening re the effects of the Covid-19 virus on the businesses, organisations, health services, transport etc affecting Islay and Jura in one place. Most of it has been collected from Facebook and other sources.

While I have tried my best to be accurate, I cannot accept any responsibility for what is or is not here. If you find an error, or something is missing please e-mail scottcurrie.islay@gmail.com with suggested new text. If in doubt contact the service/business direct.

Islay, along with the rest of Scotland is now out of the Levels system. However, we still have a small outbreak so please follow sensible precautions.

Pre-departure testing - The Scottish Government is inviting those travelling to the islands to self-test for Covid-19, 3 days before departure and on the day of travel. Find out more [here](#).

Vaccinations for 12 to 15 year olds will shortly be available. -

<https://www.gov.scot/news/vaccinations-for-12-15-year-olds/>

Test and Trace App now available – please download - <https://protect.scot/index.html>.

Specific information for Islay and Jura can also be found on Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/680446166093967>

VACCINATION STATUS RECORD

Get a record of your coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination status.

Your vaccination status is a record of the coronavirus (COVID-19) you have received. It includes your name ,date of birth and any coronavirus vaccination s you have received in Scotlan d.

Coronavirus vaccination status can be accessed by anyone who has had a dose of the coronavirus vaccine. This includes those aged 16-17 years who have had the vaccine.

TO ORDER ONLINE VISIT <https://www.nhsinform.scot/.../get-a-record-of-your...>

You cannot be tracked by your vaccination status and your personal information is not shared with third parties.

[Changes since 22nd September 2021](#)

CHANGES

Nothing Covid related but note Calmac Winter Timetable is nearly upon us.

CALMAC WINTER TIMETABLE COMES IN 18th October

<https://www.calmac.co.uk/islay-kennacraig-port-ellen-port-askaig-winter-timetable>

We have introduced a new process that will help islanders attend urgent medical appointments, even if the car deck on the sailing they need to take is full. Find out more here ➡ <https://calm.ac/2QU6Jw8>

General Information

If you are bored sitting at home, and are wondering why the Government have taken such drastic action, there are a number of scientific reports which have influenced them at <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/mrc-global-infectious-disease-analysis/news--wuhan-coronavirus/>

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT advice and information is at <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

General HEALTH advice is at <https://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus> - see DOCTORS below for local advice

LOCAL GOVERNMENT updates can be found at <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/news> . Argyll & Bute also have a Covid-19 specific set of pages at https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/coronavirus/help-for-communities?fbclid=IwAR1VVaD-YIKhE_oH5Rj2tIQgjF_5cNfmcSRUqKfs_UrqrWC0uX0SIR-0_w

ISLAY VOLUNTEER NETWORK - On Islay, there is a network of volunteers set up to do shopping and collect medication for those who are self-isolating or have been told to isolate, or are over 70. Everyone should get a leaflet through their door.

When requested, volunteers will make contact with nominated people in isolation, with consent, and provide a friendly voice and offers of practical support.

Volunteers will be able to get groceries from Coop, and other shops, and organise for these groceries to be delivered and paid for etc, by a very small and dedicated team, utilising stringent hygiene techniques.

When requested, medication can be collected from your dispensing medical practice or Islay Pharmacy.

Frequent contact will be kept with those in isolation to ensure mental and physical wellbeing, by phone and other electronic means.

If you need volunteer help – please contact your area co-ordinator from the list below

If you wish to volunteer - please contact your area co-ordinator and instructions will be given. If you are formally volunteering or just helping out neighbours you should heed the advice at https://bit.ly/VOLUNTEERING_SAFELY

If you wish to contribute financially to this effort please visit https://www.gofundme.com/f/islay-resilience-fund?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=m_pd%20share-sheet&fbclid=IwAR30WoDY6JSAgOdgkrHaWCYss3EvqvrShGM37LTJdGAH8cgHd2J2DMQw6Ew

ISLAY VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR LIST

Bowmore	Mairi MacCuaig	Mairi.MacCuaig@uhi.ac.uk	301440	07414 939114
Bowmore	Dougie McFadzean	dougiemcfadzean@hotmail.com	810087	07918 984889
Bridgend North	Katherine Urquhart	Katherine@sornbank.co.uk	810544	07827998787
Bruichladdich	Bronwen Currie	Bron.currie@gmail.com	850006	07585 942021
Gruinart	Janet Waterworth	janet@coullabus.co.uk	850596	07950 023102
North Islay	David Graham	david@ballygrant-inn.co.uk	840277	
Port Charlotte & Rhinns	Susan McGillivray	susanmcgillivray@btinternet.com	850567	
South Islay	Alison MacGilvray (SID)	southislaydevelopment@gmail.com	300579	07876 643903

Islay Community Recovery Group

Islay Community Council has established the Islay Community Recovery Group (ICRG) to support Islay easing out of the Covid-19 lockdown.

Openness, transparency and goodwill are essential for the group to achieve its aims and to reassure the community that everyone is working safely together in this extraordinary time. It was agreed that a balance needs to be struck between the challenges of dealing with the fears that some islanders have about the opening up of Islay and the requirements for businesses to begin operating again.

ICRG will be a conduit for the transition of the community from resilience to economic, social and cultural recovery. And will work in accordance with the Scottish Government's guidelines for the phased easing of lockdown.

The group is exploring the installation of clear signage across the island reminding everyone of the requirements of social distancing, wearing face coverings and hand sanitizing.

In order to represent a wide cross-section of the community, a variety of people were invited by the Community Council to join – from the churches, estates, distilleries, tourism, farming and the health service. Islay Resilience Group, Islay Development Initiative, South Islay Development and the Emergency Planning Group are all represented too. Jura Community

Council also joined the meeting believing that the group would be touching on areas where Jura is also affected.

Pat McGrann, who chaired the first two meetings, thanked everyone for following the Scottish government's guidelines during lockdown and for the enormous effort across the island in supporting the community in this difficult time.

Minutes of ICRG meetings can be accessed on the Islay Community Council website. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please email Islay Community Council.

Specific Islay Information (Alphabetical Order)

ACHA (Ileach 11/4/20)

Office network is closed, but emergency repairs are being carried out. Customer service on 0800 028 2755 for all enquiries. They reassure that any tenant with a financial concern relating to the Coronavirus situation will not have their tenancy put at risk.

AIRPORT (Facebook 15/6/20)

Passengers are reminded that face coverings should be worn at all times within our airports. Arriving passengers are required to keep their face covering on until they have left the terminal building.

For more information, please visit our website: <https://www.hial.co.uk/passenger-information-coronavirus/>

AIRPORT CAFÉ (Facebook 20/5/20)

☀️ Weekend goodie bags for 2 available.

Orders by 9pm Friday night, can be delivered to the door or collection from the airport
Contact via Facebook

AN GLEANN TABLET (Facebook 10/4/21)

We are looking forward to opening up on Monday 26th April and, restrictions permitting, welcoming back all our lovely visitors!

AN TIGH SEINNSE

Understood to be closed – own Facebook page for details.
<https://www.facebook.com/AnTighSeinnsePortnahaven>

ANTLERS (JURA) (Facebook 14/4/21)

Now re-open. You can book tables via antlersicecreamcafe@gmail.com

We will get back to you as soon as possible!

**YOU MUST SEND YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER FOR TRACK AND TRACE!
WE WILL GET BACK TO YOU TO CONFIRM YOUR BOOKING!**

ALL PERMANENT RESIDENTS ONLY will be able to book a table ALL YEAR ROUND!
You as our locals will have priority in all aspects!
ALL PERMANENT RESIDENTS ONLY WILL RECEIVE A 25% DISCOUNT ACROSS
THE BOARD ON ALL ITEMS 🙄🙄🙄 (NO HOLIDAY HOMES/SECOND HOMES
INCLUDED, THESE ARE THE RULES NO EXCEPTION)

ARCHERY CLUB (Ileach 13/3/21)

Archery restarting for members Sunday 1 to 3 at Port Mor – own kit only.

ARDBEG DISTILLERY (Facebook 30/8/21)

Sorry to say that due to a COVID incident now affecting two members of our team we have taken the precautionary step of closing the Ardbeg visitor centre until 3rd September. As safety is always the number one priority this is to ensure the safety of our staff, visitors and community. Assuming no further cases we intend to re-open on Friday 3rd September. We are really sorry for all inconveniences.

ARDNAHOE DISTILLERY – (Facebook)

Opening times now Tuesday to Saturday 10am until 5pm. Booking mandatory 840777.

ARDVIEW INN (Facebook 11/8/21)

Well the worst kept secret is now official and we are underway with the reopening of the World Famous Ardview Inn.

We as a family run business are keen to hear local feedback “good or bad” about what the community would expect from their local. Employment wise we will look to employ from the Island to include management, bar and kitchen staff supporting local produce prepared by a good home style cook. Our business model supports youth training and to provide an opportunity for enthusiastic individuals to enter into employment. Please feel free to contact us.

ARGYLL & BUTE BIN COLLECTION (Website 1/7/20)

Back to normal - You can check what date your bins go out, on the website: <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/bin-collection>.

AR & BUTE CARING FOR PEOPLE CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE (9/4/20)

Argyll and Bute Caring for People coronavirus helpline 01546 605524 will be open between 10am and 1pm on Easter Friday and Monday. This is also the Local Assessment Centre for anyone who has been asked to stay at home for 12 weeks (shielding). This is for support for those impacted in our community and is not an emergency line.

When our offices are closed, we have a number of emergency contact details including:
Social work services – 01631 566491 or 01631 569712

A full list of emergency... contact numbers can be found here - <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/emergency-contact-numbers>

Health advice: please call 111 if your symptoms worsen or do not improve after 7 days; for general health advice see www.nhsinform.scot

ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL (Facebook 27/3/20)

A dedicated helpline offering advice to vulnerable people across Argyll and Bute during the coronavirus outbreak is now available. Open to anyone who may have difficulties accessing food or prescriptions or have financial or personal concerns, the Caring for People helpline 01546 605 524 is available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

An answer machine service will be available to leave a message out-with office hours and at weekends. A member of staff will get in touch during office hours. We want to do our best to get help where it is most needed. Please leave this line open for vulnerable people who may not be able to help themselves if you have other options.

An online request for help form is also available

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/.../coronavirus-caring-people-...>

ARGYLL & BUTE RAPE CRISIS (Facebook 24/3/20)

A & B Rape Crisis have opened a new support line to provide support to all survivors of sexual trauma, including rape, sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse, whether the abuse is recent or historic. The service is also available to non-offending family members. Line open 9am to 4 pm Monday to Friday 07741 645530 or support@ab-rc.orh.uk

ARGYLL COLLEGE (UHI) (Facebook 22/12/20)

Students and staff are advised that we will be delaying the start of teaching until 11th January in light of recent government announcements. You have been sent an email with further details so please be sure to check your inbox.

BALLYGRANT INN & RESTAURANT (Ileach 24/4/21)

As from 23th April, Beer Garden 5pm to 10pm for alcohol; Curry & Pint deal from Thursday 28th April on Thursday & Friday; takeaways Thursday/Friday/Sat 5.30 to 8pm Tel 840277

BANK OF SCOTLAND (Facebook 25/3/20)

Opening 10am until 3pm Monday to Friday. See

<https://www.bankofscotland.co.uk/helpcentre/coronavirus.html>

BAPTIST WALKS (Ileach 28/3/20)

Cancelled for now.

BOWMORE CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY (Facebook 7/11/20)

Unfortunately due to Covid-19 and the restrictions in place, we are unable to hold a children's party this year.

BOWMORE DISTILLERY (Facebook 17/3/21)

The Distillery had reopened the shop, but no tours or tastings as yet. Tuesday to Saturday 11am to 4pm. . Booking in advance is essential 810441. On line shopping now available.

BOWMORE ENGINEERING (Facebook 18/5/20)

Just to let everyone know we have now reopened. You can contact us on 01496810206 or mobile 07733462696.

BOWMORE FILLING STATION (Facebook 1/4/20)

Opening hours change
Monday to Friday Open 8am Closed 5pm
Saturday Open 8.30 Closed 4pm
Closed Sunday.

BOWMORE HOGMANAY FIREWORKS (Facebook 8/10/20)

Cancelled for 2020 – back in 2021

BOWMORE HOTEL (Facebook 24/4/21)

Beer Garden is open – inside as per government regulations. 810416

BOWMORE HOUSE HOTEL (Facebook 22/3/20)

Until further notice we have closed the Bowmore House B&B to all but essential workers.

BOWMORE PUBLIC TOILTES (Facebook 2/7/20)

Opening on July 3rd – Others now open.

BRIDGEND BOWLING CLUB

Has re-opened for the season – members only at present.

BRIDGEND HOTEL (Facebook 2/10/20)

Has ceased trading for the foreseeable future

BRIDGEND SHOP

Opening hours from 2 August 2020:
Monday to Saturday, 9am - 6pm
NOW CLOSED SUNDAYS

BRUICHLADDICH DISTILLERY (Facebook 8/6/21)

DISTILLERY TOURS

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL BEGIN A PHASED RE-OPENING OF THE BRUICHLADDICH DISTILLERY VISITOR CENTRE FROM 8TH JUNE 2021.

As a working distillery, our number one priority is to protect our staff and guests. Therefore, we will be operating a reduced level of visitor experiences in the early phases of re-opening. First, however, we would like to reassure all guests that we have implemented COVID-19 safety measures according to government guidelines.

From Tuesday 8th June, the Laddie Shop will re-open for retail purchases only and adhere to social distancing policies, and we must limit the number of people in the shop at any one time.

There will be no tours or tastings at this time, but we hope to start to reintroduce these in due course. Details will be announced on the website as soon as they are available.

Booking slots are available for up to 6 people, Tuesday – Saturday from:

10:00-10:30

10:45-11:15

11:30-12:00

12:15-12:45

13:30-14:00

14:15-14:45

15:00-15:30

15:45-16:15

16:30-17:00

CALL TO BOOK: +44 (0) 1496 850 190

BRUICHLADDICH MINI-MARKET (by observation!)

Normal service.

BUILDBASE (Facebook 5/1/21)

We are now back to normal opening hours at Buildbase 🥳

Mon-Fri - 7.30am - 5pm

Saturday - 8am - 12pm

BUNNAHABHAIN DISTILLERY (Website 3/5/21))

Please note, due to government restrictions, our Visitor Centre is closed and our tours are not currently running.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, however the safety of our community, team and visitors are paramount. We hope to reopen in line with Scottish Government advice when it is safe to do so. Keep an eye on our social media streams for information.

BUTCHERS (A.S. Porter) (Facebook 3/5/21)

Appears to be normal opening hours - <https://www.facebook.com/IslayButcher/>

BUS SERVICES (Facebook 18/6/20)

N.B. As of 21st June FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT. No cash payments accepted.

CITYLINK – <https://www.citylink.co.uk/timetables.php>

CAFÉ BLASTA (Facebook 12/10/20)

Open Monday to Friday 10 – 2.30 for sandwiches, lunch etc; 2-3.30 for afternoon tea. Must Book.

Saturday takeaway only 10 – 2, bread and boxes to be ordered the night before by 8pm

Call 07818214054 between 9 am & 2.30pm to book a table or carryout or 07585699846

CALMAC (Website 16/8/21)

N.B. FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Ileach 14/8/21 – Calmac capacities back to normal – please read advice at <https://www.calmac.co.uk/covid19/fags/safer-travel-with-calmac>

Non island resident campervans and motorhomes can no longer join standby queues for fully booked vessels.

UPDATE ON NEW FERRY – (8th July 2020) –

https://www.cmassets.co.uk/project/new-vessel-for-islay/?fbclid=IwAR0sur03RGJ9RO_QGtevwG2m727GomgOP9Mp0XUOvATGXvqIMASOC537ZM

ONGOING : We no longer accept cash payments. Card payment, Apple Pay, Google Pay will be accepted.

 We have introduced a new process that will help islanders attend urgent medical appointments, even if the car deck on the sailing they need to take is full. Find out more here <https://calm.ac/2QU6Jw8>

CAMPBELLS OF ISLAY (Facebook 9/8/21)

We are a small shop who deal with a wide variety of customers.

It has taken time for some to feel comfortable enough to come shopping again.

We do not want to open the flood gates.

We will be allowing a max of 6 customers in at one time and ask you still follow the one way system.

We apologise if you are unhappy having to wait outside.

Thank you for your understanding.

CANTELINA FESTIVAL (Ileach 8/5/21)

Will be an on-line event this year in the first week of July – details to follow. The 2022 dates, hopefully in person, will be 3rd to 8th July.

CELTIC HOUSE (Facebook 24/2/21)

WE ARE REOPENING ON MONDAYS FROM MARCH 1st!

WHICH MEANS WE'RE BACK TO OUR USUAL OPENING HOURS, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS FROM 9.30AM TO 5PM (LAST ORDERS IN THE COFFEE SHOP 4.30PM)

NEW: THE CELTIC HOUSE LENDING LIBRARY 📖

In order to raise money for the amazing [Scottish Book Trust](#) we've decided to offer a selection of books for lending! These are mainly for adults but there are a few young adults titles as well.

The rules are the following:

- * One person at a time browsing the books
- * Handsanitiser is provided, and returned books will be kept aside for a couple of days before being put back on the shelves
- * There is no official limit to the amount of the books you can borrow or to how long you can keep them but, as this is a small selection, we count on you to leave enough to read for others (a notebook will be at disposal for details of borrowings and returns)
- * This is a free service but we encourage donations to the Scottish Book Trust, no matter how small
- * Enjoy your read and let us know what you thought!

<http://www.theceltichouse.co.uk/>

CHIT CHAT STROLLERS (Facebook 15/8/21)

Have restarted as from 16th August – now on Mondays.

CHURCHES

The Round Church in Bowmore and St. John's in Port Ellen reopened on 16th August,

Society of Friends (Quakers) are meeting by Zoom videoconferencing and now in person.

Baptist Churches – (Facebook 25/7/21) We making a pathway back to normal!
Both church services are back in person.
Other social activities are opening up again after the school holidays (regulations depending)

COASTGUARD (Facebook 29/5/20)

Boating, swimming and other sea-based activities are now allowed once again in Scotland under the new guidelines, but, please remember to respect the coastline.

Whether you're local or not, whatever your ability or experience in your chosen sport or leisure activity, the sea can still catch you out and be unmerciful when it does.

The majority of beaches will not be lifeguarded. If you get into trouble call 999 and ask for the Coastguard and we will come to your aid. But coronavirus hasn't gone away and we all need to follow the rules.

Remember your choices might put people, including yourself and frontline responders, at risk. Take extra care in these extraordinary times.

Visit www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19 to check for the latest advice and guidance.

CO-OP Shops

(Facebook 3/9/21) - Due to increase in orders we are having to cut the delivery slots around the island to enable our drivers to get home for supper time!!

From Monday 6th the following will apply

Bowmore will remain daily

Port Ellen area Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays

Portnahaven/Charlotte and bruichladdich areas Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Port Askaig keills, ballygrant area Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause but is necessary to enable the continued success of this service

(Facebook 23/4/20) We've introduced our Co-op gift card scheme for those self-isolating and reliant on others to do their shopping. Speak to our dedicated colleagues on 0800 029 4592 to purchase a Co-op gift card which can be shared with friends, neighbours or volunteers to pay for your shopping in your local Co-op. See more <https://coop.uk/2yD4PdL>

All other restrictions as to number of people in store and one-way system appear to have been removed.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL(Website)

The Community Council are acting as a one-stop shop The Islay Community Council website (<https://www.islaycommunitycouncil.org/>) will temporarily be used to provide ongoing updates to the Islay Community regarding the current situation related to COVID-19 Coronavirus. Information will be fed in from a variety of key sources. We will also keep the page updated with national guidance and instructions from the Scottish and UK Governments. See also Islay Community Recovery Group (at top)

COMMUNITY NURSES (Facebook 21/2/20)

During the C19 outbreak your community nurses will be working predominantly from their cars to help reduce the risk of person to person transfer between their colleagues.

This means that you may see nurses parked up on their phones and laptops and having their meal breaks. Please don't make the assumption that they are skiving or have nothing to do. We cannot work from home and this is just another means of isolation to help reduce the risk of spreading this virus.

CREDIT UNION (Ileach 10/10/20)

Port Ellen collection point will re-open 1st September; Bowmore collection point will be in the Baptist Church, Janieson Street, from 12 noon until 1:30pm, on the first Tuesday of the month, starting November.

Payments can be made by Standing Order (e-mail admon@islay-jura-credit-union.co.uk for the form, or by BACS.

Cash or Cheques can be left in a sealed envelope, clearly marked Credit Union at the Port Ellen Post Office (remember to include your passbook). Cheques and passbook can also be sent by mail to the post office (66 Frederick Crescent, Port Ellen, PA42 7BD). Payments will be processed on a Tuesday and books left at the Post Office will be available there for uplift from Thursday onwards.

Forms for loans or share withdrawals can be downloaded from the website (<http://www.islay-jura-credit-union.co.uk/>) and posted to the address above, along with your passbook.

CRESSWELL CARS (Facebook 19/3/20)

It's business as usual here at Cresswell Cars! Here for all your motoring needs 🚗 🚙 🚘

We are remaining open during this difficult time to serve the community. We are taking all necessary precautions and following the government guidelines regarding the COVID-19. We are reminding our customers that we offer a delivery & collection service - Please feel free to use this service as it is FREE OF CHARGE! In addition to this if any of our customers need anything picked up/collected we will be more than happy to help. Please just give us a phone.

Also if anyone would like their vehicle deep cleaned or sanitized this is a service we would be happy to provide.

CYBER CAFÉ (Facebook 15/3/21)

We are now a venue for the free meet ups over tea and cake currently taking place all over the island! Every Tuesday 11am - 3pm we're open for hot drinks and snacks, subsidised by the Islay Resilience Fund. Relax, meet friends, take a break 🍰 ☕

Call or text 07493 408086 to book. Hospitality rules apply - A maximum of 6 people at each table from no more than 2 different households 😊

Update (Facebook 17/9/20)

We are (SO) happy to announce that we are now in a position to restart some indoor sessions. This will be a gradual process, building up to a full timetable. We'll let you know as each activity is started. 🍷

For now, the great news is...youth clubs will return this weekend! We are following strict ScotGov guidelines to ensure the safety of your young people and a copy of our new operational guidelines are available to parents and carers on request. 💜

Friday - Primary School Kids Club 5.30pm - 8.30pm

Saturday - High School Youth Club 5pm - 9pm

A maximum of 15 places are allocated for each session, as drop in attendance is not currently allowed. New updated membership forms will be issued. Spaces can be booked by messaging this page or calling 07493 408 086. Face coverings must be worn by over 12s and social distancing measures apply.

The sweetie cupboard is stocked up and we are looking forward to having fun with you all again. Covid can do one! 🍷🕶️🍷

DISTILLERIES

See under individual distillers – if not listed then its closed!

DEITMAR FINGER STUDIO (Facebook 22/7/20)

A selection of prints of my latest watercolour paintings has arrived. Since the Phase 3 restrictions now allow visits to other households you are welcome to grab your face mask and come to have a look at my work.

There will be discounts for my older stock of prints and for some older originals as well. Ideally PM me and make an appointment, but do feel free to knock at FACING WEST/STABLE COTTAGE if you are in the area.

DENTIST (Facebook 14/7/20)

We are moving to phase 3 now.

We start booking patients to finish some of started denture work before lockdown. We will still see emergency daily.

Patients should book appointments over a phone we have to ask you some questions update medical history and triage for covid symptoms before entering building.

Patients are advised to wear face covering mask, scarf Etc. We would prefer if you do . We will also check temperature with contactless thermometer at the entrance.

Slow but surely we are getting back to work. Please call for advice 01496 810246

DOCTOR (previous updates removed)

NOTE – there is a free transport offer for anyone needed to get to their vaccination on the covid safe community bus (or in private cars). Arrange through Bowmore Surgery 305305.

New Website

We are pleased to announce the launch of our newly upgraded website – this can be found at www.islaymedicalservices.com. You will find a regularly-updated COVID-19 page containing information regarding testing on Islay and links to help with symptoms, a new page for visitors to Islay outlining how to access medical help for urgent problems while on Islay (holiday home owners, please highlight this to your guests!), information about how to access appointments and prescriptions, plus links to various self help pages and a section containing social media updates for those not on Facebook - and of course a back-catalogue of Ileach updates should you miss one! We hope this will be a useful resource for our patients and visitors.

DROP IN COFFEE AND CAKE (Facebook 8/3/21)

Chase away the lockdown blues by coming to a drop in free coffee/tea and cake. Can you please call the number of the venue you wish to attend and a time please as we need to follow the social distancing rules and numbers allowed at one time****

We would hate for you to turn up and not be able to come on in

Kilarrow Community Hub – Tuesdays 11 till 3 – 07975816623

Ballygrant Inn – Wednesdays 11 till 3 – 840277

Port Mor – Friday 11 till 3 – 850097. Funded by the Islay Resilience Group Covid-19 Fund

DUCK RACE (Facebook 19/3/20)

With all the changes in the world at the moment the committee has decided to CANCEL the duck race for this year. Anyone that has bought ducks will have the money reimbursed.

ELLA EDGAR'S HIGHLAND DANCERS (Ileach 29/8/20)

Starting again 12th September with staggered classes.

FEIS ILE (Facebook 8/5/21)

Update (Ileach 8/5/21) – see new website www.feisile.co.uk

The dates for the 2022 festival are from Friday the 27th of May to Saturday the 4th of June.

FINLAGGAN CENTRE (Facebook 14/9/21)

Open 10:30 to 4:15 – access to island at your own risk.

GAELIC COLLEGE (ICCI) (Facebook 4/5/20)

Is closed until further notice. Students will continue to be taught by distance learning. Students can contact the college by e-mail to islaygaeliccentre@gmail.com.

Various on-line conversation classes and support for home teaching etc now available.

GALLOWAY & MACLEOD ANIMAL FEED (Email 24/3/20)

Normal delivery service but no farm visits. Contact Debbie MacDougall 07930210659 or DebbieMacDougall@galloway-macleod.co.uk

GLASS ISLAND STUDIOS (Facebook 18/9/21)

Shop closing and business moving to Jura and wholesale only as from 27th September.

GLENEGADALE PLANTS (Facebook 29/8/21)

We have decided to keep Saturdays open with an honesty box for anybody that can't visit on Thursdays and Fridays. So please bring change with you on Saturdays, but there will also be business cards next to the honesty box with our PayPal and BACS details on them. Thankyou. 🌻🌻🌻🌻
Tel 07555050671

GOLDEN DRAGON (Facebook 23/3/20)

Takeaway as normal – 12-2, and 5pm to 9pm

GORTANVOGIE CARE HOME (Facebook 24/3/20)

Visiting at Gortanvogie Care Home is not permitted for the time being. This is with an immediate effect. This is in line with the latest guidance and is for the greater good of everyone. We will take the very best care of your loved ones and although it will be a difficult time for families and residents, we will give reassurance to residents and make them smile at least once every day! 😊. You can phone (01496 810 338) to ask after your loved one/to arrange a phonecall with them or keep in touch via email gortanvogie-management@argyll-bute.gov.uk

UPDATE 27/3/20 Shona Hutchinson - We all understand that for relatives not seeing them is causing anxiety and stress, and that you all want to be able to communicate with loved ones. I have been trying for a long time to get our IT department to help us have WIFI set up, linked to our 810600 number and had hoped this would be in place for Christmas as I had secured funding to pay for this. Unfortunately this didn't happen and have been chasing this since. Before I had to self isolate I had been in contact with IT, advising that this work needed to be done asap before we had to close the doors to next of kin. Unfortunately, this didn't happen.

I would be grateful if relatives would be patient with staff who are trying to care for your loved ones. We know you want to know all is well with your loved one, but staff have lots of priorities on their time caring for the individuals that are there. They have the added pressure of having to do all this

without my physical support. Please be kind and understanding of the position my staff are in. They are doing their best in an unprecedented situation.

HAIRDRESSING

Carole MacAffer – (as of 16th July) Is now restarting mobile work.

Cubic Hair – (Facebook 25/4/21) Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-6:30pm. Contact Mandy for appointments.

Laurie Love – (Facebook 23/3/20) – closed until further notice.

Amanda Richards at Mactaggart Leisure – (Facebook 10/9/20) – should open 15th September.

Linda Williams – (e-mail 24/3/20) – closed until further notice.

Lorraine Woodrow – (Facebook 2/7/20 - SALON REOPENING - Well after a very long break I am happy to announce that the salon will be opening again from Monday 20th July with a long list of conditions. I do have a waiting list for appointments so please feel free to contact me to add yourself to the list. Unfortunately at the moment I will not be able to have my normal gents night on a Thursday or Friday afternoon it will be appointments only until further notice.

HARBOUR INN (Facebook 21/6/21)

We opened our doors to residents only on 7th June and we are excited to be working our way towards reopening to the general public soon.

HIGH SCHOOL (Facebook 21/6/21)

It is with regret that due to the recent rise in Covid numbers, we are sadly having to cancel the main event for the Celebration of Achievement this Friday, 25th June. Please note however, that we will be posting photos, winners names and videos on the school Facebook page for everyone to enjoy.

HOSPITAL (Facebook 13/7/20)

The phased reintroduction of visiting family and friends in the hospital means everyone has to wear a face-covering to enter. This will help to safeguard everyone 😊

ILEACH (Ileach 7/11/20)

The office is open to the public from 10am - 1pm as from 9th November, and we can be contacted on the phone 01496 810 355 or by e-mail theileach@ileach.co.uk. Passport photos by appointment only. One customer at a time in the office.

ISLAY & JURA BUMP TO BIRTH (Facebook 8/5/20)

Due to some generous donations from The Bridgend Shop and the Islay Pharmacy along with funding from the Islay Covid Appeal, the Islay and Jura Bump to Birth charity are delighted to be able to gift new families with babies born during lockdown with a little box of some essentials and goodies to help during this difficult event. One of our members will be in touch to deliver a box to families with newborn babies very soon and sending our best to all pregnant, new and young families at this time

We would also like to highlight the 'family welfare box' available to families with children or expecting families, phone Alyson at SID, 300579 or email enquiries@dunlossit.org

ISLAY & JURA CONNECTIONS (Facebook 19/5/20)

A new support and activities group page to keep people connected. Launching 25th May.

Facebook.com/islay-jura-connections – contact ijconnections@outlook.com for details.

ISLAY & JURA YOUTH ACTION (Facebook 8/10/20)

We are excited to open our doors again to all the young people on the island after a major refurbishment including a new games room 🥰

Due to the new government guidance there will be a limited capacity at our clubs and therefore booking is advisable however if you just want to pop up and see if there is spaces available you will be warmly welcomed.

Young people and parents will be informed of the new procedures at the centre. Our guidelines will also be published on our Facebook page to refer back to.

Please contact: Kerry- 07480214727 ijyouthaction@yahoo.co.uk or ping a message on our facebook page.

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Friday starting 16th October - 6pm-9pm S1+

Saturday starting 17th October- 6:30pm-8pm p1-p7

Our minibus service will be running again with more details to follow.

We are excited to announce more activities and opportunities in the following months! ❤️!!

ISLAY ALES (Facebook 24/4/20)

Now offering a home delivery service from Islay Ales for Islay residents of 3&1/3 pint 'growlers' of our draught Big Strand Lager or the Finlaggan IPA, all contactless and through

<http://islayales.square.site>

Just to mention that the (US) based web template struggles with some Islay addresses (not sure they do 'croft' over there!) so any issues at all call Mackay on the brewery number (01496 810 014), he'll sort you out... and he'll confirm delivery time too since the site is a wee bit restrictive on that too!

ISLAY AUTO SERVICES LTD (Facebook 17/5/20)

We are now back open part time for MOTs, Services, Tyres, and minor repairs for the next few weeks then hopefully we will have all staff back full time and be open normal opening times. Please DON'T call in at the garage to book - only phone or email us to make appointment and you will be

given instructions on what to do and when to leave your vehicle with us. Anyone I have missed who was booked in for work prior to closing if you would still like your work carried out please get in touch 😊 And giving the current situation we are all still in there will be restrictions in place until it's safe to lift them. Call 01496 810 088 to book.

ISLAY BADMINTON ASSOCIATION (Facebook 1/9/20)

Islay Badminton Association will not be meeting at the start of the season in September due to the Covid guidelines.

The Scottish Government are due to review the roadmap once again on 14 September, which may bring the possibility of reintroducing doubles to badminton and increasing the number of households and people you can meet indoors.

We will be reviewing the situation between the Islay High School, Badminton Scotland and Argyll & Bute Council. If we are allowed to use the premises.

There will be a limit to the number of players when we return. This will be reviewed by our association before we recommence.

ISLAY BOOK FESTIVAL (Facebook 13/2/21)

We have reluctantly decided to cancel this year's event due to the continuing uncertainty over travel and other restrictions linked to the Covid pandemic.

We are not confident of being able to hold a physical festival towards the end of the summer and so have decided to cut our losses and cancel now.

And while we learnt a lot from our online programme last year, and are incredibly grateful for everyone's contributions and support from across the globe, our feeling is that live events on the island are really what our festival is all about and we don't want to move too far away from that.

We also feel there is no point trying to compete in a now very cluttered digital landscape.

However, we have decided instead to try and organise some one-off book events this year to support a couple of local publications coming out in May and June respectively. These events will most likely be held online over the summer months.

In the meantime, we'll be working away in the background on a future strategy for the festival and in particular to try to secure longer-term funding for our activities. We look forward to coming back with a bang in 2022!

ISLAY COTTAGES (Facebook 24/3/20)

In line with the government lock down we have closed Kilchoman House, Islay Cottages and our B&B at Tarbert House in Bowmore to bookings until end of June presently.

As such we would like to offer any of our properties to emergency key workers if required. email us at info@islaycottages.com or call 07500264612.

ISLAY COVID-19 Fund

Small grants for local groups and organisations providing COVID-19 support are available £250 to £2000. Contact Alyson MacGillvary 300579 or southislaydevelopment@gmail.com

ISLAY CYCLES (Facebook 23/3/20)

If you have been trying to phone me and not being answered, it's due to a new problem. I have been inundated with scam and other sales calls purportedly offering services during the pandemic crisis. It hasn't taken long for the criminal spivs to leap into action. If you need anything like a repair, just pop it outside. The nature of what we do means there is no need for physical interaction and is always outdoors.

Updated 4/4/20 - If you are an NHS or care worker, we will provide you with the use of a bike, free of charge.

Updated 14/5/20 – If you cannot get your bike to Jim, contact Bron Currie or Dave Protherough for transportation.

ISLAY EYEWEAR

Visits to Islay one week per month.

If anyone has any emergencies over the coming months please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mr Wallace on 01631 563814 OR 01631 563170

ISLAY FOOD BANK (Ileach 10/3/21)

We are here for anyone struggling financially to buy food for the family, pets or just simply yourself.

N.B. As of now, funded by Dunlossit and Islay Community Trust, Welfare Boxes containing essential food items are available for distribution throughout the island. If you or anyone you know is struggling at this difficult time, a network of volunteers can get these supplies to people in need.

Our contact number is 07563 968518 or e-mail islayfoodbank@gmail.com

You can call us between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

Outwith these hours you can leave a message and we'll get back to you asap.

www.islayfoodbank.com

ISLAY FUNERAL DIRECTORS (Facebook 28/3/20)

Due to the further spread of Covid-19, we have made the decision to post all Islay funeral notices on to the Community Facebook Page until further notice.

This is to help protect the Islay community and to avoid unnecessary travel with local notices.

ISLAY GOLF CLUB (Facebook 28/8/21)

Golf tuition for boys and girls will resume at the Machrie golf range on Thursday 2nd September at 7.00 pm, golf balls and clubs will be provided or bring your own, there will be a small charge of £2 per child, looking forward to seeing as many as possible aspiring golfers, all very welcome.

Please remember you MUST phone (01496) 302310 to book your tee time AND when you arrive before playing.

ISLAY HOTEL (Facebook 18/11/20)

Due to the current level of restrictions in place, we have reluctantly decided to close. We shall closely monitor Government guidelines and re-open when travel and dining restrictions ease.

We would like to thank everyone who has visited us in these difficult times. We really appreciate your custom and support.

We will still be available via email and telephone (limited hours) during our closure. Anyone wishing a Gift Voucher or any enquiry, please email us at: info@theislayhotel.com

ISLAY HOUSE HOTEL (Website)

Open for Dinner reservations only?

ISLAY JAZZ FESTIVAL (Ileach 14/8/21)

The 2021 festival will take place on line, but not on the scheduled weekend of 17-19th. Further details not yet available.

ISLAY, JURA & COLONSAY AGRICULTURAL SHOW

The show took place virtually

ISLAY KICK BOXING CLUB (Facebook 26/4/21)

*Classes start back on 24th May at Kilarrow Community Hub, Bowmore

Monday's 7-8pm: coloured/black belts or experienced martial artists

Wednesdays 7-8pm: white belts/beginners class (class pitched at beginners level but coloured/black belts also welcome)

£5.50 per class, payable weekly, over 18s only, must pre-book

For more details and to book, e-mail iancameron42@gmail.com

ISLAY KITCHEN (Facebook 13/2/21)

Closed for 2021

ISLAY LAUNDRY SERVICES (Facebook 18/6/20)

Restricted Opening Hours due to Covid 19 with social distancing in place.

Monday to Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Please phone ahead on 07919417258 or leave a message on Facebook and we will get back to you.

ISLAY LINK CLUB (Facebook 20/4/20)

Islay link club is still happening digitally through the Zoom app please get in touch on 07403583402. Join in for a natter. Wednesdays 12md

ISLAY NATURAL HISTORY TRUST (Facebook 14/5/21)

We're opening from MONDAY 17th MAY!

We will be open Monday - Friday 10am -4pm every week!

ISLAY OYSTERS (Facebook 31/7/20)

Islay Oysters shop open for collection only to place your order please call 01496850256

ISLAY PHARMACY (Website)

<https://islaypharmacy.co.uk/> for current opening hours.

If you are vulnerable or are self isolating and cannot manage to collect your medication please feel free to phone us and give us verbal consent to deliver them for you! We can arrange delivery days and time over the phone.

We kindly ask our patients and customers to be patient with us at this time. We are doing our utmost best to have your prescriptions ready and delivered on time.

ISLAY PODIATRY SERVICE

[Unable to update this as website is flagged as dangerous] –

Facebook 22/3/20 Due to the current situation with COVID - 19 and the recommendation from the HCPC, the regulatory body for Allied Healthcare Professions, Islay Podiatry Service will not be operating until further notice.

Please accept my apologies for this but we find ourselves in the strange world of self isolation and social distancing.

I will be in touch with my regular clients in the near future. If you require information or foot are advice, call me.

ISLAY QUILTERS (Ileach 24/4/21))

Quilters shop will be open

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1:30 - 4pm; Saturday 11-3pm

Exhibition postponed until 2022.

ISLAY SEA ADVENTURES (Ileach 24/10/20)

Tours have now ended for the 2020 season. Back in 2021 (No update as of 3/5/21)

ISLAY SESSIONS

Awaiting details on 2021 Islay Sessions.

ISLAY SHOP (Facebook 6/4/20)

Hardware shop is open as normal as is the Islay Home Stores.

ISLAY STUDIOS (Facebook 4/1/21)

Believed to be open as normal – no details on website - <https://islaystudios.co.uk/>

ISLAY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB (facebook 26/8/20)

They are back in training – contact via their Facebook page.

Jane Taylor Print Studio (Facebook 12/7/20)

Is now re-open Monday, Wed & Thursday 10 – 16:30 (13:00 on Wed)

JEAN'S FRESH FISH (Facebook 16/6/21)

WILL BE BACK OPEN IN BOWMORE FRIDAY 21stMAY

We will be continuing to deliver straight to your door including Bowmore area

A huge thank you to all our customers for their continued support .



JEWELLERY (Charlotte Hannett – Facebook 18/3/20)

Workshop closed to the public. Current projects being worked on and you can discuss any new commissions etc by e-mail/Facebook etc

JURA (Website)

<https://juradevelopment.co.uk/> has latest information.

JURA CHIMNEY SWEEPS

Believed to be operating by appolintment.

JURA HOTEL (Website 3/5/21)

Pub and beer garden now open. Guest bookings from 17/5/21

JURA MUSIC FESTIVAL (Ileach 8/5/21)

The 2021 festival is cancelled.

JURA PASSENGER FERRY (Facebook 18/8/21)

JURA PASSENGER FERRY season will be extended to the 24th October 2021 with many thanks to the JDT and funders involved

KATES (Facebook 22/7/20)

❤️😊***KATES NOW OPEN***😊❤️

The shop will be open for three days a week:

★Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays from 10am till 4pm★

We ask all customers to follow the safety guidelines when visiting the shop.

We will update you with any changes to our opening times

Any requirements outwith these hours, you can contact us via our Facebook page. Looking forward to seeing you all again. Stay safe and healthy😊👗👠👔❤️

KILHOMAN DISTILLERY (Facebook 29/8/21)

From Sunday 29th August, the visitor centre, shop & cafe will be closed on Sunday's & Monday's. Enquiries can be made by sending an email to tours@kilchomandistillery.com. Tours and tutored tastings are available to book on our website www.kilchomandistillery.com

KILHOMAN GALA COFFEE MORNING (Facebook 7/11/20)

As you may be aware, the Kilchoman Gala Coffee Morning was cancelled back in March, due to COVID. We still have some amazing raffle prizes, which were kindly donated by local businesses. Some raffle tickets were sold prior to cancellation of the event and we will still honour these, when we can rearrange. Thank you for your continued support. Kilchoman Gala Team.

KILMENY CEILIDHS (Ileach 28/3/20)

Summer programme cancelled. No information for 2021?

LABELS (Facebook 13/4/21)

From 19/4 Labels of Bowmore will be opening 7 days a week
Monday-Saturday 9 till 5 Sunday 11 till 5

LAGAVULIN DISTILLERY (Website)

Open to Visitors again as from 26/4 2021.

LAPHROAIG DISTILLERY (Facebook 13/4/21)

Our distillery shop is open. Please check our opening times/days on our booking system.

Book a time to come and visit us at <https://www.laphroaig.com>

LIBRARY VAN (Facebook 28/4/21)

Islay Mobile library will be back on the road on Tuesday 4th May.

David is really looking forward to catching up with all our mobile library members. Look out for him on his route.

Click here for the updated timetable and information on what to expect when you visit:

<https://liveargyll.co.uk/facility/islay-mobile-library/>

Like our liveArgyll libraries facebook page to keep up to date with all our library news! 👍

<https://www.facebook.com/liveArgyll.Libraries>

LIFEBOAT SHOP (Facebook 18/6/21)

We're open!!! The shop is reopening from 19th June 1.30-3.30pm

It will be open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 1.30-3.30 and Thursday 1.30-3.15.

Other days/ times TBC

Due to being attached to station strict COVID restrictions apply, only 1 person/ household allowed at a time, masks must be worn and there is hand sanitizer available just inside the door. Contactless payment is preferred, but not essential.

As always "out of hours" arrangements can be made by contacting us through Facebook.

LOCHINDAAL HOTEL (Facebook 18/7 21)

Kitchens closed 19th to 23rd July. Lounge bar for residents only.

Lochindaal bar open 1pm to 11:30pm

LOCHINDAAL SEAFOOD KITCHEN

No current (3/5/21) information to be found on-line. Believed to be open.

LOCHSIDE HOTEL (Facebook 5/4/21)

The hotel is now reopen to non essential travellers! Got friends and family visiting? We have a wee discount code for 10% off! ★ Direct Bookings ★ (Minimum 2 night stay)

Restaurant & Beer garden : open 5pm- Late During the week! Weekends: 3pm-Late 🍷

LOGANAIR (Website)

Full information at <https://www.loganair.co.uk/>

MACHRIE HOTEL (Facebook 18/4/21)

The hotel will re-open on May 17th

MACTAGGART LEISURE CENTRE (Facebook 16/9/21)

The salon, laundry and gym are open for single use only. Learn to swim and Rookies lifeguarding programmes have restarted

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CL (Childrens Lessons) Tues, Wed & Sat there will be laned swim available in some sessions for 45 mins (Sauna changing used for laned swimmers)
 Public Swimming: Tue & Thursday will be laned swimming - 4 lanes available each session with 2 people per lane
 Thursday 50plus Laned Swimming (laned swimming will have 1 slow lane 2 medium lanes & 1 fast lane)
 Thursday P&T - Parent & Toddler - 2 Shallow Pods Max per pod 1 Adult & 2 Children & 2 public lanes available
 Sundays: 1 lane per session 2 people per lane 2 Family Pods per session - 1 Shallow & 1 Deep Max per pod 2 Adults & 2 Children
PLEASE NOTE: SHARED SESSIONS WITH ASN SESSIONS THERE WILL BE 2 LANES AVAILABLE SWIMMERS ONLY IN DEEP PODS
ALL PUBLIC SESSIONS, 50PLUS, PARENT & TODDLER & FAMILY POD SESSIONS MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE

Made in Islay & Jura Arts & Crafts Market (Facebook 9/6/21)

Restarting Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30 to 16:30 Bruichladdich Village Hall until October.

MP and MSP

Working as close to normal as they can – contact by e-mail

Jenni.Minto.msp@parliament.scot; brendan.ohara.mp@parliament.uk

MUNCHIE BOX (Ileach 4/7/20)

Now re-open 8am to 2pm Monday to Saturday.

MUSEUM OF ISLAY LIFE

The Museum of Islay Life is now open for the year. Monday-Friday, 10.30-4.30.

Further information can be found on our website: <https://www.islaymuseum.org/>

NATURAL HISTORY TRUST (Facebook 14/5/21)

We're opening from MONDAY 17th MAY!

We will be open Monday - Friday 10am -4pm every week!

NERABUS GIN (Facebook 28/4/21)

We'll be reopening our shop in Islay House Square on Saturday 1st May. Looking forward to welcoming you all back!

NHS HIGHLAND (Ileach 11/4/20)

All visiting is suspended across all health and social care site. Exceptions (agreed in advance with whoever is in charge of the ward or the care home manager) include both partners and people accompanying a child.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (Facebook 24/3/20)

Clients and their families are asked not to return any Occupational Therapy Equipment to any of Argyll and Bute Hospitals themselves at this time. If you have equipment that is no longer required please contact the Integrated Equipment Service on 01436 633102 and they will arrange to uplift in due course. For any walking aids please hold on to these and return them to the hospital only once the current situation has resolved.

OPTICIANS (Facebook 10/5/20)

From Islay Medical Services

IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH YOUR EYES PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT YOUR GP OR PHARMACY. Opticians are open for emergency or essential eyecare – contact first by phone. John Wallace Optometrists (Islay) – 01496 810282

OUTBACK ART (Facebook 3/5/21)

Open Sundays to Tuesday 11 – 4pm, but now believed closed until August

PEATZERIA (Facebook 23/8/21)

For September and October opening hours are 12pm to 9pm 5 days a week, closed on a Sunday and Monday.

PERSABUS POTTERY (Website 3/5/21)

If you would like to visit the pottery we are open for pottery sales. Message us via email or Facebook and we can arrange a time for you to call by. See <https://www.persabus.co.uk/> for latest information. Café is closed

PORT ASKAIG HOTEL (Ileach 24/4/21)

Beer Garden and Bar now open for meals last orders 7pm 840245

PORT CHARLOTTE HOTEL (Facebook 11/5/21)

From Monday 17th May we will be open every day until 11pm for those sitting inside.

Lunch: tables can be booked between noon and 2pm

Evening meals: tables can be booked between 6 and 9pm.

Takeaways will still be available on Friday and Saturday nights for collection between 5.30 and 7pm. (discount for locals)

Please phone 01496 850360 to reserve a table or order takeaway meals. To see the menu please visit our website - a new menu will be posted later next week.

PORT CHARLOTTE STORE (Facebook 14/7/21)

Due to contact with someone who has now tested positive, we took the decision to close the shop today to deep clean it and put a 'plan B' into action.

Until further notice, the shop will open from 9am - 12.30pm only. Our team member is flow testing to ensure her and your safety as is our support crew.

Thank you for your understanding.

PORT ELLEN ANGLING CLUB

Fishing understood to be going again.

PORT ELLEN FILLING STATION (Facebook 3/5/21)

Now open 8:00am to 5:30 pm as normal, Monday to Saturday, closed Sunday.

The station will be closed between 12.30 and 1 for lunch, apart from Saturday where there will be no lunch closures.

PORT ELLEN HARBOUR ASSOCIATION

Port Ellen Marina appears to be open for visiting yachts.

PORT ELLEN PLAYING FIELDS

Pavilion has been demolished – other facilities open.

PORT MOR COMMUNITY CAFÉ (Facebook 21/5/21)

The cafe is open from Monday to Sunday (Food) – 8:30 am to 8:00 pm sit-in and takeaway.

Monday to Sunday (Drinks) – 11:00 am to 9:30 pm (last orders), closed at 10pm

Booking a table is advisable. Give us a call on 01496 850121

PORTNAHAVEN T IN THE CHURCH (Ileach 28/3/20)

Cancelled until further notice.

POSTAL DELIVERIES (Facebook 23/3/20)

FROM POSTAL WORKERS PAGE - So I'm a postie and would like to inform you some important information. We deliver your parcel and letters.

What you may not be aware of is we are classed as keyworkers through these terrible times.

The CWU have offered us to become an emergency service for the public. If things get worse your postie could be delivering healthcare products, food and even medication.

All that is asked from the public is:

- 1) Think about safety first, for yours and the postie.
- 2) If you see a postie coming towards your door please (DO NOT OPEN YOUR DOOR). We will sign your parcels and letters for you.
We will leave the parcel, food or medication on your doorstep and then knock. Give the postie enough time to step away from the door.
- 3) If you are already outside your house, go inside or step away 2 metres from your postie. Please do not approach your postie.
If we tell you to stop and back off or close your door, don't feel offended. We are only trying to help protect you from this virus.

(LET'S BEAT IT TOGETHER) please share this to let your family and friends know.

POST OFFICES (Websites)

At the moment, branches are open as usual and our supply chain is running as normal. Our priority is to keep our customers, postmasters and colleagues safe and healthy. We have advised everyone working in our branches to practice good hand hygiene and we ask that our customers do the same, as well as maintaining a sensible distance between other customers and our colleagues

PUBLIC TOILETS (Website 3/5/21)

Are all now reopen

RE-JIG Shop (Facebook 5/2/21)

I'm afraid we will not be opening the shop for the foreseeable future. It's too risky for staff under COVID19 restrictions and we don't have space to isolate donations. Thanks for understanding.

Rhinns Bumps Babies & Beyond (Facebook 12/3/21)

Lovely first session today ❤️ the babes seemed to enjoy themselves...once they got over the shock of seeing other little ones 😊. Dont think I've seen my boys eyes so wide!

Thursdays 10-12, portnahaven hall. Booking essential.

RNLI SHOP (Facebook 23/6/20)

Our RNLI Shop in Islay is currently closed but you can still shop safely online. In these difficult times, your support means more than ever.

Shop now at bit.ly/RNLI_Shop_Free_PnP and use code ISLAY for free delivery. Please see bit.ly/RNLI_Shop_Terms for the terms of this promotion.

ROOTS & FRUITS (Facebook 3/5/21)

Normal service has been resumed.

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND (Facebook 27/5/21/21)

Our mobile bank service will resume on Tuesday, 1st June.
We are looking forward to seeing all of our customers again.

Now open 10-3pm Monday to Friday

(23/4/20) Companion Card for customers in vulnerable situations or extended isolation. This can be given to trusted helpers as a secure, quick and easy way to pay for essential shopping. We're ready to discuss if this could help you on 0800 051 4177.

If you know someone in a vulnerable situation who can't get online and who may benefit from the Companion Card please give them this number so they can call us.

RSPB Loch Gruinart and RSPB The Oa (Website 3/5/21)

Loch Gruinart Trails, car park, hides, toilets and visitor centre open.

The Oa Trails, car park open

SCHOOLS (Facebook 11/3/21)

Phase 2 of the return as from 15th March – see <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-schools-reopening/>

Covid-19 testing – roll out to all secondary pupils

The roll out of the Covid testing with S4 to S6 pupils has gone well and we have had a very good uptake. The Scottish Government has now extended this offer to S1 – S3 pupils as well. A consent form has been emailed home, if you able to print this off at home and complete and sign it, your child can bring it in on their first day they come to school and they will be issued with a test kit. If you are not able to print off the consent form at home, we will issue a hard copy to your child to bring it back to you at the end of their first day and as soon as they bring it back in again we can issue the kit. Any pupils over 16 are able to sign the consent form themselves.

SCREEN MACHINE (Website 17/5/21)

Has restarted – <https://www.screenmachine.co.uk/dates/>

SEA SALT (Facebook 4/6/21)

Now closed on a Monday.

a quick update to let you know that the DELIVERY SERVICE is now finished until we start again end of this year. Thank you to those who have used our Delivery Service, especially over the last year 🙌



With the easing of restrictions from Monday the 26th, the Bistro will be open till 8 pm and last Take Away order will be 8.30 pm 🗣️

Have put extra phone line : 01496 300301 and 01496 300300 , both line will operate take the order and take card payment over the phone.

SEAFOOD SHACK (Facebook – various dates)

Anyone looking for a lovely selection of live or cooked shellfish. 🦞🦀🦛 Can arrange deliver pm for more info.

Langoustines ; Lobster ; Brown crab ;Crab claws

SLIMMING WORLD (Ileach 29/8/20)

Restarted every Tuesday between 5 and 7.30 at ICCI plus Zoom meetings.

SPIRITED SOAPS (Facebook 3/5/21)

Normal opening hours 10-4 Monday – Friday, 10-2 Saturday.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

See under individual sports club or Argyll & Bute Live Argyll.

TAJ Mahal (Facebook 9/10/20)

Hi folks, just an update to say we are still open daily from 12pm-2pm for sit in and take away, and then again in the evening from 4.30pm-6pm for takeaway and sit in and 6pm-10pm for take away only (01496 810033 for any bookings or orders).

THE COTTAGE CAFÉ (Facebook 21/2/21)

Open 10am to 5pm

TORMISDALE CROFT CRAFTS (Facebook 3/5/21)

Tormisdale Croft Crafts-“always open”??

VETS ISLAY (Facebook 24/6/21)

With current COVID clusters on Islay we have decided to revert back to our closed door policy to protect our staff. We are still working but regrettably no one can come into the building. All medication and shop items can be collected from the shelves at the back door. Please ring the surgery on 01496 810205.

If you have an appointment you will be asked to drop your pet off with us at the back door and wait outside whilst we examine them.

We are unfortunately not able to offer house visits at this time - farm visits will still continue. Anything you wish to order from the shop will be left on the shelves at the back door for you to collect as before. Please phone in advance to allow us time to put the items out for you. If you are self isolating or showing symptoms of coronavirus it is imperative that you let us know on the phone. Many thanks and stay safe.

WALK ISLAY (Ileach 28/3/20)

Cancelled for 2020 and 2021 presumably.

WEE BOX (Facebook 27/4/21)

Open Wed to Sunday 10:30 to 4:00pm

WEST HIGHLAND HOUSING ASSOCIATION (e-mail 24/3/20)

If you hear from any of our tenants in distress or concern over rent then please direct them to us either via the mailbox: admin@westhighlandha.co.uk or through phone or if there is a difficulty let SID know and they can advise us. We are encouraging people to speak with us as early as possible so that we can help them lodge claims/do what they need to do so that money comes through the system.

ZUMBA & Line Dancing (Facebook 11/4/21)

Zumba classes planned to restart Bruichladdich Hall mid May and Line Dancing from Monday 7th June Contact Lesley Mccall on Facebook