



### **Board Update:**

- The board are calling an EGM to take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 to elect more island directors. A separate calling notice with all the details has been issued. Please contact the office if you are interested in joining the board and would like to learn more about what is involved.

### **Staffing Update:**

- We are delighted to share the appointment of John Miller as our new Lead Gardener. John lives in Tayinloan and will be commuting for his new role at Achamore which he started this week. John has over 15 years of experience managing gardens and estates and previously worked in landscaping and tree surgery. We look forward to working with John.
- Morgan Russell continues to support Achamore during this transition.
- We are reviewing vacancies within the gardens and maintenance teams and hope to advertise positions soon.
- John and Janette McKie started their positions at the hotel earlier than intended on 27<sup>th</sup> April.
- The hotel is still advertising for kitchen positions, including a Sous Chef and Kitchen Porter. If you are interested in any employment opportunities at the hotel, please get in touch: [hotel@gigha.org.uk](mailto:hotel@gigha.org.uk) or telephone 07988359477

### **Member Forum:**

- Thank you to all the members who have already signed up. The Forum is now the hub for members to receive announcements, see documents, discuss matters and on occasion take part in members polls.
- If you haven't yet signed up you can access the Member Forum at [www.forum.gigha.org.uk](http://www.forum.gigha.org.uk)
- Signing up is easy (see the April newsletter). If you have any problems, contact Keith Wilson on [keith@gigha.org.uk](mailto:keith@gigha.org.uk)

### **Motorhomes & Wild Camping Messaging:**

- An update was previously issued in the March Memo in relation to messaging around campervans and motorhomes staying on the island. The Memo highlighted that new messaging was now available on the Visit Gigha website.
- The Trust has been working with the Community Council and CalMac to ensure this messaging is aligned, and as a result, CalMac issued an update on their website and app last week. We did not realise this messaging would be implemented so promptly.
- This messaging is a result of the extensive consultation carried out by the Community Council survey and the 10-year Action Plan group. The consultation results demonstrated that the community were in favour of managing motorhomes and campervans, both on the island and on the ferry.
- The messaging now being promoted is in line with legislation already in place through the Highway Code and Argyll and Bute Council.
- Motorhomes and campervans are only permitted to park in designated locations such as the Campsite and through private arrangements at a property.
- There are no vehicular access restrictions for day visitors, other than the limitations on the ferry. Motor-caravans and motorhomes are accepted for day visits to Gigha, though the island strategy is to promote active travel where possible to try reduce the number of vehicles on the island due to concerns raised around ferry traffic, road congestion, road users ability to reverse and navigate narrow single track roads, and limited space for turning vehicles at either end of the island.
- Towing caravans are not permitted unless through permission of the Trust. The Trust's Caravan policy is available on the IGHT forum. This is not new messaging.

- There are no restrictions on informal or 'wild camping' other than that campers must observe the [Scottish Countryside Access Code](#). This type of camping does not include a vehicle (including campervans, motorhomes, roof tents, or sleeping in a vehicle). Wild camping is lightweight, done in small numbers, and only for two or three nights in any one place.
- Under [Argyll and Bute Council's policy](#), Land Tenants require permission from the Trust if they intend to operate occasional unlicensed motorhome and caravan parking in farmed fields. Currently no land tenants have this permission, and this should not be promoted as an option to visitors.
- The Village Hall and Achamore Gardens parking areas are not public highways and do not provide an option for overnight parking.
- The Gigha Hotel car park is not available for overnight parking.
- "No Overnight Parking" signs have already been installed at both North and South ends of the island as a result of indiscriminate parking.
- Argyll and Bute Council do not permit overnight stays in the ferry car park.
- The Highway code does not allow for parking in passing places.
- Full information for visitors can be found on the Visit Gigha website: <https://www.visitgigha.co.uk/Camping-And-Vans>
- Isle of Colonsay is 15sq miles (40 km<sup>2</sup>) and they do not permit campervans (tent only campsite).
- Isle of Lismore is 9.5sq miles (24.5 km<sup>2</sup>) and they only have space for 2 camper vans on their campsite.
- Isle of Gigha is 5.5sq miles (14 km<sup>2</sup>) and has space for 10 camper vans on the campsite. This demonstrates that the island is already trying to support a reasonable number of camping visitors.
- The Trust understands the need to support the island economy, including tourism. The Trust has carried out several tourism related investments in recent years, including the campsite, pontoon, moorings, hotel, pathways, gardens, visitor hut, visitor information, signage, events and online marketing.
- With support from the community, the Trust will continue to consider how the campsite may grow to support demand.