



Board Update:

- Andy York has joined GTRL.
- Jane Clements, Gordon Watson & Andy York have joined GREL.
- This means all seven IGHT directors now sit on GTRL and GREL.
- Fergus Christie is acting as interim Company Secretary.

Staffing Update:

- Eight applications were received for the Business Development Manager position. Six candidates were interviewed by Jane McIntyre, Fergus Christie, Gordon Watson and Andy York. More details coming soon.
- Four applications were received for the vacant IGHT Maintenance position. Interviews will be carried out by Shona Bannatyne, Tim Lister and Gordon Watson. More details coming soon.
- A new post of Office Administrator post has been advertised to address staff workload issues in the IGHT office. The job purpose is Company Secretary, Personnel Management and Company Policies. The position is expected to be 15 hours per week at Real Living Wage.

MUGA Update:

- The official opening was held on Tuesday 23rd June. Thanks to those that attended, the primary school for cutting the ribbon and Bakkafrust for organising the friendly football match.
- Fencing works are being advertised - approx 193m of stock proof fencing, two field gates and one pedestrian gate are to be installed to keep cattle away from the MUGA and pedestrian path.

Pathways

- Aggregate pathways are to be sprayed at some point following permission from land tenants.

Housing

- 2 Ard Bruach has now been allocated via the Gigha Home Hunt process.

Gardens

- Thank you to volunteers for their help in the gardens and for painting the Garden toilets.
- Special thanks to Steve Dickie for the carpentry work he did in the garden toilets which he kindly did free of charge. This gesture is much appreciated.

Farm Tenancy

- All farm tenancy matters should be directed towards Andrew Thomson of Bell Ingram. He is planning to visit the island in July.

Member Forum

- Only 33 members have signed up for Member Forum access which is less than one third of IGHT members. Of these members only 12 have visited the Forum during the month of June. If the uptake doesn't improve then we will unfortunately not be able to continue with this member resource.

Contacting Directors

- You can contact IGHT Directors by emailing directors@gigha.org.uk. All directors have access to this mailbox.

Member Surgeries

- If you would rather meet with Directors face to face then the next round of member surgeries will take place on Wednesday 29 July (Not 20 July as previously advertised). Appointments to talk with two Directors are available in the morning or evening on that date. Please contact the Trust office to book.

Members Meeting

- The next quarterly Members' Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on 30 July at 7pm. An agenda will be issued to members nearer the time.

Newsletter

- Feedback has been received from members regarding the newer style newsletter produced by an island volunteer in April and May. Members felt that the new style newsletter was too long, more of a bulletin than a newsletter, a replica of the memos and they were unsure of its purpose. As such the new style newsletter will no longer be issued.
- IGHT news now appears in memos. Newsletters will focus on community news. Would anyone like to take on the production of a community newsletter? It could be an individual or perhaps a small group of volunteers.

The Horlick Tractor

- The Trust Board are seeking your views on the special Massey 35 tractor which was ordered by Sir James Horlick for use in Achamore Gardens. It has vineyard wheels to negotiate the paths in the gardens. It came direct from the manufacturer to the gardens and has only left Gigha once, in the early 1990's, when it went for repair to Hamilton Brothers. It was used for delivering logs, fixing potholes etc. In recent years the tractor has been stripped back and repainted but is currently not in a proper working condition.
- Directors are aware of this tractor's significance as a Gigha Heritage Artifact - but what should we do with it? Restoring it would cost approximately £5000, possibly more. Should it be sold? Dealers who know of its heritage may be keen to purchase. Or should we simply display the tractor at Achamore in its current condition for islanders and visitors to see?
- Let us know what you think by taking part in the poll on the Member Forum, or emailing the Trust office or dropping in a note to the Trust office.

SSEN Access Track

- The island's main electricity cable which comes ashore on the east coast will soon be repositioned underground to a new easier to access pole close to the campsite and the existing poles will be removed. Access for the SSEN works will be via the campsite and will take around one month to complete. The work is planned for late summer.

Sewage issue

- Sewage has been reported close to the metal gate on the Boathouse-Hotel path. Septic Tank Services have been contacted to investigate this issue.

Invasive Species Management

- The Trust have been awarded £160,000 from NatureScot under the Nature Restoration Fund to continue Rhododendron ponticum removal at Poll Mor, Port na Carraigh and Ardaily.