

Staycation Update

Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area

- There is a budget for four wardens for Argyll and Bute for April to October 2022 to raise awareness in respect of camping responsibly. OLI successfully appointed a staycation warden. However they are no longer in position. Roads and Infrastructure are currently looking at recruitment options. We are still working with Police Scotland to meet demands and 23k has been spent on extra policing. In addition to this, £20k has been set aside from the Staycation budget to support four community groups/trusts to employ temporary wardens. £5k of funding for the Appin warden.
- Groups we worked with within OLI
 - OLI - South West Mull and Iona Development was funded to install a temporary tank at Buessan ; due to issues with supply this tank was 50% smaller than that approved in the grant; the rest of the grant is agreed to be use for second tank installation at Ardalanish farm;
 - Another tank was funded and installed at Old Post Office Cafe,
 - We are currently in the process of speaking to other organisations/ businesses
 - New updated leaflets have been distributed throughout Argyll and Bute in relation to responsible tourism.
 - Sunny Tiree Campsite, Tiree. Received a grant to help with staycation pressures relating to waste reduction and waste disposal.
- Deployment of Portalooos was very successful in relieving pressure points. We are funding the portalooos again this year because they were so successful and the extension to include Kilchurn to address the pressure points in the area. We have added extra servicing and portaloo units when they are required. Regular updates from the contractors are reassuring us that they are reducing pressures effectively.

Staycation officer has recently made multiple site visits to assess impacts and offer support to local businesses and organisations. This included distribution of [staycation leaflets](#) to appropriate outlets.

We are currently working with FLS on a funding application through the RTIF for parking sites improvement in Glen Orchy and Glen Lochy. This will be submitted by the 1st of September.

We are in discussions with FLS about the option of waste disposal sites within their 'stay the night' allocated carparks.

We have been working with CAMPrA who have awarded Cologin Campervans have been awarded

- We have a budget that can deal with staycation/ tourism related issues and we are happy to speak to communities about future staycation projects.