

SOUTH ISLAY DEVELOPMENT

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CONTRACTOR SECURED FOR THE PORT ELLEN PLAYING FIELDS



South Islay Development are delighted to finally share the fantastic news that a construction team has been appointed to begin work on Port Ellen Playing Fields!

This is a huge achievement after many years of hard work by all SID Board members and staff, both past and present, and we can't wait to share more updates as the building begins.

Port Ellen Playing Fields Construction begins..

SID are excited that construction work is finally due to begin on the Playing Fields in May 2023!

The successful contractor is Hamilton based Procast, who are keen to expand their community-based work. They will be responsible for both the community building and the motorhome expansion, and joined onsite by locally based McEachern Bros.

SID would like to extend a big Thank You to the project funders at this point, all of whom have continued to provide support despite numerous project delays. Funding has been received from the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, Visit Scotland's Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund, Highlands & Islands Enterprise, The Glenmorangie Company, the Scottish Government's Rural & Island Communities Ideas into Action fund, delivered by Inspiring Scotland, Argyll & Bute Council, the Scottish Government's Islands Infrastructure Fund, the Scottish Government's Investing in Communities Fund, The Suez Communities Trust, South Islay Trading Company, Elixir Distillers, the Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES), managed by Local Energy Scotland, The Garfield Weston Foundation, and Islay Energy Trust.

Huge Thanks also for all the continued support shown by the community during this process, especially when external factors have meant progress has been much slower than originally planned. SID are looking forward to the next steps now and beginning the build. An update on construction will be provided as soon as possible!

Drop Rosie an email at portelleplayingfields@gmail.com, or pop in and see us at the SID office if you have any questions or queries.





FANTASTIC RESPONSE TO THE NEW FUND

Ardbeg Islay single malt Scotch whisky established a £ 1million to support community and environmental projects on Islay.

Working in cooperation South Islay Development (SID) and Ardbeg were delighted to launch the Ardbeg All Islay Fund on the 30th of January 2023 inviting applications from groups and projects right across the island. The fund will run over a 5-year period with £200,000 per year to be allocated and distributed.

A series of open-day sessions were held in Port Ellen, Bowmore, Ballygrant and Port Charlotte for the SID team to meet the community groups and give them an opportunity to ask questions and become more informed about the fund.

SID has been delighted by the enthusiastic interest in the fund and has worked hard to ensure due diligence was undertaken to ensure the process works for all parties, including establishing an independent cross-Islay panel.

By the deadline on the 13th of March, there were 41 completed applications received from projects spanning the whole of Islay. All applicants have had acknowledgements of their applications.

Now for the hard work! All applications are being assessed next week and the SID staff will then send all the applications to the independent panel. The panel meetings will be held end of April with a provisional set for the beginning of May. The successful applicants will be informed by the beginning of May at the latest.

Thanks for all the interest and support – this is a very exciting fund which will allow many organisations to fulfil their ambitions for a wonderful community to flourish and prosper.

We will continue regular updates as the Ardbeg All Islay Fund progresses.



Supporting Island-Wide Projects on Islay for a 5 year period

Port Ellen Filling Station - Community Owned

NEW FUEL PUMPS!!



Port Ellen Filling Station would like to thank the community for their patience over the past couple of years while we waited for our new pumps to be installed.

The Filling Station is still an attendant service with the perks of the upgraded staff back office controls. We would like to urge all drivers to wait for our staff to come and serve.

The wait was significantly longer than we first initiated but we got there in the end and everyone is happy with the results. We are now all ready for the busy season ahead.

A MASSIVE THANK YOU
to our funders and the community
for your continued support.

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