

Argyll Coastal Waters Council maintenance responsibilities

Site	Capital	Maintenance Arrangements
Ganavan	Signage, shelter, kayak rings.	Litter bins are already provided at this site and maintained by amenity services. The changing shelter is attached to the Council toilet.
Arduaine	Signage, new car park for 8 cars with ramped access to beach, kayak rings.	No litter bins as 'leave no trace' principal adopted.
Crinan Canal Crinan - Ardrishaig	Signage, kayak rings and pontoons along the length of the canal and new launch points at lock 14 and Crinan Bridge.	Scottish Canals have responsibility for maintenance and litter as per their own policies and our lease agreement. Litter bins are already present at Crinan and Ardrishaig car parks and are maintained by amenity services.
Tarbert	Signage and slipway improvements.	No litter bins on site but there are bins on adjacent approach to Calmac Portavadie ferry.
North Bute	Signage, changing shelter and composting toilet.	Site immediately adjacent to SSSI. Bute Community Land Company, the site owner, have responsibility for maintenance through their lease agreement. There are no litter bins on this site.
Toward	signage, new car parking spaces for kayakers, kayak rings.	No litter bins as 'leave no trace' principal adopted.
Dunoon	Signage and slipway improvements.	Litter bins are already situated nearby on the promenade and are maintained by amenity services.
Helensburgh	Signage and slipway improvements.	Repairs to slipway to allow access to water. Litter bins are already situated nearby on the promenade and maintained by amenity services.

Comments

All sites will be checked at the beginning and end of the watersports season and spot checks by our partners and ourselves where appropriate, will take place throughout the year. Maintenance of the built fabric is met through a 10 year agreement and insurance policy which will be in place at sign off of the sites. Prior to work commencing on any site there was discussion with a number of kayakers and kayak/canoe clubs as well as the Canoe Association for Scotland. The unanimous advice we were given was not to install bins anywhere along the trail as the vast majority of paddlers apply the 'leave no trace' principle whereby they take any litter/rubbish with them as they leave. This principle is applied along most paddling routes and is commonly understood by paddlers. Full detail of the 'leave no trace' principle is prominently displayed on the interpretation sign which is located at each site. In addition to this we have received positive feedback from local residents in Arduaine for not providing a bin at the Arduaine site as they felt it would be abused. To date at that site there has been no litter problem. Some of the sites include car parks where there are existing bins (Ganavan, Crinan, Ardrishaig) and other sites have bins nearby (Dunoon and Helensburgh). In listening to the views of paddlers we feel we have properly dealt with the litter issue and any problems should be infrequent.