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WELCOME TO YOUR KINTORE KONNECT

Hopefully by the time this gets through your letterbox summer will be with us, enjoy. Thank you for your continued support.

The KDCC Team

Cover photo - Paul Davison, *Former Quarry Pond on Ratchhill Rd*

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GIRLGUIDING KINTORE NEWS

What we have been up to...

ACHIEVEMENTS

1st and 3rd Rainbows have achieved four Bronze awards and two Silver awards.

3rd Brownies achieved one Bronze, one Silver and one Gold award.

Guides achieved two Bronze awards.

Lots of badge work being done at home, well done girls.



RAINBOWS

Both Rainbow Units took part in a 'Winter Olympics' style badge. It included dry land curling and ice skating while learning to tie shoelaces. Of course, we had to mark Shrove Tuesday by making some delicious pancakes and took part in a fruit shop task. This task involved identifying coins and values one week and then putting what we learned into practice by using the coins to purchase pieces of fruit in our pop-up fruit shop. They all got a chance to be the shop keeper and the customer then consumed their purchases.

Another activity we did was to re-tell a story through pictures only and guess what story was chosen? Yes, the Hungry Caterpillar.



Your local girlguiding group needs:

We are looking for adult volunteers to help with our rainbow, brownie and guide groups in Kintore.

For further details please contact Amanda at kintoredc@outlook.com



Register today

girlguiding.org.uk/volunteer

BROWNIES

Brownies have been working on their Camp Badge. Learning about setting a fire and how to do so safely and needless to say rather than waste a perfectly good fire, they had some toasted marshmallows and Smores. They also made an edible campfire out of fruit, cheese and twiglets. Part of Guiding is to enjoy various camps throughout the year which means you must all learn how to make a bed roll. Hopefully some of the girls can enjoy attending a camp in the future.



GUIDES

Guides have been very committed doing the Active Travel challenge. They have reached 295miles so far, taking mindful walks and lots of increased heart rate activities and games, including real life hungry hippos! Poor Knights Fritters and Mock Brains were on the menu one night as they learned about Blitz Cooking.



RANGERS

The biggest news here is our Rangers Leader Adele Steel has been awarded an MBE by His Majesty the King in honour of her continued dedication to helping support girls and adults within Girlguiding. Adele is also a trainer in Gordon County as well as deputy county commissioner for Girlguiding British Overseas Territories (GGBOT). The Rangers are so very proud of Adele and when asked for words to describe her, they said the following – thoughtful, creative, kind, inclusive and passionate (about Girl Guiding). Adele and the Rangers (left) and below is MBE in semaphore.

The girls held a bake sale one evening after their session and with the money they raised, various items for the Cash for Kids Mission Christmas were purchased and donated at the Jim Reid Car Sales collection point. Every year Rangers are asked what they would like to do just before Christmas and the response is always the same 'decorate Gingerbread Houses'. They are a very creative bunch.



KINTORE

Scout Group

Kintore Scout Group is in the last term before the summer holidays and it's going to be a busy one for all sections, with camps and activity nights, summer festival and the prospect of planning a group camp during the summer, the leaders are busy!

As with all groups it takes teamwork to make it happen, and we are looking for new team members! If you can spare an evening a week to help out, please get in touch, we are looking for new leaders for after the summer break.

It's a rewarding

role, you don't need experience as we have good training programmes, so while teaching the young people new skills you'll be able to learn plenty yourself! We will be doing burgers at the summer festival so pop over for a chat with any of the leaders there.

Some of the Scouts have just come back from a great weekend at Adventure Camp, seen in some of the images. 700+ Scouts and 300 Adults descended on Hopetoun House, South Queensferry, for 4 days of adventure with activities ranging from Cycling, Water Sports, Target Sports, Inflatables, Fun Zone and a Heights Zone. It was a busy weekend, the Scouts were in Subcamps, so were responsible for their own patrols, making up menus and cooking their own food in line with a busy timetable. Our young people did amazingly well, as leaders we were staff helping run the camp so didn't see much of them but managed to

check in now and then! A special mention for Gordon Laing, who represented Kintore playing in the Scouts Scotland Pipe Band at the camp, he did brilliant! This is an annual camp, so we're already looking forward to next year!!

The Cubs have been busy too, a plenty of evening activities, a photo of the recent Scarecrow challenge shown here, where they put a great effort into creating a scarecrow! There is also an upcoming Cub Camp, which will be a busy weekend of activities locally.

Being supported by the local community is key for giving the young people good





experiences,
and we are
lucky to have so many
willing businesses and services
that help when we ask. Most
recently the Fire Station has
been visited by several sections,
the volunteers have been
brilliant with the young people,
and it's very much appreciated
when they give up time to show
us around and give an insight
into what they do. Photo of the
recent Beavers visit seen here.

Don't forget, we have a
fundraising committee in
place, so look out for various
events where we'll have stalls
or cooking on the go to raise
important funds for the group.
Look out for our teams this year,
we'll be at the Summer Festival
in June, and Street Party events
later in the year.



Many thanks
to all the volunteer
leaders, parents and helpers
who make it possible, we look
forward to seeing everyone over
the coming months! And as
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In conjunction with ICPC and kindly sponsored by Jim Reid Vehicle Sales for the first six months we intend to meet monthly and our next session will be on **Friday 19th June at 5pm at the ICPC clinic in Kintore.**

The meet up's will be facilitated by Carolyn Crews, from Listen Within Counselling a qualified person-centred counsellor who has many years of experience working with clients including men of all ages in the counselling space. Carolyn says- "when I have seen men in the counselling space, they often say that they feel isolated, and they feel they are the only one going through struggles. This is a great way of connecting with others and building relationships and strength."

The group will be inclusive of all men from the age of 18 and will be free of charge.

No need to sign up, just come along on the night but If you have any queries please contact carolynatlistenwithin@outlook.com for further details.

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OUR COMMUNITY VEHICLE
IS BEING WITHDRAWN.

Due to funding restraints, the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) is withdrawing our reliable responder vehicle (seen here). A dedicated SAS vehicle has been maintained by our local team for 22 years, providing vital, immediate care in Inverurie and the surrounding Garioch area. These are the precious minutes when every second counts.

THE CHALLENGE
OF RURAL LIFE.

Without a similar vehicle, our volunteers must use their personal cars. But would you want to use your family vehicle on single, muddy farm tracks, rough terrain, and winter conditions which are often impossible, delaying life-saving help.

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For 22 years, a dedicated First Responder vehicle has been a vital lifeline for our community. For over two decades, we have proudly maintained and operated this dedicated car to ensure immediate, life-saving care for Inverurie and Garioch.

Without this vehicle our volunteers must use their personal cars. Unfortunately, this will restrict our ability to respond as many of the team have family vehicles that are not exclusive to responder duties.

Our ability to carry a wider range of equipment will also be hampered delaying vital lifesaving help.

GARIOCH BUSINESSES & COMMUNITY: WE NEED YOU

We are calling on our local partners and residents to help us get a dedicated responder vehicle back on the road. Your support ensures that our volunteers can reach every patient, regardless of the terrain or time of day.

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UPCOMING CONSTITUENT SURGERY

Please find below the details of my next constituent surgery:

2nd June Kinellar Primary School, 6:30 – 7:00pm

No appointment is necessary so please feel free to come along if you feel that I can assist you.

Please check my Facebook page or councillor page on Aberdeenshire Council's website nearer the time in case there are any changes.

COUNCILLOR GLEN REID

Community Champion - LGill Scottish Councillor Awards | East Garioch (Ward 12)

BIN AT PAVILION – KINTORE PLEASURE PARK

I have received complaints about repeated littering at the football pitch near the pavilion and the removal of the bin that used to be there.

I have no idea why the bin was removed, but I've spoken with council officers and a new bin will be installed there. Can I ask that anyone attending the matches at the pitch please either take their rubbish home or dispose of it in a bin nearby.

STREET LIGHT REPLACEMENTS – UPDATE

As I have said in earlier posts, since the Council began cutting and capping columns, I promised to chase the replacements and I have done so continually.

Kintore were earmarked to receive two of the seven for Garioch for 2025-26, but despite them being scheduled for

installation at the end of March, this has not happened.

I have sent quite a few emails to find out exactly what has happened and when they will be installed. I was initially told that they had not been installed so far due to 'plant failure' and they would let me know when a date for installation was set. I told them that this was not good enough, that constituents required a better explanation and an actual completion date. I have just received the following reply:

"Our operational colleagues have advised that with regards to the plant failure, two out of their three electrician platforms were in the workshop for 3 weeks during March, so it meant they could only prioritise emergency/urgent faults during this period.

The approximate date for installation is now estimated to be by June 2026." I hope that this information

helps clarify the situation and I will continue to progress these columns. Just to remind constituents, the two columns, which are being replaced, are on Northern Road.

SEASONAL GARDEN WASTE RECYCLING POINTS

The service has returned again this year, operating on Saturdays only, from 4th April up to and including 31st October.

Points have different opening hours, so please check locations below for more details:

KINTORE
Midmill School car park
Carnie Road
Kintore
AB510QH
Opening times: 1pm to 4pm

BLACKBURN
Kinellar School car park
Fintray Road
Blackburn
AB21 0SR
Opening times: 8am to 11am

KINTORE FLOOD PROTECTION STUDY

At Infrastructure Services Committee in March, I spoke in favour of approving the options recommended by our Flood Team in this study in order for us to apply to the Scottish Government for funding for this vital scheme.

There is uncertainty about the future of the funding, and the timescale if successful, but what is absolutely clear is that if we did not approve this scheme, no funding would be available, nothing would be done, and that simply cannot be allowed to happen.

I am delighted that my colleagues on the committee agreed with me and the scheme was unanimously approved.

I said, "Similarly to the previous paper (Kemnay Flood Protection Study), the Kintore Flood Protection Study is welcomed as the community have waited some time for this. My questions were asked at Garioch Area Committee (GAC), but I would like to speak in support of the scheme.

I'd firstly like to thank officers for the amount of work that has gone into this, and the community participants who fed into it.

As stated in the paper, almost 400 people in Kintore are at risk of flooding with the potential damage bill running at approximately £3 million. From a cost benefit analysis, Options 3 and 9 (see details below) have been identified as

the way forward. Local members agreed at GAC that they should proceed and the community support this scheme being the basis of an application for funding to the Scottish Government.

We have spent a considerable amount of money on these studies and a huge amount of officer time has gone into them.

There are of course questions about the future of the funding, but that is outwith our control. What is within our control is approving the paper and applying. We MAY not get the funding, we don't know, but if we DON'T approve it, then we certainly won't get any funding and we can't let communities down like that."

OPTION 3

Create an upstream storage area on the Sheriff Burn South of A96

The preferred option at the Sheriff Burn involves creating two separate flood storage areas to temporarily hold back water during high flows and reduce flood risk downstream in Kintore.

The upper storage area, located further upstream, will be formed by building a small earth embankment or flood bund across the Sheriff Burn and it will have a storage capacity of 8,500 m³.

Water will be able to pass through a pipe with a flow control device (Hydro-Brake), which attenuates water flow downstream. The embankment

will also include an overflow channel to safely release water excess if levels rise too high during extreme events. The lower storage area, located closer to the A96 road, will use the existing culvert under the road with a flow control device to attenuate flows.

An overflow across the farm track will be incorporated to allow water to be safely discharged if levels are too high. This storage area will be able to store up to 7,100 m³ of water.

OPTION 9

Direct defences via flood walls at (and near to) Macallan Road on the Torry Burn.

At Macallan Road area, the preferred option is to build a new flood wall about 250 metres long. The proposed wall will be around 0.8m to 1.4m high (depending on ground level) and will provide protection for the properties located east of Torry Burn Wood.

This wall will be made from pre-cast concrete blocks (such as LEGATO blocks) which are manufactured off-site. This method reduces construction time, noise and dust compared to more traditional formwork, and in-situ concrete pouring; and therefore, minimising disturbances for nearby residents.

There are also two off-site locations where speed humps are proposed on minor roads to direct surface water away from the area and back into the Torry Burn.



MIDMILL VELOHUT

*The art of bicycle maintenance
for all primary children.*

We are a local group of parents with pupils at Midmill Primary that has formed an unincorporated association called the Midmill Velohut. We run bicycle maintenance workshops at both primary schools to help teach primary school kids how to fix

and maintain their bicycles, and people can drop in with the bicycle to have us look and diagnose, and fix for free if we have the parts. We also have provided free children's bicycles to people unable to afford them in the community, and help with the bikeability training at both schools.

We are entirely donations/ grants funded and purchase as much of our parts and tools through local bicycle businesses to ensure we support the local community as much as possible. We are currently looking for funds, donations and general help from the community to help us keep going. In particular,

we need to find a small corner of a building we can keep our workshop kit in when not in use and need funds to purchase specialist tools and help with annual costs like insurance. If you know anyone or a business that could possibly help us, we would be very grateful if you could pass on our contact details as we would love to hear from them.

Our contact details are:
Midmill Velohut (Bicycle Maintenance Workshops for Kintore kids at Kintore and Midmill Primaries)

Email:
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Website:
www.midmillvelohut.org

Facebook
Mobile: 07817934860





Rotary

Club of Kintore Blackburn & Kemnay



We at the Rotary Club of Kintore, Blackburn and Kemnay have been busy over the past few months on various projects and preparing for upcoming events.

Each year we organise several competitions for youth, including Young Musician, Artist, Photographer, Writer, Chef and Environmentalist.

This year we have entrants that finished in the top three in two of the above competitions in our

District (the whole of the North of Scotland), namely Writer and Photographer. Congratulations to both, pupils at Kemnay Academy. In addition, the Club Round of the Primary Schools Quiz was held at Kintore Primary School on 26th March, and Kintore repeated their success of the last couple of years and will progress to the Area Final on 16th May at Meldrum Academy. We wish them the best of luck, and hope for a repeat of last year when they progressed to the District Final at Aberdeen Beach Ballroom.

We have also completed our annual Funds 4 U programme, with approved grants for the purchase of equipment by local organisations to 17 applicants around our villages.

Events coming up in the immediate future are the annual Rotary Duck Race, which will be a virtual race again this year due to the condition of the burns.

For further information on what we do please contact us at : kbk.rotary@gmail.com



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NEIL HASTON
PHOTOGRAPHY

While the hunt continues for a permanent base in and around Inverurie to allow us space for some storage and an operational base for the Inverurie branch of Aberdeenshire North Food Bank, we have temporarily relocated to St Andrew's Church Hall on High Street, Inverurie. Our volunteers are there on Mondays and Fridays, from 10.00 – 13.00, receiving and sorting donations and preparing food parcels for distribution around the outlying areas or collection by clients who can do so in person. If you know of any available property that would meet our needs, please get in touch by contacting 07721 379534 or info@aberdeenshirenorth.foodbank.org.uk.

Our other ongoing search at the moment is for additional volunteers, particularly car owners who would be willing to deliver food parcels to the clients living around Inverurie who cannot collect their parcels themselves. Our volunteer drivers collect the prepared food parcels for delivery on Mondays and Fridays at 12pm and take them to their recipients. Delivery destinations are never the same two shifts running – it could be Kemnay, Alford, Newmachar, Rothienorman or even Kintore and all places in between! A small mileage can be claimed, and even occasional availability would be valuable. Any offers of help would be hugely appreciated, with no expectation of regular commitment at all. Even once a month on any Monday or Friday that suits you would be a huge help to our delivery team. The only requirement is that volunteer drivers need to be able to handle delivery boxes that can weigh around 12kg so perhaps not a

ABERDEENSHIRE NORTH FOODBANK

suitable volunteer role for anyone with a dodgy back! If you feel this is something you would be able to help with, then, again, contact the Food Bank managers on 07721 379534 or info@aberdeenshirenorth.foodbank.org.uk.

Our volunteers have continued to be amazing. They have coped so well with all the changes that have taken place, often at very short notice and we absolutely could not do what we do without their support. There really has been a sense of 'local people helping local people' during this difficult time of transition.

We would urge anyone who is struggling to put food on the table to get a referral to us. If you

already work with an organisation such as health, education or social work they may be able to refer you or, if you don't, please contact your local Citizen's Advice Bureau. As well as three days of emergency food, we also provide toiletries and pet food if required. We encourage everyone who needs our support to use it.

If you are able to donate food, you can continue to do so through our local supermarket collections points (at the Co-op and Sainsbury's in Kintore) and on a Thursday morning at the Drop-In Café at Bennachie Church @ Kintore Church Hall from 10 am – 2 pm.





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Have you the desire to serve your Community of Kintore?

We are looking for new members to join us on Kintore and District Community Council. The Community Council is duty bound to operate with a minimum number of members. However, if this minimum number is not met then we cannot operate as a Community Council.

We are a dynamic team who get things done, helping do more for Kintore.

For those of you who don't know, we are the innovators and organisers of the following ongoing projects and initiatives:

- Kintore- It's Your Neighbourhood
- Explore Kintore - Interactive History Tour
- Kintore Family Fireworks Night
- Kintore Konnect - Free Community Magazine
- Best Kept Garden Competition
- Fit Like BookBench
- Kintore Resilience Group
- Kintore Garden Allotments
- Kintore.org.uk website
- Kintore - Facebook & Instagram Socials

We also work closely and contribute with assistance to:

- Kintore Annual Street Party
- Kintore Floral Display Group
- Kintore Men's Shed

We meet every 3rd Tuesday evening of the month for two hours, which would be your minimum commitment as a member. You are welcome to commit as little or as much time as you want to suit your lifestyle. Fresh ideas are always welcome.

Without your help these projects and events cannot continue.

If you live or work in Kintore and are interested in any of the above projects, initiatives and events please get in touch with our Chair, Moira Moran [chair.kdcc@gmail.com](mailto:kdcc@gmail.com)

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What is that building?



Sp^Send enough time outside 16 Forest Road, Kintore and you will inevitably get asked "what is this place"? The proximity of the pavement and the road in front of the building means that it is easy to miss the overhead signs saying "Kintore Community Church". And, perhaps more than that, it doesn't obviously look like a church - no steeple or large wooden doors that would fit traditional perceptions of what a "church" looks like. But a church it is. Over the past 18 months, we have had the wonderful privilege of opening the doors of Kintore Community Church as our permanent home in the centre of the town (having been weekly

guests at the Public Hall since 2017). When we opened the building in December 2024, our hope was that we would be a permanent part of the Kintore community. A place where you can be known and where you feel welcome. The giant "Welcome Home" sign on the foyer wall is not a mistake.

Whether you have joined us for the street party, Glow as You Go, wreath making evenings, Open House, Christmas and Easter services or indeed on a Sunday, our hope is that you would have a real sense of welcome and home when you came into the church building.

We were reflecting recently that there are very few places in our world where you will encounter people from all walks of life - young and old, those with plenty and those with little, people from near and far! That is where the church comes in. A place for all, with no judgement or preconditions. A place for the curious and the jaded, a place for the enthusiastic and

the exhausted. A place for the lonely and the loved.

Paul, one of the key writers of the Bible, talked about how the church is like a body - some people might be like an eye, some people like a lung and others like a limb... all very different, but all working together for the good of the whole body.

That sense of togetherness is not because those in the church are exceptionally special or perfect people - far from it! It is because Jesus showed a different way. In a world of division and entrenched positions, Jesus opened up to all. "Come, all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest" he said. He spent time with those across all spheres of society and everyone from prestigious military leaders to beggars recognised him as more than just a good teacher, seeing him instead as the one who could bring restoration between humanity and the Creator of the whole world.

Today, that same Jesus is still open to all. That ethos underpins Kintore Community Church. We have a collective "open door" policy. We are a micro community seeking to serve this wonderful wider community in Kintore in whatever way we can.

2026 is an exciting time for us as a church, with lots of new things going on - opportunities, where we hope people from across the community will find community and support:



OPEN HOUSE

Every Tuesday, the church café is open from 10am-12noon. And Open House does what it says on the tin. It is a place open to all, free to come and enjoy a tea or coffee and home bake and to meet friends. No need to book - just come on in... the door is open!

IGNITE YOUTH CAFE

On the first Friday of every month from 7-9pm, we open up the building for young people (ages S1-S6) to come along for games, snacks and fun together. Keep an eye on our social media channels for future dates.

HOLIDAY CLUB

This summer we will be holding a holiday club called "Team Builders", designed for those going into Primary 1 through to those in Primary 7. It will run from 10th-14th August from 9.45am-12.30pm and will be a time for great fun, games, crafts and learning. You can find out more at kintore.cc/teambuilders

Coming soon - Preschool Music Group Watch this space... we are excited to be starting a new preschool music group on a Monday morning. We aren't quite ready to make it official yet but watch our social media channels and website for more information coming soon!

Throughout the year we run Alpha Courses for those

interested in finding out more about faith, we have regular special events at Christmas and Easter and, of course, we meet each Sunday morning from 10.30am-12noon.

So the next time you walk past 16 Forest Road, we hope you might decide to drop in... Whichever way you might come, we hope that you will be able to walk away with the sense of being welcomed home not just by a church, but by a God who knows your every need. If we can be of any help to you at all, please message info@kintore.cc

KINTORE

Floral Group

The Kintore Floral Group has been busy preparing for another colourful season in the village.

We currently have tubs of garlic and onions growing at Lochburn and, all being well, they should be ready at the beginning of June.

Residents will be welcome to help themselves, although supplies will be limited as this is very much an experiment to gauge interest from the community.

As always, we are also looking forward to getting our summer bedding plants out across the village to help keep Kintore looking bright, colourful, and vibrant throughout the season. We hope everyone enjoys seeing the displays as much as we enjoy creating them.



Sorry Kintore but we need your help again!

Since the beginning of 2025 the Kintore Floral Display Group no longer receive any funds or plants from Aberdeenshire Council therefore we now rely fully on the support of our local community via donations and sponsorship.

The planting, maintenance & watering is all carried out by volunteers so the full value of your donation goes towards purchasing plants, flowers & compost.

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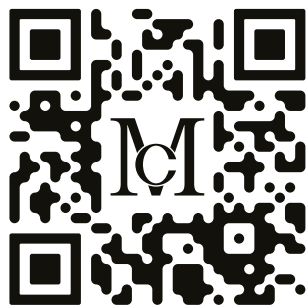


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KINTORE GROUPS INFORMATION

for new and existing residents

Welcome to Kintore! Whether you're new to the community or simply looking to get more involved, this booklet is your handy guide to the fantastic groups, clubs, and organisations that help make our town such a vibrant place to live. Inside, you'll find a list of local groups covering a wide range of interests and activities. If you know of a group that isn't included, please contact info@kintorecommunitycouncil.co.uk — we'd be delighted to add it and help keep our community connections growing.

GROUP NAME	FACEBOOK PAGE	WEBSITE/ EMAIL ADDRESS	CONTACT NUMBER
PUBLIC SERVICES: STATUTORY AND VOLUNTARY			
Aberdeenshire Council	✓	www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk	
Aberdeenshire Recycling/Waste	✓	waste@aberdeenshire.gov.uk	03456 081207
Inverurie Health & Care Hub	✓	www.inveruriemedicalpractice.scot.nhs.uk	03453 379911
Kintore Health Centre			01467 633000
Kintore Fire Station			01224 728600
Kemnay Academy	✓	kemnay.aca@aberdeenshire.gov.uk	01467 533660
Kintore Primary School		www.kintore.aberdeenshire.sch.uk	01467 539975
Midmill Primary School		www.midmill.aberdeenshire.sch.uk	01467 536888
Kintore & District Community Council	✓		
Inverurie First Responders	✓	coordinator.cfrinverurie@outlook.com	07823325426
Kintore Konnect – quarterly community magazine		info@kintorecommunitycouncil.co.uk	
Kintore Post Office			01467 632201
Kintore Public Hall	✓		
Kintore Folk – community group with local information	✓		
Aberdeenshire North Foodbank	✓	info@aberdeenshirenorth.foodbank.org.uk	07721 379534
Kintore Fundraising team	✓		
Action Kintore SCIO	✓	www.actionkintore.org	
ADULT/YOUTH SPORTS			
Kintore Angling Club	✓		
Kintore Bowling Club	✓		
Cycling without age Scotland – Kintore	✓		
TEN Cycling Club – Inverurie	✓		
Kintore Golf Club	✓	www.kintoregolfclub.net	01467 632631
Kintore AFC – adults	✓		07792 364710
Kintore United Football Club – youth, girls, boys and amateurs (adults)	✓	www.kufc.co.uk / secretary@kufc.co.uk	
Garioch Gymnastic Club (premises in Kintore)	✓	www.clubmanager@gariochgymnastics.com	07852 615858

Garioch Rugby Club - Inverurie	✓	www.pitchero.com/clubs/gariochrugbyfootball-club2	07792 894936
Jog Scotland Kintore – jogging/running for all abilities	✓	www.jogscotland.org.uk	
Kintore Tae-kwon-Do School	✓	www.kintoretkd.co.uk	07759 283040
Garioch Road & Gravel cycling club (based Kintore)	✓	www.gariochroadandgravel.co.uk	
Garioch Archers - Inverurie	✓	info@gariochsports.co.uk	01467 626141
Inverurie Boxing Club at Midmill	✓		
Kintore Mum's Book Club	✓		

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Kintore Childminding Group			
Kintore Scout Group	✓	Gslkintore@gmail.com	07710 757573
Girlguiding Gordon		kintoredc@outlook.com	
The Bothie, Kintore – youth groups	✓	www.thebothie.org	07592 844224
Kintore Playgroup	✓		01467 539979
Midmill Velohut (Bicycle Maintenance Workshops at Kintore and Midmill Primaries)	✓	midmill.velohut@gmail.com www.midmillvelohut.org	07817 934860

OTHERS, FOR ADULTS AND FAMILIES

Bennachie Parish Church, Kintore	✓	office@bennachieparish.church	01467 643883
Kintore Community Church	✓	info@kintore.cc	01224 868096
Kintore Summer Festival			
Sustainable Kintore	✓		
Kintore Plant Swap & Sell	✓		
Kintore Men's Shed	✓		
Kintore Village Info	✓	www.kintore.org.uk	
Kintore Pipe Band	✓	www.kintorepipeband.com	
Rotary Club – Kintore, Blackburn & Kemnay	✓	www.rotary-ribi.org	
Kintore Free Giveaway	✓		
Buy, Swap, Sell Aberdeenshire – includes Kintore	✓		
Garioch Community Kitchen – minimal cost courses for adults & children	✓	www.gariochcommunitykitchen.org	07729 297892

LOCAL VOLUNTARY GROUPS WITH NO SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

Flower display beds and containers - planting & maintenance group			
Kintore Senior Citizens – Wed. afternoons, 1400-1600 Sept-April, Church Hall			
Scottish Women's Institute, Kintore, first Tuesday every month 19.30 in Public Hall		www.theswi.org.uk	
Health Walk – Wed. morning summer months			
Knit & Stitch Group, Tuesdays 10.00-12.00 Kintore Library		kintore.library@aberdeenshire.gov.uk	01467 532605
Kintore Church Drop in Thursday 10.00-1400 Sept-April, Church Hall		office@bennachieparish.church	01467 643883
Kintore Community Church Open House Tuesday mornings		info@kintore.cc	01224 868096
Kintore Additional Needs Support Group, first Wednesday of every month 10.00-12.00			07584 672271
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The wonder of here

When our girls were little I was chatting to one of the other dads

at the school gate on the last day of term before the start of the long summer holiday. "Going somewhere nice this year?" I asked. "We've booked to stay in a hotel in Cape Town," he said, "We have two

tourist "bubble". But don't overlook the wonder of Here. So if you haven't already made all your plans for the summer



Photo of
Loch Muick
by Martin Bennie



weeks of sight-seeing and outings planned."

What was unusual about his holiday plans was that the village where we lived at the time was just an hour outside of Cape Town.

His point was that tourists travel from around the world to see the sights that were right on our doorstep and we pass them by every day, ignoring them on our way to work or shop.

It's the same anywhere in the world, really. Aberdeenshire, for example, is gorgeous! I have

a good friend who always moans when he has a trip away planned, "Why would you ever want to leave Aberdeenshire?" First-

world problems, I guess, but the fact is that he is right. As immigrants to Scotland, our family still behaves like tourists here at every chance we get. If you've grown up in the 'shire you might not fully appreciate that ancient castles, pristine hill-walks, accessible golf courses, spectacular beaches and cliffs, historic whisky distilleries, Highland Games and evenings that stretch out forever are not normal. This place is a gift!

I'm not saying one shouldn't travel if you have the opportunity to do so. Travel broadens the mind – especially if you're brave enough to venture beyond the

(or if jet-fuel shortages are keeping you down), why not take a few days to behave like a tourist in your own backyard? Look around with fresh eyes at the beauty of God's creation; delve into the history of the places we take for granted; take a detour down that wee road you've driven past a thousand times wondering "Where does that go?"

American farmer-poet Wendell Berry puts it this way:

*I will wait here in the fields
to see how well the rain
brings on the grass.
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longer than a man's life
I am at home. Don't come with
me.
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Much love, Rev Neil Meyer

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KNIT AND STITCH group meets every Tuesday 10.00 – 12.00, no booking is required but spaces are limited. E-mail for details: kintoreK.n.s@gmail.com

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or have suggestions to make, please get in touch at kintore.library@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

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KINTORE'S BEST KEPT Garden 2026

This popular event forms part of the wider "It's Your Neighbourhood" project, celebrating the pride, creativity, and care that residents put into their outdoor spaces — no matter how big or small.

Whether you have a sprawling garden, a cosy corner, or a carefully tended collection of pots, there is a category for you. This year's competition includes five categories:

- Best Small Garden
- Best Large Garden
- Best Low Maintenance Garden
- Best Hanging Basket / Planter
- Best Container

The competition is open to all, and residents are encouraged to nominate themselves or others whose gardens brighten up the community. Entering couldn't be easier:

- Online: Simply complete the nomination form at kintore.org.uk/best-kept-garden-2026

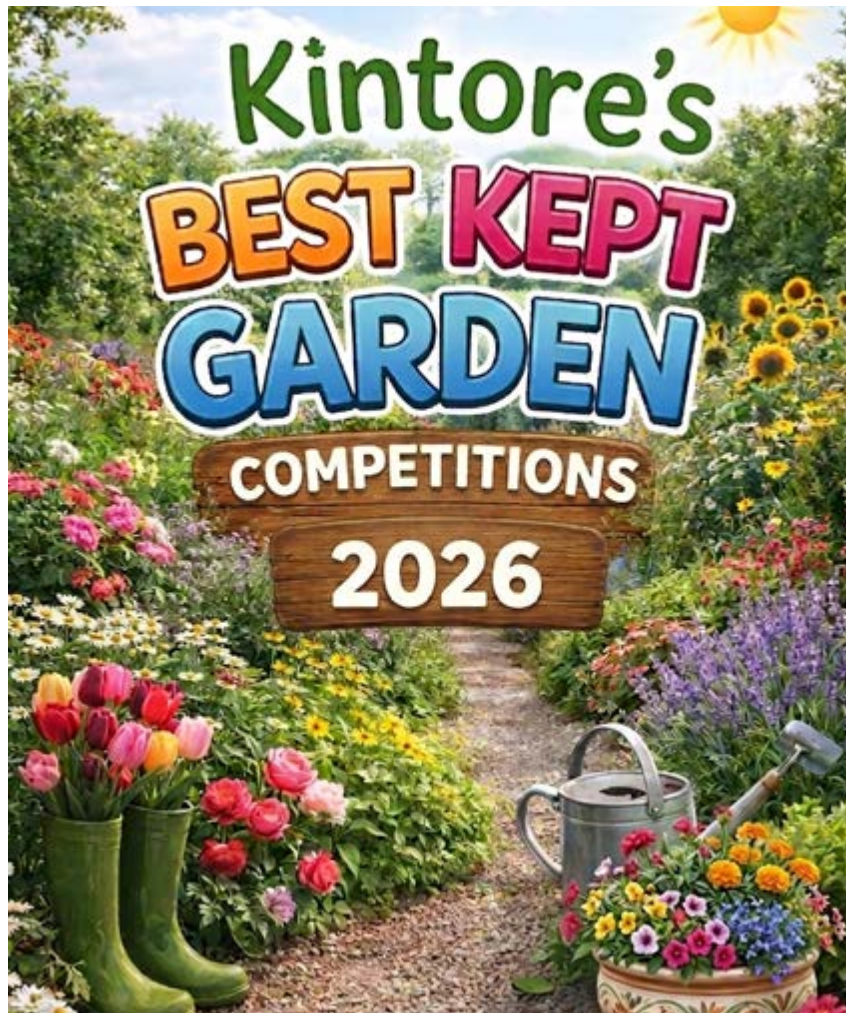
- In person: Pick up a physical nomination form from Dossett's Butcher from Monday 18th May 2026, complete it, and hand it back in.

Nominations close on 6th July 2026. Judging will take place on Saturday 1st August 2026 (weather permitting) by Ian Mitchell.

Winners will be announced week commencing 24th August 2026. Each category winner and runner up will receive a framed

certificate, and one overall winner will be chosen from these.

The overall winner will be presented with the trophy at the Kintore Street Party on 29th August and will have their name engraved on the silver cup in recognition of their achievement.



KINTORE Men's Shed

It has been a busy and productive few months for Kintore Men's Shed. We're delighted to share some exciting news with the local community; we have officially achieved our charity status, a fantastic milestone

that reflects the hard work and dedication of everyone involved. This is a huge step forward for the Shed and opens up new opportunities as we continue to grow.

On the practical side, we've been keeping ourselves

very busy in the workshop. You may remember us mentioning our plans to make bird boxes in the last issue, well, we're pleased to say we've delivered! We've produced 6 bird boxes for the local community for small garden birds. But additionally, we have built 6 specialist swift boxes in partnership with the NES swift group (formerly the Huntly Swift Group). It's been a



deeply satisfying project, putting our new bench and workspace to good use while giving something back to local wildlife. There's something special about knowing our handiwork will soon have feathered residents!

We've also been overwhelmed by the generosity of the local community. The wonderful folk at the Kintore Knit and Stitch group raised an incredible £360 for us at their coffee morning and sale. We are enormously grateful for efforts and their

support. On top of that, we received a very kind donation of £200 from the Rotary Club. With both sums combined, we've been able to purchase a brand-new vital tool for our shed, a bench saw. This saw has already been put to use and will serve us well for many projects to come. It truly warms the heart to see the community rallying behind us like this.

Looking further ahead, we recently had a fantastic visit to Midmar Men's Shed to see their new shed build project. It was a brilliant evening out, and we came back buzzing with ideas and inspiration for our own future shed. We are very grateful to Gordon Gauld and his shed team for being so hospitable and giving us so much guidance and tips for our future Shed build. We're actively working towards securing some ground, and once that's in place, the build will be

our next big adventure. Watch this space!

In the meantime, we continue to meet at The Bothie every Tuesday from 10am–12pm and Thursday

evenings from 7–8pm. Whether you fancy rolling up your sleeves and cracking on with a project, or simply popping in for a cuppa, a blether and a bit of craic, you're always welcome. No need to book, just turn up.

New members are always warmly welcomed. If you'd like to find out more, look us up on Facebook by searching Kintore Men's Shed, or simply come along during one of our sessions. You'll be glad you did.





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We've had a busy and productive start to the year, with the It's Your Neighbourhood team already rolling up their sleeves and making a real difference across Kintore.

Recent projects have included laying an impressive six tonnes of chippings at Kintore Kirk—many thanks to Aberdeenshire Council for supplying these. The team has also been out strimming grass at the "Welcome to Kintore" sign, removing graffiti from road signs, and refurbishing and repairing benches at Northern Road to keep these well-used areas looking their best, many thanks to Rory for repairing one of them, The bench on Quarry Road was also refurbished.

At Provost Lawrence Court, volunteers helped distribute bark chippings, with a special



thank you to Dossett's for kindly keeping everyone fuelled with much-appreciated bacon butties. Over at Kintore Pleasure Park, damaged turf was replaced, thanks to the generous support of Don Valley for providing discounted turf and Wise Hire Kintore for the free loan of a turf cutter.

Every one of these improvements is only possible because of the time, effort and community spirit of our volunteers. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our fantastic IYN



volunteers, as well as the team at Jim Reid Vehicle Sales and Services, for their continued support. Their hard work helps ensure that Kintore continues to look welcoming, cared for and full of pride.

As always, we are keen to welcome more helping hands. Whether you can spare a couple of hours now and again or would like to get more involved, every contribution makes a real difference. Volunteering is a great way to meet people, get outdoors, and play a part in keeping Kintore looking its best. Keep an eye out on our Kintore Facebook page for future projects!

If you're interested in getting involved, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us at info@kintorecommunitycouncil.co.uk.

BAILIES of Bennachie

Did you know the profits from the Bailies of Bennachie merchandise sold on our website helps fund our projects and volunteer events? It's a great way to 'Help Your Hill' and promote us whether you can physically be on the hill or not.

Archaeological Dig 2026 –

We will repeat the training dig in June after its success last year. The main dig will run two days per week in July and August.

Limited spaces are available but if you are interested, the dig is open to members but you must sign up to volunteer to be issued with all the details including the dates.

Head to our website to sign up to join and read about previous digs on the 'Bennachie Landscapes Project' section.

The topics of the **Wildlife/Environment** group events in June, July and August are medicinal plants, geology and bats. More will follow in the Autumn.

We are delighted to report that the **Work Parties** are in full swing clearing vegetation, water bars etc. and had a successful dry

stone dyke event in April repairing 70m of dyke! The regular work parties tend to be on the first Saturday of the month with other dates slotted in to accommodate the team or tackle larger projects.

Did you spot our visit from **Clare Balding** on our Facebook (bailiesbennachie) and Instagram (bailiesofbennachie) pages? She and producer, Karen, came to record a piece with the Trustees for **BBC Radio 4's Ramblings** programme. It will air on 21st May.

Members may sign up to join any of our groups as volunteers, see 'volunteering' on the website bailiesofbennachie.co.uk. Any queries may be directed to us by emailing info@bailiesofbennachie.co.uk

Clare with four of our Trustees, Anne, Peter, Allan and Lorna..




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DO YOU ORIGINALLY COME FROM KINTORE?

I was brought up in West Yorkshire

My husband Mark and I bought our House in Kintore shortly after we married in 1988.

Our daughter Hannah was born in 1991 and our son Josh in 1993.

Kintore was, at that time, a small town and we felt very welcomed into the community right from the first day that we moved in.

Adele Steel MBE

ADELE STEEL MBE - RANGERS LEADER

KINTORE'S UNSUNG HERO

HAVE YOU ALWAYS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE KINTORE COMMUNITY?

Once the children were born and I was at home all day it became much easier to get involved in the community.

There were a group of us who started out on the Committee that organised the Baby and Toddler group. As generally happens in smaller communities, we all stayed together and graduated to the Playgroup committee and then onto the Kintore School PTA.

Friends that I met on these committees became close friends. We all had children of similar ages so spent a lot of time together. You always knew that there was someone



to support you. Our house is opposite the Public Hall and, conveniently, on the route to School. The kettle was always on and I was a regular drop in point if my friends were a bit too early for School or Playgroup pick up.

WHAT LOCAL KINTORE GROUPS ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH NOW AND HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST?

Before I was married, I was a Leader with a local Brownie Unit in West Yorkshire. In an unguarded moment I mentioned this at a sewing group meeting. Sure enough, two weeks later I got the phone call. "Unless we get a Leader 1st Kintore Brownies will have to close". I enjoyed working with Brownies so I thought, okay, I will give it a go. I persuaded a friend that I had made on the Toddler Committee to come and join me as a Joint Leader. Our youngest children were 8 months old at the time so getting away from the nappies to be with older children was a real change for us. The amazing Linda and I continued, with support from other Mums, to run the unit for 7 years.

Then my husband was given the opportunity to go to the Middle East for a couple of years. We packed up and headed off to Kuwait late in 2000 and then onto Abu Dhabi in 2005.

At that time Girlguiding UK ran Guiding groups in many different Countries, including Kuwait and Abu Dhabi so my Guiding career continued.

19 years later we came back to Kintore. Our daughter had

moved into our house as she was teaching at a school in Aberdeen. Being a chip off the old block she had been persuaded to take on 1st Kintore Brownies, the Unit that she had been a Brownie in.

When we moved back into to our home she gave me two weeks off before I was back in the Hall with the Brownies.

I walked into the Public Hall to a Brownie group who met on the same day, at the same time and, I am pretty sure, with some of the resources lurking at the back of the cupboard that I had left there in 2000.

It was like I had never been away, apart from the disconcerting realisation that one of the Brownies was the daughter of one of the Brownies that was in the Unit when I left!

Since that time the Brownie Unit closed because of a lack of Adult Volunteers. I had already joined the Kintore Ranger Unit for the 14+ girls. I really enjoy the company of these girls. I love watching them grow in confidence and find their place in the world and head off for the start of their careers or to university. I would say that they keep me young. But trailing them up to Gauchhill woods when it's cold and dark whilst they charge around looking for Geo Caches makes me feel everyone of my 64 years! But they also enjoy lots of other activities with outdoor cooking being one of the favourites.

You can't say that you have been a Guiding Leader unless you have eaten food that is black on the outside and barely cooked in the middle!



But being involved with Guiding for 37 years has given so much. It is a community in its own right. I have met so many people who have become very special friends. I would strongly recommend that you give it a go. You don't need to have a daughter involved in Guiding to get involved. Do think about coming along to join us. We are a friendly bunch, and I promise we won't feed you on raw sausages.

It was wonderful to return to Kintore seven years ago and to slot back into the community. Kintore is a very different place to the one that I left, but still a lovely place to live.

But one of the things that I miss was the Kintore School House that had many groups and classes to join where you could meet people outside of the Toddler, Playgroup and PTA crowd. So far, I haven't really found anywhere comparable which is a shame. It would be good if there was a low-cost accessible place where people of all ages could meet to share interests and friendships.

But we love living in Kintore and have no plans to leave anytime soon. It's home for all of us.

ABERDEENSHIRE LIEUTENANCY

THE LORD LIEUTENANT'S UPDATE



I would like to encourage communities to consider becoming involved in this new UK-wide independent charity, the Queen Elizabeth Trust. The Queen Elizabeth Trust will ensure Her late Majesty is remembered for her unique ability to bring people together across generations and from all walks of life.

The Trust has been established on the occasion of the centenary of Queen Elizabeth II's birth to honour her lifelong commitment to public service. His Majesty The King has accepted the Royal Patronage of the Trust, which will bring the late Queen's

values to life for present and future generations. The Trust is one of three related memorial projects—alongside a national memorial in St James's Park and a digital memorial—to honour her legacy at local, national, and global levels.

Inspired by the late Queen's stated belief that "everyone is our neighbour", the Trust will work hand in hand with communities, providing funding and targeted support to restore and sustain shared spaces at the heart of local life. To ensure the Trust can have the widest positive impact, the Government is providing a one-off £40 million

endowment. This provides the initial funding needed to support local projects of public value and will act as a catalyst for future fundraising. Local projects could include the development and transformation of underused buildings and green spaces as well as neighbourhood hubs in communities across the UK. Funding will also help communities ensure they have access to the skills and training they require to deliver local events.

This contribution continues a long-standing tradition of honouring the monarch through living memorials that make a real

difference in people's lives. Including the King George V Playing Fields, established nearly a century ago, which protect public open spaces and recreational grounds across the UK.

More information can be found at queenelizabethtrust.org/en



British Empire Medal which he received for services to young people. Sqn Ldr Norris has been involved with the Royal Air Force Air Cadets for over 40 years, over 30 of them as a volunteer. I was accompanied, at the ceremony in Westhill, by Lord-Lieutenant Cadet Ainslie Norris, Stewart's daughter.

The Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy would like to know of any individual or voluntary organisation who has made an exceptional contribution for the wider benefit of others in their community. The Lieutenancy will assist in giving full consideration for appropriate recognition. Information can be found on the Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy website

Would you like to learn more about the Aberdeenshire Lieutenancy?

Myself, or one of my Deputies would be pleased to visit local groups and schools to share information about the Lieutenancy and the work we do. Please use the email contact below to get in touch.

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Very best wishes to you all.

**Sandy Manson,
His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant
of Aberdeenshire**



Deputies are always delighted to visit on the day of special milestones, 60th, 70th or 75th wedding anniversaries and 100th and 105th birthdays and present a card and personal congratulations. Please do look at our web site, details below, for further information.

Recently, Steve Mackison DL visited Mr and Mrs Cameron, of Newmachar, to pass on best wishes.

URIE RIVERSIDE PARK

Both my wife Barbara and I greatly enjoyed a tour of the Ury Riverside Park in the company of the Chair of Trustees, Martin Auld. This unique park in Inverurie extends to 61 hectares and is a community space for people and wildlife to enjoy together. Well worth a visit!

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to all couples celebrating special anniversaries over the past few months. Myself, or one of my



HONOURS

I had the great pleasure of presenting Squadron Leader Stewart Norris of the 875 (Westhill) Sqn ATC with the

SUMMER WITH YOUR DOG

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Simple tips for a safe and happy season

There's a lot to love about summer. Longer days, warmer weather, and more time outdoors with family and friends. Our dogs tend to love it just as much—more walks, more adventures, more leftovers dropped from the barbecue.

From a vet's point of view, though, summer also brings a noticeable rise in a few all-too-familiar problems. None of them are unusual, but many are avoidable with a bit of awareness.

One of the most common issues we see at this time of year is overheating. Dogs don't cope with heat the way we do, and even on what feels like a mild day to us, they can struggle—especially during exercise. Every summer we see dogs who have simply been walked a little too far, a little too late in the day. Early mornings and late evenings are much safer, and if in doubt,

it's always better to skip a walk than risk it.

Then there are grass seeds.

They're small, sharp, and surprisingly troublesome. These little seeds can work their way into ears, eyes, paws, and even under the skin. Dogs that suddenly start shaking their head, licking a foot excessively, or squinting may well have picked one up. They rarely come out on their own, and often need to be removed at the practice—so catching it early makes a big difference.

Summer also brings an increase in ticks and fleas. Many people assume these are more of a nuisance than a real problem, but ticks in particular can spread disease, and both can make pets very uncomfortable. Keeping up with preventative treatments through the warmer months is one of the simplest ways to avoid unnecessary issues.

And then, of course, there's food. Barbecues, picnics, and family gatherings mean more opportunities for dogs to get hold of things they shouldn't. Fatty scraps can lead to pancreatitis, which is not only painful but can make dogs quite unwell. Cooked bones, corn on the cob, and certain foods like onions or grapes

can cause serious problems too.

Dogs are very good at persuading us they're hungry—especially when everyone else is eating—but a bit of restraint goes a long way. We also tend to see more minor injuries over the summer. With more time spent outdoors, dogs are running, exploring, and occasionally getting into scrapes. Cuts, grazes, and the odd limp are part of an active life, but it's always worth keeping an eye on anything that doesn't settle quickly.

None of this is to take away from the enjoyment of the season. Summer should be a great time for both dogs and their owners. Most of the problems we see are not the result of neglect, just a lack of awareness or a moment's oversight on an otherwise lovely day.

If there's one takeaway, it's this: a small adjustment in routine—walking a bit earlier, checking paws, keeping treats sensible, and staying on top of parasite control—can prevent many of the problems we see at this time of year.

Summer should be a great time for both dogs and their owners, and with a bit of care, it usually is. And if something doesn't seem quite right, it's always better to get it checked early—your vet will be happy to help keep things on track.





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Please contact me on **07584672271** or janinecracknell@outlook.com for further information.

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