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Exam Success for 'A' students

Seventeen of Inverclyde's secondary school pupils have been celebrating exam success after scoring top marks in their Highers.

Sixteen of the pupils have gained 'A' grades in five subjects with one pupil gaining A grades in six subjects.

Education and Communities Convener Councillor Terry Loughran said: "This is an outstanding achievement by everyone. Well done to each and every one of them for their efforts over the past few years. It is no mean feat to gain A's in every subject and I know a lot of hard work has gone in to these results.

"Education is a key priority for the Council and essential to ensure the future economic and social prosperity of Inverclyde. We are educating a generation in new and refurbished state-of-the-art schools with motivated, professional and dedicated teaching and support staff giving our children and young people the best possible start in life. These results reflect that

investment and the dedication of everyone involved in education."

It has been another successful year for Inverclyde's schools

S5 Pupils achieving one or more Highers have again increased to 58.3% (from 52.1% last year) and those achieving three or more Highers to 30.5% (from 30%) - the best results in Inverclyde for over 11 years.

In S6 there was a greater percentage of young people leaving school with at least one Higher (58.5% compared to 57.1% last year), three Highers (42.8% compared to 38.1% last year), five Highers (28.9% from 25.9%) and at least one Advanced Higher (18.1% compared to 17.9% last year).

100% of S4 pupils in Inverclyde achieved a pass in at least one course at National 4 or above. 77% of S4 pupils passed more than five National 4 qualifications. 35.4% of S4 pupils passed more than five National 5 qualifications at Grades A-C.



PLAN COMES TOGETHER: Inverclyde's very own A team are joined by Education Convener, Councillor Terry Loughran to celebrate their exam success. Picture by George Munro (Greenock Telegraph).

Name in the frame for agency

A planned new social security agency for Scotland could be on its way to Inverclyde if the area is chosen as its new home.

For, Inverclyde Council has put forward the area as a potential home for the planned new national agency which will administer social security payments worth £2.7 billion.

The Scottish Government announced the creation of the new agency earlier this year. Now Inverclyde Council has contacted Scottish Government civil servants to let them know that Inverclyde is a potential home and to

recommend engagement with urban regeneration company, Riverside Inverclyde.

Inverclyde council leader, Councillor Stephen McCabe, said: "Inverclyde has excellent transport links, a strong local workforce and locations which could be used to host major employers. When a national agency, organisation or business is looking for a location, Inverclyde needs to be putting its hat in the ring. A new national social security agency has the potential to bring jobs and investment to wherever it is headquartered. We need to make



sure that Inverclyde's case is put to the decision makers. While it is early stages in the development of the social

security agency, it is important that Inverclyde's name is being considered at the very earliest stages."

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Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of InView



A decade of delivery

Inverclyde has never been a place for standing still.

In the Council, that's nothing new.

The Council is a multi-million pound organisation delivering essential services to communities from Quarrier's Village right through to Wemyss Bay.

It has a staff of over 4,000 and operates services so diverse that many multi-national companies would struggle to compete.

That's why a change at the very top of the staff structure is a significant one.

John Mundell has been Chief Executive of Inverclyde Council since 2006.

As John retires from Inverclyde Council, he can look back on a decade of delivery and achievement.

In this edition of InView on pages 6 and 7 we look back on just some (and I mean some) of the achievements over the past decade.

It is only in the looking back that you see how far we have come.

The tremendous investment in our schools is an investment in buildings, but also in the future of our young people.

The opening of the community campus is a particularly gratifying achievement, having seen it from its concept right through to having the honour of opening the campus.

The investment in leisure facilities is second to none and our facilities are unmatched across Scotland.

The results from our schools are a glowing testament to the importance we have placed on education.

It's been a top priority over the past decade and giving our young people the best start in life is not just a job for our schools it is a mission.

Another decade milestone featured in this edition of InView is the employment and skills programme, The Recruit.

This is a project which was developed right here in Inverclyde and its success has been emulated across the country.

In its 10th year the programme, as well as directly delivering 96 jobs to young people, has helped many others to achieve success.

The young people on The Recruit have also helped raise over £100,000 for Ardgowan Hospice - an incredible achievement and on its own is one to be very proud.

As Inverclyde's Chief Executive, John Mundell steps down from the Council and hands over to his successor, I wish him every success for himself and his family.

Inverclyde is a better place for him being here and I know that he leaves with the best wishes of many who know the hard work he put in.

I would like to welcome Aubrey Fawcett to the position of Chief Executive of Inverclyde Council.

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And this is only the beginning as Inverclyde Council is planning to extend service to make things easier for mums and dads.

Watch out for paying online for everything from school ties to trips!

Inverclyde Council Leader, Councillor Stephen McCabe, said: "While you'll always be able to get help from your council in all the usual ways, we're also developing an online self-service function and even an app that will allow you to access lots of services from wherever suits you."

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Magnificent seven Recruits

Seven young people secured jobs with top employers at the final of Inverclyde Council's innovative Recruit programme, which celebrated its tenth anniversary this year.

Young people from S5/6 years in Inverclyde's secondary schools devoted their summer holidays to participate in the award-winning personal development programme 'The Recruit'.

The final revealed 2016s 'Top Recruit' with seven successful recruits being offered jobs from local organisations and businesses.

Luke Stewart was announced as the 'Top Recruit' for 2016 and wins a position with Pursuit Marketing.

Six other recruits received posts paying salaries of up to £14,000 from local firms PG Paper, West College Scotland, Ardgowan Hospice, two positions at ISS and a second post with Pursuit Marketing.

The successful candidates were selected based on their overall performance, attitude, potential, personal drive, determination and employability skills throughout the four month programme of challenges and activities with local organisations.

Challenges tested the young people on all their entrepreneurial skills from profit counting to marketing and branding. It gives them an insight into the real business environment and an opportunity to see the huge variety of jobs and services that the many programme partners do.



TOP RECRUIT: Luke Stewart is the Top Recruit for 2016 on 10th anniversary.

For ten years running, the Ardgowan Hospice has been the sole beneficiary of all donations accrued by The Recruit programme. And, during the summer and on the evening of the finale, they raised approximately £10,000 bringing the ten year total to just over £100,000 for the Inverclyde-based charity.

Commenting on the announcement, former recruit and Inverclyde Council's Communities Vice-Convenor and Young Persons Champion, Councillor James McColgan, said: "All of the recruits begin the summer with the expectation of one job being available to the top recruit. It is a testimony to the high esteem this programme is held by our partners in the business community that they have, once again,

delivered so many opportunities for our young people with six new companies engaging in the programme for 2016.

"The Recruit shows that young people across Inverclyde are motivated, ambitious and ready for work. That should come as no surprise to many when Inverclyde is already one of the top performing council areas in Scotland when it comes to young people leaving school and moving onto positive destinations.

"During the programme, this year's recruits have taken on a three day outward bound teambuilding event; 30 business challenges; heard from some of Scotland's top entrepreneurs; undertaken 25 team or individual tasks and assignments; written over



MAGNIFICENT SEVEN: Recruits and their new employers - Millie McFarlane (Ardgowan Hospice); Lucy O'Donnell (Pursuit Marketing); Beth McKenna (West College Scotland); Luke Stewart (Pursuit Marketing); Lauren Boyce (ISS); Rachael Phanco (PG paper) and Lorena McAulay (ISS).

20 business reports and run small business ventures. All of this has been done during their summer holidays, putting in 500 hours of work.

"The recruit allows candidates to grow personally and professionally as was evident at the awards ceremony.

"I would like to congratulate all the recruits for their outstanding efforts and wish them all the best for their future careers. I'd also like to thank the many businesses and individuals who have supported this project and who recognise the importance of supporting Inverclyde's inspirational young people."

The Recruit has awarded 96 jobs to young people in Inverclyde since the start of the programme in 2007.

Transforming town centres

Improving our towns benefits almost everyone who lives and works in Inverclyde.

And the Riverside Inverclyde-led town centre regeneration forums allow the council, partner organisations, businesses and the community to share resources and work together on projects with the potential to make a real difference.

There are three in place: Gourock, Greenock and Port Glasgow

Already a new masterplan for Port Glasgow has been created, including plans for new public art around the town's train station.

Commuters and passers-by will soon be able to enjoy a new mural depicting the town's history which has been designed by RIG Arts, local

school-children and the Port Glasgow community association. This will be unveiled at the end of the summer.

Meanwhile, following a detailed consultation in March, the finishing touches are being made to Greenock's own masterplan.

Gourock is enjoying the new town centre and hopes to see two rooms in the former Gourock Municipal Buildings be utilised for community benefit.

If you'd like to learn more about the work of Town Centre Regeneration forums; visit the Riverside Inverclyde website riversideinverclyde.com updates and details of forthcoming events will also be published on the council's site and social media channels.



SCULPTURE: Artwork set to highlight Inverclyde's maritime and shipbuilding history

On the right road ahead

Inverclyde is in the middle of a roads revolution.

For, the Council is investing an incredible £29m in road improvements.

A recent Audit Scotland report highlighted that Inverclyde's investment in roads is the third highest in Scotland. And, the council was one of only 15 to increase spending on roads maintenance.

The condition of all classes of local roads in the Council area improved in 2014/15.

And, the latest update reveals that Inverclyde's roads in the 'green' category for road maintenance sits at a 13 year high of 60%.

Inverclyde Council's Environment and Regeneration Convener, Councillor Michael McCormick, said: "While investment in schools has been the major focus for the past ten years, the next level of huge investment is in our road network.

"The £29m investment in roads is unprecedented and something which is already starting to see improvements.

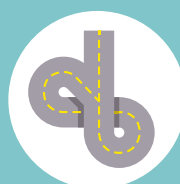
"While the main trunk roads through Inverclyde, the A8 and A78, aren't the responsibility of the Council but managed by Transport Scotland, the investment in the council's roads network is a once in a generation roads revolution.



Roads Maintenance Spending
£29m approved funding over the five year period.

Spend to date:
carriageways £12.287m;
footways £1.28m.

Estimated spend this financial year (2016/17)
Carriageways = £2.5m;
footways = £500,000.



Roads resurfaced across Inverclyde this year:

In Greenock:

Dellingburn Street
Finnart Street Greenock
Kilcreggan View
Stafford Road Greenock
Wren Road/Kestrel Crescent

In Kilmacolm:

Stepends Road
West Glen Road

In Port Glasgow:

Ardmore Road
Auchenbothie Road
Auchendores Avenue /
Netherton Avenue
Broadfield Avenue
Castlehill Avenue
Dubbs Road
Southfield Avenue

In Gourock:

Albert Road Gourock
Baker Street Greenock



Festival of Fire

Greenock's second Festival of Fire took place in August. Supported by the Council and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service the festival had a rally of fire engines from across the years and an array of demonstrations and displays in Cathcart Square.

Work underway on centre

Work is now underway on the new £1.95 Million Horticultural Training and Community Centre in Mearns Street, Greenock.

This state of the art facility is expected to be open by June 2017 and will play a central part in the dynamic regeneration of the Broomhill area. It will offer local residents a new community hall, coffee shop, training and meeting rooms together with new dedicated office space for Inverclyde Association for Mental Health's trading subsidiary "In-work Enterprises Ltd". Building 2 will house the horticultural services and in time, Phase 2 will see the project expand with the addition of outdoor space for planting and green houses on the adjacent Blaes pitch site.

It is the Inverclyde Association of Mental Health's aspiration that through their social enterprise principles they will be able to deliver positive health, social, educational, training and employment outcomes. Their aim is

that with time it will be recognised that partnerships between the public, third sector and local communities is an effective model of delivering community regeneration and participation.

Inverclyde Council's vice convener for regeneration, Councillor Jim Clocherty, said: "This is an important milestone in delivering this new community centre, but also in the wider regeneration of Broomhill. By working in partnership with, in particular, The Inverclyde Association of Mental Health, this exciting project will deliver an innovative and exciting facility for our area."

Margaret Tait, CEO of Inverclyde Association of Mental Health, said "All of this would not have been possible without the vision and financial investment from The Big Lottery, Inverclyde Council, Scottish Government and our own organisation Inverclyde Association for Mental Health. I would like to thank them for their support."

Tax collection surges to new high

In the last issue of InView we reported on council tax collections reaching their highest level for 10 years.

So far 2016/2017 the positive trend has continued and the rate now stands at 95.1%!



Would you credit it...

Inverclyde's first years get credit union experience

A new scheme is aiming to give first year pupils a better understanding of personal finance and develop 'real world' skills in business and accounting.

Pupils in St Stephens High School were involved in a pilot scheme in the area to run their own credit union; giving them a real sense of the complexities and pitfalls associated with both saving and lending decisions and if successful the scheme will be rolled out to other schools.

Further efforts planned include giving every first year pupil in Inverclyde their own credit union account, with a starter for £10 deposit.

It's all part of a wider push to pass on the kind of practical knowledge that will make managing money easier for our young people as they grow - either at home or at work.

The council's young people's champion Councillor James McColgan has high hopes for the scheme:

"Sometimes we can be awful hard on young people but children really thrive when given trust and responsibility, that's what this scheme is really all about.

"No one was hit harder by the last recession, so we need to involve our children in the solutions and give them the skills that will help them lead secure lives and contribute to the wider community."



Powerboat race shows off the Inverclyde marine leisure offer



The inaugural P1 Scottish Grand Prix of the Sea event in June has helped cement Inverclyde's reputation as the marine leisure capital of Scotland.

And, with an attendance over the weekend of over 30,000 its become one of Inverclyde's most successful events.

The event, held of the Esplanade in Greenock was co-hosted by Inverclyde Council and urban regeneration company Riverside Inverclyde (ri).

It brought championship P1 Superstock powerboat and P1 AquaX jet ski to Scotland for the first time.

Provost Robert Moran, who presented the prizes to the winning powerboat team said: "The P1 Scottish Grand Prix of the sea brought powerboat racing right up close in an exciting weekend spectacular.

"With two superb marinas at James Watt Dock and Kip Marina, the countless sailing opportunities and the number of cruise ships visiting Scotland through Greenock Ocean Terminal shows the strength of our offer.

"As well as all this, October sees Kip Marina host Scotland's Boat Show. Inverclyde can truly lay claim to the crown as Scotland's marine leisure capital," he said.



A decade of delivery

With Inverclyde Council's Chief Executive for the past ten years retiring, this edition of InView takes a look back at the past decade and highlights a few of Inverclyde's achievements in that time.

The picture spread here shows some of the major achievements over the past ten years including the opening of new facilities, major improvements in services and the delivery of events.

2006

- New Chief Executive appointed to Inverclyde Council
- Urban regeneration company, Riverside Inverclyde (ri) created

2010

- The new All Saints Primary School was officially opened by the Bishop of Paisley. The Rt Rev. Philip Tartaglia

2007

- Launch of Scotland's first corporate parenting scheme for looked after children
- New Inverclyde Council corporate plan developed

2008

- Then Prime Minister Gordon Brown opens the newly completed Newark Primary School in Port Glasgow
- The new Inverclyde Academy building was opened
- New office development starts on Riverside Business Park by Riverside Inverclyde

2009

- Stock transfer of council housing was completed
- A new plan to develop secondary education in Inverclyde was approved
- Scotland's first corporate parenting scheme through the children's champions initiative was launched
- Scotland legend Alan Rough and Morton hero Andy Ritchie team up to launch the new Lady Octavia football pitches as part of £23m leisure investment



2011

- New £29m Notre Dame High School opens
- New £27m Clydevue Academy opens
- New library opens at Kilmaccolm village centre



2012

- HM The Queen officially opens the £2m customer service centre in Greenock
- Binnie Street Children's Centre is officially opened
- Parklea Community Sports Hub officially opened by then Scotland Football Manager Craig Levein
- Gourock's iconic outdoor swimming pool re-opened following a £1.8 million refurbishment
- Greenock i Youth Zone opens





- 2013**
- The Beacon Arts Centre (Greenock) moves from the Arts Guild to a new purpose built facility on the waterfront
 - Whinhill Primary School extension and refurbishment opens
 - Mearns Centre reborn in a new home and with a new name: Lomond View Academy
 - St Columba's High Schools in Gourock officially re-opens after £15m refurbishment and extension



- 2014**
- The largest school campus in Scotland at Port Glasgow with
- St Stephens High;
 - Port Glasgow High and
 - Craigmarloch School



- 2014**
- Queen's baton relay visits Inverclyde
 - £1.1 billion City Deal launched, with three Inverclyde projects included



- 2015**
- Opening of Ardgowan Primary School
 - Central library comes home to Wallace Place
 - New health and social care headquarters at Hector McNeil House in Clyde Square, Greenock



- 2015**
- The £5.8m Gourock Pierhead Regeneration Scheme opens (inset: plans unveiled by Councillor Michael McCormick and Councillor Stephen McCabe)



- 2016**
- Inverclyde becomes Scotland's top performing area for recycling

Have your say online

An online portal has been created to give Inverclyde residents a new way to engage directly with the Council about the issues that matter to them.

Open to anyone over the age of 16, community groups and businesses operating and employing in the area, the aim is to give people a bigger say in the decisions that affect their everyday lives.

A new petitions committee, led by Convener Councillor Innes Nelson, has been set up to oversee the process and review submissions from the public.

The intention is for the new system to be very much driven by users, allowing the widest possible range of issues to be considered; however there are a small number of exclusions such as planning and licensing applications and matters already being considered by the council.

Anyone, provided they are over 16, can set up a petition but for it to be considered 100 signatures are required. The rules are slightly different for community groups and business which need 50 or 10 signatures respectively.

Once submitted, each petition will be reviewed before being discussed at the first meeting of the newly formed Committee early in the autumn.

Councillor Innes Nelson, convener of the petitions committee, said: "The formation of the petitions committee gives local people the opportunity to engage with the council and rally support for community and commercial concerns. Stimulating debate and directly influencing the decision making process will also allow local people to take ownership of issues that really matter to them."



If you want to view and have your say on a live petition or if you want to create a new petition about a local issue, visit: inverclyde.gov.uk/petitions

Aubrey is new Chief

Inverclyde Council has appointed Aubrey Fawcett, as the new Chief Executive.

Aubrey replaces current Chief Executive John Mundell OBE who is set to retire from the council in September.

Aubrey is currently Corporate Director for Environment, Regeneration and Resources at Inverclyde Council and is Chief Executive of urban regeneration company Riverside Inverclyde (ri).

Inverclyde Council Leader, Councillor Stephen McCabe, said: "Aubrey knows Inverclyde like the back of his hand. He is more than qualified to take on the role of Chief Executive and has a proven track record of delivering for Inverclyde Council and for Riverside Inverclyde (ri).

"Among his many achievements has been galvanising the team at Riverside Inverclyde and he has been at the forefront of bringing the Glasgow City Region City Deal investment to Inverclyde.

"Local government is going through tough times and increasing financial and service pressure. A strong Chief Executive with a pedigree of delivering for public services will give Inverclyde the resilience it needs. The task for Aubrey in the coming years is to weather the stormy times ahead and to seize every opportunity to make sure that public services in Inverclyde continue to deliver excellence for the people who matter, our residents.

"I would like to thank the candidates who applied for this position in the previous and latest round of recruitment. It is clear that there is a great deal of talent in public services not just in Scotland but also in the rest of the UK."



Aubrey Fawcett, said: "I am delighted to be appointed Chief Executive of Inverclyde Council. While it has taken two attempts at recruitment it is right that Councillors have confidence around the appointment of this important role. I hope the resilience over the past few weeks stands me in good stead for what is required to lead one of Scotland's 32 local authorities.

"I know already that there is a very good team behind me at Inverclyde Council and I look forward to working with them in a new role as Chief Executive. John Mundell leaves some big shoes to fill. I have worked with John since 2006 and, while I am looking forward to this new challenge I will be calling on his good counsel over the next few weeks to ensure a smooth transition."

Aubrey has been Corporate Director of Environment, Regeneration and Resources at Inverclyde Council since 2006. During that time he also taken on the challenging role of Chief Executive of Riverside Inverclyde since 2013.

Prior to joining Inverclyde Aubrey was Head of Regeneration at North Tyneside Council from 2004.

Shared services

The Council has approved the setting up of a joint committee with partner councils in East and West Dunbartonshire to develop future shared services.

Inverclyde Council will continue to progress this agenda with East Dunbartonshire and West Dunbartonshire councils over the coming months.

Depute Council Leader Jim Clocherty said, "Due to the current financial climate and its effect on Scottish local authorities' budgets, there is a critical need to explore more effective ways to deliver sustainable, resilient, front line services. These proposals will provide clear benefits to our communities, not least better value for money."

Forum Against Poverty

Inverclyde Council has agreed to join the Scottish Local Government forum on poverty issues across Scotland.

The group, which brings together Council representatives from across Scotland, aims to drive forward anti-poverty campaigns and make sure councils are engaged in issues which affect poverty in Scotland, including welfare reform.

Inverclyde council, having signed up to be a member of the forum has nominated two representatives on the forum. They will be Councillor Stephen McCabe and Councillor Jim McLeod.

Flood bid fund success

Four Inverclyde schemes are set to receive national support as part of the Scottish Government's general capital grant – funding flood projects scheme.

The four projects are Glenmosston Burn; Coves Burn; Bouverie Burn and Quarriers Village. These schemes represent 4 of 42 priority projects across Scotland.

The value of the schemes total £1.54m. The national programme will contribute up to 80% of the total with Inverclyde Council funding the remainder of the costs.

Inverclyde Council's Environment and Regeneration Convener, Councillor Michael McCormick said: "It is welcome news that we have been successful in applying for this funding for four schemes designed to alleviate flooding in Inverclyde. The council's flood protection scheme highlights that in an area like ours, there is no one size fits all approach to flood alleviation.

It is important that all of the partners involved or affected by flooding work together."

The four Inverclyde schemes from the Council's flood risk management plan which are set to receive national support are:

- 1 Glenmosston Burn, Kilmacolm:** Repairs of the existing culverts at Market Place, additional capacity to pipes at Gowkhouse Road and the possible attenuation at Glen Moss.
- 2 Coves Burn, Gourrock:** Examination of the attenuation of water in the Coves Reservoir as a possible alternative to the upsizing the culvert at Steel Street.
- 3 Bouverie Burn, Port Glasgow:** Examination of the upsizing of the existing culvert at Bouverie Motors, and attenuation of water flows at the Mill Dam.

- 4 Gotter Water, Quarriers:** Examination of the diversion of peak water flows to another watercourse, and additional attenuation.

In addition to these schemes, Council's ongoing Central Greenock Flood Prevention Project includes:

- **Crescent Street** automatic trash screen - complete.
- **Drumfrochar Road** replacement culvert - complete.
- **Aberfoyle Road** flow control - complete.
- **Kings Glen** attenuation works - complete.
- **Mearns Street** flow control works - complete.
- **Brougham Street** additional capacity works - complete.
- **West Station** additional road drainage - under construction.

Flood prevention projects which are at the design stage as part of the council's flood prevention scheme are:

- **Crescent Street** additional capacity works.
- **Rankin Park** automatic trash screen.
- **Lady Alice** automatic trash screen.
- **Craigknowe Burn** automatic trash screen.



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Orchard View

The first sod was cut at Orchard View, the £7.3 million Inverclyde Adult and Older Peoples Continuing Care Hospital, by the Cabinet Secretary for Public Health and Sport Aileen Campbell MSP.

The contemporary healthcare facility located in a prominent location on the Inverclyde Royal Hospital grounds is expected to open in summer 2017. It will provide adult and older peoples' continuing care mental health accommodation, with a particular focus on delivering a dementia friendly environment.

There will be 42 beds in total with 30 of these dedicated to continuing care for older people. Facilities will include:

- 24 continuing care beds for patients with dementia
 - 6 continuing care beds for patients with dementia and co-morbidity conditions
 - 12 adult continuing care beds
 - Social enterprise space including a cafe and hair-dressers
 - Treatment rooms
 - Multi-purpose social spaces for male and female patients
- More than just a straight replacement

of the existing provision, Orchard View will enable fundamental change in the way older peoples care is delivered in Inverclyde.

Staff, service users and carers have all been involved in the design of the building to ensure that Orchard View meets both the needs of people living and working there in the future.

The Scottish Dementia Development Centre based at Stirling University, an internationally recognised centre of knowledge and expertise on dementia, has had a great deal of input to ensure a dementia friendly environment. Their involvement will continue through both the Service User and Carer Reference Group and input how the building will operate once it is complete.

Inverclyde Council's Health and Social Care Convener, Councillor Joe McIlwee said: "This is a significant stage in the development of Orchard View. As work starts in earnest to build this facility it will be welcomed as another huge stride forward in continuing to support older people in our community and the important work of delivering a truly dementia friendly Inverclyde."



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Remember, remember

This year's annual fireworks spectacular at Battery Park will be taking place on Saturday 5 November.

The show starts at 7pm and there'll be food, drink and rides available from 6pm in the run up to the big show.

Look out for updates on the Council's social media and website, particularly on Twitter @Inverclyde.

Last year's James Bond themed event was one of the highest attended fireworks show in recent years with

estimates of up to 10,000 enjoying a show that was officially licenced to thrill and tied into the release of Spectre.

Please note that parking will be limited and available on a first come first served basis for disabled drivers only within the designated car park areas at Battery Park.

Access to the park during the day will also be restricted for health and safety purposes while the firework and pyrotechnic set-up is taking place.



Registrars Service

Your special day

Inverclyde Council's registrar's service is there to help make your special day even more special.

Across Inverclyde they hold marriage ceremonies at a venue agreed between the couple and the registrar. They host citizenship ceremonies, naming ceremonies and can arrange renewal of vow ceremonies.

The registrar's service is also available to help if you are looking to trace your family tree.























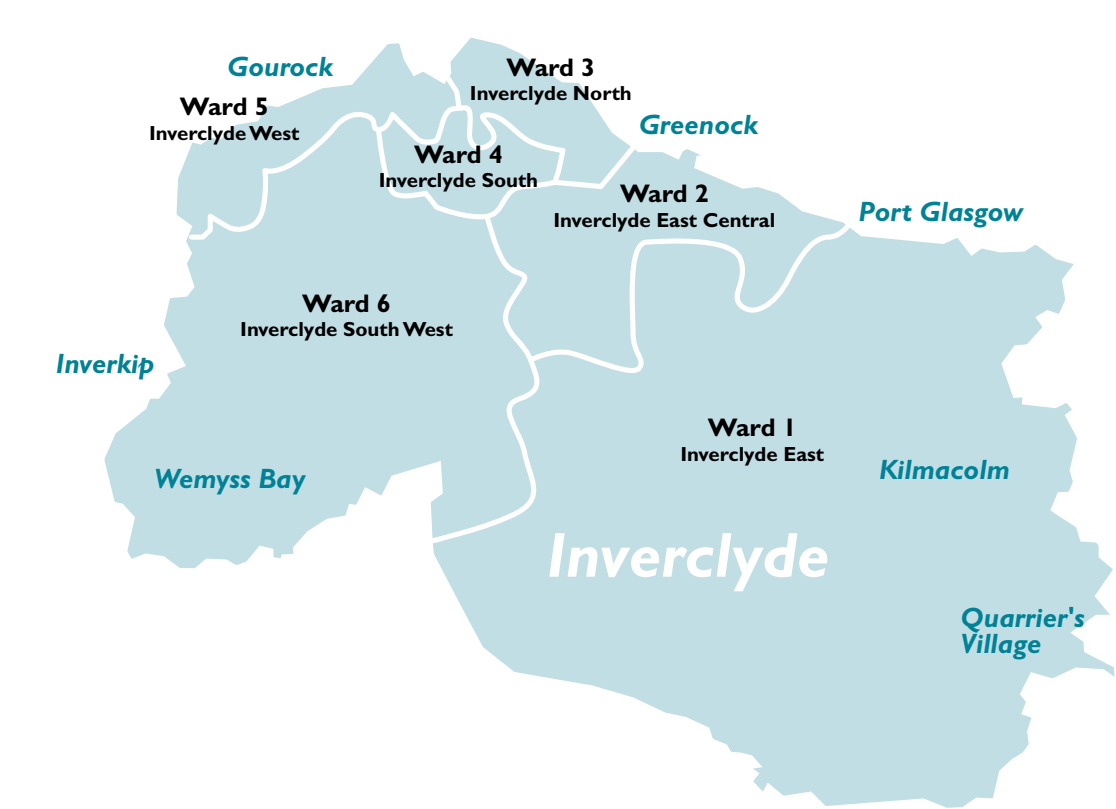
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(01475) 712727 / 712020

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