



Durness Community Council Report For meeting February 2024

Durness area Activities Update

- The Northern area Geopark Geotour for June is fully booked this year with enquiries still coming in.
- ACT Programme Marine Heritage Project
 - Website (<u>Blue Corridor</u>) completed. Stories and poems for Durness area, have been uploaded. List includes: <u>Loch Eriboll during WW2</u>, <u>Rispond Harbour</u>, <u>The Wreck of the Canton</u>, <u>Kelping in Durness</u>

General Projects Update

- UNESCO revalidation successful! Our Global Geopark status has been awarded for a further four years.
- ACT programme Communications Project
 - New <u>Geopark website</u> has been soft launched. Please have a look and let us have your feedback and suggestions.
- ACT Programme Education Enrichment Project
 - Worked with Kinlochbervie Primary School over the winter months delivering weekly outdoor (weather permitting!) sessions.
 - Started pilot Junior Ranger programme in partnership with John Muir Trust and High Life Highland Rangers for Kinlochbervie High School. These are running on a bi-weekly basis until May, with a plan to implement a full programme from the start of the next school year.

Current / Planned activities

- Student intern from University of Glasgow starting a 20 week placement to assist with Knockan Craq Education pack
- 26 guided walks booked in with for cruise ship groups this spring/summer
- Rock Stop to be reopened for the season, 25th March. Currently advertising for Rock Stop staff ahead of reopening for the season at Easter. Please see advert and pass onto anyone who maybe interested.
- ACT Programme Pilgrims Trail Project
 - consultation in planning
- Resource, refresh and reprint of Touring Guide leaflet.