



# THE ISLE OF GIGHA HERITAGE TRUST (IGHT)

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# IGHT Current Activities

- IGHT has successfully managed and developed the Isle of Gigha for the last 17 years.
- Ownership of the majority of the island built and land including housing stock, 4 working farms, Gigha Hotel, Boathouse Restaurant, Gigha Post Office and Shop, Craft Workshop units
- Managing moorings and pontoons, airstrip, 5 self-catering accommodation units and Achamore Gardens
- Managing and maintaining 4 wind turbines





# Development so far

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- renovated 28 houses as part of an ongoing investment programme
- sold 14 plots for private development
- developed 4 wind turbines which help fund IGHT development and regeneration on Gigha
- installed moorings and pontoon facilities
- successfully marketed its self-catering accommodation, activity centre, airstrip and Achamore Gardens



# Gateway to Gigha Project

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- Having listened to the Islanders and visitors, it is clear, that while Gigha has lots of interesting and unique heritage sites to visit, often these are inaccessible.
- Paths either do not exist or are in poor condition. It is often not clear to visitors what they are viewing nor its significance.
- Some of the sites on Gigha need protection too and we are working with Historic Environment Scotland to see how we can improve this.

# Housing and Community Hub Development

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- There are 2 tenant types that are not being well supported to stay on the island currently.

## **Older people**

- The IGHT housing stock does not currently cater for older members of the community, especially those who are less able and require additional support. Many older people have to leave the island when additional support or care is needed.

## **Starter homes for young people**

- The existing IGHT and Fyne Homes provision are very much focussed on family units. A survey of the island's young people has revealed that young people want to have the option of living and working on the island. As with many islands however, they are priced out of the local market and are not seen as priority allocations.

# Ardminish Campsite

- IGHT would like to develop an official campsite situated adjacent to the Gigha ferry terminal to minimise the indiscriminate camping on island
- Accommodation shortage which has a knock-on effect on the island's tourist season.
- Trust proposes to develop a high quality, low impact, zero emissions campsite at a site in its ownership by the ferry pier at Ardminish.



# UNION IN BANK PAY WARNING

ROYAL Bank of Scotland chiefs could face a raft of equal pay disputes after a female employee won £150,000, a union warned. Chief told how the 40-year-old member was paid £10,000 less annually in salary and benefits than men doing the same job. The union said it would be taking legal action if the bank did not pay the woman the same as her male colleagues.

**STILL TO COME IN Sun**

**Fabulous**  
Smart and airy summer fashion  
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**TEN TONNES**  
Interview  
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# MULLAN: ORPHANS WAS KO'D

PETER Mullan told how his dark comedy *Orphans* was billed by its distributor... only for movie chiefs to come crawling back when it was five weeks in.

# TEENAGER'S FLEA FOR A NEW GENERATION TO SETTLE ON IDYLIC ISLE

**THE BOATHOUSE**  
Rare duo of back-to-back beautiful beaches - Bigha Beach to the south and Bigha Bay to the north.

**TWIN BEACHES**  
One of the few places where ground levels will get separated, the vegetation for a kilometre for its high natural views of Arisaig Bay.

**ACHAMORE GARDENS**  
When Sir John Forbes bought Gigha in 1946, he created 20 acres of garden bursting with colour.

**HONESTY BOXES**  
Dotted across the island are tables with homemade table and chairs where visitors leave donations in the box for the trees.

**GIGHA GALLERY**  
Opened in 2006, it has shown more than 100 exhibitions and includes a craft shop, art gallery and bar.

**Close-knit community**  
The Isle of Gigha has all the amenities of a small town, but a population of just 100 people. It's a close-knit community where everyone knows everyone else's business. The island has a long history of being a holiday home for the rich and famous. It was the preferred holiday home of the late Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh. The island has a long history of being a holiday home for the rich and famous. It was the preferred holiday home of the late Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh.

5 THINGS TO DO

**BRANDON, 19, ON MISSION TO SAVE HIS HOMELAND**

# Wish you were Gigha

**By COLAN LAMONT**

Gigha was named God's Isle by the Vikings - and now a teenager wants to spread the word about the heavenly location.

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- Younger generation on Gigha want to find opportunities to remain on Gigha
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- Identifying opportunities to develop their skills and employability
- Plans to develop a multiuse facility on Gigha to bring the younger generation together in a safe environment
- Young Board are to be involved in the development of the project to ensure they are engaged in seeing the project proceed

# Young Board Projects

# Future Goals

By the 20th anniversary of ownership 2022 IGHT have the following ambitions:

- Finding a sustainable future for Achamore Gardens
- Creation of an official campsite and motorhome site at Ardminish
- Creation of an assisted living complex to support our elderly residents staying on Gigha and providing a better quality of life for them
- Improved access to the island's path networks for visitors and residents

