

# Show your support for the area and be a part of the ELLCT

**IF YOU live within the East Loch Lomond Community Trust boundary you are eligible to become a member of the trust and register your interest.**

By doing so you can highlight issues affecting the area and make suggestions for improvements and enhancements for folks living in, and visiting, east Loch Lomond.

The more members the trust has, the more powerful the collective voice which in turn means that things can be done more quickly and effectively.

It costs just a pound (£1) to join – simply fill in the form below and send it – with your £1 one-time membership fee – to:



**Joe Twaddle**  
**EAST LOCH LOMOND COMMUNITY TRUST**  
 c/o Passfoot Cottage, Balmaha G63 0JQ

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I live in the East Loch Lomond Community Trust (ELLCT) area and would like to become a member of the ELLCT. I enclose my one-time membership fee of £1.

Signature: .....

Name: .....

Address: .....

Telephone: ..... email: .....

# ELLCT BULLETIN

THE OCCASSIONAL NEWSLETTER OF EAST LOCH LOMOND COMMUNITY TRUST

## We need YOUR ideas to enhance the east Loch Lomond area

**RESIDENTS and businesses from Buchanan Smithy, Milton of Buchanan, Balmaha, Rowardennan and in between are being invited to make suggestions and contribute ideas for community improvements in the east Loch Lomond area under the auspices of a new community trust.**

Formed a year ago, the East Loch Lomond Community Trust (ELLCT) aims to revitalise the area after a period of inactivity by identifying and focussing on projects of specific relevance and benefit to the community it serves.

“The new ELLCT aims to tackle problems specific to the area and fill a void which has become apparent in recent years,” explains trust secretary Joe Twaddle. “A more concisely defined geographic area will let the trust focus more clearly on projects which were previously difficult to identify and define – largely down to the community becoming fragmented.”

Unlike the community council, community trusts can own and manage property as well as apply for grants and funding that the community council cannot.

And perhaps more importantly, there can be more than one community trust within any community council area which allows individual trusts to concentrate on issues directly affecting it’s area and members. The ELLCT’s two-tier structure will let it respond to local issues swiftly and effiently.

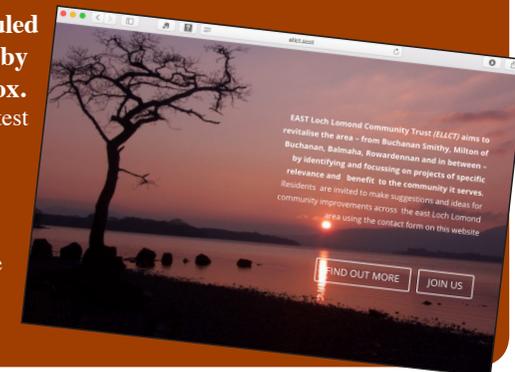
• **Turn to page two for more information on the ELLCT and a map showing the area covered by the trust.**

## Trust website and social media

A HOLDING page at [www.ellct.scot](http://www.ellct.scot) is scheduled to be replaced by the official ELLCT website by the time *ELLCT Bulletin* lands in your mailbox.

The site will feature information on the ELLCT, latest news and updates on projects being led by the trust. As well as being the official hub for all ELLCT news, the website will also act as a gateway to all its social media activity.

Contact the ELLCT trustees by visiting the website and clicking the ‘contact’ link...or simply email [hello@ellct.scot](mailto:hello@ellct.scot)



# All about the trust

**EAST Loch Lomond Community trust is governed by eight local volunteers who were invited to the board as initial trustees to ensure representation from all parts of the ELLCT area and who could bring a diverse range of skills to get the trust off the ground.**

The board will be up for re-election at an AGM to be held later in the year where members will vote for directors to take things forward.

The area covered by the trust is defined by the river Endrick to the south and Rowardennan in the north as indicated on the map opposite. A much more detailed map will be available on the ELLCT website.

# It's up to YOU to stay informed

**THE large area covered by the ELLCT brings particular challenges when it comes to involving – and communicating with – residents and businesses in the area, particularly as budgets and directors' time is limited.**

As a way of overcoming that challenge, the vast majority of ELLCT communications will be via the trust's website and social media – that means the onus is on YOU – residents and business owners in the area – to keep abreast of what's happening, stay informed and take part in the conversation.

To make that a little easier, the ELLCT is starting an email list and will contact members with regular emailouts – like an electronic version of this bulletin.

“We're aware that there may be some people in the area that do not have internet access,” says ELLCT trustee Margaret McDonald. “But we hope that friends or neighbours will share information with those who can't access the web.”

Please join the mailing list by filling in the form on the trust website at [www.ellct.scot](http://www.ellct.scot) – also, you can interact with and follow the ELLCT on Facebook and Twitter.



[www.facebook.com/groups/ELLCT](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ELLCT)



[@EastLochLomond](https://twitter.com/EastLochLomond)



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## The story so far

**ALREADY the ELLCT has been able to buy a phone box in Milton of Buchanan to house a defibrillator.**

The project was spearheaded by first responder Helen McAllister with help from David Fraser who carried out the necessary electrical work and Sheldon Babcock who cleared the site.

As Bulletin goes to press, the trustees are working on transfer of ownership of the former toilet block site in Balmaha to the trust. This follows a recent Buchanan Community Partnership (BCP) extraordinary general meeting where members voted to dissolve the BCP and transfer it's assets to the ELLCT.

Future plans include development and installation of an audio information point beside the boulder that forms a centre point on Balmaha's former toilet block site to be part of an exciting and innovative education project.



• Grace Rowlands Babcock (left), Helen McAllister and David Fraser at the Milton of Buchanan defibrillator site. Pic: Loch Lomond Studios

