

Do more in...

October 2023

Dornoch Visitor Centre

Monday–Friday: 11am–2pm

Dornoch Visitor Centre, Dornoch Hub, Argyle Street, Dornoch

For all your tourism needs come and visit us for information, brochures and a friendly chat about your trip.

You will also find our Visitor Information Point on Shore Road where you can find information in the centre of town.

For more information: dornochvca@outlook.com

Historylinks 5* Museum

Open Daily: 10:30am–4pm

Enjoy our Summer exhibition which includes a display about the life and work of local man Chris Murray QGM. The exhibition follows his career with the Royal Navy and as a Winchman with HM Coastguard Search and Rescue, Stornoway. Featuring footage of the rescue of 9 men from the fishing vessel The Hansa for which Chris was awarded The Queens Medal for Gallantry. Outside of the exhibition, the museum showcases the history of Dornoch from Vikings, witches, and the Clearances to golf, Skibo, the railway and everything in between.

Entry: Adults: £4.50 (Gift Aid £4.95) Concessions: £3.50 (Gift Aid £3.85) Children: Free.

For more information: www.historylinks.org.uk or call: 01862 811 275

Soft Play @ the Hub

Mon–Thu: 9:30am to 5:30pm Fri–Sat: 9:30am–4pm Sun: 10:30am–3pm

Kyle of Sutherland Hub, IV24 3AQ

The Hub has a bespoke three-level indoor soft play centre for children aged 0-12 and a café serving baguettes/sandwiches with a variety of fillings, home baking, smoothies and milkshakes.

Café opening times: Monday – Saturday 9.30am – 4pm. Sunday 10.30am – 3pm. Drinks & snacks served until 6pm – Monday – Thursday.

Entry: £5 per child.

For more information: 01863 769 170

Davochfin Farm

Daily 10am – 10pm Daily – Last admission for rod hire at 7:45pm

One mile from the town centre, IV25 3RW

Fly & bait trout fishing, golf driving range, bug hunting (kits available from the cabin). All equipment can be hired.

Driving range £2 (2 x £1 coins), bug kits £2.50

For more information: www.facebook.com/Davochfin



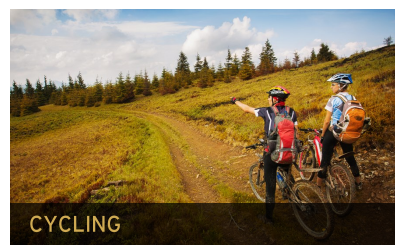
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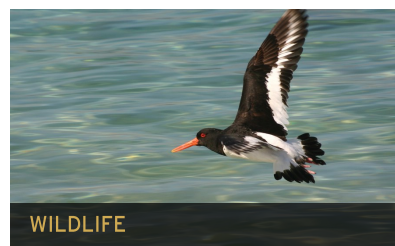
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Whist Group

Fortnightly on Tuesdays: 7:30pm

Royal Dornoch Golf Club, Golf Road, Dornoch

Join us fortnightly to play the great game of Whist - the simple trick taking game.

For more information: 01862 810219

Dornoch Cathedral Welcome Sales Table

Monday-Friday 10am - 3pm

Dornoch Cathedral, Dornoch

Visitors are welcome to come into the Cathedral. Printed guides are available in many languages and the volunteers are happy to answer any questions.

East & Central Sutherland Citizens Advice Bureau

Wednesdays 10am - 12pm

The Dornoch Hub, Argyle Street

free advice from *Citizens Advice* to help you find a way forward, whatever the problem

Entry: Free

For more information: 01408 600 000

The Tuesday Club

Tuesdays: 10am-12pm

Community Room Hall, Dornoch Hub

Join us at the Hub for weekly catch ups. Some weeks it will just be a blether over a cuppa of what we've been up to, what's happening in the town or what's in the news. Other weeks we may have a theme, a quiz, a group visit or a speaker. The main thing we offer at our Tuesday Club is a bit of social contact and a chance to make new friends - something all of us who have been coming along over the last few months have thoroughly enjoyed.

Entry: Free

For more information: manager@dornochhub.co.uk

Youth Craft Workshop 11-15years

Tuesdays: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Dornoch Hub, Argyle Street

Weekly youth craft workshops for 11 - 15-year-olds. Lots of crafting and a tonne of laughs!

Entry: Free

For more information: youthcrafts@dornochhub.co.uk

Hidden Hearing

Monday 2nd October

Dornoch Hub, Argyle Street

Hearing tests available.

Entry: Free

For more information: 01382 313 543

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Foraging Workshop (Morning & Afternoon Sessions Available)

Saturday 7th October: 10am - 12pm/2pm - 4pm

Achness Hotel, Rosehall, Lairg, IV27 4BD

Join our tutor, Emma Armstrong, for a foraging walk near Achness Hotel where we will be picking blaberries and wild raspberries, identifying fungi and bird song and taking time to immerse ourselves in the sights, smells and sounds of the woods. During the walk we will discuss how to use and preserve foraged berries. This class is for all ages! There is a nice gravel path but there will be a fair amount of walking with some steep sections. Emma will bring strong paper bags for collecting berries but participants should bring midge repellent and basket or tub plus any ID books they may have if they would like.

Tickets: Tickets: £5/£10 (pay what you can)

For more information: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/laireg-district-learning-centre-30464311808>

Craft Fair

Saturday 7th October: 10am-3pm

Dornoch Community Centre (Social Club) School Hill

Join us for a craft fair in aid of the meadows care home! We will have 20 stalls on the day as well as teas and coffees available. All for a great cause.

Entry:: Free

For more information: 01862 811 133

Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 8th October

Dornoch Cathedral, Dornoch

Donations towards the Dornoch and Tain Foodbanks will be gratefully received. There is a special need for tins of food and household items such as washing powder and soap, as well as Bags for Life. All fresh produce will be donated to Oversteps Care Home. Please bring your donations along to Morning Worship at 11am and leave in the boxes at the doors.

For more information: www.dornoch-cathedral.com/cathedral-news-events

October Holiday Craft Sessions

Monday 9th October: 10:30am - 12pm

Dornoch Library, High Street, Dornoch

Join us for some Halloween Pebble Painting!

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets: Free (Booking essential)

For more information: 01862 811079



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Story by the Fire at Ledmore and Migdale Woods

Tuesday 10th October: 10am - 11:30am

Gearrhoille Wood, Ardgay, IV24 3DJ

Join the Ranger for a Journey in the Woods. We will read a story by the fire and then do some activities based on the story. This event is suitable for children ages 4 and up, there will be a little bit of walking involved. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring warm, waterproof clothing and a snack. Booking is essential as spaces are limited.

Tickets: By donation - We ask for donations for this event to help with our work, which goes towards education about and protection of the nature of the Highlands. Please give what you feel you can afford. We suggest a minimum donation of £5 per person to cover our costs or £10 per person to further support our work.

For more information: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/high-life-highland-countryside-rangers-33097164665>

Den Building at Gearrhoille Community Woods

Tuesday 10th October: 1pm - 3pm

Gearrhoille Wood, Ardgay, IV24 3DJ

Join the Ranger and learn how to create your very own shelter in the woods to keep you dry and safe against the sometimes unforgiving Highland weather. Can you make it comfy? Can you make it waterproof? Can you keep it standing? We'll be testing it! This is a family event suitable for children ages 2yrs and up, all children must be accompanied by at least one adult. All must be booked on.

Tickets: By donation - We ask for donations for this event to help with our work, which goes towards education about and protection of the nature of the Highlands. Please give what you feel you can afford. We suggest a minimum donation of £5 per person to cover our costs or £10 per person to further support our work.

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Family ART - Sock Puppets

Tuesday 10th October: 3pm - 4pm

Lairg Learning Centre, Main Street, Lairg, IV27 4DD

This class is for families, all children must be accompanied by their Parent/Guardian.

Sock puppets are often used for the education and entertainment of children. They can be used in elaborate puppet shows or children's plays, much as marionettes would be. Making a sock puppet is really quite fun. The thing that makes sock puppets so fun is making each one unique. Each one can have special characteristics! And they don't have to be human--animals and aliens and computers are great possibilities. Once you know how to make a simple sock puppet, you can even try a more advanced one!

Tickets: Free

For more information: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/lairg-district-learning-centre-30464311808>

October Holiday Craft Sessions

Friday 13th October: 10:30am - 12pm

Dornoch Library, High Street, Dornoch

Join us for some Halloween Pipe-cleaner Bracelets! No need to book, just pop along and make a bracelet or two.

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets: Free (Booking essential)

For more information: 01862 811079

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October Holiday Craft Sessions

Monday 16th October: 10:30am - 12pm

Dornoch Library, High Street, Dornoch

The last craft session will be Halloween House Decorating here at the library. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets: Free (Booking essential)

For more information: 01862 811079

Hidden Hearing

Monday 16th October

Dornoch Hub, Argyle Street

Hearing tests available.

Entry: Free

For more information: 01382 313 543

Childrens Outdoor Basecamp: Aldie Burn

Tuesday 17th & Thursday 19th October: 10am - 4pm

Aldie Burn, Scotsburn Road, Tain

The return of Basecamps at the Aldie Burn. Bushcraft, woodland crafts, nature activities, free play and exploring for the over 8's.

Tickets: £32

For more information: 01549 402698

Childrens Outdoor Basecamp: Big Burn

Wednesday 18th October: 10am - 4pm

Big Burn, Backies Road, Golspie

The return of Basecamps at the Big Burn. Bushcraft, woodland crafts, nature activities, free play and exploring for the over 8's.

Tickets: £32

For more information: 01549 402698

Dornoch Cinema Club

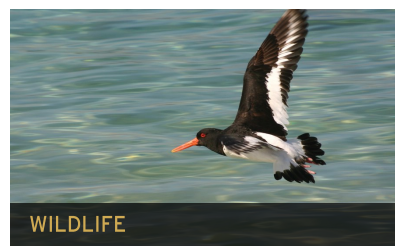
Friday 20th October: 7pm

Dornoch Community Centre (Social Club), School Hill

The cinema club meets monthly at the Dornoch Community Centre.

The rules of membership and licensing mean the film cannot be promoted but a poster is displayed on the Community Centre notice board. With raffle.

For more information: www.dadca.org.uk



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Pumpkin Picking

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd October: Various Time Slots Available

Davochfin Farm, Dornoch, IV25 3RW

We are excited to announce that Davochfin Farm will be having a pick your own pumpkin patch this October. After months of nurturing and caring for our pumpkins it looks like we will have a cracking crop of various varieties and sizes. To ensure we have pumpkins for everyone we are going to run a first come first serve ticket only basis running for two weekends at the end of October.

Tickets: £5 per car pre booking essential, no walk-ins. Pumpkins will be individually priced on the day. For more information: 07792770691

Monthly Quiz Night

Saturday 21st October: 7:30pm (7pm Doors)

A fun evening for all with Cash prizes & Spot prizes. You don't need to be Brain of Britain for this (although it could help), just be up for a good night out! Max team size - 4. We will make up teams if you are fewer or alone. Refreshments included (BYOB).

Entry: £5—Profits go to support local good causes

For more information: www.dadca.org.uk

Christmas Craft Fayre

Saturday 21st October: 10am - 2pm

Brora Community Centre, Johnstone Blace, Brora, KW9 6PF

If you are looking for something a little unique and special then check out our Christmas Craft Fayre at Brora Community Centre. We have a great variety of talented crafters attending giving everyone the opportunity to buy some special gifts for your loved ones this Christmas. Enjoy a cup of tea/coffee with friends while browsing our many stalls we have on display and have a wee go on our lucky squares to possibly win a bottle of Glenmorangie Whisky.

All proceeds raised will go towards this years Brora Senior Citizens Christmas Party.

Tickets: Adults £1, Children free.

For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1709965049508374/>

Sutherland Walkers: Uppat Quarry, through Uppat woods, Cagar Feosaig, Duchary Rock, Carrol Broch and Loch Brora, back via Dubh Lochs to Uppat House. NC 8783 0204

Sunday 22nd October: 10am

Uppat Quarry

Approx. 16km / 10 miles, 500m / 1640ft. climb, mainly track, path and rough moor. Self-guided shorter low level walk in Uppat and Dunrobin Woods.

A car share is available with the following stops: Bonar Bridge P.O: 9am. Golspie 9:45am. (£5 contribution for car share). For parking, park at the end of Queen's Drive near Uppat Quarry, coming north turn left off A9 at Strathsteven, 1.2km after Carn Liath Broch.

Cost: Annual Membership: £10 for adults. £2.50 for under 16's. No charge is made for the initial two walks.

For more information: Stan Holroyd: 01408 621370 or 07890 352804

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Pumpkin Luminary

Monday 23rd October: 10am - 11am

Lairg Learning Centre, Main Street, Lairg, IV27 4DD

Get ready to embark on a journey of crafting and creativity as you transform ordinary materials into extraordinary pieces of art. Let the shadows dance and the pumpkins glow - the Halloween spirit awaits your artistic touch! Whether you're a seasoned crafter or a DIY enthusiast, this workshop provides all the materials you need to create stunning pumpkin luminary decoration that capture the essence of Halloween in every cut and fold. Your DIY lanterns will not only serve as decorations but also illuminate the ambience with a warm and inviting glow.

Tickets: £5 (pay what you can)

For more information: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/lairg-district-learning-centre-30464311808>

Needle Felting Workshop

Wednesday 25th October & Wednesday 1st November: 10am - 3pm

Lochview Rural Training Centre, 19 Achfrish, Shinness, Lairg, IV27 4DN

We are delighted to be hosting a 2 day workshop spread over 2 weeks 10am - 3pm . During the time you will learn how to use armature as the framing of your project and you will have the choice of a Highland coo, a fluffy ewe, a very smart roo or an even cuter bear. These will make great gifts also because we have to introduce the C word to early but it not long away. All materials will be provided but if you have your own mats and needles please bring them along. Please bring lunch and a mug - tea and coffee will be provided.

Tickets: £50 (lower income rates available)

For more information: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/lochview-rural-training-56587739653>

Halloween Treat Bags

Thursday 26th October: 3pm - 4pm

Lairg Learning Centre, Main Street, Lairg, IV27 4DD

Why not make these goody bags for a Halloween treat hunt this year? They'll be perfect for the little ones to store all of their sweets in! Perfect size for little hands to carry or a great addition to a hamper. They work brilliantly as party bags too! For P4 and up.

Tickets: £5 (pay what you can)

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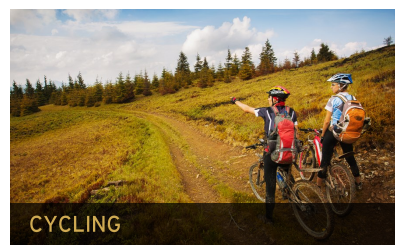
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Dornoch Whisky Festival

Friday 27th - Sunday 29th October

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The Dornoch Whisky Festival, is back! Join us for a dram as we celebrate all things whisky! Held annually in our beautiful town, this festival is a must for anyone with a passion for the water of life. Throughout the weekend we have a range of events in collaboration with Carnegie Whisky Cellars, Dornoch Castle Hotel, Dornoch Distillery, Eagle Hotel, Links House at Royal Dornoch, Royal Dornoch Golf Club, Royal Golf Hotel and newly opened this Dornoch Station where you'll find a whole host of masterclasses, tastings, and paired dinners. So, whether you're looking to deepen your knowledge, introduce yourself to the world of whisky or simply enjoy a weekend, you're sure to find something that will inspire you here.

For more information: <https://dornochwhiskyfestival.com>

Waxcap Foray at Littleferry

Friday 27th October: 2pm - 4pm

Littleferry, Loch Fleet, KW10 6TD

Join the Ranger on the search for the jewels of the fungi Kingdom, the Waxcaps. Waxcaps are a particularly colourful and beautiful group of fungi that thrive on grasslands. This event is not suitable for children.

Tickets: By donation—We suggest a minimum donation of £5 per person to cover our costs or £10 per person to further support us.

For more information: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/high-life-highland-countryside-rangers-33097164665>

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For more information: 07792770691

Tain Community Halloween Market Day

Saturday 28th October: 10am - 2pm

Rose Garden, High Street, Tain, IV19 1AA

In October, our open-air Community Market has a Halloween theme! Join in the fang'tastic day with stallholders selling local food products, arts & crafts.

Entry: Free

For more information: <https://easterrosspeninsula.com/events/>

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Hedgehog House

Saturday 28th October: 10:30am - 2:30pm

Lairg Learning Centre, Main Street, Lairg, IV27 4DD

Join our woodworking tutor, Graham Rennie, as he teaches you how to make a hedgehog house for your garden. This will be using recycled and reclaimed wood. You will use a variety of tools including a drill, sander, and jigsaw. Without a safe place to shelter and a reliable food source, hedgehogs are unable to hibernate through the colder months. Clearing out a space for a hedgehog house in your garden can provide a secure habitat where hedgehogs are able to sleep, nest and hibernate without the threat of predators.

Tickets: £20/£30 (pay what you can)

For more information: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/lairg-district-learning-centre-30464311808>

Harvest Hullabaloo

Saturday 28th October

Dornoch Community Centre (Social Club), School Hill, Dornoch

Join us for the annual Harvest Hullabaloo!

For more information: enlighteningkidz@gmail.com

Coding for Kids

Tuesdays: 31st October: 4:30pm-6pm

Dornoch Hub, Argyle Street

Coding for kids available for P6 & P7's.

For more information: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/dornoch-hub-45328815033



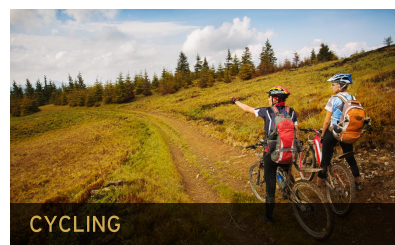
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