



**LITTLE CUMBRAE ISLAND  
SCOTTISH REGISTERED CHARITY**

**Vision Statement**

**“To Enable Everyone To Have Access to the Natural Beauty  
and Heritage of Little Cumbrae Island.”**

# Current Situation

- We are a Scottish registered charity
- We took over the lease of the island from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025
- We employ 3 caretakers on the island.
- We know 1<sup>st</sup> hand that Grant funding is competitive and very oversubscribed
- We have applied for various grants and have been unsuccessful including
  - North Ayrshire Repurposing Property Grant Fund
  - Inspiring Scotland – in partnership with a primary school which had a special learning unit running Creative Arts sessions on the island.
  - ARIA Fund
- We have appealed 2<sup>nd</sup> home Council Tax Charges for the 3 buildings on the island. Two are derelict and have no power or water supply.
- We are corresponding with the valuation board to change to business rates.
- Our key focus at the moment is the Infrastructure
  - WATER – We have had a feasibility study done. Quote for Natural Spring and filtration system
  - RENEWABLE ENERGY – Once we have the income
  - PIER ACCESSABILITY – Longer term
- Other Priorities
  - 5 Year Electrical Certification - In the process of getting an electrician
  - Fire Safety



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- We had a meeting with Historic Environment Scotland to discuss the Two Scheduled Monuments on Little Cumbrae. This was to discuss what we could and could not do.
- Main House needs repairs done to Flat Roof which is leaking.
- We had limited income from Camping/Glamping during the summer last year.
- We are looking to expand the Venue Hire (day only at the moment) , once we have a running fresh water supply.
- An Award Winning Film Director is using the Island to make a Scottish Horror Film. Filming was due to commence at the end of October, but was cancelled due to bad weather. We expect filming to take place in February / March
- We are part of a partnership application including the Field Studies Council, Clyde Ringing Group and Cumbrae Primary School for a Grant from the Scottish Marine Environmental Enhancement Fund. Includes a 3 year plan to classify seabirds , introduce an innovative Motus Radar System, and tutoring for Cumbrae Primary School on the island.
- This year is critical from a revenue standpoint as we need to get to a breakeven point.
- Every penny in income will be invested in the Island



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