

What's on



May 2024 – West Highland


Our Community Groups are there to be enjoyed by anyone living with dementia or experiencing difficulties with their memory, including their families and friends. All are welcome; people who can attend independently and/or, for those unable to do so should come with a companion who can provide any support for them. We are unable to provide transport for these groups and therefore it is your responsibility to get to and from this community activity, safely. Please speak to us, so we can support you to explore other transport options.

We are also here for you with a warm drink, food and company. We will be providing more coffee catch ups, or just pop in for a warm drink. Please see below for more details.

If you are unsure, or have questions about any of the groups, or have an idea for a new group, please let us know. All contact details are below.

In Person Groups – Skye & Lochalsh		
Wed 1 May	Stall at Made in Minginish Craft Fair <i>Minginish Hall, Portnalong, Carbost, Isle Of Skye</i> Information stall and a selection of crafts made by supporters and people living with dementia available for donations. Pop along and have a chat with us. We'd love to see you there! Tea, coffee, soup, scones and cakes available at the craft fair too. <i>Contact Diane or Lesley for more information.</i>	11am – 4pm
Thurs 2 May	Glendale Drop In <i>Glendale Hall, Glendale</i> Join us for a cuppa and a chat and an activity. <i>Contact Diane for more information.</i>	2pm – 3.30pm
Fri 3 May	Portree Strùpag & Chat <i>Tigh Na Drochaid, Bridge Road, Portree, IV51 9ER</i> Come and join us in Tigh Na Drochaid for a cuppa, a chat, games, activities or crafts. <i>Contact Diane for more information.</i>	1pm – 3pm
Mon 6 May	Aquacise at Portree Swimming Pool <i>Fingal Centre, Portree, Viewfield Rd, Portree, IV51 9ET</i> This is a public Aquacise group run by Highlife Highland. Diane will be going along if you would like to join her for some exercise. Sessions have to be booked in advance and you will need to book and pay for your place. <i>Contact Diane for more information.</i>	1.15pm – 2pm
Tues 7 May	Raasay Community Drop In Cafe at Raasay Community Hall Come and join us at Raasay Hall. Bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee and home baking provided. Donations of home baking welcome too! A great opportunity to bring the community together and support each other. <i>Contact Diane for more information.</i>	1.30pm – 3pm

Thurs 9 May	Kyle of Lochalsh Drop In <i>The Lighthouse Coffee, Kyle of Lochalsh, IV40 8AE</i> Drop into the hall for a chat and a cuppa and an activity. <i>Contact Diane for more information.</i>	12noon- 2pm
Fri 10 May	Portree Strùpag & Chat <i>Tigh Na Drochaid, Bridge Road, Portree, IV51 9ER</i> Come and join us in Tigh Na Drochaid for chat, tea, coffee, games and activities. <i>Contact Diane for more information.</i>	1pm – 3pm
Wed 14 May	Carer Support Group <i>Tigh Na Drochaid, Bridge Road, Portree, IV51 9ER</i> New support group for anyone caring for someone living with dementia or memory loss. <i>Contact Lesley for more information.</i>	1pm – 2pm
Fri 17 May	Portree Strùpag & Chat <i>Tigh Na Drochaid, Bridge Road, Portree, IV51 9ER</i> Come and join us in Tigh Na Drochaid for chat, tea, coffee, games and activities. <i>Contact Lesley for more information.</i>	1pm – 3pm
Mon 20 May	Aquacise at Portree Swimming Pool <i>Fingal Centre, Portree, Viewfield Rd, Portree, IV51 9ET</i> This is a public Aquacise group run by Highlife Highland. Diane will be going along if you would like to join her for some exercise. Sessions have to be booked in advance and you will need to book and pay for your place. <i>Contact Lesley for more information.</i>	1.15pm -2pm
Wed 22 May	Staffin Dementia Advisor Drop In <i>Staffin Medical Centre, Staffin, IV51 9JX</i> Come along and meet our Dementia Advisor for an informal chat, support and information. <i>Contact Lesley for more information.</i>	
Thurs 23 May	Glendale Drop In <i>Glendale Hall, Glendale</i> Join us for a cuppa and a chat and an activity. <i>Contact Lesley for more information.</i>	2pm – 3.30pm
Fri 24 May	Portree Strùpag & Chat <i>Tigh Na Drochaid, Bridge Road, Portree, IV51 9ER</i> Come and join us in Tigh Na Drochaid for chat, tea, coffee, games and activities. <i>Contact Lesley for more information.</i>	1pm – 3pm
Mon 27 May	Aquacise at Portree Swimming Pool <i>Fingal Centre, Portree, Viewfield Rd, Portree, IV51 9ET</i> This is a public Aquacise group run by Highlife Highland. Diane will be going along if you would like to join her for some exercise. Sessions have to be booked in advance and you will need to book and pay for your place. <i>Contact Diane for more information.</i>	1.15pm -2pm
Tues 28 May	Carbost Strùpag & Chat <i>Minginish Hall, Portnalong, Carbost, Isle Of Skye</i> Join us for a cuppa, a chat, games, activities or crafts. <i>Contact Diane for more information.</i>	1pm – 3pm
Thurs 30 May	Dornie Drop In <i>Aird Ferry Resource Centre, Dornie</i> A new group in Dornie. Come along and join the attendees at the day centre for some company, a cuppa, a chat and an activity.	1.30pm – 3pm

	<p>Everyone welcome – people living with dementia or memory loss, their family friends and those who care for them.</p> <p>Diane Smith, our Community Activities Organiser will be there to chat to and Lesley Hellon, our Dementia Advisor, will be there to offer advice and support. <i>Contact Diane for more information.</i></p>	
Fri 31 May	<p>Strùpag is Cabadaich – A Cuppa & a Chat <i>The Cuillin Hills Hotel, Portree</i></p> <p>Thig còmhla rinn airson cupa is sgoaichean is craic. 'S dòcha bidh beagan ceòl agus seinn ann cuideachd.</p> <p>Join us for a cuppa and a scone and craic and maybe some music and singing too. Gaelic speakers and everyone with an interest the Gaelic language and song welcome to join us. <i>Contact Diane or Lesley for more information.</i></p>	<p>2pm – 3.30pm</p> <p>Le taic bho Bhòrd na Gàidhlig</p> <p> Bòrd na Gàidhlig</p>
Sat 1 June	<p>Alzheimer Scotland Dementia Awareness Week Stall Skye Week – King George Field, Portree More details to follow....</p>	<p>1pm – 5pm</p>

In person groups – Lochaber		
Thurs 2 May	Drop in at Morrisons Cafe Come along and meet me and chat about what we can offer you.	10.30am – 12noon
Thurs 2 May	Dementia Café in An Drochaid Claire MacArthur will be doing Hand Massage. YOU NEED TO BOOK YOUR PLACE WITH ELEANOR	2pm – 3pm
Tues 7 May	Storytelling in Fort William Library Library Staff will be reading excerpts from books which we will chat about over a cuppa.	2pm – 3.30pm
Wed 8 May	D Caff in Caol Youth Café Come along and join in the café and take part in an activity with us.	2pm – 3pm
Thurs 9 May	Ballachulish Village Hall Pop into the Hall and have a cuppa and a chat and maybe an activity too.	2pm – 3pm
Tues 14 May	Pop in Café at the Ariundle Centre Strontian Come along and meet me and chat about what we can offer you. Also in attendance will be Sophie and Ashlie from Connecting Carers who will be able to offer advice to carers.	11am – 1pm
Tues 14 May	Wild and Woolly at Caol Library followed by Storytelling. Bring along your own woolly project or join in with the group.	3pm – 4pm 4pm – 4.30pm
Thurs 16 May	Drop in at Morrisons Cafe Come along and meet me and chat about what we can offer you.	10.30am – 12noon
Thurs 16 May	Storytelling in Strontian Library – NEW GROUP Come along and join in the café and take part in an activity with us.	2pm – 3pm
Tues 21 May	Storytelling in Fort William Library Library Staff will be reading excerpts from books which we will chat about over a cuppa.	2pm – 3.30pm
Wed 22 May	Music and Movement in An Drochaid Our monthly session with Music Therapist Clare. Come along and join in the singing and instrument fun.	2pm – 3pm
Tues 28 May	Storytelling in Mallaig Library Library Staff will be reading excerpts from books which we will chat about over a cuppa.	11am – 12noon
Tues 28 May	Wild and Woolly at Caol Library followed by Storytelling. Bring along your own woolly project or join in with the group.	3pm – 4pm 4pm – 4.30pm
Wed 29 May	D Caff in Caol Youth Café Come along and join in the café and take part in an activity with us.	2pm – 3pm
Thurs 30 May	Drop in at Morrisons Cafe Come along and meet me and chat about what we can offer you.	10.30am – 12noon
Fri 31 May	Cupcake Day in Ballachulish Come along to Ballachulish Hall and enjoy a cupcake or two and a cuppa and some entertainment in aid of Alzheimer Scotland.	12noon – 3pm
Contact	For more information please contact Eleanor Brown Tel: 07920 868848 Email: EBrown@Alzscot.org	

For those times when you cannot make it into the centre, or wish to attend some groups in person, and some online, please contact the person listed below the activity and they will send you the link to join.

Online Groups		
Wed 1 May	Doggie Bingo Join us and Imke and Webb the dog for a fun game of bingo with Webb choosing the numbers for us. <i>Contact Eleanor</i>	11.00am – 12noon
Fri 3 May	Online Ceilidh – Cèilidh Air Loidhne Join us for a great ceilidh. Sing along at home if you like or sit back and enjoy the songs and tunes in English and some in Gaelic too. All welcome to bring an instrument or sing a song. <i>Contact Diane</i>	11.00am – 12.00noon
Mon 6 May	Making Music Join us for some music and song from guest musicians. You can sing along at home or just listen. <i>Contact Diane</i>	3.00pm – 4.00pm
Wed 8 May	Reminiscence Bingo Join us for a fun game of bingo with a different theme each week. <i>Contact Eleanor or Diane</i>	11.00am – 12noon
Fri 10 May	Online Ceilidh – Cèilidh Air Loidhne Join us for a great ceilidh. Sing along at home if you like or sit back and enjoy the songs and tunes in English and some in Gaelic too. All welcome to bring an instrument or sing a song. <i>Contact Diane</i>	11.00am – 12.00noon
Tues 14 May	Young Onset Group Peer support group for people with a young onset dementia. <i>Contact Lesley</i>	11.00am – 12noon
Wed 15 May	Reminiscence Bingo Join us for a fun game of bingo with a different theme each week. <i>Contact Eleanor</i>	11.00am – 12noon
Wed 15 May	Còmhradh agus Òrain Gàidhlig (Online Gaelic Conversation & Songs) Come along for chat in Gaelic and enjoy listening or singing along at home to some Gaelic songs. With Margaret Nicolson. The group is open to anyone who is a Gaelic speaker or has an interest in Gaelic songs and language. You can now book onto the group from our Virtual Dementia Resource Centre at the link below <i>or</i> you can contact Diane and she can book your place. https://calendly.com/sberesford-lwq/comhradh-agus-orain-gaidhlig-clone?month=2024-05&date=2024-05-15	2.00pm – 3.00pm Le taic bho Bhòrd na Gàidhlig 
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Mon 20 May	Carers Support Group for people in long term care If you care for a loved one who lives in a care home, please join us online for peer support and advice. <i>Contact Hayley</i>	10.30am – 11.30am

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Mon 27 May	Storytelling / Seanchas Online Come and join us online and we'll read some excerpts from books, and have a chat. <i>Contact Diane for more information.</i>	3pm – 3pm
Tues 28 May	Young Onset Group Peer support group for people with a young onset dementia. <i>Contact Lesley</i>	11.00am – 12noon
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Contact details for groups:

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Online Carers support for people in long term care:
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To make a donation, please consider donating to our local Just Giving page at the link below or by scanning the QR code above. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/westhighland1>

