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MARR AREA partnership

Dear All,

Have Your Say: Working Together for Better Mental Health & Wellbeing. Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership is developing an adult mental health and wellbeing strategy which will determine its future mental health and wellbeing priorities. To help shape this work please come along to one of their workshops and share your views and ideas. These events (in Marr they are taking place in Huntly, Alford and Banchory) are open to all on a drop-in basis.

[Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy dates.pdf](#)

Cairngorms LEADER 2014-2020 last call for funding applications. Cairngorms LEADER team would like anyone with ideas for funding to get in touch with them as soon as possible. The last date for funding applications will be February 2019.

The Cairngorms LEADER programme supports communities and businesses across the Cairngorms National Park. The programme has had high demand for support for tourism-related projects therefore funding for this kind of project is now very limited and only "exceptionally strong" applications will succeed. The team are still looking for projects that deliver against Community Capacity Building, Growing the Economy of the Park, Young People, Transport & Service Provision, Landscape, Heritage & Wildlife and Recreation. There is high demand for the remaining funding from Enterprise & Tourism applicants; however we are very interested to hear from Community groups. If you are part of, or have contact with a community group that is seeking funding we would ask you to get in touch as soon as possible.

If you have a project idea that has not yet started and that you can deliver by March 2020 we would like to hear from you. Our next deadline for full applications is 22nd October. If you would like to be considered for that funding round you should contact us before the end of August 2018.

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CLAN Cancer Support in Alford. From Tuesday, 4th September, CLAN Cancer Support will be providing drop-in information and support for anyone affected by cancer within the Alford Library Conference Room. This support is offered free of charge and is open to anyone affected by a diagnosis, whether personally, through a family member, friend or colleague.

Ride Across Britain coming to Aberdeenshire. Deloitte's "Ride Across Britain" will be passing through Cairngorms National Park over Fri 14th and Sat 15th September. This is a significant charity event with over 850 participants who cycle Land's End to John O'Groats in 9 days, camping en masse overnight. The event also involves a large number of support staff and vehicles.

Now in its 9th year it has previously taken a route from Glasgow up the side of Loch Ness to Inverness and beyond, but this year the route will be passing through the National Park as follows:

Friday 14th Sep – From Edinburgh, come into National Park on A93 from Blairgowrie, to Glenshee, then through **Braemar, Ballater**, onto A944 and finish at **Bellabeg** (Strathdon) for the night, staying at the Lonach Highland Games site.

Sat 15th Sep - set off in waves between 6 and 7 am and cycle over the **Lecht**, through **Tomintoul** and down to **Grantown on Spey (feeding station)**, then take the A939 over Dava Moor to pick up the NCN to

Community Land week from 11 - 19 August, a series of events to give the public a better understanding of community land ownership and its benefits. The Scottish Government is supporting it and there are currently 16 events confirmed across Scotland. <http://www.communitylandscotland.org.uk/whats-new/community-land-week/>

kind regards
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