

## LOCHWATCH LOCH AWE

### NEWS JANUARY 2014

Hello folks, Some snippets below to keep you up to date...

#### **DONALD**

Many of you will know that Donald Wilson recently suffered a stroke; he is making a good recovery but for the foreseeable future Murray and I will be the link with the emergency services so please contact either of us about LochWatch issues; incidents; etc. Our numbers are in the LochWatch packs.

#### **PATROL BOAT**

The boat is currently in Oban and is being fitted with the radar unit kindly bought by the MacQueen Charitable Trust at a cost of £2800. The boat will be based at Innischonain where a pontoon will be installed at the old boathouse.

#### **COOK BOOK**

– the book will be published in time for Easter; if you have a recipe please forward it as soon as possible.

#### **FISHING SEASON 2014**

– it is planned to have the boat in the water for the start of the 2014 season and at the same time the cookbook will be launched. March 2014 is the fifth anniversary of the deaths of the four fishermen and the families of the men plan to do some fundraising for LochWatch to mark that fateful night.

#### **CHARITABLE STATUS**

– Loch Watch now has charitable status having satisfied the Office of the Charity Regulator for Scotland. Trustees are Iain MacKinnon (Chair); Murray Humphries; Louise Glen-Lee (Secretary); Jamie McGrigor; Roddy McCuish and David Adams-McGilp. Charity number is SC044477. Obtaining charitable status has meant that the Loch Awe Safety Company (LASC) has ceased to exist.

#### **FUNDRAISING**

- various people continue to donate to LochWatch including the proprietors of two fast food vans based in Oban. £162 was recently handed over by the proprietor of the fast food van based near Bookers in Oban. Karen Campbell, a work colleague of mine, walked the West Highland Way in the summer and raised £250.

### HI VIZ WAISTCOATS

– we recently received a donation of 30 hi-viz waistcoats, orange colour, that will be issued to LochWatch volunteers for use when on the road or shore during incidents. Murray and I plan to drop them off to you over the next few weeks.

### SAFETY SIGNS

- a number of the signs have blown away in the gales and will be replaced in time for the 2014 fishing season. If you think a sign might be useful in your neck of the woods, please let me know.

### FACEBOOK

– LochWatch now has a Facebook page; search for LochWatch Loch Awe

All the best for 2014  
Cheers!

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