

INCH GARDEN COMPETITION 2021

The Inch Community Association is holding a gardening competition for Inch residents, so if you have green fingers and love your garden it's time to show it off! All you have to do is submit 4 - 5 photos of your garden to enter the draw. First, second and third places will win a voucher to spend

at our local Inch Nursery. The competition closes on the 31st August 2021, and we will announce the winners on Friday 10th September.

You can submit your entries online here via email at:

contact@inchhouse.co.uk

or post to:
Inch Community Association
225 Gilmerton Road,
EH16 5UF

Simply include your photos and contact details to register.

We can't wait to see your lovely gardens! Good luck everyone.





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Quote "Inch Park House" to receive a 10% discount on your order.

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Get in touch for more information!

Contact us

 contact@inchhouse.co.uk

 [@inchhousecommunitycentre](https://www.facebook.com/inchhousecommunitycentre)

 www.inchhouse.scot

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Inch House Newsletter



The latest news and updates from Inch House Community Centre



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WELCOME

It is now 15 months since the closure of Inch House due to the covid pandemic; however amidst the current easing of national lockdown restrictions, there is growing optimism that we are finally emerging from the worst of this long pandemic period. During this period, the Inch Community Association (ICA) house-based activities ceased in order to comply with covid restrictions and we also had to reduce our paid staff to reflect this reduction in activity

and associated revenue. Nevertheless during the lockdown period, the Association held its AGM in December and our new Trustees have been taking steps with Edinburgh Council staff to secure the Inch House building and to make plans for its reopening once we can safely do this. So we are looking forward to reopening Inch House as soon as we can and welcoming back our many user groups and to reconnecting with our local community.



FREE CAKE!

Cake Raffle - courtesy of Planet of the cakes.

Planet of the cakes a local Inch business has generously donated a cake, and you can win just by signing up to be Member!

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Draw on 20/08/2021, see website for terms and conditions.

INCH HOUSE

In common with all other community centres across the city, Edinburgh Council closed Inch House in March 2020. The house currently remains closed to the public and also to the numerous user groups who had used the House regularly for many years prior to the covid pandemic. Fortunately, from last September, the Liberton After School Club (LASC) was permitted by Edinburgh Council to make use of the ground floor on weekday afternoons, and this arrangement has continued successfully since then, following strict Council guidance and protocols and with support from the

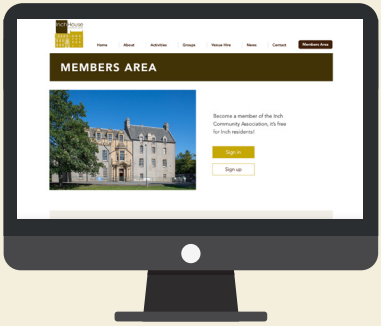
ICA House keyholder and Edinburgh Council facilities management staff. ICA Trustees are currently working with Edinburgh Council community centre management staff to facilitate the reopening of Inch House as soon as possible, while ensuring strict compliance with applicable Scottish Government and Edinburgh Council guidance. It is hoped that a phased opening of the House to user groups and the wider Inch community can be rolled out later in the summer months. Please check our website or Facebook page for updates on the status and details of this process.

VOLUNTEERS

In order to assist the Association deliver its programme of future activities and events, we are on the lookout for volunteers. Details of volunteering opportunities and contact details are on our website and Facebook page – or you can just email us at:

contact@inchhouse.co.uk

MEMBERSHIP



Become a member of the Inch Community Association, it's free for Inch residents! Meet other members of the community and have a say in what happens and input to local events. The Inch community Association is here to benefit the Inch Community through the promotion of a range of initiatives to support and encourage community development and well-being for all Inch residents.

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'SAVE INCH PARK' CAMPAIGN

As you may know Inch Park is directly threatened by Edinburgh Council's City Plan 2030 proposals to build housing for up to 2000 people in Inch Park Plant Nursery, smack in the centre of the Park. Moreover, the Council has made no attempt to share its plans for the Nursery development with the local Inch Community. Such a development would destroy the unique character of Inch Park for ever. Instead of trees, there would be a view of concrete, and instead of people, there would be hundreds

of extra cars criss-crossing Inch Park daily as the new residents inevitably use the existing road through the park as a 'rat run'. This cannot be allowed to happen. Inch Community Association has collected over 4000 signatures through an internet petition as part of its campaign to stop the development and has passed them onto the Council. We have called on the Council's Planning Committee to reject this terrible proposal when it meets on 11th August. We will keep you posted.



LITTER PICK

If litter in the streets and park infuriates you like it does us then come along later this summer for our community litter pick event. Let's make a difference, pollution is everyone's problem. Keeping the streets and park clean is a great way to give back and this hard work will have a visible effect on the Inch. Details of this event and others - for residents and volunteers - will be publicised on our website and Facebook page.

BALSAM BASH

As Inch residents know, Inch Park is particularly beautiful at this time of year, as the trees bud and blossom and the long evenings arrive. To keep our park looking great, the Association has commenced an early summer campaign to tackle and remove the invasive Himalayan Balsam species from along the banks of the Braid Burn within lower Inch Park. This plant, which grows in vast numbers along the Braid Burn, is a disaster for local nature. Few insects in this country can eat it, it smothers out native Scottish plants and causes serious erosion of riverbanks, which can lead to flooding. Getting rid of it is a major nature conservation goal. Check the website and Facebook for more details.