



# Food & Drink

## NEWSLETTER

### Certification Mark Launch For Galloway & Southern Ayrshire Biosphere

On 13<sup>th</sup> June, Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere launched their certification scheme at the beautiful surrounds of Culzean Castle estate after a successful pilot campaign which saw two Ayrshire businesses receive their certification mark. Balkissock Lodge B&B in Ballantrae was one of those successful businesses who have been rewarded for their consideration for the natural environment as well as its fantastic Ayrshire food offering for guests. This excellent achievement for this popular B&B in Ayrshire, and paves the way for many more Ayrshire businesses to apply for the scheme in the future.

The launch of the certification mark was an opportunity to highlight the global value of the UNESCO designations and the potential of the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere to support sustainability, economic development and tourism in South West Scotland. Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs, Fiona Hyslop, presented the awards after passionate speeches from GSA Biosphere representatives Ed Forrest & Marie McNulty, as well as Dr Beth Taylor, chair of UK National Commission for UNESCO.

The scheme is now open therefore to get involved in the Biosphere Certification Mark visit:

<http://www.gsabiosphere.org.uk/launch-of-new-certification-mark-for-businesses/>



### Woody's Launch Ice Cream & Dessert Bar

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June was a hugely important day for sisters Jill and Gail Woodburn of Woody's Ice-Cream as they opened the doors to their fantastic new Ice Cream & Dessert Bar in Mauchline. Their new venture is another step in the development of their fantastic brand and award winning ice cream products which has grown substantially over the past few years. For those wishing to try out the new venue, it is open from 11am-9pm throughout the summer. **We wish Jill & Gail every success in their new venture!**

### Laird's Table Now Open At Craufordland Estate

Set on the tranquil surrounds of a private loch, The Laird's Table is a fantastic new casual dining restaurant, where you can sample the finest, locally sourced, fresh food with an uninterrupted view over Ayrshire countryside. The Laird's Table is the perfect place to enjoy some wonderful food in a relaxed yet gorgeous setting.

**For Bookings please phone: 01560 600 003 or visit:**

<https://craufordland.co.uk/lairds-table-restaurant/>



### Regional Food Fund – Now Open For Applications

The Connect Local Regional Food Fund (RFF) is a grant to support growth in Scotland's local / regional food and drink sector. This is a competitive fund and

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applicants can apply for grants up to a maximum of £5000. This fund will support initiatives and projects in Scotland which celebrate and promote locally sourced and produced food and drink, in line with the priorities of **Ambition 2030**. The fund is for collaborative projects where groups of producers and food & drink businesses benefit from these initiatives and projects are expected to deliver benefits over the long-term. More information is provided in the Guidance Notes.

### Deadline for Round 1 Applications – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018

For more information: <https://connectlocal.scot/funding/regional-food-fund/>

**Got an event coming up?** Why not share your event for publishing on the Ayrshire Food & Drink calendar where businesses and consumers can get up to date event information. This is a free resource available to all Ayrshire food and drink businesses.

[Submit Your Event Here](#)

### Upcoming Events List

[www.ayrshirefoodanddrink.co.uk](http://www.ayrshirefoodanddrink.co.uk)

#### June

29/6 – 1/7	Malt & Music Festival (Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> June - Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> July).
29	Girvan Community Market
30	Ayrshire Farmers' Market - Paisley

#### July

1 <sup>st</sup>	Malt & Music Festival (Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> June - Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> July).
6 <sup>th</sup>	Girvan Community Market
7 <sup>th</sup>	Ayrshire Farmers' Market - Ayr
8 <sup>th</sup>	Ballantrae Farmers' Market
9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	RSPH Level 3 HACCP for Manufacturers
13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Wigtown Food Festival
13 <sup>th</sup>	Girvan Community Market
14 <sup>th</sup>	Ayrshire Farmers' Market - Paisley
14 <sup>th</sup>	Alloway Guid Fayre Market
15 <sup>th</sup>	Dumfries House Food Market
20 <sup>th</sup>	Girvan Community Market
21 <sup>st</sup>	Ayrshire Farmers' Market - Kilmarnock
23 <sup>rd</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	RSPH Advanced Level 4 HACCP
27 <sup>th</sup>	Girvan Community Market
28 <sup>th</sup>	Ayrshire Farmers' Market - Paisley

