

HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS BEN FUND NEWS !

There are lots of great news items and stories coming in about the National Car Wash and here's one of them from **David Hourston** on behalf of the **Flotta Fire Team ! ~**

We were not expecting a very busy day but we had an excellent turnout from the locals and some visitors as well. Some of the children even took their bikes to get washed and we also had people who did not have a car giving us a donation. We raised £189 which is more than we thought possible for such a small Community and just shows that they regard the FSNBF as a worthwhile cause.

Bonar Bridge Fire Station crew and family have been very busy over the last few months!

Congratulations and a big thank you to **Sarah McAughtrie** who decided to raise money for the Ben Fund this year when she took part in the Vale of Leven 10K at Loch Lomond on 19th June. She raised **£262** in sponsorship and Gift Aid! Sarah's dad is a firefighter at Bonar Bridge Retained Fire Station so she's well versed on the Ben Fund and all its good work. Thanks Sarah not only for your support but the support of all your family and friends.

..... Followed by **Mr and Mrs McAughtire** asking family and friends to donate to the Ben Fund instead of Gifts at their Silver Wedding anniversary celebrations in July this year raising a wonderful **£448** for the Ben Fund.

The local "Whist Drive" took on a new turn this month **Mr McAughtrie** and his crew from Bonar Bridge Fire Station decided to introduce a Community Fire Safety message and check everyone there had a smoke detector installed, and if not organised a visit from their local Station Rep! Of course, in true Bonar Bridge style, **Mrs Isabel McAughtrie** made sure they raised money on the night for the Ben Fund – a super **£114 !!** Thanks once again not only for all your support, but for constantly thinking up new ways to raise money for your favourite charity.

Watch this space for more Ben Fund news – and if you have any articles or stories yourself on Ben Fund Fundraising please send them in – and don't forget to attach a picture if you have one! :o))

Margaret
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