

LSCC AGM 2025 Update

Preparations for the AGM are progressing well. This update has important information about:

1. The closing date for bookings for members and prospectives (20th Oct)
2. Additional information we need from you
3. Possible workshops/activities/sharings
4. Additional information regarding the accommodation
5. Catering
6. Important information about how to get the best price for Dunoon ferry tickets and car-sharing
7. How to book, reminder.

Final information will be in the November Newsletter. All this is also on club website; Meets page.

1. CLOSING DATE: Please note that **final numbers and full payments are due by 20th October**, so please sign up without delay. Instructions are at the end of this fact sheet and will be reposted on the club website Meets Page.
2. INFO WE NEED FROM YOU: In addition to paying using the relevant code, would anyone with any **special dietary requirements** please email Amanda. (amandajgrant@yahoo.co.uk) with the relevant information, vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, dairy-free, msg-free etc.
3. WORKSHOPS/ACTIVITIES: When exploring options and how to make this year's AGM a bit different a few people suggested workshop sessions. Great idea - The AGM is the biggest meet on our calendar and our members are our greatest resource, with a huge amount of experience, skills and knowledge, so we plan to use you!

We want to offer a range of activities and knowledge sharing.

- Thea has already offered a 2hr session at the Benmore wall.
- Have you had a trip that you can share, like Katie D's offer about her family adventure in the Dolomites?
- Do you have a 'Trip list' with locations, routes, maps/gear used, venues, best tips to share?
- Are you super-fast and safe with knots and belays? Could you bring a few ropes and help friends increase their confidence and speed tying knots?
- How many different skis/bindings do we have between us? Bring your skis for 'Show and Tell' and we can learn about different types of skiing and their requirements.
- Make your own dehydrated food? Have you any tips to share?
- Gaelic place name meanings? We might need Katie's daughter for pronunciation but Noelle can get it started
- Or can you share your plant/mushroom/lichen expertise with friends? Benmore Gardens are ours to explore..

If you are willing to volunteer a 'sharing' at the AGM weekend, please email Amanda. All ideas welcome.

Most bookings so far are for 2 nights so activities may start on Saturday morning. The AGM sub-group will include the final info sheet and timetable in the November Newsletter.

That's just suggestions for rainy dark November inside activities! As always there are the hills to walk, hike, climb, trails to mountain bike, beaches to kayak or swim from, and an orienteering course to hone your navigation skills.

4. ACCOMMODATION: Benmore house is like a hostel, bed linen is provided, please remember to **bring a towel**. We have been offered enough rooms so that everyone will get a bottom bunk. There is one ground floor room with 2 beds which will be allocated on request, please let Amanda know if you need a ground floor room. All other available rooms will be indicated with a note 'LSCC' on the door; pick a bed and make yourself at home.

5. CATERING:

BYOB - (Bring your own booze)

Friday night and Sat morning are self-catering. Access to Benmore - time yet to be confirmed.

Saturday Meals & times:

1pm - Lunch: Home made soup, filled rolls, bread, fruit, biscuits. Roll options:

Chicken, cheese, egg mayo, tuna mayo

Time TBC- Cake and tea/coffee: Carrot cake

Time TBC - AGM meeting

6pm Dinner: Steak pie, potatoes, veg. Vegetarian option on request. Desert:

Beetroot brownie & ice cream

Time TBC - Ceilidh

Sunday,- Breakfast - 8.30. 12pm - check out

6. TRANSPORT:

FERRY: Car drivers can save ~£25 on the return Western Ferries crossing from Gourock to Dunoon by buying your tickets in advance. You can do this on the day from any of these shops.

And here is the link to the ferry timetable - <https://www.western-ferries.co.uk/pages/summer-timetable>

INVERCLYDE	ADDRESS	POSTCODE	OPENING TIMES
Greenock	The Co-operative Food 21 Eldon Street	PA16 7UG	Mon – Sun 07:00 – 22:00
Gourock	The Co-Operative Food 10-14 Cardwell Road	PA19 1UH	Mon-Sun 0600-2200
Gourock	SPAR, 97 Shore Street	PA19 1RB	Mon-Sun 0600-2200
Wemyss Bay	Co-op Food Wemyss Bay, Shore Road	PA18 6AR	Mon – Sun 07:00 - 22:00

CAR SHARE: Please let MaryS know if you are either willing to car share or on the other hand might have difficulty getting to Benmore (mary.605@talktalk.net)

7. HOW TO BOOK

Options for LSCC AGM Saturday 22/11/25, Benmore Outdoor Centre

AGM 2025 options	Members			Non-members	
	Early Bird rate ¹	Full rate	Code for payment	Prospective / guest	Code for payment
Saturday night, dinner, B&B, plus lunch, tea/coffee/cake, AGM, ceilidh and access ² .	£63	£68	M-1N	£72	G-1N
Friday night (bed only - self cater) Saturday - dinner B&B plus lunch, tea/coffee/cake, AGM ceilidh and access ² .	£93 (30 + 63)	£98 (30 + 68)	M-2N	£102	G-2N
AGM, lunch, coffee/cake, dinner, ceilidh and access ² .	£32		MLD	£36	GLD
AGM coffee/cake, dinner, ceilidh and access ² .	£25		MD	£29	GD
AGM & coffee/cake, lunch & ceilidh and access ² .	£19		ML	£23	GL
AGM & coffee/cake & ceilidh (no dinner).	£0		MC	£4	GC

Notes:

1. **Early-bird rate** - No longer applies.
2. **Access** is a venue charge by Benmore Activity Centre allowing access to the whole of the house and grounds including the Climbing Wall, orienteering course, gardens.
3. **Vanners** - Attendees sleeping in their van at Benmore overnight will pay the full rate, options 1 or 2 above. Use banking code **VM-1N or VM-2N**. Non-members: please use **VG-1N or VG-2N** as appropriate.
4. **Tip** - voluntary £2 tip for staff at Benmore included in totals.
5. **Bank Account** - for all payments - Ladies Scottish Climbing Club; 80-08-98; 00509698: **Please use the reference codes shown in the table.** Justine will let us know who has paid and for how many nights.
6. **Email Amanda only if any special dietary requirements.**

Thank you to all who have already booked and paid. We are looking forward to seeing as many as can make it to Benmore and hope you will enjoy the meet

Emilia, Amanda, Svetlana, MaryS, Emmanuelle, Thea, Noelle.
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