



LOCAL & GLOBAL

The GlenWyvis Distillery Newsletter

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A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

It has been a humbling experience being part of the **GlenWyvis** story from the outset and there is no doubt that John McKenzie and the team have done incredibly well to get us to where we are now. Having been elected as Chairman of the board of directors, I am now looking forward to working with my fellow Directors to put whisky distilling back at the heart of the historic Highland town of Dingwall.

Living and working in the local area has allowed me to build trusted relationships across the community. Now over 2,500 people, many of them local, and many others from all over the world, have had the confidence to invest in **GlenWyvis**. Working together, I believe we will make this distillery a landmark local development that we can all be proud of. And, as chairman of the Board, I will seek to serve **GlenWyvis** with pride, determination and passion during my tenure.

David O'Connor, Chairman

CELEBRATING A WORLD FIRST FOR SCOTLAND

It was on the 16th of April 2016, the 270th anniversary of the Battle of Culloden, that we launched our community share offer. Over the next frantic months, investment poured in from all over the globe with investors originating from some 30 different countries! Our initial funding target of £1.5 million was quickly passed as people got behind our vision to create the world's first community-owned distillery. When the initial share offer eventually closed at noon on the 8th of July, the final amount raised was over £2.5 million – breaking the UK record for a community-funded project! Now with more than 2,500 investors/owners involved, it is up to the team here at **GlenWyvis** to make this collective dream a reality.



NEW CHAIRMAN BRINGS AUTHORITY TO THE ROLE



Back at the start of August, we were delighted to announce that David O'Connor had been elected as the first Chairman of the **GlenWyvis Distillery Community Benefit Society**.

A police officer for 31 years, David was police commander in Dingwall and Inverness prior to serving as President of the Association of Scottish Police Superintendents. Upon retiring, David took a non-executive Director's role at Ross County Football Club where he is currently the Operations Manager. The board believes that David's appointment brings the authority and continuity required to enable the Society to deliver a successful distillery for all members. David lives with his wife Gillian in Dingwall and has four children and three grandchildren.



MEET THE BOARD

The Board of Directors (left to right) – Richard Lockett (Vice-Chair), Stuart Nickerson (Whisky Consultant), William Reynolds (Architect), David O'Connor (Chairman), Jenny Henderson (Director), Hazel Allen (Finance Director), Neil Urquhart (Director), John McKenzie (Managing Director) and James Cameron (Building Contractor)

INVESTOR REWARDS ARE ON THEIR WAY

Since our share offer closed in July, we have been very busy organising and packaging rewards for our investors. With more than 3000 parcels to go out it is no simple task. We are working on a planned distribution around normal daily business, and we are now well over half way through it with parcels being sent to Friends and Founders based all over the world every day. We would like to thank everyone for their patience and assure you that we're working hard to get all the rewards – excluding tours and helicopter flights – completed and sent by the end of September.



NEW ARRIVALS ON THE GLENWYVIS FARM

As many of you will know, the **GlenWyvis** distillery is being built on farmland above Dingwall that is leased from our managing director, John McKenzie. Small scale farming is very much part of the craft distilling ethos we aspire to – and this month we welcomed four of the world's cutest sheep to the farm. Despite their teddy bear-like appearance, Valais Black Nose sheep are actually a tough breed and we invited friends of **GlenWyvis** to name the two young males. The winners were William and Heather Cahoon from Arizona, USA, (Member No.1586), who suggested Malt & Barley. We hope that Malt & Barley will become local stars and have many happy years at **GlenWyvis**.



GLENWYVIS ON CAMERA

On the 1st September, we switch on the new **GlenWyvis** Distillery-Cam. The CCTV operation will provide views over Dingwall 24/7 and views of the distillery site at selected times. We will regularly notify members by social media when the site camera is on – so that you can view progress. Unfortunately, due to strict Health & Safety regulations, we cannot allow public access to the site during construction. We also need to keep the site entrance clear for construction traffic. However, with the Distillery-Cam operational, all members can now keep a safe eye on progress with the world's first community-owned distillery!



SALES AND EVENTS



Craig McRitchie, who has been working with the GlenWyvis project from the start, has now been appointed as Head of Sales and Events. Craig's popular gin tasting events have played an important role in raising GlenWyvis brand awareness to date. If you'd like to experience one yourself, then keep an eye out in future newsletters and across social media for dates and details of all the events that Craig and the team will be attending.

SUPPORT YOUR DISTILLERY BY BUYING GLENWYVIS!

With distillery ground preparation underway, all our members are encouraged to show their continued support by buying from **GlenWyvis**! Competition in the craft distilling market is getting very hot, and all members can support their **OWN** distillery by buying GlenWyvis Gin and merchandise in the early years. And, as a way of saying thank you for your support now, we will be introducing special deals online that will only be available to members who have invested in **GlenWyvis**.

We currently have bottles of our Friends & Founders edition of GlenWyvis Gin available at just £30 while stocks last. And what's more if you would like extra t-shirts, we have both Friends & Founders t-shirts and 'I own a Scotch distillery' t-shirts available for only £14 each. We are also working with a local chocolatier to create **GlenWyvis** gin chocolates in time for Christmas!

The best way to buy is by placing telephone orders and paying via BACS – this keeps costs to a minimum. In the meantime, we will keep all members up to date with the latest online offers – which will soon include a special edition GlenWyvis Whisky to complement our gin – so that you can support **YOUR** distillery through the early years. All our shareholders are **GlenWyvis** ambassadors and sales people too. **YOU are our strength!**

The small town of Dingwall in the Highlands of Scotland has a long association with distilling. The last distillery closed in 1926.

GLEN : The first half of our name comes from Glenskiach Distillery, Evanton 1896-1926.

WYVIS : The second half comes from BenWyvis / Ferintosh Distilleries, Dingwall 1879-1926

GlenWyvis is unique. The distillery is owned by a Community of supporters Worldwide. 100% powered by renewable energy.

GlenWyvis has a smooth, quality taste.

Built on history, powered by nature.



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