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Press Release

Jock o' Bennachie's Summer Activities

Ever tried to eat like a blackbird using spaghetti? Or looked under a stone to see what creepy crawlies lived there? Or made a café for birds? All these activities and others are part of a free online summer holiday programme being produced by the conservation charity, the Bailies of Bennachie.

Over the summer holidays three online activity packages for primary aged children based on nature will be produced on the website www.bailiesofbennachie.co.uk. These activities will feature Bennachie's famous mythical giant, "Jock o Bennachie", and will come out once a fortnight, each including a small competition.

Bennachie is the inspiration for the holiday programme. At the moment public toilets are closed on the hill so although the activities are motivated by Bennachie they can be followed by going to a local park or woodland area. The themes are 'birds', 'things that grow', and 'mini beasts and pollinators'. The first set of activities is available now on the Bailies website.

The resources have been developed by Bailies Trustees and associates. Jackie Cumberbirch explained:

"The COVID-19 lockdown has given many people a new appreciation of nature and this is a great time to go outside and notice the living world around us. It has also showed how online resources can be used in new and exciting ways. Families have had months of home learning and limited options for summer plans so we hope Jock o Bennachie's fun summer activities will enable them to go online and outside, enjoy themselves and learn at the same time."

"Never have the benefits of being outdoors and active been more important. These ready to use packages of resources aim to provide north east children with exciting relevant materials with a local flavour."

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culture -
protecting this unique landscape for future generations**