

CENTRE 81
G A R E L O C H H E A D

ACTIVE
81

Three Lochs
Hostel

ROUTE
R81
PROJECT
YOUTH

Project 81

A Centre of Excellence at the Heart of the Community.
Enriching the lives of Local People



2002...

**Formation of Garelochhead and
Portincaple Community Trust**

Community Action Plan developed

4 sub-committees formed to look in to

Economic development

Paths and local links

Environment

Youth provision

2003...

Representatives from

- **Garelochhead Church,**

Garelochhead and Portincaple Community

- **and local Young People**

met together and identified the need for

a local Youth Project

there was nowhere for young people

and not a lot of things to do!

2004...

A group of adults and young people met regularly to discuss and make important decisions about the type of Youth Project they wanted to create.

They decided to call it Route 81. The project was registered as a Charity and the fundraising quest began to employ staff.

2005...

**A variety of funders granted over £54,000
Some Project Workers were employed**

**Their job was to
organise a fortnightly youth event for local youth
which took place in the local church hall
to know and work with other local agencies
to work with the Route 81 Directors to
find a building for Route 81
and more importantly...to find money to**

2005-11

We worked out of a cupboard in the local Church but it never held us back



2006...

came a company limited by guarant

of meetings/ events / promotion /part

- IT WAS A BUSY TIME!!!!

ill hadn't found a building yet!

2007-2009...

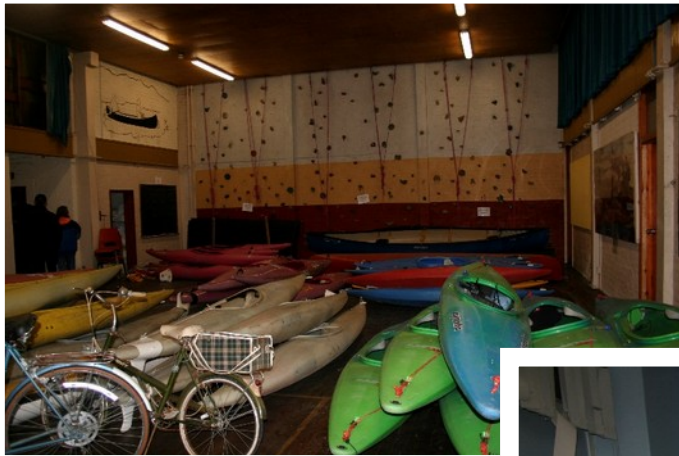
And then we found the ideal place!!!!

On the 6th April 2009, Route 81 took legal ownership of the former Garelochhead Outdoor Centre...now known as Centre 81!

**The Centre was bought for £200,000
And then we had to find a further £ 1.4M
to renovate it!
Total cost £1.6 MILLION POUNDS!!!**

2009...

**It came
fully
equipp
ed**



2010...

The first task was to clear the Centre



2010...

Then the builders came in



2010...

... and made some interesting finds



50s Frieze found under the panelling in the Gym.

The cost...

The BIG Lottery £773,160.00

SRDP (Rural Priorities) £553,697.00

The Scottish Government: Climate
Challenge Fund £182,025.00

The Scottish Government: Wider Role
Fund £50,000.00

Community Energy Scotland £50,974.99

Scottish Power Green Energy Trust
£10,703.00

TOTAL: £1,620,559.99

A brand new facade brings the centre up to date

2010...

As the building was going to be much too big for a youth centre alone it was decided to use the Hall and other facilities to provide much needed community facilities for the village and surrounding area

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2011...
Centre 81 opened!!!





Party Time



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SALTIRE AWARDS

SUSTAINABILITY
&
SKILLING UP OUR
JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS



PROJECT WORK
&
OTHER ACTIVITIES



FUNDRAISING

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2015
Celebrating Voluntary Action in Argyll & Bute
Winners! Route 81



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- ▶ To provide a permanent base for Route 81
- ▶ To develop facilities for the wider community
 - Indoor sports area
 - Gym & Fitness suite
 - IT suite
 - Café and meeting place
 - Conference/Functions/ Meeting Room Hire
- ▶ To retain the residential component
 - Three Lochs Hostel
 - Whole Centre lets for residential groups



Active 81



**Community
Gym**

Fitness Classes

**Personal
training**



Three Lochs Hostel

Providing
comfortable,
affordable
accommodation for
Tourists and
Travellers



The Future...

A Centre of Excellence which is sustainable and responsive to the continually changing roles asked of us by the Community