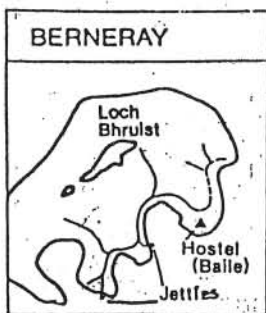


HEBRIDEAN HOSTELLERS



NEWSLETTER No. 1

APRIL 1984



This year's major project will be the renewal of the roof and rebuilding of the porch at Berneray.

The peace and quiet of this small island in the Sound of Harris and the idyllic location of the hostel on the foreshore justifies this major commitment.

PLANS

Using a local builder we plan to take off the old roof and reconstruct it with new timbers, boards and felt prior to rethatching. The porch will be rebuilt with blocks or stone. It will contain a new kitchen and shower.

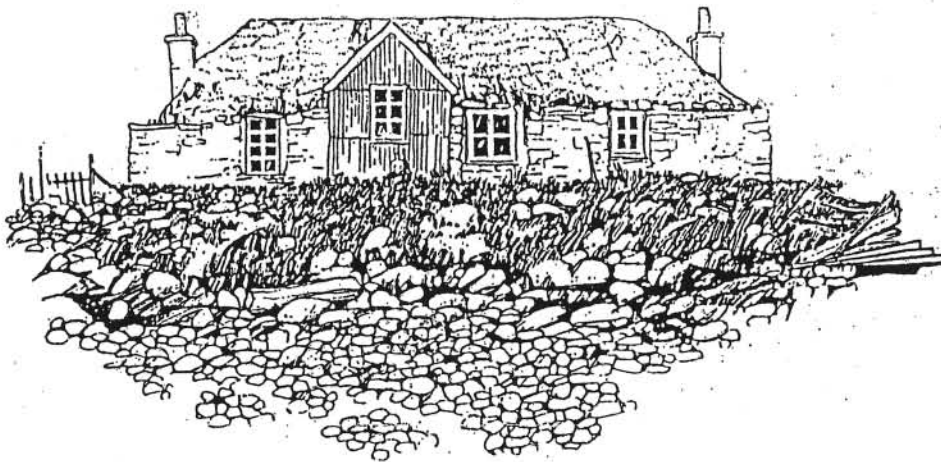
This work is necessary because the roof timbers are in a bad state. Some of the trusses have cracked giving problems with

the thatch. The corrugated iron porch is now full of holes. This together with other small defects means that the house actually lets in rain during bad weather.

COST

We expect this work to cost £5000 - £10000. We hope to obtain grant assistance from a public body but this will still require the Trust to find a high proportion of the cost.

We aim to have the exact figures by the June Trustees' meeting, so they will be available for discussion at the July meeting of the Hebridean Hostellers.



CLADDACH BALESHARE

This is the second season with the new house at Claddach Baleshare. Mr and Mrs Tosh, the owners, have made the house very cosy and hope to carry out further improvements during the year.

HOWMORE

John Joyce is taking a work party to Howmore at Easter. This will carry out decorating, minor repairs and cleaning. The front door will be altered to stop it letting in the rain.

RHENIGIDALE

The skylight is to be repaired and, possibly, the floor of the women's dormitory concreted.

Thanks to the Integrated Development Programme, a land-rover track will be reaching Rhenigidale within 2 years. Yes, we have heard this before, but this time it really might happen.

GOING TO THE HEBRIDES THIS YEAR?

If you are thinking of going up to the Hebrides this year, a revised version of our leaflet Hostelling in the Outer Hebrides is available from

John Joyce, 91, Knollys Road, Streatham, London SW16. (S.A.E. please)

WORK PARTIES

A large number of Hebridean Hostellers agreed to join a work party "if organised at a convenient time". All being well, we will be organising an end of season working party - details to be agreed.

During 1985 there will be two work parties - one at Easter and one during September.

Proposed dates for all these work parties will be circulated as soon as possible.

INAUGURAL MEETING

The inaugural meeting of the Hebridean Hostellers will take place on

Saturday 21 July 1984

at

158, Buckingham Palace Road

London SW1

at

2.30pm.

This will be an informal meeting to launch the group. Please bring slides, and photos of the Hebrides.

Everyone is most welcome. Bring your friends.