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- On his whistlestop tour of Gordon today, the Prince of Wales dropped into Garioch Sports Trust to open the first phase of the £1.5 million leisure complex.
- He also toured the premises of Lasalle Engineering before going on to the Harlaw Day Centre for people with disabilities.
- He was then scheduled to drop in for lunch at the Garioch Indoor Bowling Centre before heading on to local meat producers Donald Russell Ltd and the Community Woodland Scheme at Newseat of Manar.



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# BEAUT OF AN IDEA!

THE Prince of Wales was today invited to help keep Bennachie beautiful.

On a visit to Gordon district the Prince was asked to join with volunteer group the Bailies of Bennachie in preserving the area.

The nature-loving prince was presented with a book on the Bailies while officially opening the £400,000 Bennachie Centre.

It was in the news recently when it was revealed the ceremony would happen before it was ready to open full time.

However it was full today with exhibition material and local dignitaries and representatives of bodies involved in the centre.

The Prince spent some time

by Alison Riddell

studying display material around the custom-built centre near Chapel of Garioch.

Senior Ranger Fred Gordon, who will be based at the centre, said Prince Charles asked him how the local ranger service was organised.

Mr Gordon said: "We spoke about the difficulties of organising volunteers and he seemed genuinely interested in conservation."

The prince lingered longest with pupils from the primary schools of Clatt and Monymusk and Chapel of Garioch, who had prepared impressive projects for the special visit.

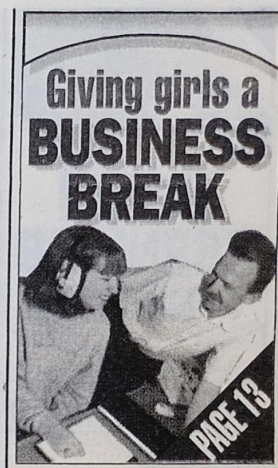
Stuart Young (11), of Chapel of Garioch school, presented Prince Charles with a copy of the school newspaper and Angus McRae (10), of Clatt, chatted with him about his computer projects.

As he was leaving the centre, Prince Charles was presented with a book on the Bailies by centre chairman James Mackay, who also suggested the Prince might like to join up.

The Prince smiled at the invitation but did not answer.

Mr Mackay said: "The Prince of Wales is very interested in environmental matters and also architecture so he was a very appropriate person to open the centre."

● HONOURED TO MEET YOU: The Prince of Wales meets pupils from Clatt Primart School during his visit to the Bennachie visitor centre today.  
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