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Home-Start Lorn provided the following report following their Community Ceilidh, for which they received a grant from the SafeDeposits Scotland Community Fund in its August 2024 funding round: On Saturday 23rd November we had our Home-Start Lorn Family Ceilidh and I am delighted to report that it was extremely successful. The venue at the Royal Hotel was perfect and we were thoroughly entertained by a superb Ceilidh band – Angus MacColl and friends.

Huge thanks to the SafeDeposits Scotland Community Fund for funding our community event and allowing us to make it bigger and better than in previous years. We were able to use our new branded items – such as the vibrant orange Home-Start Lorn tablecloth – to promote the charity and raise awareness to attendees who were not aware of us before. There was good representation from our lovely Home-Start families, but also plenty of new faces which was brilliant to see and shows that the appeal of the event had a wide reach. We hoped to bring the community together to enjoy a fun evening of traditional music and dance, and we are delighted that the event fulfilled this aim. It was especially successful from an inter-generational point of view, with a broad range of ages all dancing together.

In total there were 152 attendees and we raised of £1,445.40 through ticket sales and the charity raffle. All of these funds will go directly back into the community to help support vulnerable families within Oban and the surrounding area. It will help to fund our groupwork in particular and combat social isolation.