

Cormonachan Woodlands

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Welcome to Cormonachan Community Woodlands Ltd.

Cormonachan Community Woodlands - Members Update No 48

The Latest News - <http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/news.html> and Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/cormonachan> are updated regularly so in between Members Updates please look at these for news.

Cormonachan Community Woodlands Latest News



Association Jiboiana, the indigenous delegates from the Amazon Rainforest, attending COP26 in Glasgow, visited Cormonachan Community Woodlands Scottish Rainforest on Sunday 7th November 2021 and planted and blessed an Oak tree, that was donated by The Tree Shop in Cairndow, in a very moving ceremony near the Contemplation Shelter.

Visitors to the woodlands will find a plaque, donated by Raleigh International, in front of the Oak tree commemorating the visit.

Following the woodlands ceremony, there were speeches in the Lochgoil Village Hall, hosted by Raleigh International, by Jenni Minto, Argyll & Bute MSP; Leo Landon, President Association Jiboiana; Dee Locke, Secretary Cormanachan Community Woodlands; Phoebe Hanson, Youth Activist; Gordon Gray Stephens, Alliance for Scottish Rainforests; a passionate speech about climate change and the Amazon rainforest by Narrubia Werreria and followed by musical performances by the Association Jiboiana Amazonian group.



Cormanachan Community Woodlands received significant publicity with the photographs that appeared on the front pages of the Herald, Guardian, Independent & Scotsman on 8th November and locally in the Dunoon Observer. The Wee Goil will carry this story in December issue.

As part of this event, Raleigh International had 14 volunteers working in Cormanachan Woodlands every day from 1st to 6th November from 08.45 to 15.45 daily clearing bracken and scrub from around the 425 newly planted trees, removing self seeded Sitka Spruce and Rhododendron ponticum from the new path area and clearing logs off the path routes and at the Medieval Settlement where they planted 50 oak trees in the surrounding area. They also set up the Plinky Plonk, Drum Kit and Zilaphone musical woodland instruments opposite the totem pole area and cleared out the plantation area of scrub that had built up over the last

six years. They contributed over 500 hours of volunteering to help maintain our woodlands which was a great achievement and greatly appreciated.

On the weekend of 6th and 7th November, the Fife Conservation Group had 10 volunteers working in the woodlands felling Sitka spruce trees and 18 trees were felled as part of a five year programme to clear 210 trees all to be replaced with native trees. We were very grateful for their work, another 120 hours of volunteering help.

The next two Volunteers Days are on Friday 26th and Saturday 27th November from 10 am where on Friday, we have 100 oak trees to plant and on Saturday, 200 native trees to plant. We do hope to get as many local volunteers to help do this as possible.

Please book in advance before these events to help Frances Walker, our Volunteers Leader prepare PPE and tools. The tasks for the day are emailed to our volunteers prior to the Volunteers Days. Out of over 100 members, only 20 members are on the Volunteers list so if you would like to be added for occasional volunteering through the year please let Frances Walker know or the Secretary please - we do need volunteers... Frances' e-mail is Volunteers@cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk.

'The Woodlands Art Trail - 2021', in cooperation with Argyll Arts Collective had 30 sculptures and artworks on display during the month of October and 1,415 people visited it, averaging 46 visitors a day every day.

We now have the total number of visitors using the car park entrance to the woodlands for our first fully recorded year between October 1st 2020 and September 31st 2021 that totalled 9,081. This total did not include those entering and leaving by the Clach Bhadach roadside entrance that we estimate to be around 1,000. We have applied for funding for another people counter for that entrance now.

Our funded Rhododendron contractors are now clearing the woodlands.

Argyll Community Lottery has so far raised £108 to date, visit...

[Support Cormonachan Community Woodlands Ltd when you play Argyll Community Lottery - Argyll Community Lottery](#)

For every £1 you spend to win the top prize of £25,000, we receive 50p - our target is to have 50 members supporting us however we only have 8 supporters at present.



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The latest Board Meeting Minutes of 27th November 2021 can be viewed on this link: <http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/minutes-of-meetings/>



The Cormonachan Community Woodlands are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,400 shops and sites, including Amazon will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at:-

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cormonachancw/?invite=1KQ390&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=newssharebox

Fourteen members are now supporting the Cormonachan Community Woodlands regularly with their online purchases - Thank you for this great support and it costs you nothing... Funds raised go to support the maintenance of Cormonachan Community Woodlands. We have so far raised £182.60.

You can also support us using <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> and support Cormonachan where we get a commission on all purchases direct from Amazon.

Thank you so much!

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