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Welcome to Cormonachan Community Woodlands Ltd.

Cormonachan Community Woodlands - Members Update No 42

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.

On 1st April 2020, Cormonachan Community Woodlands Ltd, a limited company by guarantee, took over the Cormonachan Woodlands Association and its assets and all past members were invited to join the new organisation.

Our Membership Secretary, Dennis Bolt, sent out by e-mail on 1st June 2020 a reminder to all past members of the Association to please join the new organisation, [we need you and note there are two forms to sign.](#)
Contact - Membership@cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk

CCW Membership Application Form - (Each individual must sign a form): - <http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/CCW-Membership-Form-1.pdf> (Please tick membership category & all boxes as appropriate above signature and date).

CCW Membership Subscriber Form (All members of a household can sign a single form, everyone must sign this form as it's a legal requirement): - [http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/CCW sign memorandum for a company without a share capital-1.pdf](http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/CCW_sign_memorandum_for_a_company_without_a_share_capital-1.pdf) **PLEASE NOTE THAT BOTH THESE FORMS MUST BE SIGNED.**

Members' subscriptions are the only income we have to pay for the day to day running of the organisation. Almost all the work is carried out by volunteers however we have to pay for materials, insurance, equipment, maintenance, website hosting, stationery, etc. from your subscriptions.

Take Care and STAY SAFE.

Accounts for last year to 31st March 2020

The Association has changed to Cormonachan Community Woodlands Ltd. and the first year will run from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021. The accounts for the Cormonachan Woodlands Association can be viewed on the CCW website:-

<http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/cormonachan-history/accounts/>

"Upper Cormonachan Paths Project"

The CCW has applied for a £1,500 grant from Paths-for-All for a people counter. This will help us know how many visitors there are to the woodlands on a daily basis and it will help when applying for future grants.

The "Upper Cormonachan Paths Project Fund" has now reached **£14,764** as at 14th June 2020. As we are now having to find 5% of the full funding required for the construction costs of £323,484, that is **£16,175** so we now need to find an extra **£1,411** to meet the local donations required for the project funding. The project is currently on hold due to the Corona Virus Pandemic as currently we cannot hold any group volunteers days and the funders have put a hold on large funding at the present time. This funding is expected to reopen again for applications in October 2020.

The only other progress recently is that the 92 trees have now been felled along the new paths route and at the Settlement. The archaeological survey has also been completed and we are now awaiting the final report.

If you follow Facebook/Cormonachan you will see the Settlement and paths route photos showing the trees that have been felled. We are very grateful to Forestry and Land Scotland for having these trees felled over three days and for paying £900 for the work. They will be cutting up the three metre lengths in the months ahead, to be stacked into man-handle-able sizes for stacking at the sides of the paths route. One day, when we have our lease for the woodlands, we may have logs for sale.

More Deciduous Trees to plant in the Woodlands

We have been approved for a further 105 trees to plant in the woodlands inside the Squirrel Trail boundary where felling of Sitka spruce has taken place over the last few years for November 2020 from the Woodland Trust Fund for communities.

VOLUNTEERS' WEEK SCOT

Normally, the period 1st to 7th June annually is 'Volunteers Week Scotland' and last year we had three volunteers attend - 2 local volunteer leaders, 1 National Park volunteer and teachers of the Lochgoilhead Primary School with pupils putting up their 'Little People' sculptures in the woodlands. This year our volunteers were not be able to volunteer during that week due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

We would like to thank all those volunteers who helped in Cormonachan Community Woodlands between 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020. Those included 32 members who volunteered once or more times, 11 members who took training courses, 7 (twice) Fife Conservation Group members, 29 National Park volunteers and 950 primary school children with their teachers and Ardroy instructors.

Volunteering to maintain the woodlands and its paths network is so important and we hope after the epidemic is under control that more volunteers will come forward to help maintain the community woodlands for the future. Strimming the paths will be a priority by our strimmers.

Next Volunteers Days

All programmed future Volunteers Days have had to be cancelled or postponed for the time being due to the Corona Virus Pandemic. We will advise our volunteers when we can recommence the volunteering again.

Check out our 'Volunteering' page on our website:-

<http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/cormonachan-history/volunteering/> for more information.

Coop Local Community Fund

This fund since the end of October 2019 and until 24th October 2020 has now raised **£872.12 to 15th June 2020**. The Coop donate 1% of purchases made from any Coop products UK wide, providing the Cormonachan Community Woodlands has been chosen by a Coop member. If you are not a member, it costs £1 to join and you can join here - <https://membership.coop.co.uk/new-registration>.

Visit our Coop cause page at <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/36994>

Our target had been £256 for the initial signage however we should be able to purchase more signs for the new paths as a result. The Coop Fund has paid out an interim payment and so the original signage order was placed and the order has been received ready for erection.

Red Squirrel Hide Update

The hide is **closed** during the Corona Virus Pandemic.

WANTED... Two full members to apply to serve actively on the committee and become directors. Ask the Secretary for more details.

The present committee members are Don Kamsley, Chair; Douglas Locke, Secretary; Jimmy Sim, Treasurer; Dennis Bolt, Membership Secretary; David Thorpe (CEO, AOEC Trust Ltd) and Frances Walker, 6 of 8 available.

Latest News



Tail Piece...

Cormonachan Community Woodlands paths will remain open to local walkers subject to strict observance of the Government's 2 metre minimum social distancing requirements, with or without a dog(s). There are signs erected around the paths. You may not touch or use the red squirrel hide or the shed. You must not touch any of the sculptures or games. The ancient Atlantic oak and hazel woodlands will remain open during the Covid-19 Pandemic providing these requirements are observed. Please respect our "Leave No Trace" policy and keep a safe distance away from other walkers - Thank you.



Just letting you know that Cormonachan Community Woodlands are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 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/cormonachancommunitywoodlands/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-e1

Funds raised go to the 'Upper Cormonachan Paths Project Fund'.

Thank you so much!

Douglas Locke, Secretary (Voluntary)
Cormonachan Community Woodlands Ltd.