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Welcome to Cormonachan Community Woodlands Ltd.

### **Cormonachan Community Woodlands - Members Update No 46**

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**

- The Annual General Meeting of Cormonachan Community Woodlands Ltd. will be held on Wednesday 9th June 2021 at 7pm by Zoom. The AGM Agenda with Zoom access details are attached to the e-mail with this Members Update. The members will be asked to approve the company's Memorandum of Association (MoA) that has been approved by the Board of Directors and OSCR, the Scottish Charity Regulator. The MoA has to be submitted to Companies House once the members have approved them as well. The Memorandum can be viewed here:-  
<http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/CCW-Memorandum-of-Association-01042020.docx>
- Cormonachan Community Woodlands Ltd. (CCW) now has an active 20-year Lease with Forestry and Land Scotland since 1st April 2021. The 47-page lease, including appendixes can be viewed on the CCW website at:- <http://cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/ScanfullyexecutedLeaseCormonachanWoodlandspdf.pdf>  
An important change for the CCW is that we are now the Forest / Woodlands Managers and are able to use chainsaws with certificated volunteer members and contractors which had not been permissible under the previous Memorandum of Understanding. The Lease was also essential to obtain large funding.
- CCW now has charity status from OSCR, the Scottish Charity Regulator - Number SC050840 since 16th March 2021 -

See: - <http://cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/CCW-Charitable-Status-Award.pdf>

This allows us to obtain funding specifically available for charities and gift aid on donations.

- Native Tree Planting - We have now planted 425 native trees in the woodlands which is helping support BBC CountryFile's 'Plant Britain' Campaign to plant 750,000 trees by the end of this year. As at 3rd May 2021, their tree target had reached 425,131 in the UK of which 1,410 were planted in Argyll & Bute and of those 425 were planted in Cormonachan Woodlands. We already have another 150 oaks to plant later this year to add to these totals in the autumn.
- The 'Upper Cormonachan Paths Project' Fund has reached its 5% funding target required from local donations thanks to its members, local non-member residents, Friends of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park, Co-op Local Community Fund and Lochgoil Community Trust. The amount raised has now totalled £17,277.83 to 11th May 2021 of which £16,175 was the 5% requirement. The balance has paid for the extras of planning fees and ecology survey.
- The People Counter at the car park has been recording each month's number of visitors to the woodlands. April 358 (12 pd); March 329 (9 pd); February 265 (9 pd); January was 185 (6 pd); December 272 (9 pd); November 519 (17 pd) and October 1,225 (40 pd).
- Cormonachan Community Woodlands is to appear in a new book called 'The Forest Guide of Scotland' by Gabriel Hemery to be published by Bloomsbury Wildlife. We will let you know the date of publication when we are advised.
- We have been approved for the Argyll Community Lottery, 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 50 people supporting us.  
In the first few days since the launch, our target is to reach £1,300 and so far we have reached £286 with goal of 50 tickets and so far 11 have been purchased. The first draw will be on 29th May 2021.



Please support us & hopefully you will win the £25,000 this month.

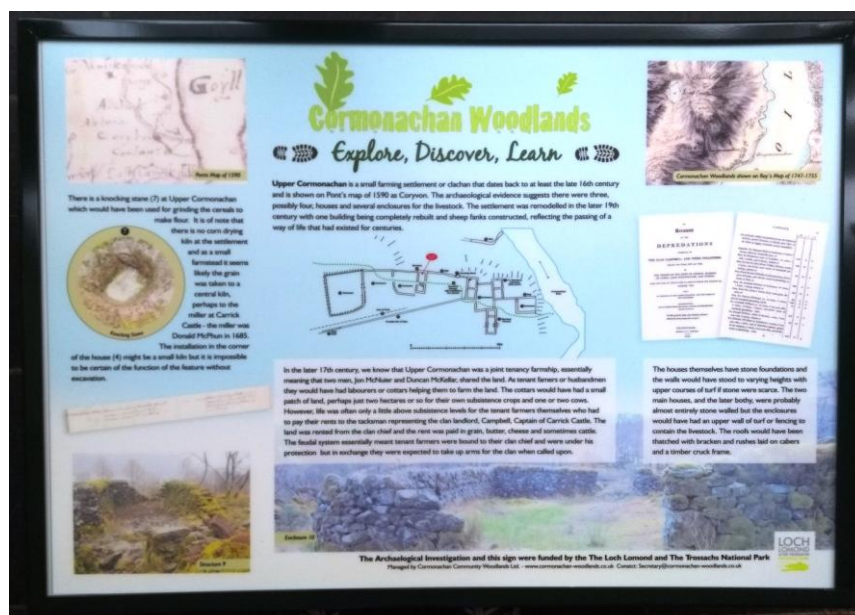
## "Cormonachan Community Woodlands Heritage Project" (previously called the Upper Cormonachan Paths Project).

The National Park's planning conditions requirements have now almost been satisfied, leaving just two minor items that can't be carried out until nearer the time of construction work taking place.

As mentioned earlier, the "Cormonachan Community Woodlands Heritage Project Fund" has now reached £17,277.83 as at 11th May 2021. Having reached the 5% required from local donations, we have now applied for the first stage of the funding with the National Lottery Heritage Fund for up to £250,000. The construction costs of £269,570 + VAT have been reduced to £210,955 + VAT saving £58.615 + VAT from the cost of the aggregates being reduced in quantity and at a more local source of supply. If we are successful in obtaining the required funding the construction could commence in September 2021 onwards and be completed early in 2022.

Forestry and Land Scotland have now cut up the 92 felled trees into man hand able logs along the new paths route that over the last two months of volunteers days have started to clear away the logs and the brash be piled up for burning after June. So far, the area from the Contemplation Shelter, south to the second burn have been cleared ready for construction of the new path. The felled trees at the Settlement will have to be cut up and removed by our own chainsaw operators and volunteers.

The A1 Interpretation Board for the Settlement on a lectern similar to the one at the car park is devoted to the archaeology and history of the Medieval Settlement. This panel will be erected once we have suitable weather hopefully in the National Volunteers Week on our additional Volunteers Day on Friday 4th June 2021.



## **Next Volunteers Days**

**Friday 28th & Saturday 29th May 2021  
and then Friday 4th June - 10.00 - 16.00 hrs**

Please book in advance by 12 noon on the Thursday before these events to satisfy the current Covid-19 requirements of registration and preparation of PPE and tools. The tasks for the day have been e-mailed to our volunteers prior to the Volunteers Days. Out of our close to 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...

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

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

Please book going to a Volunteers Day with Frances Walker, our Volunteers Leader who needs your help as volunteers to maintain the woodlands. Frances' e-mail is [Volunteers@cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk](mailto:Volunteers@cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk).

## **CCW Woodlands Paths**

Please note that the Woodlands Paths on the CCW website have been updated - <http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/woodlands-paths/>

For those of you who have Hospitality & Tourism businesses or visitors that come to stay, you will find helpful information about the paths. We have also prepared a leaflet of "Where to go locally in Loch Goil". You can access it here:-

<http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Where-to-go-locally-in-Loch-Goil.pdf> - Print out as many copies as you need for your establishment and top up as required - the aim is to try and keep visitors in the Loch Goil area as long as possible. If you would like some of our A4 tri-fold colour leaflets about the woodlands, please e-mail [Secretary@cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk](mailto:Secretary@cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk) for a supply and they will be delivered to you.

We also have Cormonachan Woodlands Mugs for sale at £7.50 each - some B & Bs and Guest Houses have purchased them for their guests use.



Available from the Secretary.

## CCW Membership Update

Our Membership Secretary, Dennis Bolt, advises that we now have 93 fully signed up and paid up members and 6 supporters who have paid up but not yet signed up so are not yet members and are not eligible to vote, when eligible. We realise that it has been an inconvenience to have had to sign two forms to join the new organisation so we have now incorporated both forms into one Membership Form, this is a once off form to complete to join the CCW. The form is available here:-

<http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/CCW-Membership-Application-Form.pdf>

(For those supporters, please tick membership category & all boxes as appropriate then sign and date to become a member).

For future member subscription renewals due on 1st April annually, there are no forms to fill in. Our Treasurer suggests you set up a standing order for that date to make life easy for us all (Bank Account No: 68771902 & Bank Code: 08-92-50) for your subscription amount (£10, £5 or £50). He will be sending out reminders towards the end of March annually for members to renew their subscriptions on 1st April each year.

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 insurance, equipment & fuel, materials, maintenance, website hosting, stationery, postage, legal & accounting costs, bank charges, etc. from your subscriptions.

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do so now.

Contact Dennis Bolt - [Membership@cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk](mailto:Membership@cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk)

## Donations Points



The Donations Post by the Contemplation Shelter helps pay for the maintenance of the woodlands and the Donations Box inside the Red Squirrel Hide helps to pay for the Red Squirrel's peanuts that currently are costing £175.00 pa.

There is a QR Code on the Donations Post for those who like to donate with their smart phone, not using cash.

### **Future Volunteers Days in 2021 for your calendars:-**

Friday, 4th June; Friday 25th June & Saturday 26th June,

Friday 30th July & Saturday 31st July

Friday 27th August & Saturday 28th August

Friday 24th September & Saturday 25th September

Friday 29th October & Saturday 30th October

Friday 26th November & Saturday 27th November

All Volunteers Days are from 10 am to 4 pm with a social lunch break. You can come for half a day - all help is much appreciated...

### **Tail Piece...**



The latest Board Meeting Minutes of 11th May 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/cormonachancommunitywoodlands/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=gs-e1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cormonachancommunitywoodlands/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-e1)

Sixteen 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 the 'Cormonachan Community Woodlands Heritage Project Fund'.

Thank you so much!

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