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To: All Members of the Cormonachan Woodlands Association

Cormonachan Woodlands Association Members Update No 35

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.

Upper Cormonachan Paths Project - Planning Approval Received

Success! We now have planning approval for the Upper Cormonachan Paths Project. Full details can be seen of the Decision Notice on this link:-

<https://eplanning.lochlomond-trossachs.org/OnlinePlanning/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=PKTGO9SILB800>

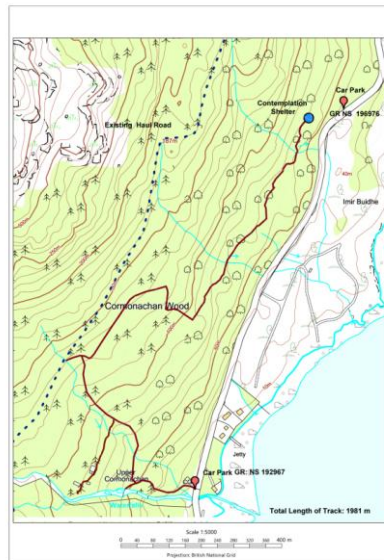
Volunteer/Supporter Survey Results

Thank you to those members who completed the short 3 minute survey. The results will now be analysed and reported on in due course.

"Upper Cormonachan Paths Project" Update

Having completed a successful Expression of Interest funding application to the National Park, they have invited the Association to apply for a grant of £5,425.20 for the archaeology survey and signage for the Upper Cormonachan Old Village that is a condition required in the planning decision. We have therefore sent in the second stage application as requested to the National Parks Fund Scheme for this funding and hope to have this funding approved before September 2019.

We have already been approved for the provision of replacement deciduous trees by the Woodland Trust for those Sitka spruce and Larch to be felled along the paths route with delivery to take place in November 2019 when we will need our volunteers to plant 105 oaks and other deciduous trees on arrival away from the new paths route.



The next stage in the Upper Cormanachan Paths Project will be to seek the main funding, the cost of which remains the same at £323,484, including VAT. There is funding available from a number of organisations for this type of project. Some of these do require some local funding through donations to show that there is local interest in the project.

The "Upper Cormanachan Paths Project Fund" has now reached £3,713.13 from members donations and the GoRaise donations. We have a year really in which to achieve at least £10,000 so hope you can help if you haven't already - every donation big or little will help.

This is a big project but the result in the end will open up all of the 58.9 ha of Cormanachan Community Woodlands including the waterfalls, old village and great scenic viewpoints over Loch Goil to members and visitors and boast tourism to the Loch Goil area for local businesses.

Membership of the Cormanachan Woodlands Association

The current membership for the year to date for 2019/2020 stands at 112 members of which 78 are Full Individual Members, 21 are Associate Members, 5 are Life Members, 4 are Corporate Members, 2 are Associate Corporate Members and 2 are Child Members (free). Membership to support the running of the Association is very important and those

members that are able to physically volunteer help with the essential maintenance of the woodlands, the paths and structures.

Membership enquiries should to addressed to Dennis Bolt, Membership Secretary - Membership@cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk.

Volunteers Days

Over the summer period there will only be days for strimming the paths and chainsaw work done by our certificated volunteer members.

Friday 27th September 10 am to 4 pm

Saturday 28th September 10 am to 4 pm

Friday 25th October 10 am to 4 pm

Saturday 26th October 10 am to 4 pm

Friday 22nd November 10 am to 4 pm

Saturday 23rd November 10 am to 4 pm

Sunday 24th November 10 am to 4 pm

Those that volunteer enjoy the experience and we hope more members will give volunteering a '**GO**'... You will be very welcome! Members will be welcome to help mornings, afternoons or all day, 10 am to 4 pm with an social hour's break for lunch.

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

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

Red Squirrel Hide Update

Since the Red Squirrel Hide was erected in March 2018, the donation box has received **£203.57** which is very helpful as that money goes towards feeding the red squirrels and pine martens that have currently got though 112.5 kilos of nuts that costs about £160.81. With these donations, their feeding is self-supporting and we now have £42.86 in hand for more nuts.

Training Update

We have two *free* 2-day first aid course coming up as follows:-

Emergency First Aid at Work + F Courses

1. Monday 16th & Friday 20th September 2019 9am to 5pm at Ardroy OEC, Lochgoilhead
7 places booked - 5 more places available.

2. Monday 2nd & Friday 6th December 2019 9am to 5pm at Ardroy OEC, Lochgoilhead
- 4 places booked - 8 more places available.

Any members who would like to apply for training or renewal of their 3-year first aid certificates should contact the Secretary as funding has now been approved for these two courses costing £450.00 each.

Would you please advise if you would be interested in obtaining this certificate that lasts for 3 years. Three of our just trained first aiders reported that within days for taking their courses they were faced with situations where their training came into use, one in a private house situation and another when a woman came out of a shop in Dunoon and collapsed in front of two of them, both first aiders. They were all able to deal with the situations thanks to their free training.

Position Vacant on the Committee

The Committee are looking for a member to become the Association's **Volunteers Leader** - see <http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/CWA-Volunteers-Leader-Job-Description.pdf>

Douglas Locke, now 78, who has been doing this work for the last five years has had to give up physical volunteering due to painful osteoarthritis in his hips so a new Volunteers Leader is very urgently required. Full training and support will be given to this member who would serve on the committee. The Volunteers Leader organises Volunteers Days with the current five Team Leaders who lead the volunteers. We are also in need of more Team Leaders and of course more volunteers too.

Free Funds for Cormonachan Woodlands Association

GoRaise has now raised **£158.26** to Cormonachan Woodlands Association from just nine of supporters (3 full members, 2 associate members & 2 non-members) that regularly purchase on line and at no cost to themselves! One hundred & twenty purchases have been made to date donating £158.26 to the 'Upper Cormonachan Paths Project Fund'.

All members could help raise free donations for the Cormonachan Woodlands Association too, just from shopping online. Join here today... <https://www.goraise.co.uk/cormonachan-woodlands-association/?refid=3950> and then when registered add the 'Donation Reminder' <https://www.goraise.co.uk/donation-reminder/>.

There are over 3,000 online retailers that take part in the scheme to give commission donations to charities and not-for-profit organisations. There is absolutely **NO** cost to you; we have **no** idea what you buy; you do **not** get any spam e-mails as a result; so why not help raise funds for the Cormonachan Woodlands Association's Projects.

Latest News

Please keep up to date by regularly looking at our Latest News page:- <http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/news/> and by following our Facebook page too at <https://www.facebook.com/cormonachan>.



Tail Piece...

Come and visit the Cormonachan Woodlands Association's marquee at the **Loch Goil Gala Day on Saturday afternoon 3rd August 2019 - 12 noon to 3.30 pm.**

Cormonachan Woodlands Mugs will be on sale at £7.50 each and very nicely presented photos of the woodlands at £5 each. The profit from the sale of these goes towards the 'Upper Cormonachan Paths Project Fund'. These can be purchased at the Loch Goil Gala Day or from the Secretary.



The last Committee Minutes of 30th July 2019 can be viewed on this link:- <http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/CWA-Committee-Minutes-30072019.pdf>

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