



Cormonachan Woodlands

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To: All Members of the Cormonachan Woodlands Association

Cormonachan Woodlands Association Members Update No 24

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and Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/cormonachan> are updated
regularly so in between Members Updates please look at these for news.

Liz Evans 17/05-1952 - 31/12/2017 ***Chair of Cormonachan Woodlands Association***

For those of you who have not heard this sad news locally or through our Facebook page or Latest News page on the CWA website, Liz Evans, our Chair of the Association died on New Year's Eve just before midnight from Pancreatic and Metastatic Liver Cancer. It was a short illness over three months. She died peacefully in the end in the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre in Glasgow aged 65.



Liz by the Loving Trees in Cormonachan Woodlands on her last visit on 12th November 2017.

Liz loved Cormonachan Woodlands. Her passion gave her the drive and inspiration over 20 years between Ardroy the Cormonachan Woodlands Association to provide education, recreation for the community and conservation of these ancient Atlantic oak and hazel woodlands.

Over the years tens of thousands of primary school children have visited the woodlands and experienced the outdoors. Without Liz's commitment whilst as Head of the Ardroy Centre, the paths in the woodlands and the resource centre would never have been built. She continued to voluntarily become a director and trustee after her retirement to give her time freely to Ardroy's work and created the Cormonachan Woodlands Association to support the aims of the woodlands for Loch Goil community and Ardroy.

Liz's funeral will be at the Cardross Crematorium, Cardross, Dumbarton, G82 5HD at 10 am on Saturday 20th January 2018. Regretfully the wake is now fully booked to the capacity of the venue so only the funeral has some space left for anyone else wishing to attend Liz's funeral. This will be a 'Celebration of the Life of Liz Evans', so no black just colourful dress please.

Liz achieved a lot in her life and did a lot and made a difference in her 65 years. She asked before her death if her family and friends would be willing to donate towards a 'Contemplation Shelter' in Cormonachan Woodlands. This shelter will be for the Loch Goil community and visitors. It will be located in a quiet part of the woodlands off one of the paths. Liz wished for an oak tree to be planted in her memory and for her ashes to be scattered there by her husband Douglas and her son Calum.

Donations can be made by cash/cheque or bank transfer to Cormonachan Woodlands Association marking it "For Liz":-
CWA Bank A/C No: 65757783 Bank Code: 08-92-99.

Rest in Peace Liz - you were much loved for the work you did in your life.

Red Squirrel Hide Update

We are currently awaiting delivery of the Red Squirrel Hide and storage Shed due at the end of January. We expect the suppliers to erect these in February and will advise when they have been erected and the date of the formal opening in due course.

Ditch Cleaning around Cormonachan Woodlands Update

We are currently awaiting the starting date for the week's work that we have funding and donations for. It is expected that the work will take place by the end of January 2018.

Cormonachan Woodlands Website Update

The new website is well under way and we hope to have it launched later this month.

Free Funds for Cormonachan Woodlands Association

GoRaise has now raised £61.88 to Cormonachan Woodlands Association from just five of our members (3 full members and 2 associate members) that regularly purchase on line and at no cost to themselves! Forty two purchases have been made to date accumulating £61.88 for the Red Squirrel Hide and now the Contemplation Shelter Project Fund.

You too can 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> 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 such as ours, including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, TK Maxx and so many well known companies. There is absolutely **NO** cost to you; we have no idea what you buy so why not help raise funds for the Cormonachan Woodlands Association's Project Funds. A new project fund has been launched in January 2018 for the 'Contemplation Shelter' and we hope other members will join in.

Current Membership

The current membership to the Association now stands at 76 members of which 55 are Full Individual Members, 11 are Associate Members, 5 are Life Members, 2 are Corporate Members and 3 are Child Members. Volunteering to become a member is extremely important to the Association as this is the only income stream it has to run the Association and cover all its running costs. See <http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/history/history-minutes-of-meetings.html> where you will find the accounts for the last two years attached to the minutes of the Annual General Meetings. All other expenditure comes from funding applications and donations to the Association for its projects.

Volunteers Days

The Association has been very grateful to our volunteer members who have contributed greatly to the maintenance of Cormonachan Woodlands during this last year. A lot has been achieved and of course there is a lot

yet to be done. Volunteer days will commence on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th February 2018 from 10 am to 4 pm each day and other dates will be advised for March, April and May at the start of the year and September, October and November later on.

We are very grateful to committee member, Frances Walker for her continued weekly contributions to feeding the red squirrels in Cormonachan Woodlands.

The Fife Volunteers requested to come back in February 2018 and continue to fell the remaining 19 under-planted Sitka spruce trees under our felling licence so will be working again in the woodlands on 24th & 25th in Area 1. Their contribution over the years has been invaluable.

Other News follows...

Purchase of the Land at Cormonachan Woodlands Update

This purchase is to be discussed at the next committee meeting on 30th January 2018 when Pete Clarke representing the Loch Goil Community Trust will explain to the committee the reasons for this suggestion and how it can be financed.

Cormonachan Woodlands Car Park Update

The sleeping policeman (or police person...) or water retaining ramp at the entrance to the car park to keep water from reaching the road has been repaired by Arquiva as their vehicle damaged it September last year. Arquiva operate the TV & aerial site by the car park.



Tail Piece...

Enjoy walking in these wonderful ancient oak and hazel community woodlands at Cormonachan Woodlands and again please ask your friends to become Guardian Members and support the Association's work.

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