



Cormonachan Woodlands

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To: All Members of the Cormonachan Woodlands Association

Cormonachan Woodlands Association Members Update No 25

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.

The Celebration of the Life of Liz Evans Chair of Cormonachan Woodlands Association



On Saturday 20th January 2018, Liz's funeral was held at Cardross Crematorium where over one hundred friends and family attended despite the snow and icy weather conditions. This was a Humanist Celebration of Liz's Life where everyone wore colourful dress and listened to some of Liz's favourite music and her sister, Gwyneth, Phil from Ardroy, her son Calum and husband Douglas gave speeches covering her very full 65 years of her life where she achieved and did so much in it.

It was followed by a wake buffet at Fruin Farm Restaurant near Loch Lomond that was filled to capacity. There her kayaking friend Christobel, George Bruce on Ardroy and James Fraser chair of Ardroy Trust and Friends of Loch Lomond & Trossachs gave speeches that included 5 very apt P's of Liz – one for each foot of height, with stories to back each up:

- Positive
- Passionate about what she did
- Persistent
- Proud of her achievements
- Personality

Douglas then gave another short speech thanking everyone for attending Liz's funeral and wake and saying how amazingly impressed Liz would have been with so many friends attending.

Donations for Liz's 'Contemplation Shelter' in Cormonachan Woodlands amounted to £669 in cash at the funeral and wake with £2796 being sent in prior to the funeral and the day after. A total to date of £3,465. Thank you to everyone for these generous donations towards Liz's special shelter. Many of her friends said they would be making bank transfers after the funeral and two other future donors, including Forestry Commission Scotland said they will be giving large donations once they knew how much more money will be required to build a lasting memorial in the community woodlands. As our Treasurer is now away on holiday until the end of February, I will not be able to acknowledge further donations until then.

Contemplation Shelter Update

Up to 22nd January 2018 the Cormonachan Woodlands had received £3,465 in donations for the Contemplation Shelter in memory of Liz Evans our past Chair of the Association. This is enough on its own to almost purchase a 3.9 m diameter shelter with 45 mm wood thickness and tiled roof including erection. All additional donations received will go towards the balance of the shelter cost, planning permission, concrete base, pathways to it and signage.

Red Squirrel Hide Update

We are currently awaiting delivery of the Red Squirrel Hide and storage Shed due to be erected in February. The old shed was demolished on 26th January ready for the ground site to be fully levelled. When we have the delivery date we will be asking for volunteers to help transport the wooden panels to the site opposite Jan's Hideaway. An e-mail will be sent out to members appealing for assistance. Once the two structures have been erected, there will be a small formal opening in due course at a date to be advised.

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 be completed in early February.

Cormonachan Woodlands Website Update

The new website, <http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk> has been launched and is now also suitable for viewing on Smart phones. The content has also been updated.

Please note that all Committee Meetings Minutes and Members Updates appear in the links on the History page as well as other information.

Free Funds for Cormonachan Woodlands Association

GoRaise has now raised **£80.81** 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 seven purchases have been made to date accumulating £80.81 for the Project Funds including the Red Squirrel Hide and the Contemplation Shelter.

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 was 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.

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.



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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