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## **Cormonachan Woodlands Management Agreement**

<b>Period</b>	2015 to 2020
<b>Renewal Date</b>	2020
<b>Partners</b>	Forestry Commission Scotland - FCS Cormonachan Woodlands Association - CWA AOEC Trust Ltd - Ardroy

### **Objectives**

The objectives of the Association shall be:-

1. to conserve the natural heritage of the Cormonachan Woodlands and their flora and fauna.
2. to advise on the management of the woodlands in a sustainable manner and promote biodiversity.
3. to encourage the community to enjoy the woodlands as a resource for recreational, educational and health activities, improve access and promote responsible use.

### **Annual Inspection by Forestry Commission Scotland Staff**

Tree safety inspection  
Hut, Toilet and Sheds inspection  
Path inspection

## **Monthly Safety Inspections by CWA/Ardroy**

Paths (CWA)

Jan's Hideaway, toilet and sheds (Ardroy)

Interpretation boards (CWA)

## **Five Year Work Programme**

Removal and burning of rhododendron (action Ardroy)

Removal of small Sitka spruce (less than 10cm dbh), burning and clearing of previously felled conifers (action Ardroy)

Replanting cleared Sitka spruce areas with native trees (action CWA)

Coppice Hazel sections (not more than 20% of the area) (action Ardroy)

Maintenance of existing paths (action CWA)

Installation of interpretation boards & path marker posts for (action CWA)

Maintenance of Jan's Hideaway, toilet and sheds (action Ardroy)

Removal of high risk trees (action FCS)

Installation of artificial squirrel feeders (action CWA)

Mark boundary of site with painted posts (action CWA)

Provision of site map and aerial photographs of the site (action FCS)

Installation of natural sculptures (action CWA)

Erection of new environmental education shelters (action CWA)

Construction of a car park by the TV mast (action CWA)

Construction of a track to join FCS forestry road west of Cormonachan Woodlands (action CWA)

Construction of a path to join Lochgoilhead / Carrick Castle road south of Lochwood (action CWA)

Habitat survey of all of Cormonachan Woodlands (action CWA)

## **Sanitation**

The woodlands will not be used as an outside toilet. A compost toilet is on site and is managed by Ardroy.

## **Environmental Education Structures**

The erection of any new environmental education structures must be discussed and agreed by all parties prior to installation. No permission is required for maintenance of existing structures.

## **Burning**

CWA & Ardroy shall not, and shall not permit any other party, (other than as provided for in this paragraph) to light a fire in the woodlands without

providing risk assessment to and obtaining written permission from FCS prior to such fires being lit. The FCS shall not grant written permission to light a fire during periods in which it considers there to be a high risk of fire. The months of March, April, May and June shall be deemed to be periods of a high risk of fire. The FCS shall notify CWA/Ardroy of any such additional periods. CWA/Ardroy may light a fire in the designated camp fire site in the woodlands without obtaining the FCS's prior written consent except during any period in which there is a high risk of fire.

### **Chemical Application**

Chemicals may only be applied in the woodlands by people with the relevant (PA1 & PA6) NPTC qualification. The certificates evidencing such qualification must be passed to FCS in advance of any chemicals being applied. A map of the chemical application area must be approved by FCS prior to the application of any chemicals.

Signature

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