

Cormonachan Woodlands

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To: All Members of the Cormonachan Woodlands Association

The **Loch Goil Gala Day** on Saturday 1st August 2015 was a very successful fund raising day for the Cormonachan Woodlands Association despite the heavy rain and muddy field.

The two competitions that ran on the day raised £99.00

Guess how many Nuts there are in the Jar to win an HP Stream Tablet PC (1st Prize for 172 nuts) and Cormie, the Squirrel for the next nearest 2nd Prize and two further prizes were given for the next two closest numbers with a furry Squirrel each – not bad for spending £1...

Treasure Hunt on a Grid Map of Cormonachan Woodlands to win an Activity Session for four people for three hours at Ardroy and six other prizes of Squirrels and Hedgehogs pleased the seven winners.

The stand was manned by four committee members (Liz Evans, Marion McCune, Rowan Fraser & Douglas Locke) and two member volunteers (Sheron Hambly, Tim King & Rory McCune) who helped set up, sell and take down the stand after the event.





New Members

Four new Adult Individual Full Members joined and two new Associate Members too increasing the association's funds by a further £50.00. We really welcome all these new members as all the support we can get will help the association to manage and look after Cormonachan Woodlands for the future.

The Cormonachan Woodlands Association now has thirty two (32) members (25 Adult Individual Full Members, 1 Corporate Member, 4 Associate Members and 2 free Child Members).

Other Fund Raising on the Stand

The best selling items on the stand were the Strawberries and Cream and Marion's home baked Cup Cakes and Cookies that raised £54.30 and the other items that sold were Animal Keyrings, furry Animals, a Buff and plants (Hostas, Strawberries, Succulents and Aloe Vera) that raised a further £19.50.

So after a successful day, the association's funds increased by £222.80, although a deduction of £10.00 has to be made for the rent of the stand space leaving £212.80 surplus after expenses.

Thanks go to Marion & Rory McCune of Scotsts Ltd. who donated the Tablet PC Prize and AOEC Trust Ltd. that donated the Activity Day Prize. They both donated many other prizes and items for sale as did other committee members. We were also grateful to the Carrick Castle Boat Club for loaning the association their marquee without which we could not have had a stand. Other members kindly donated money to purchase equipment such as the banner displays and the display boards which were given to the association.

Other News

We are still awaiting a lease for Cormonachan Woodlands from Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS). Unfortunately we are still low down on their solicitor's priority list. We continue to remind FCS each month. We can't do much until we have the lease and they are well aware of our request.

We shall shortly be preparing a Management Plan for Cormonachan Woodlands as this has to be approved by FCS. We will be applying for grants from various funding bodies once the lease is in place.

We are hoping to have two Volunteer's Days on Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th October 2015 when Fife Countryside Rangers may be able to join us with their volunteer weekend group who have been many times before. As that group are all professionals it would be great for our own volunteers learn skills from them.

We have purchased at a big discounted price ten track marker posts for the paths, however until we have a lease we are not permitted to erect them yet.

Please note that all Committee Minutes are viewable on the association's website – under History & Minutes:-
<http://cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/history/history-minutes-of-meetings.html>

You can also follow us on Facebook – Cormonachan:-
<https://www.facebook.com/cormonachan>

As you walk round Cormonachan Woodlands please pull up as many rhododendron plants as you can, they are an invasive species that overtake woodlands. The Association has requested to be listed on the eradication programme but there is no time scale known when this may happen.

We intend to provide members with more Updates as and when there is further news. Hopefully in time this will become a regular scheduled feature. Do look at the website's Latest News page on a regular basis:-

<http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/news.html>

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