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Welcome to Cormonachan Community Woodlands Ltd.

Cormonachan Community Woodlands - Members Update No 49

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.

A very Happy New Year to All our Members!

Cormonachan Community Woodlands Latest News

1) Upper Cormonachan Paths Project

ADVANCE NOTICE OF A NEW CROWD FUNDING EVENT SOON TO TAKE PLACE...

Cormonachan Community Woodlands has now been offered and has raised over 50% of the funding required for the Upper Cormonachan Paths Project which is good news!

However, we need the other 50% to go ahead with the 2 km new paths construction from the Contemplation Shelter to the Forest Road above the Medieval Settlement, then down to Cormonachan Falls and to another car park below the waterfalls.

So far we have raised £125,279; a grant of £106,879 from the Agri Environmental Climate Scheme for Improving Public Access and a further £18,400 from local donations and grants from the Lochgoil Community Trust and need a further £107,867 for the project to go ahead.

We had applied to the National Lottery Heritage Fund, but on this last round they had too many applications and not enough funds. They have said we can apply again because of their situation which we are doing. Unfortunately this takes time and they require us to apply for more money than we actually need as they have certain conditions of

employing personnel for three years which increases the funding required considerably.

Importantly, our contractor's quotation runs out of time on 31st March 2022 having been held for a few years which means any further delay will increase the costs and we would have to apply for even more funding.

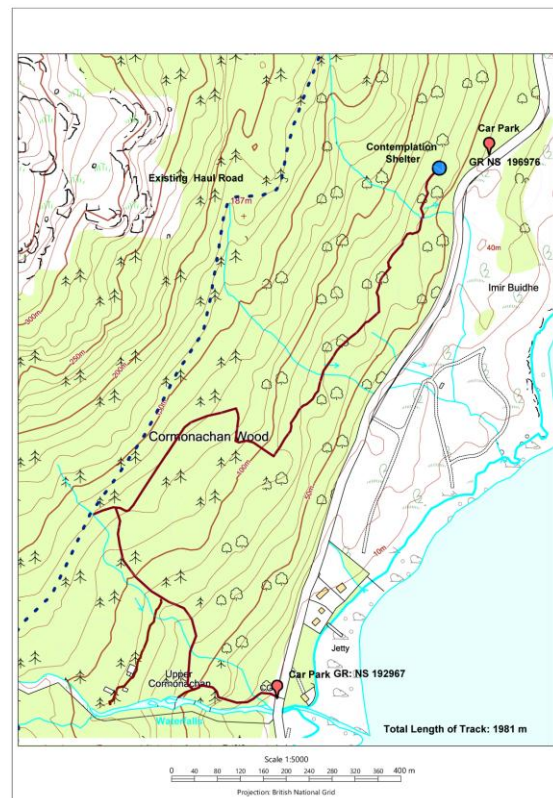
The Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park are supporting our funding applications and our alternative funding route through

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/programmes/crowdfund-scotland> so

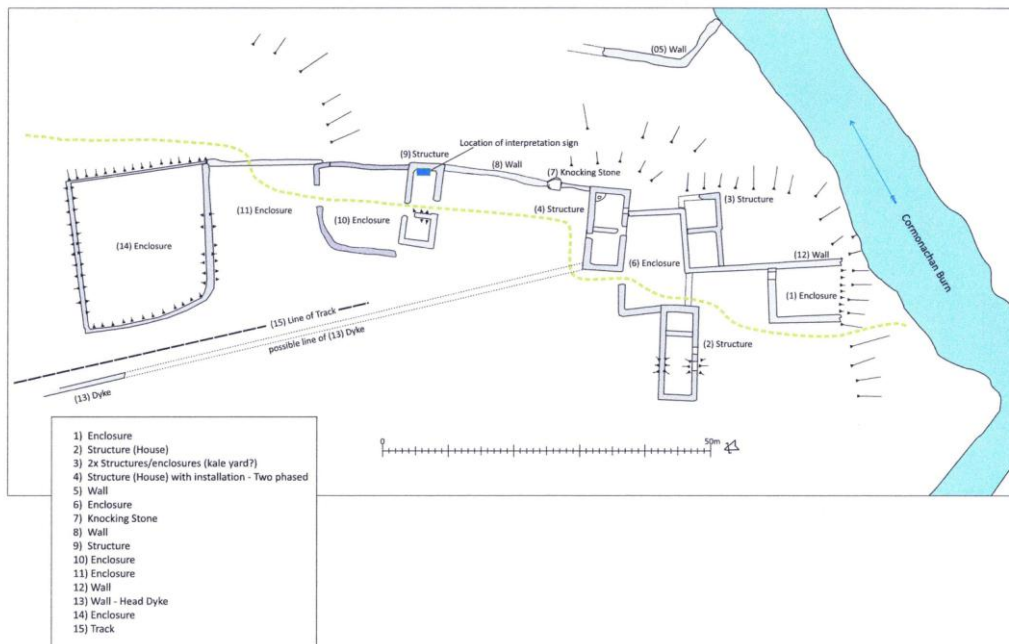
please keep an eye on this link to our crowd funding request. This application has the advantage of being able to raise hidden Gift Aid tax additions to donations made and we will need it publicised widely to the press and all your friends and relatives.

We will confirm the full link to Crowdfunder.co.uk prior to publication and the link will be added to <https://www.facebook.com/cormonachan> as soon as it goes live.

The following photos show what we are trying to achieve for the Loch Goil community - a **free** local attraction that will benefit residents, visitors and the hospitality section, so please support Cormonachan Community Woodlands - Thank you.



<http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/cormonachan-history/future-projects/>



We have just heard that the Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park have just approved the Carrick Castle Estate's planning application for a link park to join up the Forest Road above Cormanachan Woodlands to their own paths network. When this link path construction has been completed, people will be able to walk off road from the Cowal Way at Lettermay, Lochgoilhead to Carrick Castle and onwards to Ardentinny which is part of the National Park's core paths network plan. Once we have the funding in place for the Upper Cormanachan 2 km paths network, from the Forest Road, it will be possible to access, off road from both villages, the Medieval Settlement, Cormanachan Falls and all 4.5 km of Cormanachan Woodlands paths.

If you are in a position to help us achieve this aim financially with a donation, our CCW Treasurer, Richard Hall would prefer, cheques or bank transfers to Account No: 68771902 - Bank Code: 08-92-50 rather than donations made to PayPal or through Crowdfunder where we have to pay around 3% commission to use their services. If you are a tax payer you can add the following text to accompany your donation as then we can claim a 25% Gift Aid tax refund for every £1 donated.

Name, address and amount of donation followed by:-
 I wish to gift aid my donation detailed above, and also any donations I make in future or have made in the last year. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less income tax and / or capital gains tax than the amount of gift aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference. Signed and dated.

2) People Counter

We are pleased to advise that we have received funding of £2,076 from Inspiring Scotland, the Rural Communities Programme for another People Counter which will count the number of visitors to the woodlands accessing it from the Clach Bhadach entrance. This access is quite well used by Ardroy and from road walking visitors. It will be interesting to know how many visitors actually use that entrance, the numbers will be added to the car park access that recorded in its first full year to 31st October 2021 at 9,081 or in the whole year of 2021, 9,945 visitors to 31st December 2021. The counter has arrived and is expected to be erected very shortly.

3) Rhododendron ponticum Clearance Contract

The contract awarded locally to Tom Ducat Gardening is now about half way through the clearance after 8 weeks of work.

4) Argyll Community Lottery

Argyll Community Lottery has so far raised £152.50 to date with £182.00 in its first year from 5% of our members, if you wish to support us, visit... [Support Cormonachan Community Woodlands Ltd when you play Argyll Community Lottery - Argyll Community Lottery](#)

For every £1 you spend to win the top prize of £25,000, we receive 50p - our target is to have 50 members supporting us however we only have 5 supporters at present however 2 members have had £25 wins so far.



As you may have seen in The Wee Goil, we have had an article in the January 2022 issue about Resolutions for 2022 and how to support Cormonachan Community Woodlands this year, please help us...

Tail Piece...



The latest Board Meeting Minutes of 8th January 2022 can be viewed on this link: <http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/minutes-of-meetings/>



The Cormonachan Community Woodlands are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online.

Help us get 2022 off to a great start for Cormonachan Community Woodlands by signing up to support us for FREE on #easyfundraising. You can raise donations whenever you shop online with over 6,000 retailers including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos, ASOS, M&S and more. Plus, we will get a bonus £5 donation when you do! Sign up today - this will make a BIG difference to us this year:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=1KQ390&char=243146&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=refsharebox

Funds raised go to support the maintenance of Cormonachan Community Woodlands. So far 15% of our members have raised £216.37. Thank you for this great support and it costs you nothing...

You can also support us using

https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ref=smi_ext_ch_SC050840 and support Cormonachan Community Woodlands where we get a commission on all purchases direct from Amazon.

Thank you so much!

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