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Welcome to Cormonachan Community Woodlands Ltd.

Cormonachan Community Woodlands - Members Update No 47

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.

Cormonachan Community Woodlands Latest News

- We are pleased to announce that all our funding applications are now in for the Cormonachan Community Woodlands Heritage Paths Project. On 28th June 2021, we applied for about half of the funding for the new paths through the Scottish Rural Development Programme - Agri Environmental Climate Scheme - Improving Public Access for £108,659.20 inc. VAT and on Wednesday this week the site visit took place with Nature.Scot, SRDP's independent verifiers, who have approved the plan to be recommended for the funding with a decision in November. CCW were the only applicants in Argyll & Bute.
Douglas Locke with Don Kamsley (new Chair) took over the National Lottery Heritage Fund application and in just over three weeks the application of 34 pages plus 61 attachments has been completed for £180,407, less our local donations to the project of £17,500 equals £162,907 of funding requested.
We hope that both these applications for funding are successful and that the paths can be constructed from December 2021 onwards. The National Park and Argyll & Bute Council plus 28 other organisations and the local hospitality are supporting this project.
- The four days of filming the BBC woodlands programme was very successful. It's a series of six episodes and Cormonachan Woodlands will be the third episode. More details will follow when the embargo on full details is lifted. The programme is expected to be aired late spring 2022. Members can see the work created in the woodlands which we will be moving to permanent sites on Monday

27th September ready for 'The Woodlands Art Trail' in association with Argyll Arts Collective. The artwork will be on show from 2nd to 30th October 2021 so please visit and tell your friends about it.

- We are pleased to advise that we have just received funding for the clearance of the remaining *Rhododendron ponticum* in Cormonachan Woodlands from the Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park. The work is being contracted out locally to help the local economy.
- We are keeping free the weekend of 6th/7th November as we have been asked by Raleigh International to host the Amazonian Delegation to COP26 for them to visit our Scottish Rain Forest. When we have more details, we'll let our members know.
- Native Tree Planting - Although we have so far planted 425 native trees in the woodlands, we now have another 150 oaks and 80 other native trees to plant on 26th and 27th November. We hope that some of our member volunteers will help again this year.
- The People Counter at the car park has been recording each month's number of visitors to the woodlands. 1,179 (average 38 per day) visited last month in August 2021.
- Argyll Community Lottery has so far raised £108 to date, 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 50 people supporting us.



Please support us & hopefully you will win the £25,000 this month.

Next Volunteers Days

Monday 27th September 2021 from 10.00 (moving sculptures)

Friday 29th & Saturday 30th October 2021 10.00 to 16.00 hrs
(general maintenance)

Friday 26th & Saturday 27th November 2021 - 10.00 to 16.00 hrs
(planting 230 trees)

Please book in advance before these events to help Frances Walker, our Volunteers Leader prepare PPE and tools. The tasks for the day are emailed to our volunteers prior to the Volunteers Days. Out over 100 members, only 20 members are on the Volunteers list so if you would like to be added for occasional volunteering through the year please let Frances Walker know or the Secretary please - we do need volunteers...

Frances' e-mail is Volunteers@cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk.

Check out our 'Volunteering' page on our website:-

<http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/cormonachan-history/volunteering/> for more information.

CCW Woodlands Paths

For those of you who have Hospitality & Tourism businesses or visitors that come to stay, you will find helpful information about the paths. We have also prepared a leaflet of "Where to go locally in Loch Goil". You can access it here:-

<http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Where-to-go-locally-in-Loch-Goil.pdf> - Print out as many copies as you need for your establishment and top up as required - the aim is to try and keep visitors in the Loch Goil area as long as possible. If you would like some of our A4 tri-fold colour leaflets about the woodlands, please e-mail Secretary@cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk for a supply and they will be delivered to you.

Tail Piece...



The latest Board Meeting Minutes of 10th September 2021 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. Over 4,400 shops and sites, including Amazon will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop

with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at:-

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cormonachancommunitywoodlands/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-e1

Sixteen members are now supporting the Cormonachan Community Woodlands regularly with their online purchases - Thank you for this great support and it costs you nothing...

Funds raised go to support the maintenance of Cormonachan Community Woodlands.

You can also support us using <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> and support Cormonachan where we get a commission on all purchases direct from Amazon.

Thank you so much!

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