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Subject: Cormonachan Woodlands Association Members Update No: 8

To: All Members of the Cormonachan Woodlands Association

### **Members Update**

**1)** The last Cormonachan Woodlands Association Committee Meeting was held on 9th February 2016.

The Minutes now appear on the CWA website - History:-

<http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/history/history-minutes-of-meetings.html>

The next CWA committee meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd March 2016.

**2)** The next "*Make a Difference*" Volunteers Day will be on:-

Sunday, 21st February 2016 from 10.00 to 13.00 hrs.

We plan to clear the rest of the path by the Plantation area; finish work in the Plantation area and clear some of the ditches in Cormonachan Woodlands. If you can come, would you e-mail the Secretary as soon as possible with members' names so we will have an idea as to how many volunteers will be attending please. If you have a first aid certificate we would like to know this as well please.

The next planned Volunteers Day will be on:-

Saturday, 19th March 2016 from 10.00 to 13.00 hrs.

We will advise what we intend to do then in a further Members' Update.

**3)** Thanks to two Forestry Commission Scotland 100% Grants, we now have £1,650 worth of volunteers equipment and tools to use. The inventory has been shown in previous Updates but is also shown on the History page alongside the Minutes for the last committee meeting.

Volunteers using the equipment and tools are asked to ensure all items are returned after use as it is a condition of the grant that everything is well maintained and looked after by the association and its members for a period of five years. We hope that everything will last a lot longer!

Please ensure you always return tools & equipment therefore back to the Association which are kept locked in Jan's Hideaway and in the woodlands shed.

**4)** The Association has received a donation of £413.00 and out of this money the committee purchased a 6m x 3m fold-up marquee (£133.98) for future events. We will also be purchasing a Cormonachan Woodlands Association banner for the marquee.

The first event using the marquee will be a Training/Display Event, Open Day for potential new members, followed by a Barbecue and the first AGM of the Association in Cormonachan Woodlands on Sunday, 12th June 2016 - a day event.

The Association will have a stand again using the marquee at the Loch Goil Gala Day on Saturday, 30th July 2016.

Please put all these dates in your diaries...

We plan to have more volunteers days, April onwards, some training events, attend other local events such as the Carrick Fayre and Harvest Fayre. We would be pleased to have some volunteers to help out please!

**5)** As you will see in the Minutes, the Cormonachan Woodlands Agreement with Forestry Commission Scotland has not yet been concluded however this is expected to be agreed by 1st April 2016.

## **Tailpiece**

Please have a look at the Association's website regularly and the Facebook page. With the weather hopefully improving we may be able to add some more news and photos...

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