



# Cormonachan Woodlands

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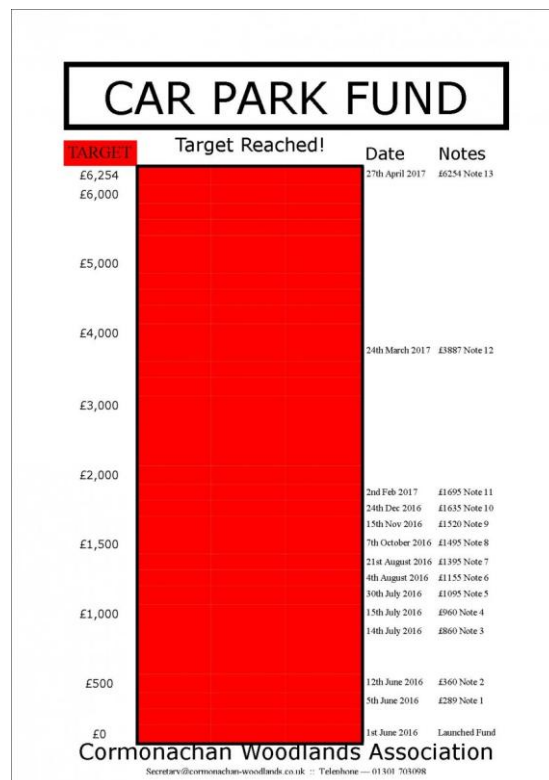
To: All Members of the Cormonachan Woodlands Association

## Cormonachan Woodlands Association Members Update No 18

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.

### Great News!

We have more than reached our original target... We now have enough funding to expand the car park, order an interpretation panel on a lectern about Cormonachan Woodlands and put up entrance gates to the paths.



As members to the Cormonachan Woodlands will note, we have been desperate to have a larger car park and all donations have been very welcome. Planning permission for the extended car park was received from the Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park Authority in August 2016 and updated/revised in April 2017. The committee have now raised £6,254.81 to be able to start work on the new car park that will hold eight vehicles including one disabled bay and one minibus bay. The money will also pay for an interpretation panel and lectern and gates to the paths.

### **History on how the money has been raised:-**

Note 1: Members Donations at launch on 1st June 2016 £289

Note 2: Open Day Sales & Donations on 12th June 2016 £71

Note 3: Friends of Loch Lomond & Trossachs Grant of £500 on 15th July 2016

Note 4: Member's Donation via PayPal Donate on 15th July 2016 £100

Note 5: Loch Goil Gala Day Competition/Sales £100 plus Donations £35.35 = £135.35 on 30th July 2016

Note 6: Private non-members' Donations £50 & £10 on 4th August 2016

Note 7: Members' donations £100 matched by £100 = £200 & Members' donations £20 matched by £20 = £40 both on 21st August 2016

Note 8: Caravan & Chalet Owners Annual Coffee Morning at Drimsynie Estate Holiday Village Donation of £100.00 received on 7th October 2016

Note 9: Member's Donation on 15th November 2016 £25

Note 10: Members' Donations of 1 x £100 and 3 x £5 on 24th December 2016

Note 11: Private Donation £10.00 2nd February 2017 & AOEC Trust Ltd Donation £50.00 on 13th January 2017

Note 12: EB Scotland Ltd (Scottish Landfill Communities Fund - Argyll & Bute Council) £2,192.00

Note 13: LandTrust (Scottish Landfill Communities Fund - North Ayrshire Council) £2,367.00

### **Funding & Donations total = £6,254.81.**

Cormonachan Woodlands Association, a not-for-profit organisation, has now asked Drimsynie Construction to commence work on the car park extension in May 2017 now that the lease has been signed and the money raised for the project.

Thank you for all the donations that have been received - we are very grateful for your great support towards the Car Park Fund.

## **Next Volunteers Day**

Sunday 21st May 2017 from 13.00 to 16.00 hrs

We hope to have four teams volunteering:-

Team 1: Strimming all the paths (all paths last strimmed on 16th January 2017)

*(4 Trimmer Operator Volunteers requested)*

Team 2: Chainsaw work - Sitka spruce licensed felling in Area 1

*(2 Chainsaw Operator Volunteers requested)*

Team 3: Rhododendron ponticum clearance

*(1 Certified Operator plus Member Volunteers)*

Team 4: General maintenance inc. burning the brash from around the totem pole area; clearing three small ditch areas; bracken bashing alongside the paths with special hand held bashers

*(Leader plus Member Volunteers)*

We hope to have a good turnout of volunteers as over the next three months (June, July & August; the main midge season) there will be no programmed Volunteers Days other than for trained chainsaw & trimmer operator member volunteers who are requested to help keep the paths in good order and free from any wind fallen trees. The next programmed Volunteers Days will be in September, October (weekend) and November.

## **Membership Renewal Time**

Please renew your membership to Cormonachan Woodlands Association for the forthcoming year - 1st June 2017 to 31st May 2018, now please.

The Association does not have any income stream other than from its annual membership subscriptions that pays for the running of the Association. All projects are paid for by funding applications and donations. The committee members give their time voluntarily as do the members who volunteer to maintain the 58.9 hectares of community woodlands. Please encourage others to support the Association. Membership forms (Renewal and New Membership Forms are available to download on the website - [www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk](http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk)).

## **Free Funds for Cormonachan Woodlands Association - A reminder**

You can now generate free funds for Cormonachan Woodlands Association whenever you shop online. We've signed up to a great new way to raise funds for Cormonachan Woodlands Association and we hope you'll support us by taking part.

Booking a Holiday, wanting Travel Insurance? Buying anything at all online? Over 3,000 retailers – including M&S, John Lewis, Argos, Sports Direct & Expedia - will give Cormonachan Woodlands Association a free donation every time you shop with them, at no additional cost to you!

How does it work? Simply visit [www.goraise.co.uk/cormonachan-woodlands-association](http://www.goraise.co.uk/cormonachan-woodlands-association) and sign up for free.

Click through to all your favourite online retailers and shop as normal. A donation is generated automatically when you make a purchase, and Go Raise will pass this on to us. No catches or extra costs. It's that simple!

Help make a big difference, without any extra effort. If everyone took part, we could raise £1000's every year, simply in retailer donations generated by ordinary, everyday shopping. Remember - don't just buy it, raise funds with it! Thank you to the members who have already started to use this and the funds are beginning to accumulate...

## **Other News**

The AGM will be held at a date to be announced after the next Committee Meeting on 16th May 2017.

The Association will have its marquee and stand again at the Loch Goil Gala Day on Saturday 29th July 2017.

There are now benches and picnic tables around Cormonachan Woodlands. You can see their positions and photos on Facebook.

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