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To: All Members of the Cormonachan Woodlands Association

Cormonachan Woodlands Association Members Update No 26

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.

Red Squirrel Hide Update

We will urgently be wanting volunteer members to help transport the Red Squirrel Hide and storage shed sections from the car park to the site where they will be erected opposite Jan's Hideaway hopefully later next week before the next Volunteers Weekend. This is normally a five minute walk but will take a little longer with two people taking each section. There will be about 28 sections including the glass windows for the hide. Two Forest Enterprise staff will assist and Logspan, the suppliers will have two persons to help but with so many sections we do need a lot for help - **Would you be able to help us at fairly short notice please?**

The Walking Theatre Company - Sunday 15th April 2018

We have arranged in conjunction with Argyll Arts Collective two performances in Cormonachan Woodlands by The Walking Theatre Company.

For Children: 2 pm - 'The Celtic Tree Walk; An Enchanted Forest'

This performance will last up to 1 hour 20 minutes.

Tickets from Argyll Arts Collective - (argyllartscollective@gmail.com).
£6.00 each or £20.00 for family ticket of 4.

For Adults: 6.30 pm - Shakespeare's 'Midsummer Night Dream'

This performance will last 1 hour 30 minutes.

Tickets £8.00 each from Argyll Arts Collective

Minibus transport will be available from Lochgoilhead car park.

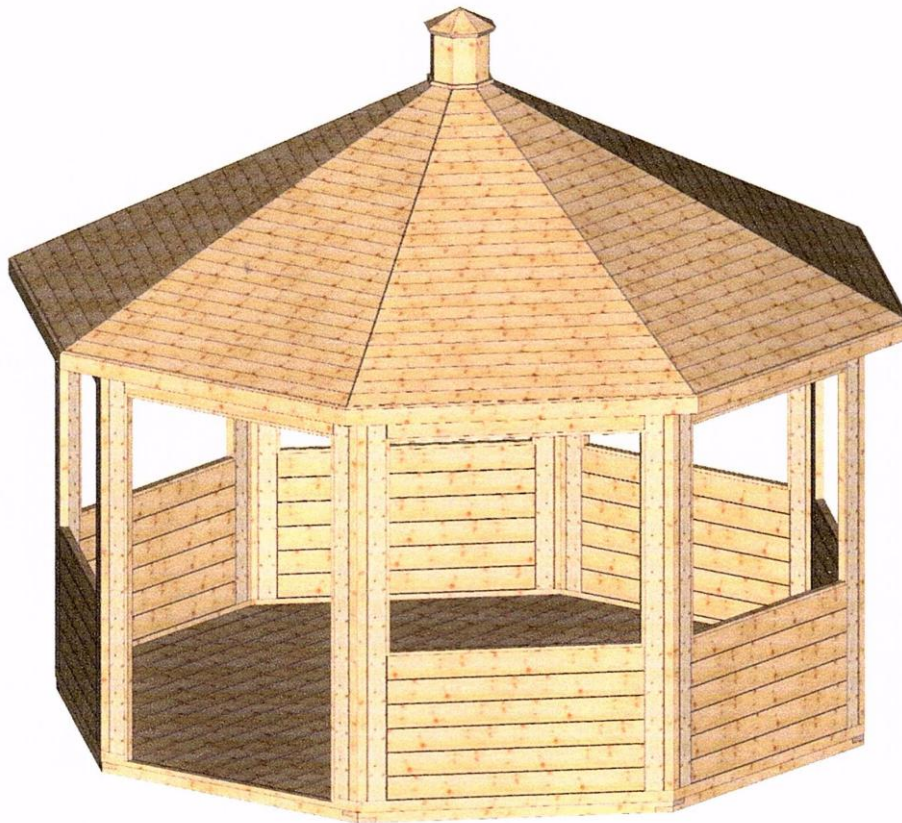
Ditch Cleaning around Cormonachan Woodlands Update

We have had the worst of all the ditches in Cormonachan Woodlands cleaned out now over a period of five working days. The path between the Rhododendron tunnel and the open burn that crossed the path at Clach Bhadach has now been scrapped and the burn is now in a pipe under the path. The entrance to the woodlands at the car park has also been hard cored by the gate. As part of this work too, the site for the hide and shed was also levelled by the excavator. All this work was financed by a grant from Friends of Loch Lomond & Trossachs (£500 for two days work); a CWA member's contribution (£250 for one day's work) and two days work offered as a donation in kind (value £500) by Drimsynie Construction, the contractors.

Cormonachan Woodlands Website Update

The new website was launched at the end of last month and is now Smartphone friendly. It has also be updated. The cost for the new website was £750.00 and it was funded by donations from Argyll Holidays (£100), Carrick Castle Community Trust (£100), Liz Evans (£100), Douglas Locke (£100), The Wee Goil (£150) and from members subscriptions (£200).

'Contemplation Shelter' Update



We are pleased to tell you that up to date we have had £6,000 donated including a grant of £500 from Forestry Commission Scotland for the 3.9m shelter. Due to our Treasurer being away on holiday from 22nd January to the end of February, we will not know how many donations have been made by bank transfer increasing the above total. What we do know however is that we will have raised enough money for the 'Contemplation Shelter' in memory of Liz Evans to go ahead.

The shelter has been chosen and ordered. The site for the shelter has also been chosen, planning permission is in with the National Park and permission is expected by 4th April 2018. We know over 100 people have donated money to the shelter and with a delivery date of 6 - 8 weeks, the shelter and the planning permission should allow the erection to take place in April subject to weather.

Volunteers Days

Volunteer days will commence on **Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th February 2018 from 10 am to 4 pm** each day. Fife Volunteers and some National Park Volunteers will be assisting us on these dates. We hope our own Association Volunteer Members will also be helping to maintain our community woodlands. Let us know if you can help out please with an e-mail to the Secretary - Secretary@cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk - More information on our Facebook Events section.

The following Volunteers Days will be on:-

Saturday 10th March 2018 from 10.00 to 13.00 hrs.

Sunday 8th April 2018 from 13.00 to 16.00 hrs.

Saturday 14th April 2018 from 10.00 to 13.00 hrs.

Sunday 6th May 2018 from 13.00 to 16.00 hrs.

There will be a break over June to August to avoid the midge season however the paths during this period will still have to be strimmed. Suitable sunny & windy days will try to be chosen at shorter notice and hopefully as many of our ten trained strimmers will help to keep the paths under control during the summer period.

The Fife Volunteers requested to come back in February 2018 and will continue to fell the remaining 19 under-planted Sitka spruce trees under our felling licence so will be working again in the woodlands on 24th & 25th in Area 1. Their contribution over the years has been invaluable.

Check out our Volunteering page on our website:-
<http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/cormonachan-history/volunteering/> for more information.

Free Funds for Cormonachan Woodlands Association

GoRaise has now raised **£81.40** to Cormonachan Woodlands Association from just six of our members (4 full members and 2 associate members) that regularly purchase on line and at no cost to themselves! Forty three purchases have been made to date accumulating £81.40 for the Red Squirrel Hide and now the Contemplation Shelter Project Fund. You too can help raise free donations for the Cormonachan Woodlands Association too, just from shopping online. Join here today...
<https://www.goraise.co.uk/cormonachan-woodlands-association> and then when registered add the 'Donation Reminder' (<https://www.goraise.co.uk/donation-reminder/>).

There are over 3,000 online retailers that take part in the scheme to give commission donations to charities and not-for-profit organisations such as ours, including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, TK Maxx, Trainline and so many well known companies. There is absolutely **NO** cost to you; we have no idea what you buy so why not help raise funds for the Cormonachan Woodlands Association's Project Funds. A new project fund has been launched in January 2018 for the 'Contemplation Shelter' and we hope other members will join in.

Current Membership

The current membership to the Association now stands at 77 members of which 55 are Full Individual Members, 12 are Associate Members, 5 are Life Members, 2 are Corporate Members and 3 are Child Members. Volunteering to become a member is extremely important to the Association as this is the only income stream it has to run the Association and cover all its running costs. See <http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/history/history-minutes-of-meetings.html> where you will find the accounts for the last two years attached to the minutes of the Annual General Meetings. All other expenditure comes from funding applications and donations to the Association for its projects.

Other News follows...

Latest News

Please keep up to date by regularly looking at our Latest News page:- <http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/news/> and by following our Facebook page too at <https://www.facebook.com/cormonachan>.

New Information Signs to be erected in Cormonachan Woodlands

The Association has gratefully received a grant of £250 from the Lochgoil Community Trust to erect 12 new information signs around the woodlands. These will be erected over the next Volunteers Days on 24th/25th February. When you are next walking around the woodlands, see if you can see them...

Purchase of the Land at Cormonachan Woodlands Update

This purchase is to be discussed at the next committee meeting on 6th March 2018 following Pete Clarke's talk to the committee on 30th January 2018 representing the Loch Goil Community Trust explaining the reasons for this suggestion and how it can be financed.

Short Notice Help...

Please expect an e-mail early next week asking for help for later in the week when we know the date the Red Squirrel Hide and storage shed will be delivered to the car park and then be erected by the Logspan team on the prepared site opposite Jan's Hideaway. As much help as we can get to transport the sections will make the job easier and quicker!



Tail Piece...

Enjoy walking in these wonderful ancient oak and hazel community woodlands at Cormonachan Woodlands and again please ask your friends to become Guardian Members and support the Association's work.

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