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To: All Members of the Cormonachan Woodlands Association

Cormonachan Woodlands Association Members Update No 40

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 Special General Meeting (SGM) was held on Monday 9th March 2020 at 4.30 pm at the Lochgoilhead Village Hall for the Cormonachan Woodlands Association.

Click on this link to view the Minutes of the Meeting:-

<http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/CWA-SGM-Minutes-09032020.pdf>

"Upper Cormonachan Paths Project" Update

The "Upper Cormonachan Paths Project Fund" has now reached **£14,061** as at 17th March 2020. As we are now having to find 5% of the full funding required for the construction costs of £323,484, that is £16,175 so we now need to find an extra **£2,114** to meet the Lottery Heritage Fund's requirements from local donations for the project. We have three months to find this additional funding or we'll have to put the project back a further three months until we have raised locally the **£16,175** required. I'm sure we can do it with a bit of effort...

This total has been increased by the '**Adopt a Tree**' funding, raising funds for the new paths construction. 55 trees have now been adopted of the 105 trees that were planted on Friday 22nd November Volunteers Day last year. If anyone else would like to adopt a tree or a grove, they are £5 per tree or £40 for a grove of 10 trees. Plaques or tags will be available a cost later on. We have been approved for a further 105 trees to plant in

the woodlands for November 2020 from the Woodland Trust Fund for communities.

If you haven't already read the Minutes of the last committee meeting held on 14th January 2020 you can be updated fully on the paths project and all other matters now before reading these. Click on this link - <http://www.cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk/admin/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/CWA-Committee-Minutes-14012020.pdf>

The only progress since is that the 92 trees have now been felled along the new paths route and at the Settlement. The archaeological survey has also been completed and we are now awaiting the final report.

If you follow Facebook/Cormonachan you will see the Settlement photos and shortly the felled trees along the new paths route.

Next Volunteers Days

These are restricted to CWA volunteers only who, if they wish to volunteer, must come individually, not giving a lift to anyone else and keep a minimum of two metres away from other volunteers. Clean Hi-Vis jackets, gloves and face shields are available for volunteers to use. Members may be pleased to get out for some useful exercise over the months ahead which providing the advice is adhered to will benefit both the volunteers health and the woodlands.

All other volunteers from the National Park have been asked not to attend during the Covid19 Pandemic.

Friday 27th March 2020 - 10 am to 4 pm

Last day to clear the remaining Rhododendron by Cormonachan Burn leaving just the spraying to do on last year's re-growth in the same area subject to suitable weather.

Saturday 28th March 2020 - 10 am to 4 pm

To clear the ditches of self seeded plants/trees and overhanging branches between Jan's Hideaway anti-clockwise to the top junction on the circular path above Jan's Hideaway. (Note - Four volunteers cleared all of the areas around the Squirrel Trail on 29th February between 10 am and 3 pm with a lunch break).

We may only be able to offer one day a month with Friday by preference.

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

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

Coop Local Community Fund

The Association has been benefiting from this fund since the end of October 2019 and will do so until 24th October 2020. The Coop donate 1% of purchases made from any Coop products UK wide, providing the Cormonachan Woodlands Association has been chosen by a Coop member. If you are not a member, it costs £1 to join and you can join here - <https://membership.coop.co.uk/new-registration>.

Visit our Coop cause page at <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/36994>

As at 17th March 2020, this fund has reached £318.69 in 4 1/2 months. Our target was £256 and there are over seven months still to go. We should be able to purchase more signs for the new paths as a result.

Membership of the Cormonachan Woodlands Association

The current membership for the year to date for 2019/2020 stands at 142 members of which 97 are Full Individual Members, 30 are Associate Members, 6 are Life Members, 4 are Corporate Members, 2 are Associate Corporate Members and 3 are Child Members (free).

Membership renewals to the **Cormonachan Community Woodlands** (Ltd) as a new organisation incorporating the Cormonachan Woodlands Association commences on 1st April 2020. Members will received a new application form that must be signed. We do hope all members will continue to support the Cormonachan Community Woodlands.

Membership enquiries should to addressed to Dennis Bolt, Membership Secretary - Membership@cormonachan-woodlands.co.uk.

Red Squirrel Hide Update

Since the Red Squirrel Hide was erected in March 2018, the donation box has received **£291.14** which is very helpful as that money goes towards feeding the red squirrels and pine martens that have currently got though 150 kilos of nuts that has cost £201.78. With these donations, their feeding is self-supporting and we now have £89.36 in hand for more nuts.

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>.



Tail Piece...

Your own Carbon Footprint

Here again is an interesting questionnaire from WWF that gives people an idea of their impact on the planet and tips on the small changes they can make. Click on this link <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/> to find out your own carbon footprint.

Cormonachan Woodlands Mugs

Cormonachan Woodlands Mugs are still for sale at £7.50 each. The profit from the sale of these goes towards the 'Upper Cormonachan Paths Project Fund'. These can be ordered from the Secretary. A few B & Bs in the area have purchased them for their guests to use.



Other Information

The last Committee Minutes of 14th January 2020 and all previous ones can be viewed on this link:-

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

The next Cormonachan Woodlands Association Committee Meeting on 24th March 2020 has been postponed due to the Covid19 Pandemic. During this situation meetings will be conducted by e-mail and by phone.

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