

Cormonachan Woodlands

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To: All Members of the Cormonachan Woodlands Association

Cormonachan Woodlands Association Members Update No 21

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.

Official Opening of the Cormonachan Woodlands new Car Park will be at 11 am on Thursday 14th September 2017



Now that the car park is complete with all its new signs, the official opening will be made by James Fraser of Friends of Loch Lomond and Trossachs. He is also a director of the Ardroy Trust. There will be a guided walk around the Squirrel Trail and the event is expected to last about one hour. As there will be more cars than the car park is normally designed

for, expect to double park to get everyone in. There will be funders represented and representatives from Forestry Commission Scotland and Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park Authority attending the event.

Last Committee Meeting

The Association's last Committee Meeting Minutes of 29th August 2017 are now on the Association's website and the very full minutes can be viewed by going to the following link:-

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

Next Volunteers Days

Dates for your diaries to plan ahead - so here are the autumn dates and these events have also been added to Facebook as reminders:-

September Volunteers Day

Sunday 17th September 2017 from 13.00 to 16.00 hrs.

October Volunteers Weekend

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th October 2017 from 10.00 to 16.00 hrs with social lunch breaks each day. Come for a morning or afternoon or all day.

November Volunteers Day

Saturday 18th November 2017 from 10.00 to 13.00 hrs.

On each volunteers day, please meet at the car park at least five minutes before the starting times. It would be helpful to let us know if you're going the day before each event.

Free Funds for Cormonachan Woodlands Association

GoRaise has so far raised £35.29 to Cormonachan Woodlands Association. A good start from just four members (2 full members and 2 associate members) that regularly purchase on line and at no cost to themselves! You 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 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 Fund (next priority a Red Squirrel Hide)?

Loch Goil Gala Day

The Association had its marquee and stand again at the Loch Goil Gala Day on Saturday 29th July 2017 in very wet and windy weather. Despite the weather, we sold all the Treasure Hunt spaces and the winner won an activity for eight people at Ardroy valued at £125.00 with six runner up prizes. Thanks to Ardroy for sponsoring this event. We also enrolled seven new members on the day and two immediately after the event.

Current Membership

The current membership to the Association now stands at 71 members of which 52 are Full Individual Members, 11 are Associate Members, 3 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

A second Trimmer Training Course was held on 21st August 2017 where four members were trained and obtained their certificates to help trim the paths on a one day course in Cormonachan Woodlands. We had 100% funding from Forestry Commission Scotland's Community Fund amounting to £425.00 for the course cost with no cost to the volunteer members. This commitment really helps keep the paths trimmed for the future. We now have 10 trained trimmer operators so the workload will be lightened to about 2 x 2 hours per year each.

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

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