

Douglas Locke  
Secretary – Cormonachan Woods  
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8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Mr Locke,

Argyll & the Isles Coast & Countryside Trust works in partnership with communities, public agencies and private organisations to design and implement projects that make a difference to people and landscapes. Our objectives are to care for and enhance our environment, to encourage people to enjoy and benefit from our environment, to encourage investment that will improve our environment, to share ideas and work in partnership with groups and individuals with an interest in our environment and to increase opportunities for local people such as employment, training and volunteering.

We have been working with partners in the Lomond and Cowal areas, delivering Branching Out and Moving On to local people to help reduce loneliness and isolation and stigma around mental health by delivering outdoor activities in many different locations.

Further information here <https://www.act-now.org.uk/branching-out>

We have current funding to continue this work and we are always looking to expand our delivery network and offer more choice to our participants. We are keen to have new venues to visit and deliver our sessions and would be happy to support Upper Cormonachan Paths Project. Our participants would benefit from the opportunity to explore the beautiful Cormonachan woodland for the first time as those with mobility issues will find it much easier to use the new path network and car parking once it is complete.

In addition, ACT is committed to the delivery of the Atlantic Woodland Alliance's strategy to improve and link clusters of Atlantic Rainforest. We are keen to support any woodland improvements in Argyll which will improve access to and awareness of this exceptional and valuable habitat.

We wish you every success with your project.

Yours sincerely,



Sara Maclean  
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Branching Out