

Community Woodlands Association

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CWA Conference 2014 - "Making the Connections" Bleachingfield Centre, Dunbar, East Lothian 23rd & 24th

The 15th annual CWA conference took place on 23rd & 24th August 2014 at the Bleachingfield Centre, Dunbar, East Lothian, and attracted 77 delegates from across Scotland. As ever, the CWA conference offered delegates plenty of opportunities to network, share experiences and be inspired by a diverse line up of speakers, workshops and site visits.

Our theme this year "making connections" allowed us to capture the di-



versity and interconnectedness of the community woodland experience and to provide a mechanism to connect everyone. It was great to have the opportunity to hear about groups' achievements and plans, and in particular the extraordinary range of community initiatives, from Dunbar and Caithness to the large scale restoration projects in the Borders.

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Lochbroom Woodfuels - Awarded Winners of 2014 One to Watch in the Scottish Enterprise Awards

Lochbroom Woodfuels is delighted to be awarded winner of 2014's "One to Watch" in the Scottish Social Enterprise Awards and Highly Commended in the same category in the UK Social Enterprise Awards. Lochbroom Woodfuels's vision is to develop a sustainable, reliable wood-fuel supply chain in Wester Ross. Thereby creating work experience and apprenticeship opportunities for local young people. Owned by the community, all profits are reinvested

in the business or other community projects. The judges' citation said that "the launch of Lochbroom Woodfuels Ltd by the Ullapool Community Trust is a great example of diversification into new products and services. Lochbroom Woodfuels Ltd is a social enterprise with a capacity for growth and is genuinely One to Watch. More information on Lochbroom Woodfuels's website::

www.lochbroomwoodfuels.com.





A short history of the Wood for All Project

The Wood for All Project sprang from the Transition Stirling group's idea to cut CO₂ emissions by helping those in rural areas to switch to woodfuel as an alternative to fossil fuels, and to promote better use of undermanaged woodland to provide a sustainable local source of woodfuel in the future. Focusing on better management of the local woodlands through community access and empowerment, and spreading the word to consumers interested in renewable heat has kept their small team (who all work part-time or job-share) very busy and in September they celebrated the 2nd anniversary of the project.

A key factor in getting established has been the ability to network, and the Woods for All Project remain deeply indebted to Forestry Commission Scotland, for their support of the idea, and in providing them with many networking opportunities and contacts within the woodland sector. This enabled them to quickly grow their sphere of influence, and to build credibility with many organisations that they have come into contact with, including industry partners, the local council and other woodland-related groups.

Joining CWA was of real benefit to Wood for All, as it allowed them to reach a wide audience interested in woodlands, and keep up to date with news and events in the sector. For Iain Buchanan,

Woodland Coordinator, it has allowed him to tap into many different sources for inspiration, advice and technical information. They have used the CWA to advertise the woodland skills events that they have run, starting off with



mainly soft-skills activities, like tree identification and green woodworking, then focusing on skills more pertinent to managing and maintaining small woodlands such as woodland management training days and path making. They developed a skills training programme and where appropriate, partnered with organisations with more expertise than themselves, particularly Green Aspirations Scotland, a social enterprise that quite fortuitously started up around the same time as Wood for All.

The training programme has helped staff and volunteers to gain new woodland hand tools skills, First Aid for Forestry and given some the opportunity to obtain their basic chainsaw licence. These new skills have allowed Woods

for All to take on jobs outside the remit of most community volunteer organisations and has seen them tackle the odd bit of felling, and spend a good number of man-hours processing felled trees to smaller cross-cut sections. On one woodland project near Fintry, Woods for All partnered with the landowner and the local development trust to create woodfuel and





distribute this amongst the most needy in the local community.

A series of 'Tool Training and Action Days' was put in place to upskill local woodland group volunteers and enable them to tackle woodland management tasks in their local area, and this programme has been rolled out across other woodland groups in Stirlingshire. They have been keen to include the message that "as well as being



a treasured amenity, or a potential source of woodfuel, the local woodland can offer many other benefits". They have also tried to convey the old adage of "a wood that pays is a wood that stays" by demonstrating how some species can offer a high-value product and that the process of carefully pruning and thinning, leaves the woodland in a better state for the future.

All of this is put into context with the need for biodiversity to be maintained and they have highlighted that all actions are site-specific, and that there's no 'one-size fits all' type solution to woodland management. Woods for All was also helped by an ecology student from Stirling University whose final year honours degree disserta-

tion project focussed on changes in biodiversity between managed and non-managed woodlands and made for interesting reading and comparison.

With four months or so of funding from the Climate Challenge Fund (CCF) remaining Iain feels that they have shown, in addition to providing renewable heat advice to householders thinking of making the switch, that they have encouraged woodland groups to start up, become more active, look for ways of finding new funds both through grants and develop woodland products that can be sold to raise much needed revenue to pay for hand tools, path upgrades or insurance.

The Woods for All Project has tried very hard to get the community groups they have engaged with to consider their objectives, to network with them and other woodland groups, to use all the resources available to them and not to 'reinvent the wheel'. In the New Year they are planning to hold a gathering of woodland groups in Stirling to showcase some of the Woods for All achievements, and to promote discussion on community woodlands in the Central Belt, so keep an eye out for the date at www.transitionstirling.org.uk/events.php



There's a lot more to be gained through working together than in splendid isolation, and they hope that by spreading the knowledge and promoting partnerships, a

lasting legacy of a well-connected Stirlingshire woodland network will remain after Wood for All has ended.





Nature and Wellbeing Seminar—2nd December 2014



Over 60 delegates from the NHS and other healthcare organisations plus community woodland folk came together at a seminar on Nature and Wellbeing at the SNH HQ Great Glen House on Tuesday 2nd December to hear about policy and good practice. The seminar was organised by Fiona Chalmers of Fiona Chalmers Associates (Fiona@fionachalmers.co.uk) and was supported by Scottish National Heritage, the Big Lottery and CWA.

The idea of the seminar was to raise awareness among the health care sector of the value of woodlands for wellbeing, particularly in using a mindfulness approach for mental health care. They were also keen that the event would encourage networking and enthusiasm between the health care sector and community woodland groups (and nature experience providers) to enable more use of the natural world in healthcare. There was certainly a buzz and enthusiasm in the conversations at the break and over lunch and



lots of good connections were being made.

The seminar was part of the Woodlands, Waterways and Wellbeing

(WoWW) Scoping Study and was made possible with help from Di Oliver and Caroline Derbyshire at CWA and staff at SNH. The WoWW study is a partnership between Dunain Community Woodland (DCW) and Scottish Waterways Trust (SWT) and has been funded through the Big Lottery Investing in Ideas Programme. Its aims are to research ideas, forge new partnerships, explore opportunities and engage with the community and key stakeholders looking at three interlocking themes;

Woodlands - researching best practice of purpose designed 'rest and play' facilities and structures that can encourage more nature connection in the natural environment - artistically designed structures and shelters that interpret the landscape and heritage, providing for different needs from relaxation to fun and play.



Waterways – Looking at the opportunities for new access routes to link the community woodland with the Caledonian Canal towpath (at Torvean and Clachnaharry), The Great Glen Way, Forestry Commission Craig Phadrig woodlands and the city of Inverness

Wellbeing – researching the potential for 'nature based mindfulness' experiences with NHS outpatients and those in neighbouring New Craigs Psychiatric Hospital to enhance wellbeing. The study has included working with mental healthcare practitioners to run 'taster' therapeutic sessions alongside the canal and in the community woodlands and this policy and best practice seminar.



Evanton Community Wood – growing legs!

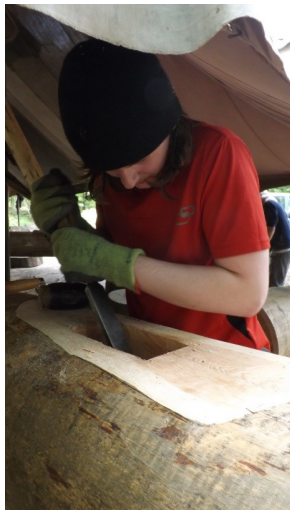


What initially started out as an idea for a tool store and shelter for education groups utilising a metal portacabin has grown both

arms and legs in Evanton Wood. After nine months of committed work it has become an architectural statement and a focus of interest for visitors and villagers alike.

After a successful bid to the FEI (Forest Education Initiative) partnership fund by education coordinator Simon Harry, plans were submitted for a secure tool store and shelter clad in locally sourced timber. Working with Henry Fosbrooke of Mil-

ton Wood fame, a trio of semi-retired volunteers (picture 1), Education Coordinator Simon Harry (picture 3) and school pupils (picture 2), plus occasional community volunteers, have worked tirelessly to create what will become an education base and community venue. The two local nursery groups which utilise the



wood weekly for outdoor learning now propose to spend an extra morning a week making use of the facility. Having sourced funding to help install a wood burning stove in the cabin they now will be able to use the woods 12 months of the year. Interest in using the resource has also been expressed by OWL (Outdoor Woodland Learning - formally FEI), local schools and groups, and Scottish Cycling - as a training venue.

All the roundwood has been sourced from Evanton Wood itself – mainly 2 specially felled larch trees plus 2 wind-blown larches. Help moving them has come from several local tractor drivers. The planks have all been milled on site from wood donated by the Forestry Commission using our own Logosol at first, then (in recognition of the quantity required) with a hired in Lucas mill. Those involved have acquired skills in log handling, levelling with laser beam, marking and cutting mortise and tenon joints, milling, roof building and related skills. Labour costs have been kept low through the input of voluntary labour but the costs have inevitably mounted with the need for large numbers of bolts, power tools, transport – and through the addition of certain features which will make the cabin more user friendly year round e.g. non-slip decking, French windows, safe tool stores.



Evanton WCC have been fortunate in having the Heritage Lottery Fund agreeing to use of their 5-Year project funding for this additional purpose and in attracting further funding from FEI and the Highland Council. In taking their plans forward they modified the initial structure to use roundwood; this was a great opportunity for volunteers to learn new skills and improve the look of the structure. The improvements are clear to all their visitors and participants - amongst whom they hope to include your good selves in the very near future!

www.evantonwood.com



Colintraive and Glendaruel Development Trust - Greener ColGlen Project "From Invader to Woodfuel"

Rhododendron ponticum (R.p) is the most damaging and most widespread non-native terrestrial plant in Britain, and has been recognised as a particular problem in Cowal. The threat of *Phytophthora*, to which R.p plays host, has made rhododendron control a national priority, and Colintraive and Glendaruel Development Trust's **Greener ColGlen** Project is keeping up to date on the emerging National Strategy to control the plant.



On Thursday 23rd October Greener ColGlen hosted an event in Colintraive Village Hall, chaired by Bruce Marshall, who said afterwards, "*ColGlen Community Development Trust are leading the way in Cowal in setting an example of what can be done in a comparatively small rural community. The *Rhododendron ponticum* eradication information sharing day in Colintraive was extremely interesting and I believe appreciated by all attendees, this followed on from a similar event at Appin in May which was run by Argyll & Isles Coast & Countryside Trust. R.p is a far greater threat to our environment that any other invasive species of plant and every man's hand should be against it. I was particularly impressed with the presentation about what 'Greener ColGlen' is all about and hope that other communities may follow their example*"

Delegates were treated to presentations from For-

estry Commission Scotland (FCS), The Lever & Mulch Partnership, Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (ACT), Wood Watch Heritage and Greener ColGlen.

Sara Maclean, Greener ColGlen's Project Officer said, "*Funded by the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund, our project is improving our community's resilience and lowering our carbon footprint using the themes of local food, composting, energy efficiency of our homes and use of local woodfuel. We were inspired by the event in Appin earlier in the year, where we learned – amongst the other bad things about Rhodies - that the traditional Cut and Burn eradication technique has a very high carbon footprint and emits up to 160tCO₂e (tonnes of carbon dioxide) per hectare!*"

You only have to go a short distance in Cowal to see how badly they have become infested, without really noticing it taking hold. They want to explore whether, by avoiding the burning technique and using other methods of eradication, they can find a lower carbon, more effective and cheaper way to both eradicate *Rhododendron ponticum* from their area and use it for local woodfuel."

Discussions took place around the frustration with finding funding streams to deal with the problem because the Wildlife and Countryside Act legislation states "*if any person plants or otherwise causes to grow in the wild any plant which is included in Part II of Schedule 9, he shall be guilty of an offence.*" (*Rhododendron ponticum* is included).

After a first class soup-and-sandwich lunch, delegates attended demonstrations of Charcoal-making, Cut and Chip, Lever & Mulch and Stem Injection. Training in the Lever & Mulch technique then took place over the next 2 days for a group of local volunteers.



Using only hand-tools and wearing safety gear, they systematically and meticulously removed nearly half a hectare of mature rhododendrons, every last bit of living plant and root was then stacked up to die. This time next year it will be air-dried, ready-to-use woodfuel with a very low risk of plant regrowth.

Community members have been trained in the techniques, and Greener ColGlen will continue the clearance and production of wood fuel for the rest of the funded project. It was interesting to note that the 6 volunteers and 3 trainers cleared more rhododendron in the 3 days spent working (despite poorer fitness meaning shorter working days), than the contractor's team of 3 with chain-saws, chipper and forwarder (also 3 days), and also that the carbon impact of the work was greatly reduced.



Greener ColGlen learned that Rhododendron eradication is best achieved by using a combination of techniques: plants that have been diagnosed with Phytophthora need to be burnt, whilst chipping of stems would still be employed for a small site, for tidiness. Stem injection is particularly good for large, stubborn or previously cut plants; Lever & Mulch techniques deal best with the plant's habit of **layering**; spraying would still be a useful follow up, along with hand-pulling of seedlings. Volunteer working is ideally suited to Lever & Mulch in Community gardens and public spaces, and greater long-term success in large-scale eradication is achieved when contractors use a multi-method approach and partnership working with all the landowners in an area is key to successful eradication.



Greener ColGlen wishes to thank all the delegates who attended on the day, the individual presenters from FCS, The Lever and Mulch Partnership, ACT, and the contractors who demonstrated all the different techniques; Wood Watch Heritage from Bute, Ross Petro, The Lever & Mulch Partnership, Bruce Marshall for chairing and Danuta for the cakes!

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Adventures with Borders Forest Trust.



2014 has been an action packed year for Borders Forest Trust with lots of survey work and peat

restoration at Talla and Gameshope and ongoing habitat management at Carrifran and Corehead Farm. At Corehead Farm and Beef Tub just outside Moffat, funded by a SNH 'natural connections' grant, a focus this year has been on getting

kids and families out and about discovering nature and connecting to the land through craft, story-telling and



exploring. This led to the creation of 'Corehead Adventure Club' who have been busy hunting dragons, making potions, finding Autumn treasures, learning to

survive outdoors and making woodland masks. This approach has been very successful with many new people discovering Corehead Farm and getting involved in the project.



Border Forest Trust also had visits from the local school with 44 children achieving their John Muir Discovery Award at the site and biology students completing the field studies component of their course.



Earlier in the year they started a new blog to share what they have been up to, please have a look. www.bordersforesttrust.blogspot.co.uk

They also have a programme of volunteer events starting for the winter which will include tree planting, orchard maintenance, fence removal and a variety of other tasks so please get in touch with them if you would like to find out more via email: corehead@bordersforesttrust.org or tel: 07521 664530.





Reforestation Scotland - A New Dawn for Woodland Huts in Scotland?

The Reforestation Scotland (RS) Thousand Huts campaign has been making significant progress to make it easier in future to get permission to build a small, low-impact hut for recreational use. This could bring great opportunities for new ways of deepening the involvement of communities in woodland. RS is also collaborating with the Forestry Commission to develop a pilot hutting site on public forest land which will demonstrate how huts can be an important aspect of community engagement with woodlands.

About the campaign

The Thousand Huts campaign aims revive Scotland's historic hutting culture for the health and wellbeing of people of all income brackets. Huts create an invaluable space to increase people's connectedness and understanding of their natural environment. The campaign is working to remove unnecessary barriers to building small, low impact huts in appropriate locations. It's also supporting a growing movement of hutters and prospective hutters. The recent Hutters Rally in Glasgow's Maryhill Burgh Hall was a resounding success, and included a site visit to Scotland's largest hutting site at Carbeth.

New policy on hutting

On 23 June the new Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) was published, including, for the first time, a recommendation that Development Plans make provision for huts. It includes the following definition of a hut:

A simple building used intermittently as recreational accommodation (i.e. not a principal residence); having



an internal floor area of no more than 30m²; constructed from low impact materials; generally not connected to mains water, electricity or sewerage; and built in such a way that it is removable with little or no trace at the end of its life. Huts may be built singly or in groups.

This great leap forward came about as a result of the efforts of Thousand Huts campaigners who brought the issue to government, which started the ball rolling. The campaign rallied the support of thousands of hut enthusiasts, hundreds of whom responded to the SPP consultation - helped greatly by Friends of the Earth Scotland e-action supporting the campaign. As a result there were more consultation responses on the issue of huts, than on any other planning issue. Thousand Huts is continuing to work with Scottish Government planning and building control officials to push for supportive regulation for hutting.

Want to get involved?

Hutters and would-be hutters – or Community Woodland Groups interested in exploring the idea of a hut site on their land - can get involved in the campaign at www.thousandhuts.org. If you dream of having a hut, you can also complete a survey so you can be kept informed of hutting opportunities in the future. Thousand Huts plans to host an event for landlords interested in having a hut site on their land. Contact them at huts@reforestingscotland.org if you or your group would be interested in taking part in this.

huts@reforestingscotland.org
wwwthousandhuts.org
www.reforestingscotland.org



Community Shares Scotland

Since the Community Shares Scotland surgery session at CWA's conference in August, they have grown rapidly and are now supporting numerous community groups across Scotland. The 3 year programme, staffed by Kelly McIntyre (programme manager) and Morven Campbell (programme officer) offers guidance and both general and specialised support to organisations keen to develop share offers in their community. communitysharesscotland.org.uk/

If you have an innovative idea for an income generating community project please get in touch. A Community Share offer could be the ideal way to raise the all-important risk capital to start, and to grow your community project. Community Shares refers to the sale of shares in enterprises serving a community purpose.

This type of investment has been used to finance shops, pubs, community buildings, renewable energy initiatives, local food schemes, along with a host of other community based ventures. The programme has worked with over a dozen community groups over the first 6 months of the programme and they are thrilled to have helped 2 groups launch successful shares offers so far:

Sunart Community Renewables hydro scheme was launched on the 3rd October and the Strontian Community are making great progress already. They have put together a fantastic video showcasing their great work so far: www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3SfhcOFos&feature=youtu.be. To find out more about

Sunart Community Renewable contact Dale (Project Manager) at: dalemeegan@mail.com or visit the website: www.sunartcommunityrenewables.org.uk

Galson Estate Trust wind turbine on Lewis, also launched on the 3rd October. The team at Urras Energy Society Ltd, Neil Mackinnon and Holly Magee commented: "We are very pleased at the support that we have been given from Community Shares Scotland, we look forward to continue working with them in the long run, in order to promote our Community Share Offer locally and nationally. CSS have been excellent at providing us with resources and contacts which have been very useful in expanding our reach and knowledge." To find out more about the Urras Energy Society Ltd Share Offer please visit: urrasenergy.moonfruit.com/

Community Shares work to enable much-needed investment to come from the very community a project intends to benefit. By investing personally in local enterprises, community shareholders work together to provide goods and services that meet local needs. Interested in learning more? Building on the interest and enthusiasm demonstrated at the CWA conference, Community Shares Scotland would love to support CWA members further. Call them on: 0131 220 3777 or email: morven@communitysharesscotland.org

Community Shares Scotland are running a series of 9 awareness raising roadshows across Scotland over the next 2 years. Sign up to their newsletter to find out when we are in your neighbourhood: communitysharesscotland.org.uk/sign-community-

Woodland Wanted as a venue for a Fitness Challenge and Orienteering Event

Has your woodland ever fancied hosting a Fitness Challenge and Orienteering? Jason Standish is looking to run a new event in which teams will look for checkpoints while being tracked down by ex-military personnel. All he needs now is some suitable woodland and terrain.

When: One Sunday every month where possible.

Time: 10am-4pm.

Numbers: There will be 4 teams of 5 people, 4 paying participants and a safety instructor/guide for any team that needs them.

If your group would be interested and able to accommodate such event please contact Jason Standish on : 07816060058



Wooplaw Community Woodland - It's an ill wind.....

"Carrier Bag Charge Scotland" is new legislation brought in by the Scottish parliament on the 20th October this year. Initially it was thought that it covered just plastic carrier bags and that the minimum 5p cost was going to environmental charities. However, with Government being what it is and looking after its vested interests this was changed, not quite beyond recognition but enough not to sound quite so intuitive. The charge now covers paper bags, above a certain size, and bags from plant based material - with a list of exceptions of course. Oh, and now the retailer can keep the money, give some to charity (less expenses) or donate it all to charity.

If you employ 10 or more FTE (Full Time Equivalent) staff then you have an obligation to keep, retain and produce information relating to the amount of single use carrier bags you supply and the money received as a result of charging for these bags. carrierbagcharges-cotland.org.uk/guidance/ "Smaller shops also have to do it although they don't have to send in all the information."

As a member of a wee craft co-op in the Borders, Bob Fleet looks after the shop once a week and the last thing he wanted to do was count bags 'sold'. **A thought** - If the money goes straight to a charity then they could count the money and let them know.

Wooplaw Community Woodland is a charity so they could get the money and let the retailer know how much has been raised. This way the Co-op now doesn't need to record all of the 5p (minimum) donations.... All WCW needed was a box by the till so that the money could just go straight into it. There are masses of charity collecting boxes on the web but usually plastic and not too cheap and not very 'environmental looking'. However, with a band saw and a few logs the problem is soon sorted.

Instructions...

Cut the log at an angle so the top will face forward on a desk. Cut the top and bottom 1cm off as a slice.

From the back, cut in at an angle and then take the centre out in a circle if the blade allows leaving about 1cm of wood. (*A lot easier than trying to drill and fretsaw it all*). If the blade won't cut a circle then lots of angled cuts to take it out. Environmentally friendly folk might do this with a gouge and mallet and plenty of time.

Drill and make a slot in the top with a drill saw bit (set of 3 £4.22 at www.toolstation.com/branches)

Place suitable labelling on the top. Fit the top on permanently and screw the bottom on and it's done.

At present the labels on theirs are cut from some of their leaflets while a friend of a friend gets some laser



etched, then they'll swap them. Each top is unique to the box if it's a bit of log so they will take back the temporary ones and get their tops done then.

Wooplaw Community Woodlands have now got boxes in five local shops and it looks as if they might get a fiver a month with luck. It might not seem much but that is £60 a year each or £300 in total, not something that a charity these days can turn their nose up to.

The other weekend was the Craft and Design Fair at The Border Union Showground - Kelso.

It's run by their Crafters co-op and they agreed that bag money would go to Wooplaw so they got £27.47p. Every little helps as they say and that will buy about 6% of a chainsaw course. See the fair video on Facebook as "The Crafters"

www.facebook.com/pages/The-Crafters/152972901411794



CWA News

Join the CWA

Voting membership of CWA is open to incorporated community woodlands groups: meaning any democratic, community-led organisation engaged in aspects of woodland management on their own or in partnership with others.

The annual fee for **Full** membership is £30. **Basic** membership (annual fee £10) is available for new and small community woodland groups with an annual turnover < £1000.

Individuals who support the CWA aims and objectives may become **Individual** members (annual fee £10), and other organisations working to support community engagement with woodlands may be-

come **Associate** members (annual fee £100)

Please [contact us](#) if you are unsure which category you fit into.

All application forms can be found at our webpage www.communitywoods.org/projects.php

All applications for membership are assessed and approved by CWA Directors.

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This is a great tool to publicise your work/events/course etc. for free!

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