

Gleann Shìldeag – Update

6th October 2025



Woodland Management

We have recently had an out-of-season licence and a night licence approved by NatureScot to help us to try to reduce the impact of deer within the ancient woodland on the estate. This impact was classed as 'very high' during the last Herbivore Impact Assessment. The wildlife manager, Del, will inform local police each time before he goes out at night.

Access

We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss again access over the Abhainn nan Lub in Glen Shieldaig. Since the temporary bridge we put in to access the Phase 2 area during the planting was removed, there have been several times where the burn has been too high to cross. This has made management and monitoring work of the new planting area more difficult.

We completely understand the feedback provided last year, that the upgrading of the old ATV track was not desirable and, as agreed, will reinstate the temporary track created once the woodland creation works are completed. We would appreciate initial feedback on the idea of putting in a small wooden bridge over the burn, wide enough to take an ATV crossing, to access the planting area safe access for on-going management. This would also require the creation of a small layby off the A896 to enable safe access - please see the attached PDF of possible design. A locked gate with signs would be installed to ensure there would be no vehicular access

I would be happy to provide further detail on this at a future community council meeting, or to attend in person.

Woodland Creation – Phase 3

For some time we have been developing a new woodland creation scheme, linking the recently planted area in Glen Shieldaig to the Couldoran House area in the south. This would see a further fenced area with up to 235 hectares of planting and natural regeneration. We are currently in discussion with Scottish Forestry who are supportive.

Again, we would very much like to get feedback from the Community Council on this proposed scheme and so would like to submit more information ahead of the next meeting.

If you would like any further information on the above, please contact:

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