Gleann Shìldeag – Update 2nd September 2025



Woodland Management

Planting of 300,000 trees in Glen Shieldaig was completed in May this year. Many of these have been doing well and had a good growing season, though there are areas where the trees suffered from the dry spell earlier in the spring. We're currently undertaking beat-up surveys and will have a figure soon for how many of the trees planted will need replaced.

There is also an area of around 15 hectares which wasn't planted due to a supply issue with the tree nursery. This will be planted in March 2026, alongside any trees required for beating-up.

The tree nursery on site continues to go from strength to strength. We're always looking for more volunteers to help with this amazing project so please pass on contact details below to anyone who may be interested.

Access

We've done some work to soften the edge of the temporary access which was created last Sept, making this less visually intrusive in the Glen. Once beat-up operations have completed, this track will be reinstated, as agreed previously.

Management Plan

We're currently in the process of reviewing and updating our 5-year management plan for the site. A draft of this plan will be out for consultation in the coming weeks and it'd be great to get as much feedback as possible. We'll be holding a drop-in event in Shieldaig Hall on 17th September, from 3-7pm (drop in any time) to discuss the plan in more detail.

Glen Torridon Partnership (GTP)

Unfortunately, due to ill-health, Joan Cumming is no longer working in her role as Project Development Officer for the Partnership. We're currently recruiting for a replacement, closing 14th Sept. It'd be great to get as much local response as possible so please share the link to the job advert here: Project Development Manager

The partnership is also currently undertaking a survey looking at rural skills development in relation to the project's aim of restoring habitats within Glen Torridon. It'd be great if you could please pass this around too, the link is here: https://forms.office.com/e/9VFqD0Wbtf

If you would like any further information on the above, please contact: MalcolmTurner@woodlandtrust.org.uk or CazAusten@woodlandtrust.org.uk