



NEWSLETTER No.15 - Winter 2018

OUR PATH



We've received an award from *Paths for All* for the path which we reported on in our Autumn 2017 newsletter. The path has settled in well, and is much safer when walking over the hill. **Special thanks go to all our volunteers who helped.**

TARBERT : OUR CASTLE OF KINGS

We're progressing well with funding and arrangements for our dig, which will take place on site in May and June 2019. Please look out for e-mails, etc., in the New Year, requesting that you book some time to come up and learn to be an amateur archaeologist.

Our preliminary dig in Bruce Hill, in summer 2018, was a great success, with the find of medieval pottery fragments confirming occupation of the site in that period of the castle's history. Full details of the preliminary dig are on our website www.tarbertcastle.info.

The housing association, ACHA, has given us permission to leave the excavation open, and we're preparing a small interpretation panel for that part of Tarbert's early history.

We've been selected as one of the groups to receive funding this year from the Co-op. To help us maximise this opportunity, please vote for us on the Co-op web site by scanning or clicking on the QR Code or link below:



<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/20331>

RURAL SKILLS WITH TARBERT ACADEMY PUPILS

We have three pupils doing their practical work at our Heritage Park, helping to look after the sheep at the Castle and working in both the woodland and the orchard. Apart from the students learning, it's great for helping volunteers to get on with regular maintenance.

Latest activity is building a drystone cairn for the Bruce Hill panel.

Every week, primary pupils, via their "Forest School", are making use of the community woodland.

OUR CHRISTMAS STAR

The school pupils helped us put up our Christmas star and we hope you all like it. Jim Curnyn, a Castle trustee and volunteer, took the photographs for us.



AND, FINALLY.....

**WE WISH ALL OUR READERS AND SUPPORTERS
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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