

# Community Woodland Newsletter

October 2020



## Nature

We had a very successful bat walk at the beginning of September and would hope to repeat this early next year.

We have installed pine marten boxes these are 4 metres up in the trees in the hope that we can increase the number in our woods



## Education

Our Community Woodland Manager meets with the children of the Village Nursery talking to them about the woodland



The woods are for all to enjoy please leave them as you find them take your litter and glass home with you

## Volunteer Achievements

The Polmaise Castle main driveway has been cleared and now we would like to replace the main Entrance Gates



please



The old tennis courts by Polmaise Castle have been cleared of Rhododendrons.

New picnic benches are now in place built by volunteers from trees in the woods.

For enquiries please contact the Community Forest Manager, Amos Higgins, via email ([amos@ccdt.org.uk](mailto:amos@ccdt.org.uk)) or mobile (07939185427) (available on Friday or Saturday) or [Jennifer@CCDT.org.uk](mailto:Jennifer@CCDT.org.uk) (Trustee CCDT)

# Updates

1. My work is part time Friday and Saturday within the Woodland. There are exciting projects and workplans that we hope to deliver for the community, Clearing trees around the boundary, work on the walled garden. Thank you to all the volunteers who have joined us so far.



To help with the planned projects we are looking for a small trailer if anyone has one they could lend us or donate, this would be very much appreciated

2. Residential boundary felling :- we will be starting to fell trees along the boundary fence, our aim to make a clearance strip of a minimum of 5 metres wide. There are some more complex trees to fell, due to the nature of the tree location and BT lines, which we cannot fell ourselves so contractors will be employed in those circumstances. Please contact Amos by 31st October if you have any concerns around this work.

3. The CCDT Scavenging Policy is on our website Anyone interested in collecting firewood should contact [admin@ccdt.org.uk](mailto:admin@ccdt.org.uk) to register their interest.

The use of a chainsaws on the Hill is not permitted unless by a CCDT employee or authorised contractor.

4. Our future projects will include replacing the entrance gates to the castle cost for this will be around £2500 and to restore the walled garden to bring it back into community use including allotments, community orchard and garden. If you would like to make a donation towards this work please donate via

CCDT Donations Sort code 08-92-99 account 65978973

# Volunteer Days

We appreciate that volunteering is beneficial for both mental and physical health and we wish for our community to be actively involved in line with our project plans for development and widening use of the woods. We all want to get the best out of our Gillies Hill Community Woodland and without volunteer work that wouldn't be possible. Please register your interest via e-mail. Volunteer tasks will be allocated based around our work projects, due to current restrictions this will be on an individual or per household basis. Volunteers are also required to help with planning and the research of funding applications, this behind the scenes work is just as vital as the physical work and can be done from home if required contact [Jennifer@ccdt.org.uk](mailto:Jennifer@ccdt.org.uk) if you are interested in helping in this way.



## Lots to do, can you help?

Do you have any specialist skills or knowledge to contribute to the work of the woodland or potentially to aid informative guided walks in the future? We'd love to hear from you!



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# Membership Form

Membership is free of charge. Grades of membership:

- **Full:** 16+ living in Cambusbarron Community Council area or within 2km of the Main street
- **Associate:** Anyone, anywhere aged over 16 and supporting our aims
- **Junior Membership:** Anyone aged up to 16 years of age.

Please tick which category of membership you wish to apply for:

Member

Associate

Junior

Name:			
Address:			
Telephone:		Date of Birth: (Junior members only)	
Email:			
Signed:			
Date			
I hereby agree that my data entered in the contact form will be stored electronically, and will be processed and used for the purpose of establishing contact. I am aware that I can revoke my consent at any time. (Please read our GDPR Statement for information on how we will use your data.)			
<b>Please return the completed form to the Membership Secretary,</b>			
Emma King, 52 Gillies Hill, Cambusbarron FK7 9PG			
Or by email to <a href="mailto:membership@ccdt.org.uk">membership@ccdt.org.uk</a>			

**Membership is free - donations are always gratefully received.**

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