

Woodland Awareness Raising / Networking Event
Saturday 12th June 2010
Menstrie Gala Day, Menstrie, Clackmannanshire

Final Report

Introduction

This is the final report produced by the Community Woodlands Association for the Woodland Awareness Raising / Networking Event held during Menstrie Gala Day, Menstrie on the 12th June 2010. The day was a great success with over 1000 people attending the gala with many taking part in the activities laid on by the host group Menstrie Community Woodland. The event was supported by the Community Woodlands Association with contributions from the Woodland Orchestra and Brotus Rural Crafts.

Event programme

Synopsis:

This one day special event aimed to promote Menstrie Community Woodland, which has been in community ownership for over 20 years, yet remains underutilized and with limited support from the community. Following on from the Alva Glen event, Menstrie Community Woodland Group wished to deliver an event during the Gala that would drum up support and enthusiasm for the woodland – as well as build links to the local primary school. Activities were open to anyone who wished to take part, and no booking was required.

Objectives:

- Improved networking locally and nationally
- Inspiring creative methods for awareness raising and drumming up support
- Attract new interest locally from Schools
- Demonstrate that volunteering can be fun
- Raising awareness of the Local Community Woodland
- Raising awareness of rural craft
- Developing a core volunteer group for the Community Woodland

Programme:

- 10am Activities Begin throughout the town – with a precession to the playing fields where the main gala event takes place. CWA will have a large marquee home to woodland crafts & music displays, as well as information provision at displays from local agencies and groups. Les from Menstrie Community Council, and James a local woodcrafter are on site to collect names of interested locals.
- 1pm Performance from Menstrie Primary School on main stage with Woodland Orchestra
- 2pm Performance from Menstrie Primary School in Marquee, with Woodland Orchestra
- 4pm Gala day closes – evening events separate from those CWA participating in.

List of delegates (the nature of the day proved impossible to collect feedback from participants; however the outcome of the event was to develop a list of core volunteers for the community woodland. This was a success, with 12 people agreeing to take part in future woodland activities)

Names
Barry Evans
Rebecca Noon
Jacqui Shepperd
Theresa Williams

Alan Hill
Stuart McFarlane
Craig Johnston
Thom McLough
Susan Ward
Sally Dutton
Maggie Cloqart
Corrie McGregor

General Comments

This was an excellent way to raise awareness of a Local Community Woodland, and of the wider network, time will tell if it has added strength to the community.

Photographs

No photos are available from this event; however a video from the event can be viewed on the CommWoods page on YouTube

Any other information relevant to the topic

None