



Community Woodlands Association



CWA E-NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 26

Welcome to the CWA E-newsletter, Winter 2016 Edition. Thank you to everyone who contributed, we had a great response from our members offering their stories which we hope will inspire and motivate, and give you the opportunity to catch up on what other CWA members have been up to over the past few months. CWA wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all next year!

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CWA Conference 2019 - Forres

This year's CWA Conference took place on 1st and 2nd October in a very sunny Forres, Moray and the theme was "Community Woods: Learning and Earning". The aim was to explore options for developing community woodlands as centres for social enterprise, skills training and education. It was great to see so many delegates this year (86 in total) joining us from across Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Horizon Scotland was a perfect venue, with plenty of outside space for our delegates to congregate for a chat / network and enjoy the **"Getting youth on board workshop"** as well as the popular **"have a go at green woodworking"**, which this year was hosted by Evanton Wood Community Company.

The conference was a great success, and not just because of the amazing weather. Delegates, representing 42 community groups and 8 other organisations were inspired by a diverse range of speakers from across Scotland, as well as from the other Home nations, took part in a range of workshops and had a choice of three site visits hosted by Findhorn Hinterland Trust, Forres Community Woodland Trust and Moray Estates.



Some delegates also took the opportunity to enjoy a tour of Findhorn Foundation on Friday evening, so a big thanks to Jonathan for organising that.



We were also fortunate to have Michael Barnett selling his wonderful products – massive thank you again.



The weekend was full of laughter and delegates were buzzing with inspiration and renewed enthusiasm and were quite excited about going back to their groups with new ideas and new contacts.



It was great to see the networking & chatter continuing on Saturday night as delegates enjoyed a dinner at the Mosset Tavern in Forres and danced the night away to the fantastic ceilidh band The Broch Inspectors (little did we know that Malcolm Jones from Runrig was a band member – a real treat).



On Saturday afternoon an informal discussion and information session took place which included; woodland crofts (Jamie McIntyre), community shares (Rory Dutton), NFLS successor scheme (Rebecca Carr), transforming ourselves and our woodlands (Ninian Stuart), earth loos (Nigel Lowthrop). Although we probably made them a little too informal this year – lessons to be learnt for next year!



We said a fond farewell to 4 of our directors; Jean Barnett (Dunnet Forestry Trust), Amanda Calvert (Kingussie Community Development Co), Diane Campbell (Ullapool Community Trust) and Alison MacLeod (Applecross Community Company). They all deserve a huge thank you for all their hard work over the years and they will be greatly missed. We also gave a warm welcome to our 3 new directors; Frank Corcoran (Isle of Cumbrae Initiative Community Company), Pam Noble (co-opted) and Serena Mason (Ullapool Community Trust).

A huge thank you goes to all our speakers/ workshop hosts and everyone who gave up their weekend to join us in Moray. It was a really lovely weekend and always great to catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

The conference report can now be found at: www.communitywoods.org/resources-details





Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust



Volunteers, with Schiehallion disappearing in the clouds behind

Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust (HPCLT) was set up in 2002 following the purchase, on behalf of the community, of 418 hectares (1100 acres) of land centred on the small hills of Dùn Coillich (572m) and Dùn Beag (403m). The whole area, referred to simply as Dùn Coillich, is mainly undulating heather-moorland with some limestone outcrops, and has two burns running through it. The John Muir Trust's Schiehallion land is immediately to the west.

The land was typical of much of the uplands, having been overgrazed for years by sheep, deer and feral goats: it was barren and lacking biodiversity. A management programme was established to promote restoration of a healthy ecosystem, including the planting of native trees, such as Scots pine, downy birch, rowan and sessile oak, supported by the Forestry Commission Scotland's Woodland Grant Scheme.

HPCLT has a number of formal objectives, but the

overall aim is to create an environment to benefit both wildlife and the well-being of Highland Perthshire residents and visitors. The vision of the founders is now being realised as young trees overtop the heather and bracken and a wealth of plants, fungi, birds, insects, spiders and mammals is to be found.



Fence marking in the sleet – let's hope the black grouse appreciate it



Pitlochry High School pupils and other volunteers planting trees

As part of its purpose as a community asset, Dùn Coillich provides an outdoor classroom for school pupils interested in studying the environment or helping the restoration process by planting trees.

They have regular visits by local Beavers, Cubs and Scouts groups. This supplements the work done by volunteers, often in partnership with the John Muir Trust, sharing resources and expertise. A recent example of this was the fixing of palings to the deer fence between Schiehallion and Dùn Coillich to deter black grouse from flying into it –

Dùn Coillich has the second largest blackcock lek in Perthshire.

A valuable development this year has been the appointment of Heather Hamilton as a part-time Project Officer, responsible for the development and implementation of a youth training and all-age volunteering initiative. This is funded by **Scottish and Southern Energy's Sustainable Development Fund**, with additional funding from the Robertson Trust, the Hugh Fraser Foundation and Keltneyburn Hydro Group, the fundraising coordinated by Willie McGhee of the Forest Policy Group.

Heather is now working with three trainees to equip them with rural land management skills, such as dry stone dyking, brush-cutting and chain saw work, to help prepare them for employment in the land-based sector. In addition, she coordinates a regular programme of volunteer activities. In this way, further links will be fostered with the local community.

If you would like to be part of the Dùn Coillich project, helping to protect and conserve the biodiversity of Highland Perthshire, please contact Heather on 07930 69886 or projectofficer@hpclt.org or visit www.hpclt.org



FCFCG Scotland Gathering 22nd February 2017

Join us to hear from and connect with other community growing projects across Scotland. A day of networking, workshops and site visits. This is an excellent opportunity to learn new skills and take them back to your project. There will be workshops on Finance, Fun with Food,

Best Practice Volunteer Management, Orchard care, the John Muir Award and making the most of the Community Empowerment Act. [Book now](#) for an early bird reduction of 25% off ticket price. Travel bursaries are available where cost is a barrier.



The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) - Free Trees

TCV have recently launched their 2016 'I Dig Trees' program across the U.K. They have 250,000 trees to give away free of charge to

community groups. All tree varieties are native U.K species and available in packs of 50 ready for delivery now. Register your group [here](#).



Helensburgh Community Woodland Group - application to register community interest at Cumberland Avenue approved by the Scottish Government



On 2nd November, Scottish Ministers approved **Helensburgh Community Woodland Group's** (HCWG) application to register a community interest in land at Cumberland Avenue, Helensburgh. This is the first step towards a community buy-out and it means that the landowners are now prohibited from selling to any other party.

This is only the second such decision in the whole of Scotland since the **'Community Right to Buy'** provisions of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 were extended to urban areas in April 2016. (The first decision was at Portobello, Edinburgh.)

HCWG proposals for Cumberland Avenue include:

- Creating a footpath network including an all-ability access circuit;
- Establishing a full native woodland;
- Managing the understorey and vegetation;
- Creating welcoming access points;
- Creating and managing a central area of open space area.

The many positive comments on these plans, in the decision letter, included the important remark that: *“Scottish Ministers believe that, if successfully delivered, HCWG’s proposals could contribute positively to the sustainable development of the land and the local community of Helensburgh.”*

David Adams, HCWG Convenor, said: *“I’m delighted that our application to register a community interest in the land at Cumberland Avenue has been approved by the Scottish Government. As the next stage in our campaign to bring the land at into community ownership, we will soon be holding a public consultation event to enable the local community draw up detailed plans for the future of the site.”*

HCWG expects to hear the outcome of the related application at Castle Woods, Helensburgh around Christmas time. For further information please visit: hwcg.co.uk/

Forestry Commission Scotland
Community Fund

The FCS Community Fund supports community groups and organisations that encourage people to use woods more. Grants are available for activities taking place up to March 2017.

Applications for grants up to £1000 can be made by letter, there is an application form for larger grants. Further information and the application form are available from your local [FCS Conservancy office](#).

Scottish Community Alliance
Community Learning Exchange

The Fund supports community groups on learning visits to other groups. It will cover 100% of costs (including travel, accommodation, subsistence and a host fee) up to a limit of £750.

Applications can be made for visits up until March 2017. Download the application and guidance form [here](#). To discuss an application contact Amanda Cornish: 0131 260 9501 or exchange@scottishcommunityalliance.net.



The Scottish Crannog Centre

Each year the Scottish Crannog Centre offers an events programme designed to stimulate interest from local residents as well as visitors, and to broaden the use of the Crannog, which provides an excellent venue for a wide range of activities under the banner of education and cultural tourism. The events are linked or inspired by ancient traditions, or based on discoveries underwater during crannog investigations in Loch Tay. They include experimental archaeology projects, music, ancient technologies, and traditional crafts.

Their 20th anniversary celebratory programme for 2017 recognises the importance of their unique Crannog collection discovered during their underwater research. Each month they will feature at least one artefact in recognition of the skills of our Iron Age ancestors. Ultimately, as they expand and funding permitting, they will be able to display the majority of the collection at the Scottish Crannog Centre.

Artefact of the Month: 2,500 year old hazel hurdle



A recent archaeological discovery was made next to Carnoustie in Angus. On one of Angus Council's football pitch development projects, a Bronze Age home-stead was uncovered during pre-landscape development survey. Within the site a bronze-age sword was excavated and during the archaeological investigations carried

out by a Glasgow based Archaeological consultant a surprisingly well preserved wooden scabbard made of Hazel was found underneath the bronze blade. Clearly the scabbard had to be straight and **clean grained, and so a coppice managed 'riven'** hazel stick would be ideal.

It is logical that 800BC Carnoustie inhabitants were coppicing hazel. Other coppice evidence emerging from the discovered home stead buildings, that they were constructed of wattle and daub. This was often only possible using a supply of coppice rods for some sort for the wooden lattice hurdle frame. The steading complex had been in occupation since around 3700BC. Unfortunately there was no hard evidence found of rod **use other than many 'post holes' from the outlines** of huts or houses on the site.

For more details on the Scottish Crannog Centre please visit: www.crannog.co.uk/

The Scottish Coppice Festival starts on the 16th March 2017

On Thursday 16th the Festival will be launched in Forfar, Angus where there will be an opportunity to see a P.2001 Hazel coppice seven year rotation in full cycle and a larger Hazel coppice site two seasons into a 9 year rotation at Kirriemuir. These site visits will open the discussion of product marketing, sales, harvesting and management of willow and hazel coppice. More news of other events around Tayside will follow in the New Year.

Details can be found here: www.crannog.co.uk/events/264-scottish-coppice-festival





South West Mull and Iona Development - Tiroran Community Forest
Ownership Celebration: June 2016 - by Celia Compton



Community land ownership is to be celebrated, and on Saturday 4th June 2016 and the communities of South West Mull and Iona did indeed celebrate their ownership of Tiroran Community Forest.

of the ruined township of Knockroy; poems in the trees – there was something for everyone.

For many, the highlight was the creation of the first ever Tiroran Community Forest sculpture. Vision Mechanics, a company from Edinburgh, brought three magnificent steel and willow heads that people were able to decorate with wild flowers and moss. They were then hauled into some splendid, old sycamore trees where they will stay talking to each other for years to come. There are Giants in the Forest all over the UK and it is lovely to have this link with woodlands elsewhere. At 2pm there were pipes, speeches, bubbly and ribbon-cutting. This was the serious part of the



The weather was almost perfect **and even the midges didn't deter** the crowds. People came from all over South West Mull and Iona from the youngest (aged 18 months) to among the oldest (age 88 years)!

Delicious food; fun activities for children including an orienteering trail, a treasure hunt, face-painting and willow-weaving; a sea eagle fly-past; a guided tour





day when we were reminded of what the communities of South West Mull and Iona have achieved in buying the forest as an asset for generations to come. Both Lorne MacLeod of Community Land Scotland and Brendan O'Hara, MP, described our achievement as an inspiration to other communities.

Colin MacDonald, the Chair of South West Mull and Iona Development, thanked Chris Marsh of Sleat Community Woodland who attended the event on behalf of the Community Woodlands Association. Colin admitted that, until visiting Sleat, he had not realised the full extent of the undertaking of what we were taking on in a community forest buyout.

It is now over a year since we purchased the forest, on 23rd November 2015. In that time we have seen many changes, including the appointment of two part-time members of staff; the development of activities for children to learn through exploration of the forest; and the re-landscaping of the forest as we fell and sell the vast swathes of mature commercial trees.



We have many plans for the future, including a **Visitors' Centre, an adventure playground, cycling and walking trails**, and developing employment and training opportunities within the forest. Exciting times ahead!

Why not check out our website and facebook pages: www.swmid.co.uk; www.facebook.com/TiroranForest; www.facebook.com/southwestmullandionadevelopment



Alva Glen Heritage Trust - **“Wild about the Hillfoots” partnership project led by Alva Glen Heritage Trust and Alva Community Council wins Grow Wild Innovation Award.**



On Friday 21st October Grow Wild hosted their first awards ceremony celebrating everything Grow Wild! Nominations were judged by an external panel and the winners and highly com-

mended met the Grow Wild team and some of their high profile supporters at the awards party in the prestigious Orangery at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, where they received their Grow Wild engraved plaque.

Grow Wild is the UK's biggest-ever wild flower campaign, bringing people together to transform local spaces with native, pollinator-friendly wild flowers and plants. Grow Wild funds over 350 community and youth projects across the UK, as well as four ambitious flagship projects.

“Wild about the Hillfoots” community project won the Grow Wild Award for innovation. The project brought together local groups and organisations working with local communities in the hillfoot villages of Alva and Tillicoultry to trans-



form an area of Alva Glen and an area of the leisure walk & cycle path. With support from Adult Day Services Community Garden and Clackmannanshire Councils Youth Services sowing and planting of native wild flower species took place alongside a range of other learning experiences including an outdoor music event, environmental art walking workshop.

Alva Glen Heritage Trust was awarded £1500 through the Paths for All Community Grant. The money was used to make improvements to the existing paths in the lower glen and to encourage visitors to explore the paths in the glen. Making the first impression that visitors have to the glen was a key goal as was making the area more suitable for visitors with mobility issues by improving access to a seating area and the AGHT notice board. New planters at the entrance have been planted up with colourful plants to provide a



bright welcome and are a great and popular addition to the volunteer tasks.

A good deal of path work has been carried out in **the lower glen, improving access we've been able** to encourage visitors to explore the lower as well as the higher paths. Alva Glen Heritage Trust volunteers carry out regular surveys on the paths and we carry out regular maintenance to reduce flooding and erosion of the path surfaces.

Over the years we have been fortunate that the **majority of our work in the glen hasn't attracted** a great deal of vandalism. Unfortunately this year the glen has been suffered from a few instances with damage to installations including a dry stone wall and our sensory garden installations known locally as the Ding Dongs.



Our volunteers were upset and it is difficult to understand why vandalism such as this occurs. It has long been our feeling that we should always strive to improve our environment and that the huge benefits made will always outweigh a few mindless acts.

Our goal for next year is to raise funds to continue with improvements and enhancements along with repairs and to strengthen and developing our relationships with the local schools, groups and organisations within the local community.

For more details about Alva Glen Heritage Trust please visit: <http://www.alvaglen.org.uk/>



RSBP Nature Tourism Award (sponsored by Sustrans Scotland) - *Blog from the RSPB*



The winner of the prestigious *Nature Tourism Award* this year was Mull Eagle Watch. Their rangers led visits to view these mesmerising birds of prey and truly set the benchmark for environmental education and nature tourism in the UK.

The partnership project is run by several community woodland groups: the Mull and Iona Commu-

nity Trust, the South West Mull & Iona Development and the North West Mull Community Woodland Company. Receiving the award, Moray Finch from the Mull and Iona Community Trust, said: **“We are all delighted and honoured, it’s a real privilege to be part of this world-leading conservation tourism project. My congratulations to everyone involved – including the eagles!”**

The highly commended entry in this category was Mull of Galloway Trust which was set up to facilitate a community buy-out of the Mull of Galloway, in order to safeguard and develop the area for the benefit of the community.

The Nature of Scotland Awards is an annual event organised by RSPB Scotland, to discover and reward the most impressive people and projects working to conserve wildlife across the country. To find out more about the awards [click here](#).

Evanton Wood Community Company - RSPB Nature of Scotland Award Winners

Well done to Evanton Wood Community Company who received an accolade at the RSPB Nature of Scotland Awards held at the Prestonfield House, Edinburgh in November. Evanton Wood built a substantial woodland cabin to serve as an education base, created a new pond along with Froglife, improved access to the wood and pond, developed an extensive education programme for all ages and abilities and created an all-abilities adventure woodland play area.

Since the community purchase of the wood in September 2012 there have been over 850 organised activities with over 12,000 participants. Through all this hard work they were a part of six community environmental organisations who had



Photo credit S Williams (l to r, Chris Packham, Green Power director, Barbara Clark (volunteer), Adrian Clark (Hon. Sec.), Euan McIlwraith

been shortlisted from a long list of entrants. Evanton Community Wood picked up the Highly Commended award at the annual event to celebrate Scottish conservation's outstanding success stories.

The event was hosted by wildlife TV presenter Chris Packham with BBC reporter Euan McIlwraith. The chair of the judging panel Stuart Housden OBE, Director of RSPB Scotland, stated 'My fellow judges and I have had a tough time picking the winners ... in these challenging times conservation heroes are needed more than ever'.

To find out more about Evanton Community Wood please visit their webpage: www.evantonwood.com/



Aigas Community Forest Aigas Squirrel Ropes, by Donnie Chisholm, Development Officer



The Aigas Field Centre staff tell me that this has been a good year for red squirrels in Strathglass. Apparently reasonable weather and a good seed year have coincided to make lots of little squirrels. Little squirrels that start life in the Norway spruce stands on the top side of the road at Aigas Forest, and soon move on to feeding on the hazel nuts below the road. Unfortunately teaching road safety to the young does not appear to be high on the list of priorities in squirrel society, a point that



was threatening to undermine the success of **this year's** breeding at Aigas.

The field centre firstly put up diversionary feeding stations on the top side of the road to try and stop the squirrels crossing. Camera traps were set up on these feeding stations to monitor progress. This however proved that the feeding stations were of more interest to the pine martens than the squirrels. The field centre then approached us to see if we would agree to them putting up ropes allowing the squirrels to cross safely.

Spotting a golden opportunity to get away from my desk I offered to organise the tree climbing and rigging of the ropes, while Jack Ward organised the procurement of old mooring ropes and the relevant permissions from the council. Everything fell into place very nicely and by the last week in October we were good to go. On the Thursday morning we all gathered, trees were climbed, ropes were hoisted, rigged and cut to length, with all three ropes being in place a few hours later.

With the gear all packed up, and the field centre staff away to carry on their daily duties, myself and Neil headed up to the café in the Crask. **North-view it's called. Invitation only unfortunately, but well worth a visit if you do every get an invite, the baking is incredible.**

I'd like to thank Highland Council, Inverness Harbour Authority, Neil Valentine, and all the staff from the field centre that helped out, especially Jack Ward and Louise Hughes. I like to think that together we made some squirrels safer.





CWA 'A Wood of Our Own' Networking Day Wednesday 22nd February 2017



The next 'A Wood of Our Own' networking day will take place at *Cormonachan Woodlands*, just outside *Lochgoilhead*. Our hosts will be the *Cormonachan Woodlands Association* who manage 20 hectares of Atlantic Oakwood - with marginal conifer plantation & not-so-marginal rhododendron - for access, conservation, education and enjoyment. This they do on a purely voluntary basis under management agreement with landowners Forestry Commission Scotland.

2017 will mark the twentieth year of this relationship and they are actively negotiating to extend their management remit to a further 50 hectares of woodland. Well done the CWA! (Cormonachan W.A. that is). The woodlands are also an essential resource for the *Ardroy Outdoor Education Centre* who use them year-round for hosting school and college groups from all over Scotland (and Europe) as do the local *Lochgoilhead Primary School* who run *Forest School* activities for their pupils.



In common with previous 'AWOO' events there will be an indoor morning session – at the *Ardroy Outdoor Education Centre* – consisting of updates and presentations from a variety of community woodland groups from across Argyll with the inevitable ensuing lively discussion. We are hoping that 'Volunteering' might prove to be a central theme for the day so please bring and share your experiences on how to finance, promote, recruit, organise, manage, train & reward your volunteers. There will also be FCS news updates: the **Community Asset Transfer Scheme** will be 'Live' by

this time and we look forward to hear how this will operate as well as get the latest news on grants/funding available across the region for 2017/18.



Then after lunch it's out into the woods to see how CWA volunteers are managing and developing public access, tackling invasive species and maintaining the woodlands as an important component of life, work and play for the surrounding communities. As usual, there will be a more detailed agenda circulated in the new year (by Facebook and to existing AWOO delegates' email addresses) with information on timings, how to book a place, how to get there etc.

In the meantime if you want to get involved or possibly you're from a community woodland group (or potential group) within the Argyll area and want to be kept better informed then please contact our Community Woodlands Officer Chris Marsh at: chris@communitywoods.org.uk





CWA Policy update

These are interesting times for Scottish Forestry, with land reform, climate change, flooding and the impact of pests and diseases putting forests and woodlands higher up the news and political agendas than ever before, whilst Brexit and the **Scottish Government's proposals to introduce** new organisational arrangements for the management of forestry in Scotland have brought unprecedented levels of uncertainty to the sector.

CWA seeks to ensure that the community sector's views are heard in the debate, and that any future arrangements take account of our sector's particular needs. We have been engaging in various formal consultations and informal discussions, including making presentations at meetings of forestry stakeholders and giving evidence to the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee at the Scottish Parliament.

The Scottish Government's consultation on "The Future of Forestry in Scotland" was widely discussed, including a session at our annual conference which helped inform our response, which

can be seen on our website [here](#). Whilst we support many of the proposals we are not convinced that splitting up Forestry Commission Scotland in the manner suggested is in the **long-term interests of forestry**. **The Government's** analysis of consultation responses is keenly awaited, as are the legislative proposals to be contained in a Bill to be laid before Parliament in the first half of 2017.

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 gave community bodies the right to request to purchase, lease, manage or use land and buildings belonging to local authorities, Scottish public bodies or Scottish Ministers. Over the past year CWA has been involved in developing the supporting regulations and guidance for these provisions, which come into force on 23 January 2017 and in the development of **Forest Enterprise Scotland's new Community Asset Transfer Scheme**, which replaces the National Forest Land Scheme: we look forward to supporting groups in acquiring woodland using these new mechanisms.

FES Community Asset Transfer Scheme - Evaluation Panel

Forest Enterprise Scotland are recruiting an Evaluation Panel to assess applications received under the new Community Asset Transfer Scheme (CATS) They are looking for 7 members to join the Panel, including a Chair. The application form and person spec are available [here](#).

Completed forms should be returned by 9 January 2017. If you would like any further information about membership of the Panel, please contact Rebecca Carr on 0300 067 5407 or by email on rebecca.carr@forestry.gsi.gov.uk. For more details on the Community Asset Transfer Scheme go [here](#)

CWA Conference 2017 - 20/21 October, Cumbernauld

Next year's CWA conference will be a bigger than usual event, as we will be combining it with the national conference of the Making Local Woods Work Project, and we will be seeking to showcase **all that's best about Scottish community woodlands**.

The conference will take place at the Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld, on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st October 2017, with the Conference dinner on Friday night and accommodation for most delegates available on site. More details will follow soon and early booking (at discounted rates!) will be available in the New Year.



CWA Membership

Voting membership of CWA is open to incorporated community woodlands groups: meaning any democratic, community-led organisation engaged in aspects of woodland management on their own or in partnership with others.

New for 2017 we have three membership categories for member groups: small, medium and large, based on turnover as much as woodland size, with fees of £10, £30 and £50 respectively. Please contact us if you are unsure which category you fit into.

Individuals who support the CWA aims and objectives may become *Individual* members (annual fee £10), and other organisations working to support community engagement with woodlands may become *Associate* members (annual fee £100).

Application forms can be found at www.communitywoods.org/projects.php

CWA Members receive our regular newsletters & e-bulletins, access to our e-groups and invitations (usually subsidised) to our training and networking events, including our annual Conference.

CWA Membership continues to grow and we have welcomed 7 new member groups: Farigaig Community Steering Group (Highland), Friends of Plean Country Park (Stirling), Abergeldie Community Organisation & Huntly and District Development Trust (both Aberdeenshire), Moffat Community Woodlands, Old Luce Development Trust & Barhill Community Woodland (all Dumfries & Galloway) plus 12 new individual members.

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