

## CWA e-bulletin issue 132 – May 2018



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Welcome to the May 2018 issue of the CWA e-bulletin. We welcome all contributions. Please send items for inclusion in future e-bulletins to [admin@communitywoods.org](mailto:admin@communitywoods.org) by the 15th of the month. This year's CWA conference will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October at Strathpeffer Pavilion. There will be more information to follow, and we aim to open booking in soon.

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### **CWA Annual Conference and AGM 2018**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October, Strathpeffer**

Our annual conference will be held at Strathpeffer Pavilion in Ross-shire this year. It will follow a similar format to previous years and include site visits, the AGM, workshops and presentations. There will be a conference dinner and ceilidh on the Saturday night. We plan to have the booking (conference only) open soon.

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### **Paths for All/SNH Community Path Training - Introduction to Path Management, Maintenance and the National Path Grading System**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May, Evanton Woods**

This 1-day learning event will be looking at the basics of managing, maintaining and grading community paths. Attendees will be undertaking some practical path works within the Evanton Community Wood and should ensure that they wear comfortable walking/working footwear and appropriate outdoor/work clothing for the time of year. Tea & coffee will be provided on arrival and a buffet lunch is included.

For more information please see [here](#). Please contact Marion Munro on 01259 222336 or email [training@pathsforall.org.uk](mailto:training@pathsforall.org.uk). To book a place on this course please click [here](#).

## **Scottish Traditional Skills Training Centre - Maintaining and Managing Amenity, Estate and Community Woodlands**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June, Banff**

This 2-day course will combine expert tuition with hands-on skills training to provide those attending with an understanding of the requirements necessary to manage and maintain forests and woodlands - as well as individual trees, shelterbelts and hedgerows. Further information and booking is available by phone on 01888 511347 or by e-mail:

[soundcraft@towiebarclay.co.uk](mailto:soundcraft@towiebarclay.co.uk).



## **Social Enterprise Academy Learning**

**Global Social Enterprise Residential, June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, Nairn**



Join social enterprise leaders from across Scotland and other countries to focus on the development challenges of an internationalising social enterprise, and the learning to be gained from social enterprises overseas.

More details at <https://www.socialenterprise.academy/scot/whats-on> or call 01463 238088.



## **SNH - Restoring Plant Communities in our Woodlands**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June, Battleby**

The diversity and quality of "woodland wildflowers" in native woods can be transformed by appropriate management. Research and practical restoration projects are leading the way towards a better understanding and improved management outcomes. This event offers participants the chance to share their experiences and help input into best practice guidance for woodland and conservation managers. For land managers, woodland managers, and all those interested in sharing good practice in the conservation of plants and management of native and mixed woodlands. Free - Booking forms available from [sgp@snh.gov.uk](mailto:sgp@snh.gov.uk).

## **Earth for Life – Forces for Nature**

**Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>, Forres**

Would you like to venture out into the woods & get hands-on with a range of skills? If you're armed forces personnel and long-term sick/medically discharged or you're a veteran looking for new pathways to support your wellbeing, these ecotherapy taster days could be just the thing for you! FREE session to veterans & armed forces personnel across Moray & Grampian. Explore the woods in more depth, learn about wildlife tracking, do some conservation work and discover seasonal wild plants for foraging.

For more details & registration forms, please email [helen@earthforlife.org](mailto:helen@earthforlife.org) or phone Alasdair on: 07504 946239.



## **South Highland OWL (Outdoor Woodland Learning) Group CPD Courses**

**Gaelic in the woods, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, Inverness**



Learn some Gaelic names for native plants, place names and Highland lore connected to them. Send name(s) & establishment to: [julietpcrobinson@gmail.com](mailto:julietpcrobinson@gmail.com).



## **Volunteer Scotland - Volunteer Management: The Essentials**



**Three-day course: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August, and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, Stirling**



By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Plan a recruitment process to get volunteers involved.
- Design an induction and support process.
- Feel confident in dealing with challenging situations.
- Identify where you can recognise and reward your volunteers.
- Critically assess your procedures that support volunteering.
- Drive forward volunteering in your area of work.

For more information please see [here](#). An online course is also available.

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### **Crofting Permaculture Design**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May, Kilmartin Museum**

Learn how to creatively (re)design your croft using permaculture principles, with the result that you will get more diverse yields. Permaculture is a sustainable, resilient process which replicates the way nature works – come and find out about it!

For further information or to book a place contact: Cathy on [training@crofting.org](mailto:training@crofting.org) or 01854 612220. There are limited funded places available for under 25s, sponsored by the MacRobert Trust, please ask for availability before booking.



### **Volunteer Scotland Volunteers' Week 2018 – Resource Pack**

**1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

In the Volunteers' Week Scot Resource pack are some ideas to get you started and help make your Volunteers' Week a success, including helpful tips for hosting Events/Awards, celebrating on social media and volunteer recruitment as well as all the useful downloads (logos, bunting, templates etc.). More information [here](#).



### **Scottish Crofting Federation Access to Crofting Toolkit**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Strathpeffer**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November, Moray**



An introduction to Scottish Agriculture directly related to crofts and small holdings. This highly acclaimed 2-day classroom-based course is specifically designed for new or aspiring crofters, successors, smallholders or anyone interested in the traditional way of life. To book a place, contact Cathy on [training@crofting.org](mailto:training@crofting.org) or see <http://www.crofting.org/training/62>



### **Scottish Rural Action - Scottish Rural Parliament 2018**

**14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018, Stranraer**

The biennial event brings together 400 rural community participants to discuss their priorities and this year will focus on two key issues – rural policy post-Brexit and taking action. Bookings are now open for people from rural Scotland – visit <https://www.scottishruralparliament.org.uk/> to reserve your place or find out more.

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### General Data Protection Regulation

From 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018, the UK's existing data protection laws will be replaced by the EU's GDPR. The new law aims to give EU citizens more control over how their personal data is used, especially online. All organisations which collect, store, share or use individuals' personal data, will need to comply with new regulations or face penalties, including hefty fines.

We are contacting our Members and customers to ensure we are compliant at the CWA, and suggest our members do the same. More information is available at the Information Commissioners Office [here](#). There is also a helpline for small organisations – call 0303 123 1113 and select option 4 to be diverted to staff who can offer support.



### Just giving page set up after Wooplaw Community Woodland cabin burnt down

The wood cabin at Wooplaw Community Woodland was burned down. The Wooplaw wardens are committed to rebuilding and are hoping to source as much material as possible from Wooplaw to keep costs down. A Just Giving page has been set up to raise money for the rebuild which can be found [here](#) or a donation can be made on the Wooplaw website at [www.wooplaw.org.uk](http://www.wooplaw.org.uk). Offers of help or materials are very welcome and can be sent to [info@wooplaw.org.uk](mailto:info@wooplaw.org.uk)

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### “Pockets and Prospects”: Funding of particular relevance to smaller community woodland groups who work in and around urban areas.

CWA has up to £18k from the Scottish Government to mitigate welfare reform to distribute for projects that will contribute to enhanced well-being for deprived communities by providing opportunities for outdoor volunteering, benefiting physical and mental health.

The work must be targeted at areas of greatest need, usually quantified using the SIMD (there is a very useful interactive mapping tool [here](#)). Your woodland does not need to be in a highly deprived SIMD area, but you will need to demonstrate that your activities will benefit people who live in these areas. Grants are likely to average around £2k a group, with a range of £1k - £4k.

Match funding is not required.

Possible activities which could be funded are:

- Costs of setting up and running volunteering groups (tools, PPE).
- Training for group members to work with volunteers.
- Outreach and promotion of opportunities available in your woods.

This is not an exclusive list and if you have other ideas, please contact [jon@communitywoods.org](mailto:jon@communitywoods.org)

Other criteria:

- Your project needs to be additional: doing something new or extending your activities to work with a new group of clients / volunteers.
- Your group must be a paid-up member of CWA.
- You should aim to spend the money in 2018.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss a specific project, please contact

[jon@communitywoods.org](mailto:jon@communitywoods.org)



### Scottish Community Alliance - Community Learning Exchange 2018/2019



The Community Learning Exchange is a fantastic opportunity for communities to learn through the exchange of ideas and the sharing of common solutions. The Exchange will fund up to 100% of the costs of a visit by members of one community to another community project up to a limit of £750, including a host fee. In exceptional circumstances (where travel distances are greater or certain

aspects of the visit are particularly expensive) this limit can be increased. Similarly visits outwith Scotland, but within the UK will be considered where a similar project does not exist in Scotland.

The Exchange operates through the networks like CWA that comprise the Scottish Community Alliance. Applications to the Exchange are processed through the CWA's designated member of staff (Jon). Application forms for 2018/2019, for visits taking place until March 2019, are available on the CWA website see [here](#). For more information, please contact Jon ([jon@communitywoods.org](mailto:jon@communitywoods.org)).

## **Winston Churchill Memorial Trust – 2019 Churchill Fellowships**

### ***Closing date 18<sup>th</sup> September***

A Churchill Fellowship is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to expand professional and personal horizons by travelling abroad for up to two months researching innovative practice. For 2019, categories include: Artists & makers; Education; Enterprise: supporting social impact; Environment, conservation & sustainable living; Healthcare: innovations for the twenty-first century; Rural living: strengthening countryside communities For more information see [here](#).



## **The Scottish Wild Harvests Association (SWHA) Hedgerow Harvest grant**

### ***Closing date 31<sup>st</sup> August***

The SWHA are pleased to announce a grant to help design and plant an area fit for human and/or wildlife food production from trees or shrubs in their Community woodland. Applicants should be from a community-based project who own, lease or rent land/woodland. The maximum grant payment per project is £550. If your project costs exceed this, you can fund the additional costs from any other source. Six grants are available.

Please apply for more details to: Hedgerow Harvest, c/o Fred Conacher (SWHA treasurer), 2 Keillor Fm. Cottages, Kettins, Blairgowrie, PH13 9JT. Email [fconacher@btinternet.com](mailto:fconacher@btinternet.com). Tel. 01828 650529. Successful applications will be announced by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018



## **SRDP LEADER Programme**

The aim of LEADER is to increase support to local rural community and business networks to build knowledge and skills and encourage innovation and cooperation to tackle local development objectives. Grants are awarded by [Local Action Groups](#) to projects that support delivery of a Local Development Strategy.



## **SRDP Forestry Grants Scheme**

The Forestry Grants Scheme (FGS), part of the Scottish Rural Development Programme, is open for applications. Details of eligible operations, application process and grant rates can be found at <https://www.ruralpayments.org/publicsite/futures/topics/all-schemes/forestry-grant-scheme/>



## **Big Lottery Fund - The Scottish Land Fund**

The Scottish Land Fund supports communities to become more resilient and sustainable through ownership and management of land and land assets. Funded by the Scottish Government and delivered in partnership by the Big Lottery Fund and Highlands & Islands Enterprise, the fund offers grants of up to £1 million to help communities take ownership of the land and buildings that matter to them, as well as practical support to develop their aspirations into viable projects.

[www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scottishlandfund](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scottishlandfund)  
[www.hie.co.uk/community-support/community-assets/](http://www.hie.co.uk/community-support/community-assets/)

## Garfield Weston Foundation Celebrates 60th Anniversary with One-Off Charitable Fund – deadline 30<sup>th</sup> June

The Garfield Weston Foundation has reached its sixtieth year of grant giving in the UK and has chosen to celebrate with a new one-off fund that offers grants of between £30,000 and £150,000 to registered charities, CIOs, places of worship and state schools. The Fund is exclusively aimed at supporting capital costs for a wide range of projects such as new community facilities and improvements to outdoor spaces and facilities for sport and exercise or community use. <https://anniversary.garfieldweston.org/weston-anniversary-fund/>



## Arts & Business Scotland - Culture & Business Fund

This fund promotes collaboration between Scottish businesses with arts and heritage organisations to deliver new arts and heritage projects. If an arts or heritage organisation attracts an eligible business to sponsor an aspect of their work, the Culture & Business Fund Scotland will match that sponsorship, £ for £. Organisations can apply for match funding up to the value of £40,000 in any one financial year (running from 1 April to 31 March). <http://www.aandbscotland.org.uk/culture-and-business-fund-scotland/>



## Voluntary Arts Scotland Guide for funding for arts or cultural projects

Looking for funding for arts or cultural projects? Voluntary Arts Scotland has produced an excellent guide, [Click here](#) to download your free copy or email [info@vascotland.org.uk](mailto:info@vascotland.org.uk) to request a hard copy.



## Heritage Lottery Fund - Sharing Heritage

This programme is for any type of project related to heritage in the UK.

**Outcomes for people:** developed skills; learnt about heritage; changed their attitudes and/or behaviour; had an enjoyable experience; volunteered time. Outcomes for heritage: better managed; in better condition; better interpreted and explained; identified/recorded. Grant programmes expect projects to achieve one or more of the below outcomes:

**Outcomes for communities:** environmental impacts will be reduced; more people and a wider range of people will have engaged with heritage; organisations will be more resilient; local economy will be boosted; local areas/communities will be a better place to live, work or visit;

**Eligibility:** charities or trusts; community or voluntary groups; community/parish councils; community interest companies; local authorities; other public-sector organisations, such as nationally funded museums; social enterprises.

**Amount:** £3,000 - £10,000. More about the fund [here](#).



## Heritage Lottery Fund - Resilient Heritage grants

Resilient Heritage grants of £3,000-£250,000 can help to strengthen your organisation and build the capacity of your staff and volunteers to better manage heritage in the long term. Grants can fund activities to acquire new skills or knowledge, or new models of governance, leadership and business. Whether organisations are facing challenges around income and fundraising, or preparing to take on new forms of investment, such as social investment, Resilient Heritage can support these processes. More about the fund [here](#)



## The Henry Smith Charity

Grants totalling approximately £25 million each year to up to 1,000 organisations and charities, for initiatives and projects that address social inequality and economic disadvantage.



The main grants programme is for grants of £10,000 per year or over:

- Capital grants - one off grants for purchase or refurbishment of a building or purchase of specialist equipment.
- Revenue grants - grants of up to three years for things like core costs (including salaries and overheads), or the running costs of a specific project (including staffing costs).

The small grants programme offers grants of £5,000 and £20,000 for small UK registered charities working anywhere in the UK.

**Contact:** <http://bit.ly/2fePbt6>

**Deadline:** There are no deadlines. Trustees meet four times a year.



### **The Robertson Trust - Education and Training Funding**

The Robertson Trust Education and Training Funding is available for community-based activities which increase opportunities in education or which nurture talent and develop positive life skills opportunities. Applications may be submitted at any time, for more information please visit:

[www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/what-we-fund](http://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/what-we-fund)



### **Big Issue Invest Scotland**

Big Issue Invest Scotland provides social investment and loan finance to social enterprises, social ventures and third sector organisations in Scotland. Awards range from £5,000 to £1.5 million.

Apply any time [bigissueinvest.com/funds/social-enterprise/](http://bigissueinvest.com/funds/social-enterprise/)



### **The Pebble Trust – Grants up to £5,000 available for projects which promote a more sustainable society**

The Pebble Trust, established in 2014, has a vision of a more sustainable, equal and low-carbon society, where constraints on fossil fuels lead to a more localised economy with stronger, more resilient, communities, and where human activities take account of climate change and the wider environment. The Trust supports projects in Scotland, and particularly in the Highlands and Islands. For more information visit the Pebble Trust website: [www.thepebbletrust.org/](http://www.thepebbletrust.org/) The Pebble Trust are also on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/thepebbletrusthighlands](http://www.facebook.com/thepebbletrusthighlands)



### **Tesco Bags of Help grant scheme**

Tesco Bags of Help can provide up to £5,000 for your activity if you are a community group, school, charity local authority, public body or not for profit. All you need to do is fill in a short application online, get landowners permission agreed and hit submit! If you need a bit of help then they have a team of friendly [Community Enablers](#) ready to lend a hand.

Projects that can get the green light include volunteer training, horticulture workshops, forest school sessions, community events and sports and leisure activities. Bags of Help is a rolling funding scheme and permanently open for applications, the scheme is administered by Groundwork, working in Scotland with greenspace Scotland. Full eligibility criteria and detailed application guidance is available online at [here](#).

### **The Dulverton Trust**

The Trust is keen to support the general conservation and protection of wildlife habitats within the UK. They also encourage projects concerning the protection and sympathetic management of trees and native woodlands, as well as projects with a focus on marine and coastal protection.

**Amount:** From £25,000 to £35,000

**Contact:** <http://dulverton.org>

**Deadline:** Trustees meet three times a year: February, June and October. No deadlines or closing dates.



### **The Big Lottery Fund – Community Assets**

This £45m fund supports communities across Scotland to buy, manage or develop buildings or land. Contact BIG at [advicescotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:advicescotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk) or on 0300 123 7110 to discuss your idea. More details and guidance notes are available at [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/scotland/community-assets](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/scotland/community-assets)



### **Big Lottery Fund - Grants for Community-led Activity**

This funding aims to support communities to improve the places they live and the wellbeing of those most in need. Grants of £10,000 – £150,000 are available. It funds organisations to deliver the following outcomes:



- Everyone in the community has the opportunity to influence and get involved in community-led activity

- People in the community are better connected and work together to improve their well-being.

They want to fund work that is people-led, connected, and strengths-based. To get an application form and to discuss what you're planning, contact the Scotland Advice Team on 0300 123 7110 or [advicescotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:advicescotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk). More information is available [here](#)



### **Big Lottery Fund - Awards for All Scotland**

Awards for All Scotland is an easy way for smaller organisations to get small amounts of funding. Groups can apply for a grant of between £500 and £10,000 for projects that aim to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need and is focused on organisations who have not received a grant from the programme in the last three years.



[www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/scotland/awards-for-all-scotland](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/scotland/awards-for-all-scotland)



### **Action Earth – Scotland Funding**

Action Earth is helping to get people and communities busy outdoors. The campaign has grants to give to groups of volunteers who are carrying out environmental projects in Scotland. Grants from £50 to £250 are available for practical activities that involve volunteers in improving outdoor spaces or creating habitats for wildlife. If you have any questions contact Robert Henderson on 0131 6227766 or email [roberthenderson@volunteering.org.uk](mailto:roberthenderson@volunteering.org.uk) For more information and to apply online: [www.volunteeringmatters.org.uk/actionearth](http://www.volunteeringmatters.org.uk/actionearth)



### **Prince's Trust - The Enterprise Programme**

The Prince of Wales's Charitable Foundation was founded in 1979 and is now one of the largest independent foundations in the UK. There are no deadlines for this programme.

[www.princeofwalescharitablefoundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant](http://www.princeofwalescharitablefoundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant)



### **The Ernest Cook Trust Grants Programme**

Schools, charities and not for profit organisations wishing to encourage young people's interest in the countryside and the environment, the arts or aiming to raise levels of literacy and numeracy can apply for funding to the Ernest Cook Trust. The grant programmes support state schools and small registered charities which would like to undertake projects which meet the Trust's objectives and require a small amount of pump-priming in order for such projects to take place.

**Amount:** Small grants: Under £4k; Larger grants over £4k.

**Contact:** <http://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/grants/how-to-apply/>

**Deadline:** Applications to the small grants programme can be made at any time. The next closing date for applications for the large grants covering environment and countryside, and literacy and STEM subjects is **31<sup>st</sup> July 2018**.

### **Transform Foundation – Funding for charity web presence**

The Transform Foundation has launched a new funding programme to help charities to develop an effective web presence. In collaboration with Raising IT, the largest UK provider of charity websites, the £18,000 funding package will help to equip charities with: the technology to transform their organisation; a digital engagement focused strategy to futureproof the charity; a professionally designed website to inspire supporters; and measurement built in to help the charity track results and maximise impact. For more information visit: [www.transformfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-funding](http://www.transformfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-funding)



### **SCVO - Funding Search**

SCVO has a new website 'Funding Scotland', an online funding database and valuable resource for charities, community groups, social enterprises and voluntary organisations of all shapes and sizes. Visit [Funding Scotland](http://www.funding-scotland.org)



### **Perth & Kinross Council - The Community Environment Challenge Fund Re-opened**

The Community Environment Challenge Fund is for environmental projects. The projects are to be led and delivered by community groups and must make a significant difference to the local environment and be widely supported within the community. The project must also have the written support of all local Councillors in the Ward where the project is taking place. Projects can be from £2,500-£10,000 (with min 50% match funding). For more details please visit: [www.pkc.gov.uk/CECF](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/CECF).



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