

CWA e-bulletin issue 134 – July 2018



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Welcome to the July 2018 issue of the CWA e-bulletin. We welcome all contributions. Please send items for inclusion in future e-bulletins to admin@communitywoods.org by the 15th of the month. Bookings are now open for this year's CWA conference which will be held on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th October at Strathpeffer Pavilion.

The conference also incorporates the CWA AGM, which will include the election of Directors, who play a vital role in steering the organisation. Directors must be nominated by member groups or co-opted by the Board. Nomination papers have gone out to member groups, if you are interested in joining the Board please contact Jon at jon@communitywoods.org for an informal discussion as to what the role involves.

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CWA Annual Conference and AGM 2018

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th October, Strathpeffer

Bookings are now open for our annual conference at Strathpeffer Pavilion in Ross-shire. The conference programme will include a keynote address from Megan MacInnes, Scottish Land Commissioner, a range of workshops, interactive sessions and presentations from community woodland groups from across the UK, as well as site visits to Abriachan, Aigas and Evanton and of course the conference dinner and ceilidh.

You can book online [here](#). If you are unable to use Eventbrite please contact admin@communitywoods.org

Conference attendees will need to book their own accommodation: a list of providers is available can be found [here](#) along with information on getting to Strathpeffer. We anticipate being able to support travel costs for delegates from member groups.

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Three Hares Community Woodland Roundwood Framing Course

30th July – 4th August

The Three Hares Community Woodland (near Penicuik) has planning permission for their woodland hut and work begins in July. The first stage of the build will be run as a Roundwood Framing Course, to be followed by volunteer sessions completing the build. Come and learn how to construct the frame for any building from logs straight from the woods. This method is particularly great for compost loos, huts, cabins and any kind of shack really, but can also provide the frame for houses and barns.

More details at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/227773464650318/>

and <https://roundwoodmaud.weebly.com/>

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Castlemilk Park (Glasgow)

Wild Thursdays Survival Skills

Thursdays 26th July, 2nd August, 13.30 - 15.30

Age 7+. Children and their families will get the chance to try a wide variety of outdoor activities, including bushcraft, outdoor games, cooking on an open fire and much more.

Inspiring Nature Events

Food and Medicine - Sunday 5th August 10.30 - 12.30 & 14.00 - 16.00

Follow in the footsteps of our ancestors and join a short walk to explore folk traditions, reconnect with nature and experience the abundance of wild plants on the door step in the beautiful Castlemilk Woods. You'll have the chance to try a simple foraged food and make a remedy to take home too.

Batman and Walkin' - Friday 28th September 19.00 - 21.00

Join on this atmospheric walk as bat technology is used to listen to the sounds of bats and spot them swooping amongst the trees. Also find out about the many amazing facts about these creatures through a fascinating talk and presentation.

Tracks and Signs - Sunday 7th October 13.30 - 15.30

Want to learn the different tracks and signs of the creatures in the woodland of Castlemilk Park? This 2-hour session will look at the different species the woodland holds.

Booking required for all events. Please contact the Community Woodlands Officer to book a place and for more information tel: 0141 6342673, email: StuartWhittaker@cassiltoun.org.uk



DTAS Conference: Development Trusts - Driving Positive Change in Communities

2nd - 3rd September, Aberdeen

Kevin Stewart MSP, Minister for Local Government & Housing will address the plenary session on Monday morning alongside 5 of DTAS's member organisations who will inspire with stories, highlighting their achievements and share the learning from their journey to where they are now. More information [here](#).



Scottish Crofting Federation Access to Crofting Toolkit

Saturday 1st - Sunday 2nd September, Strathpeffer

Saturday 17th - Sunday 18th 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 or see <http://www.crofting.org/training/62>



Scottish Rural Action - Scottish Rural Parliament 2018

14th - 16th 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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North West Mull Community Woodland Company - Ulva Project Manager

NWMCWC has acquired the Ulva Estate off the west coast of Mull through the Community Right to Buy legislation and now wishes to appoint an experienced and ambitious Development Manager who can work with the NWMCWC Board to take forward the opportunities identified in the Business Plan and Feasibility Study prepared for the buyout.

Please contact admin@nwmullwoodland.co.uk for details of how to apply.

Closing date for receipt of applications is 10 August 2018.

Applicants must be available for an interview on Ulva on 20, 21 or 22 August 2018.

More information on the role is available at <http://nwmullwoodland.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Development-Manager-Ulva-July-2018L.pdf>

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Scottish Government consultation on proposals for a rural funding transition period.

Deadline: 15th August

The Scottish Government has launched *Stability and simplicity: proposals for a rural funding transition period*, a consultation that invites comments on options for stabilising and simplifying support for land managers, individuals and organisations across Scotland in the period immediately after the UK Government takes Scotland out of the European Union, whilst ensuring that we maintain our environmental standards and meet climate change targets.

You can download the consultation document [here](#)



SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration

Deadline: 17th September

The SURF Awards are widely recognised as the most prestigious in the field of Scottish community regeneration. This year, there are five categories of entry. These are:

- Scotland's Most Improved Place
- Housing
- Creative Regeneration
- Youth Employability: Overcoming Barriers
- Community Led Regeneration.

For more information and to apply, please see [here](#).

General Data Protection Regulation

From 25th May 2018, the UK's existing data protection laws were 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 have contacted 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. Offers of help or materials are very welcome and can be sent to 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

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



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 [here](#). For more information, please contact Jon (jon@communitywoods.org).

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust – 2019 Churchill Fellowships

Closing date 18th 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 31st August

The SWHA Hedgerow Harvest Grant is still open to applications 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.

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. Tel. 01828 650529. Successful applications will be announced by 31st October 2018

Warburton's Small Grant (up to £250)

Closing date 15th August

Warburtons wish to support charitable organisations that require small grants to help them deliver a broader activity. Based on a localism approach, their community investment funds are allocated to their local bakeries and depots. More information available [here](#).



Co-op Foundation Interest-Free Loans

The Co-op Foundation have launched an opportunity for not-for-profit organisations, including social enterprises, co-ops, charities etc. who manage community spaces. This includes "green space" focused organisations including those managing woodlands for community benefits. Interest-free loans of up to £50,000 may be awarded to organisations, and depending on circumstance, there may be some grant funding. More information [here](#).



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
www.hie.co.uk/community-support/community-assets/

WHSmith Community Grant (UK) – Deadline 30th September

Voluntary organisations, charities schools and pre-schools can apply for grants of up to £500 from the WHSmith Trust. The WHSmith Trust is an independent registered charity that uses the proceeds of the compulsory carrier bag charges across the UK to offer the grants to support good causes in the local communities where WHSmith operates. There are two application rounds each year. Applications can be submitted via an online applications form. For more information please visit: blog.whsmith.co.uk/community-grants-application/



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 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. Further information [here](#).

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



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/



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/ The Pebble Trust is also on Facebook: 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 [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 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



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 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



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 For more information and to apply online: 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



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 **31st 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



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.



Some of the content of this e-bulletin has been taken from other e-newsletters received by CWA: TCVIFEVA, Forestry Commission Scotland, The Woodland Trust, New Caledonian Woodlands, FCFCG, Paths for All, amongst others.

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