



**Woodland Gardens & Allotments**  
Bothwell Castle Golf Course Club House  
Blantyre Road, Bothwell, G71  
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Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
10am – 4pm

**Synopsis:** This one day training event will cross the boundary from sustainable woodland management to allotment growing, exploring the close links between the two. Demonstrating how we as a nation can unlock the potential in woodland sites and Permaculture Design Principles in the creation of “community gardens” & community managed greenspace / woodlands.

**Seminar Objective:** To bring together for an intensive day’s training those who have an interest in growing orchards, soft fruit, vegetables, salads and herbs as a community project. This will be a day of innovative design, inspirational exchange of ideas and practical growing knowledge.

**Programme:**

- 10.00           **Arrivals and Coffee**
- 10.30           **Welcome and Introduction – Rosslyn Mills, West of Scotland Woodland  
Advisor (CWA)**
- 10.45           **Growing Sustainable Communities - easy by design – Ron Gilchrist**  
*Ron will outline the principles and practices of sustainable food production – hotbox  
composting, trace element enrichment of the food chain, wormcast production, mini allotment raised bed and  
market garden design and produce processing to reduce seasonality. Raised bed GYO gardening is ideal for  
urban gap sites and regeneration brownfield sites to create urban community orchards and gardens*
- 12.00           **Community Woodland Gardens in Practice (TBC)– Michaela Hunter,**  
**secretary of the Kilfinan Community Forest Company for the last 4 years, based  
in Tighnabruaich, Argyll**  
*Michaela will discuss Kilfinan Forest Garden, a fully functional allotment which is orientated under an electrical  
wayleave in Kilfinan Forest, based around Permaculture Design principles. KCFC have recently applied for  
Climate Challenge Funds to install a further 16 allotments, polytunnels and sheds within a new area of  
community woodland. This inspirational presentation will demonstrate the potential for woodland allotments as  
growing spaces for urban communities, and how the lessons learned in Kilfinan can be transferred to other  
woodland sites.*
- 12.30           **Lunch**
- 13.00           **Site Visit to Bothwell Organic Growers**
- 14.30           **Project Action Planning Session    –    Tea and Coffee Available**

**15.30 – 16.00    1-to-1 Consulting / Close**

**Requirements:**

- Paper and Pen
- Clothing for all weather (you never know!)
- Sturdy walking boots for outside wear

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