



Community
Woodlands
Association

Returning to Roots
10th Annual Community Woodland Conference
7th - 8th November 2009
Craigmonie Centre,
Glenurqhart High School, Drumnadrochit

DRAFT SCHEDULE

Saturday 7th November

9.30am Registration and Refreshments

10.00am Key Note Speaker – Bob Dunsmore, Highland and Islands Conservator.

10.30am Crossgates Community Woodland, Fife – Robert Arnott. Purchased by the community in 2005, Crossgates was the first community to purchase land through part 2 of Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003

11.00am Life Long Learning in the Outdoors – Suzann Barr - Abriachan Forest Trust
Woodland skills for all ages through informal training events, forest school and support for young people excluded from mainstream education.

11.30am Coffee

11.50am Workshops

Workshop 1: Woodland Deer Management – Mark Lazzeri, Assynt Foundation, controlling deer numbers, what if you do and what if you don't? Alternative methods to using a stalker.

Workshop 2: How do you finance without 'funders' ? – What else is available to support projects and how do you get involved? (leader to be confirmed)

Workshop 3: Health and the Benefits of Woodlands – Hugh Fife – Blarbuie Hospital Project - how woodlands contribute to health and wellbeing.

Workshop 4: Woodlands Combating Climate Change – Grant Holroyd, Knoydart Forest Trust - Inspiration and discussion about how community woodland projects can help towards combating climate change and greenhouse gas emissions

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm Site Visits

Visit 1: Abriachan Forest Trust – www.abriachan.org.uk Purchased by the community in 1998 the trust has developed their forest as a social enterprise and now offers a range of services generating income to sustain development.

Visit 2: Reelig Glen Forest – in partnership with Forestry Commission Scotland the Woodland Group of Kirkhill and Bunchrew Community Trust look after the upper wood, noted for the beech glade planted in 1870 known as the Cathedral

Visit 3: Dunain Community Woodland - close to the city of Inverness this peri-urban woodland is managed by the community, currently under an informal partnership with the owners

Visit 4: Glenurquhart Land Use Partnership – www.gulup.org a project planning to use traditional conservation and land management methods, including riparian woodland, to alleviate the threat of flooding in the area.

5.00pm Return to Craigmonie Centre

7.30pm Dinner and Ceilidh at Glenurquhart Village Hall

Sunday 8th November

9.30am Coffee

10am Welcome to Sunday

10.10am Mountain Bike Trails in Woodlands –Chris Piper, Forres Community Woodlands Trust, Moray, telling the story of an 18 month project, creating trails in the woods.

10.35am Community Woodlands, Arts Culture & Heritage - Eoin Cox, buyDesign Gallery Ltd - feedback on the CWA feasibility study.

11.00am Tea/Coffee Break

11.30am Managing Woodlands for Biodiversity – Jon Hollingdale, CWA Chief Exec

11.50am Woodland Grazing – Lucy Sumsion, Regional Manager Argyll and the Islands, NFU Scotland

12.10pm Moths and Butterflies – Tom Prescott, Butterfly Conservation

12.30pm Bumble Bees – Murdo MacDonald, author of Highland Bumblebees

12.50pm Red squirrels – Juliet Robinson, Forestry Commission Scotland - Highland Red Squirrel Group

1.15pm Summary and questions

1.30pm Lunch

2.30 pm CWA AGM

4.00pm Close of conference.

