

Encouraging responsible behaviours in woods and greenspace webinar 9 September 2021, 14.00

Introduction

The event was jointly hosted by Community Land Scotland and the Community Woodlands Association and featured speakers from Evan Wood Community Company, Viewpark Conservation Group and The Vat Run.

The event was aimed at communities with woods and greenspace, and was intended to share experience and good practices at managing visitor behaviour and encouraging responsible use and access.

Event host

Jon Hollingdale, Community Woodlands Association

Speakers

Mark Perry, <u>Viewpark Conservation Group</u>
Adrian Clark, <u>Evanton Wood Community Company</u>
Iwan Thomas, <u>The Vat Run</u>

Agenda

- 14.05 Welcome, housekeeping and scene setting: Jon Hollingdale (CWA)
- 14.05 Mark Perry (Viewpark Conservation Group) spoke about the work done by VCG to shift the use of the park away from anti-social users through shifting the infrastructure of the park to welcome a larger number of responsible users, and to discourage anti-social (mostly off-road bikers) use of the woodland.
- 14.13 Adrian Clark (Evanton Wood Community Group) spoke about the goal of EWCG to encourage 'access for all' through the development of family-friendly activities and environments, sturdy structures and equipment, and through presence on site of both volunteers and police (as required).
- 14.37 Iwan Thomas (The Vat Run) spoke about the tactics undertaken by TVR to modify antisocial behaviour by creating infrastructure that focused problem behaviours into locations and scales that could be managed by an all-volunteer workforce.
- 14.52 Q&A chaired by Jon Hollingdale
- 15.15 Close

Recording

A recording of the event is available at: https://youtu.be/-8x2vQyFh5c