

Preparations are already underway for our Halloween event and autumn kids clubs while the building team is making the most of the remaining daylight hours. Elsewhere plans are developing for new and ongoing projects.

Potential New Project: Greenfield

Earlier this summer Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) were in touch to inform us of their intention to sell some land and buildings at Greenfield. The proposed sale consists of 2 separate areas of land which is occupied by 5 different buildings, which were part of the previous FLS operations in the area but are now surplus to their requirements. After consideration we have formally registered an interest in the sites with a view to potentially applying for a Community Asset Transfer to bring them into community ownership.



General Purpose shed at Greenfield.



Stone Byre at Greenfield.

This process, which we are quite familiar with, allows us time to look at future uses which could be more housing and/or crofts for the community. The next stage is to raise funds to carry out a Feasibility Study and to look further at how these sites could be managed to address the needs of our community.

Ardochy Forest house configuration

The planning application for phase 1 of the project at Ardochy has been under assessment for over a year. This hold-up was caused by a request for a number of additional surveys that were required by planners after the application was submitted. This required us to raise additional funds, commission further contractors, before carrying out the new surveys, and submitting the information. Furthermore, as a pioneering project which is the first in Scotland to establish woodland crofts, it has been necessary to clarify existing planning policies in certain key areas.

Following the submission of further site information, the site layout has now been adjusted due to the latest data from the Peat Survey & Flood Risk Assessment. Crucially, the proposed six housing units have not changed in terms of their location or materiality; however, they have been re-positioned on site to account for the large amounts of peat found and the levels of flood risk. The new configuration will be available on the planning portal shortly.



The new bus stop at the Tomdoun Road turn-off

The project team have also been exploring ways to find appropriate solutions regarding travel arrangements and sustainable transport links for residents who will live there. For example, we have managed to lobby the Highland Council for the installation of a bus stop at the turn-off of the Tomdoun Road from the A87 going North. However, due to the busy location more discussions are necessary before a south-bound stop can be installed.

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Firewood

We have been clearing up at the Cabin Site and removed a lot of wood that fell during the stormy winter last year. While the wood isn't good enough quality to sell as firewood, it could still be burned if it's cut and dried correctly now so we are giving it away for free. If you would like to get a load, please contact Tom@glengarry.org.uk or bruce@glengarry.org.uk or call 01809 501287 for more details. Likewise we are now taking orders for Firewood for the winter. If you are looking to stock up before it gets cold, get in contact with us to arrange a delivery or collec-



Firewood Price List



Small Bag of Firewood

	Incl. VAT	Excl. VAT
Larch & Pine	£8.66	£8.25
Larch Backs	£7.88	£7.50



Trailer of Firewood
Consisting of 12 small bags

	Incl. VAT	Excl. VAT
Larch & Pine	£104	£99.05
Larch Backs	£94.50	£90

Delivery

	Incl. VAT	Excl. VAT
Invergarry Village	£11.55	£11
Outside Invergarry Village	£17.53	£16.50

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tion. We have mixed bags of Larch and Pine logs for sale that are ready to burn right away. For longer-term storage we offer Larch backs which, if stored under cover, will be ready to burn in a few months. All firewood can be purchased as single bags or trailer loads with each trailer consisting of 12 small bags.

Summer Kids Clubs and Events

We ran our forest school club *Into the Woods* for Primary 1 to 6 aged children at the end of July and beginning of August. At that time of year, the blaeberrys were at their most delicious and so we spent one happy afternoon picking berries and cooking them into pancakes. More fun than anything was the fact that the berries turn your hands and mouths purple! Cooking over the campfire is always a favourite, and over the 2 weeks the kids cooked pancakes, bread sticks, popcorn, and smores, as well as hot chocolate every day! Climbing on the tightrope and the big rock were also a favourite activity, while the big rock also had a makeover with chalk and paints, as the kids decided that the woods were just not colourful enough as they were!



Woodland decorations—courtesy of the Junior Rangers Kids.

Our young folk in the *Junior Rangers* club had their own adventures in the holidays too. They spent one day doing a Bio-Blitz in the woodland: Doing as many different types of wildlife surveys as possible in one day. They recorded 63 different species of trees, plants, insects, mammals, amphibians and other types of life all within a small area near the depot.

The following week we took them on a much wider adventure – following clues and codes around the River Garry, learning about the extinct animals that used to live in the Highlands at the end of the last ice age. They walked an impressive 12km (about 7 ½ miles) in their explorations.

Events

Organised by Lochaber Environmental Group and hosted by us in the Community Woodlands, we held a special walk and work-

shop with local herbalist and author Clare Holohan on the afternoon of the 15th September. Clare took us foraging in the community woodlands for edible and medicinal plants and we found a wealth of plants that are good to use in skincare products or even as a bath additive to soothe midge bites. After the foraging walk Clare showed us different ways to use what we found in oils or vinegar and shared tips and tricks on dehydrating, drying and preserving. The event was very well attended, and we hope to have Clare back with us next year for another walk. Keep an eye out in the usual places once spring comes along, for more details.



Clare Holohan from West Highland Herbal showing us edible and medicinal plants growing in our woodlands.

This October we return with both *Into the Woods* and *Junior Rangers*. *Into the Woods* is for Primary 1-6, while *Junior Rangers* is for Primary 7 and above. If you live in Glengarry, or your kids go to the school there (or used to for the older kids) and they want to come along to the clubs, please get in touch with Bruce for more information.

The end of October brings us back around to our annual Halloween family event. Last year we had a run in with the Black Dog of Glengarry, and the year before we met the Raven Mage and his tales and puzzles. Who knows what characters or creatures we'll come across this year? Join us on **Saturday the 26th of October** for uncanny games and fun, as well as our usual campfire cooking, as we enjoy the spookiest time of the year.

Dates for your Diary

- Into the Woods (P1 - P6)**
15th & 16th October | 22nd & 23rd October
- Junior Rangers (P7-S6)**
18th & 25th October
- HALLOWEEN**
26th October | Afternoon

If you're interested in any of these events, please contact Bruce on **01809 501 287** or by email: **bruce@glengarry.org.uk**