

Plums & Custard



Insh Community Holdings Autumn Newsletter 2025

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Welcome Message from the Insh Trustees

Welcome to the revamped newsletter.

Just a short message to introduce ourselves.

We have 4 new trustees on board – Victoria, Grant, Andy and Jen, following Ewan and Isobel taking a step back – a massive thanks for all your hard work over the years.

It's something we have been planning for years, but we finally have a website which will contain details of any past and future work parties; we also have a set of new Insh Community emails.

The newsletter will drop into your inbox quarterly providing you with regular updates on past, future and proposed projects.

Please give us your views as we value everyone's input and look forward to strengthening engagement within the community.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to new residents Thijs and Alice who bought Hilary's home and a sad farewell to Hilary who has moved to new pastures.

Also, welcome Fiona Friel and family we look forward to meeting you in the near future.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter and look forward to seeing you all at our next community gathering.

The ICH Trustess

Candlesnuff



Birch Polypore

Cairngorm National Park Authority (CNPA) – Speyside Way path update

The Cairngorms National Park Authority has offered to take on the responsibility (physically and financially) for upgrading the drainage and improving the path on the stretch of the Speyside/Badenoch Way between the Larch trees at the top of grazings and continuing westwards along ICH ground, extending to Inveruglas.

This is much needed, and we have been looking for ways to achieve this for some time. We had hoped for an opportunity to consult locally on the proposals, but we have been informed that the window of opportunity is tight as the work needs to be completed during 2025 while weather conditions are favourable, and there are no guarantees that the funds will still be available if we miss this time slot.

The improved path will be 2 metres wide, in keeping with the rest of the Speyside Way and in order to help damage-free access along the electricity wayleave.

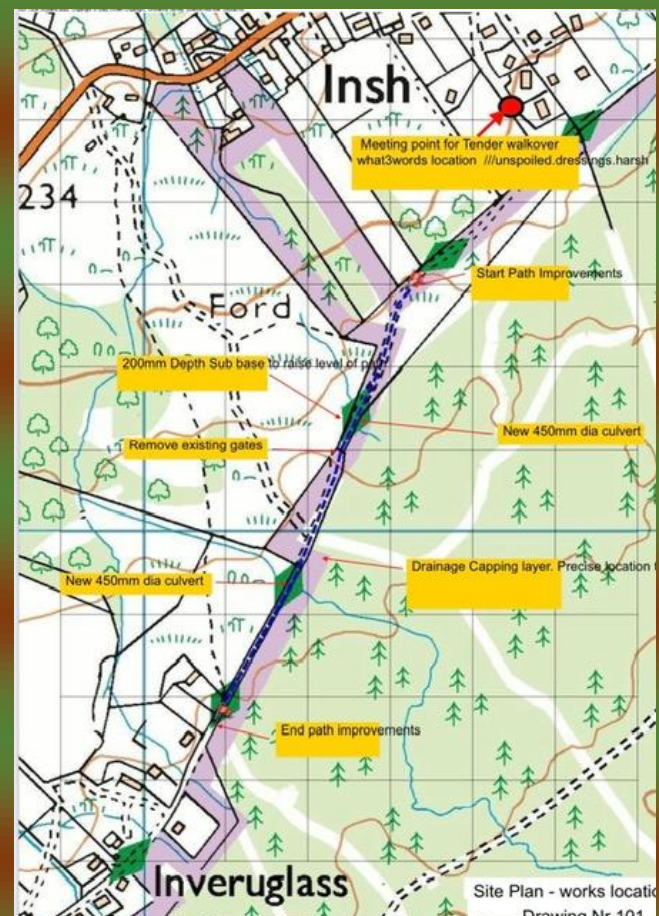
This seems like too good an opportunity to miss.

The works have begun 6th November 6, 2025, completion will be weather dependent but should be completed hopefully before Christmas.

Please follow instructions – dogs on leads, cyclists and horse riders to dismount thank you.



Speyside Way Path section heading from Inveruglas to Insh - proposed route below.



Contact Trustees if you require more information.

Events and Work Party Group



Credit: Dan Walker

Insh Christmas Tree Lights switch on will be in the community woodland on Sunday 7th December 4pm.

Join us for the lights switch-on and some festive refreshments: mulled wine and mince pies

Thanks to Neil and Liz

Past projects update

Insh Grazings pond is holding water, the extra bund built has been successful - hurray, Wildlife species recently spotted included a great diving beetle and newts.



Hedge creation 2023 is slowly maturing, the top half of field is faring better than lower half.

Woodland Tree Planting Events



We are pleased to announce we have secured 210 saplings from Woodland Trust – Woodland Trust receive them in November dispatching them quickly to customers.

The best time of year to plant trees is November to March when the trees are 'sleeping' – we hope you will join us at the tree-planting parties over the Winter.

Mini Woodland 'Wildlife' consists of

15 x Silver Birch, 30 x Hazel, 15 x Rowan, 15 x Sessile oak, 30 x Blackthorn

Mini Woodland 'Harvest' consists of

15 x Rowan, 15 x Hazel, 15 x Dog Rose, 30 x Blackthorn, 15 Juniper, 15 x Crab Apple.

Tree planting event dates will be posted on Insh Community board, Facebook Community page and Insh Community website.

Look forward to seeing you.

Work Party Group

Do you have lots of energy?

Enjoy getting outdoors?

Up for practical conservation and maintenance work?

Then you've come to the right community.

The work party generally meet up mid-week to do conservation work within the Insh Community Woodland and surrounding land.

Dates to be confirmed for

Tree planting

Hedge maintenance

Woodland work

Grazings fence work

Bird Boxes

We are looking for volunteers to help clean the woodland bird boxes out – this takes place every January – you can only legally remove unhatched eggs and destroy between October and January. The boxes are cleaned out (old nests and parasites) making them fresh ready for new nestlings in breeding season, any needing repaired and positioned back on trees.



Contact Details for Trustees



Chair – vacant

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Snippets

ICH Website

A new website is under construction, please use the link below

Inshcommunity.co.uk

Being part of a small village is our support system, when neighbours and friends work together to enhance our quality of life so the village flourishes.

We are looking for stories, old photos, memories, what you spot on your walks or if you would like to write an article. Permission would be needed to use your photos.

If you have any ideas what you would like to see in newsletter.

Newsletter@inshcommunity.co.uk

Please don't be shy.

Fly agaric



CO-OP Funding



The Co-op funding is now with us and in total we have received £1,720 which will be used for maintaining existing paths/establishing new paths in the land.

These funds were originally for the path works, however, Cairngorms National Park (CNP) are doing this so we will use the funds to enhance/upgrade other areas.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for the community, please drop us an email

info@inshcommunity.co.uk

Recruitment

We are actively looking for new Trustees and members, if you are interested and would like more information, contact secretary Cattie.

Insh Community Holdings members annual fee is just £5.

If you no longer wish to be a member - we don't want to see you go – please email and ask to be removed from mailing list.

Secretary@inshcommunity.co.uk

BT Phone box

Have you noticed? The phone box has gone.

The reason is usage was little to non-existent, so they are being phased out as we move to more suitable digital solutions.

Logo

We would love to have an Insh Community Holdings logo.

If you have done this before or artistic and feel you could design one, please contact

info@inshcommunity.co.uk

Community Woodland Firewood



Firewood will be available to ICH members again this Winter.

ICH will be organising firewood as in previous years with delivery possible for those who may need it.

If you would like a load, a suggested donation of £30 as in previous years, with payment made to ICH.

Please email treasurer@inshcommunity.co.uk

with your order and proof of payment

Bank details:

Sort Code 80-05-40

Account number 00262965

Nature Notes

The fungi photos have been taken throughout the community woodland and surrounding area. See if you can spot any on your next wild walk.

Conifer Mazegill



Turkeytail



Insh Grazings



The trustees have been discussing the usage of the field for the benefit of the community.

One proposed change is to split the field in two halves – dividing the field with a fence just above the pond. This will reduce the sheep browsing the existing trees, newly planted tree saplings and to secure pond area.

Still no definite plans but we would love to hear your views, thoughts, ideas and future practical help when a way forward has been agreed.

Thank you

