

Inch Community Holdings Charity ... SC049955

Spring Newsletter

The past few months have seen a number of projects undertaken and quite a few of us involved in work parties. Recently we have cleaned and painted the picnic benches, cleared the stream of debris and continued the never ending creation of brash piles which will eventually be burned when the weather turns wetter.



Some work has been done to renovate our heritage drystone dykes. These have been damaged when trees roots have caused the stones to move. The importance of these dykes as wildlife habitat is recognised and with sensitive work on short sections at a time we hope to minimise damage and allow the repopulation of a variety of species.



A couple of our bridges have had a new deck installed and over 60 Aspen trees have been planted in a whole bunch of places.

The pond is doing well and a couple of ducks have been seen using it as well as swallows collecting mud for nest building. Some Aspen have been planted here as well and look to have put on some growth in their tree tube.

We made two bids for funding to allow us to buy a Capstan Winch and Cone. This should help us extract the larger logs more easily (and perhaps reduce back pain for the core work team.)

We are grateful to **Kingussie Community Development Company** and **Think Health Think Nature** for their financial support.



Later next month we expect to process firewood logs and follow with deliveries to homes in the village. Details of how this will operate will follow later.

"Hot off the press" ... We have spoken in the past about creating a hedge down the length of the grazings and a bid to finance this has been successful. We are grateful to the **Cairngorm Trust** for their financial support.

We will require some volunteers to help with planting, but we hope the fencing will be contracted out. We will make a start to this project later in the year.

Trustees issues ... We have been discussing a number of other initiatives including the following ...

The possibility of having an ICH website : Progressing our funding bid to HIE that could allow the creation of a development plan and an application for a Community Right to Buy : Other issues such as the creation of a wildflower area and extending the path network are also being considered.

Please feel free to comment on what we are doing and in particular if you have suggestions for improvement. If you would like to lead a development or just become more involved please don't hesitate to get in touch with the trustees.

Finally if you have not paid the £5 annual membership for the year please contact Bob Murdoch, our treasurer.

Enjoy the summer !

Ewan Paterson

