

Spring Newsletter 2025

Hi Folks,

Well, Spring is here and lots have been happening since our last newsletter. Thanks to everyone who has been involved and helped out with our various activities and initiatives.

Owl Boxes

Two owl boxes have been put up, one in the clearing and one at the top of the grazings. These are being actively monitored.



Bird Boxes

All of the bird boxes have been cleaned out and have been mapped to monitor what birds are using them for their nests.

Save the Tadpoles!

There's life in the pond with an abundance of frogspawn. The water level is quite low, and as it's 12 weeks till hatching, efforts have been made to reduce the leakage of water to give the tadpoles every chance. The side wall of the pond has been raised with logs and turf. Hopefully the pond will be deepened later in the year.



Speyside Way Path Upgrade

Cairngorms National Park Authority is meeting this month to look at funding that could help with the costs of upgrading the footpath through the community holdings. CNPA may be able to take on this work if funds can be found.

Christmas Tree – Lights On!

A great time was had by all at the community event to switch on the Christmas lights. The children enjoyed playing in the lit up woodland. It was a great turn out, and everyone enjoyed the festive atmosphere, mulled wine and mince pies.



Work Party

It's green gym time again! Our next Work Party is scheduled for Wednesday 9th April at 10 a.m. in the clearing in the woodland. We plan to do some thinning of young saplings so loppers would be useful. ICH has purchased 4 sets of loppers, but if you have some at home, please bring them along. Everyone welcome, the more hands the better.

Firewood

Our thanks to the core team for processing and delivering firewood to everyone that requested it. A second log trailer has been built to help extract the wood more easily.

OSCR Audit

Our audit has been accepted by OSCR. We have been able to secure a new insurer, which has made a substantial cost saving to the charity.

AGM and Membership Fees

Our AGM will be held on April 24th at 7 pm in Ivy Cottage. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Our annual membership is also due by end March. The cost has once again been held at £5 per person. If anyone feels able to add a donation to that amount, it would be very much appreciated.

When renewing your membership, could you let us know if there are any changes to your contact details.

Fees and donations should be sent to our treasurer Dan Walker, Falachan, Insh

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