

Insh Community Holdings ... SC049955

Summer newsletter

Hi there folks,

It seems a long time since the spring newsletter went out and a number of initiatives have made progress since then. We are grateful to trustees and members that give up their time to keep our little charity making progress. Details of our annual get together below ...



Sunday 17th September 3pm

(Please Make a note in your diary)

Everyone is invited to this event. Not just members. The invitation is extended to all in the village. It may be held on the grazings or in the forest. We can decide later dependant on the weather. We can provide the BBQ and hopefully a shelter if it rains ... but you need to bring your own food and drink. A good chance to meet old friends and catch up on village gossip!

ASPEN PROJECT ...

Despite concerns caused by a very dry June, the aspen trees planted across the holdings have survived very well with over 95% of the seedlings showing leaves when checked last week.

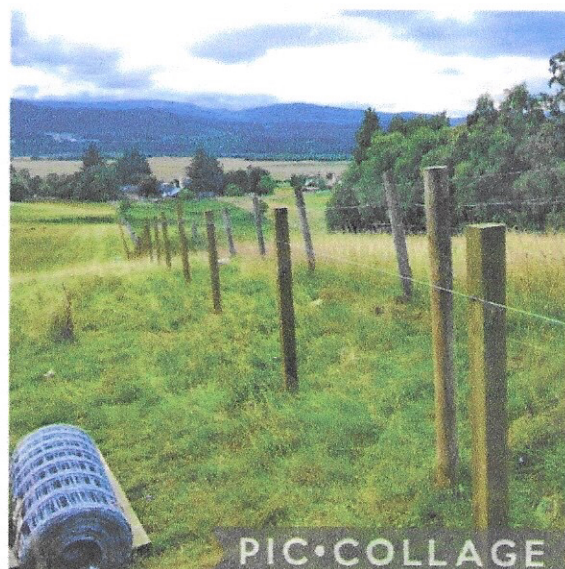
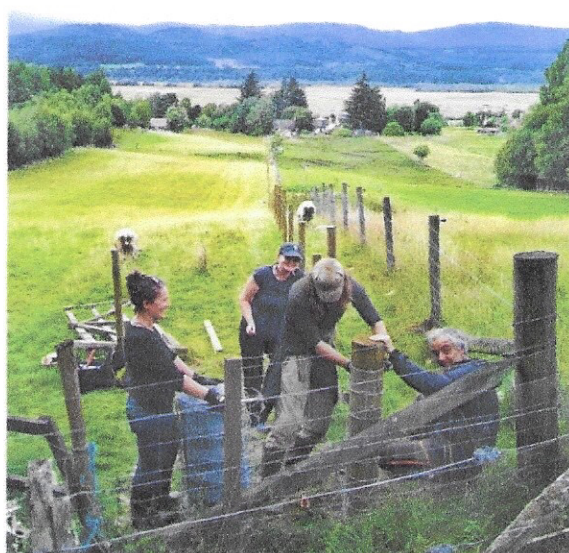


INSH COMMUNITY HEDGEROW RESTORATION PROJECT ...

Insh Community Holdings successfully received a grant of £4,834 from Cairngorm Trust to help towards the Insh Community Hedgerow Restoration Project in the community grazings.

After an unexpected very wet July, work on erecting the fence for protecting a newly planted hedgerow has now begun. Charlie, Yvonne, Adrian and Martine from the RSPB have been working very hard to get the fencing up, and weather dependent, are expecting to complete the work by the end of the week.

The next phase of the project will be arranging volunteers to help plant the young trees for the hedgerow. Further updates will follow.



Membership ...

Our membership now stands at over 60 people. We would like to warmly welcome our Ukranian guest Nastia who is staying in the village. Nastia joined ICH in July.

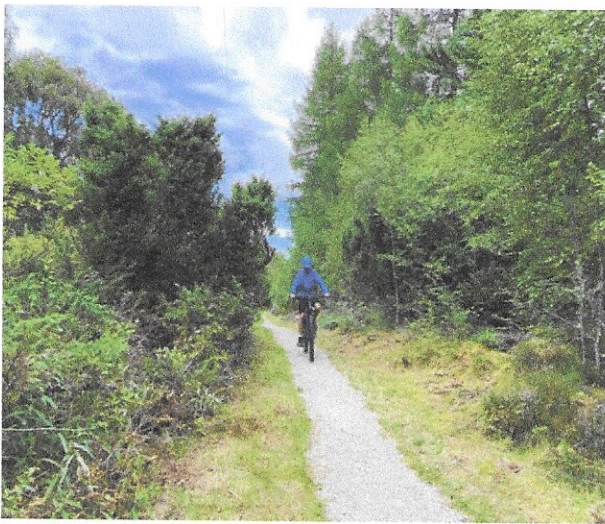
Creating Partnerships ...

This year we have had worked with or had funding from the following agencies. HIE... KCDC... Cairngorm Trust... Think Health Think Nature... RSPB.

Audit...

We have recently had an audit of our accounts by Ann Trail who is an independent auditor working locally. I am pleased to report that the accounts have been signed off and are going to be submitted shortly to the charity's regulator, OSCR.

Badenoch Way....Our section of the path has been cut back and should allow cyclists and walkers to pass more easily. The SSEN had a work party in recently ensuring that the electric distribution line is clear of trees that could potentially cause damage in winter storms.



Firewood ...

You may have noticed the log piles in the forest and wondered when deliveries would start? (The core work team have had a busy summer with their families and holidays). We have a list of folks that have requested deliveries and hope to get started in the near future.

Community Right to Buy ...

At the AGM trustees agreed to investigate using this Scottish Government scheme to look at other potential plots of land that could be brought into community ownership with a view to improving a variety of facilities in the village. Funding from HIE has allowed further investigation on our behalf and Duncan Bryden has reported back to trustees with his findings. We hope to be in a position to present proposals to the membership shortly.

Extending the path network ...

Trustees have been looking at the little used path that runs along the old pylon line that has the buried electric distribution cable. We are unable to do much here because of the need to leave access to SSEN. If this path were improved, it could be used by local walkers and those on bicycle. It would be fairly short and somewhere children would be able to cycle safely. Please let trustees know if this is a good idea?