

Many of our projects are beginning to have visible results with the Amenity Building taking shape, our tractor returning, and the Community Survey results published on our website. Meanwhile the woods remain busy with events and clubs.

Amenity Building and Cabins progress steadily

Come rain or shine, the teams working on the cabins and on the amenity building have been making the most of the longer days. Over the last few weeks, the Amenity Building has been insulated and had its roof installed. Next, it will be clad in the beautiful larch that we have milled ourselves, and then the internal fit out can commence.

Up on the hill meanwhile, the chimneys have now been fitted in most of the Cabins by the Northwoods Construction Team. The log burners in each cabin will provide not only heat but offer cooking facilities for very simple meals, and for more involved cooking the amenity building will contain a fully equipped kitchen.

And with the return of our tractor (more on that further down) we have begun tidying up the landscape around the cabin site. We've been clearing fallen trees, tidying up brush wood and marking out where paths might go.

Community Survey Results are published

Last year Highlands And Islands Enterprise engaged business consultancy Slikk7 to conduct a survey of the residents and stakeholders in Glengarry. Gathering this type of information enhances the understanding of our community and can help government, funders and community groups to meet community needs, prioritise projects and even with the allocation of funding.

After speaking with a number of community stakeholders, residents and groups, Slikk7 asked all of us to fill in a survey in December last year. We are very grateful to all the people who took the time to respond to the survey.

This week we have published a Findings Report based on the data Slikk7 have provided on our website. Furthermore, we will make a number of hard copies available to borrow from the Old Depot. To view the online report, please visit:

—> www.glengarry.org.uk/survey-results

Tractor returns from major refurbishment

For most of the winter our trusty Massey Ferguson 135 tractor has been away for repairs and refurbishment. Thanks to funding from the Glengarry Trust,



The tractor returns looking like new

this machine, that we use in so many areas of our work has been repaired and restored. Geoff Scholes is a tractor specialist from Culnakirk and he spent months lovingly refurbishing the tractor's engine, repairing its equipment and giving it a shiny new coat of paint. Since the tractor returned it is working like a new machine all together. We are again putting it to work splitting and sawing firewood and pulling the trailer filled with building materials and wood up and down the hill.

Seasonal Events bring together members and guests

On the 30th March we held our popular Easter family event. This year the children helped Bride, the princess of spring, to chase away Beira, the queen of winter and allow the spring weather to come. With our



Spring Princess Bride and Winter Queen Beira

usual games, tombola and campfire cooking, all our visitors had a fun afternoon. A big thanks to Dua and Carol for playing our main characters so well!

During the rest of the Easter Holidays our two children's clubs were running on a new site up in the main woodland. With a whole new site to explore the kids soon found their favourite spots: the big rock and fallen tree were great for climbing, while the damp weather made for many muddy puddles to jump in!

On Friday 31st May Sarah Woodfin visited us to talk about the Red Squirrel relocation project she is running and she updated us on the 2 squirrels relocated from Glengarry to Morvern. All the squirrels involved are doing well, and she'll continue to keep us updated as the year progresses. If you'd like any further information about this project please contact Bruce.

The night of Friday the 21st June saw the return of our

popular Midsummer at Midnight event. Eleven people from the village and further afield showed up to share stories and songs round the fire in the Community Woodland, whiling away the wee hours until midnight. As always there was plenty of food on offer, with our portable wood-fired pizza oven working hard to provide for all the participants. Thanks to all who attended and entertained us all with their tunes and tales.

It was a busy weekend in the woods, as we also held



Music and Campfire to celebrate Midsummer.

the June session of our Junior Rangers club on Saturday morning. Junior Rangers has been ongoing every month, with topics

including navigation or building a bug hotel and this month we took advantage of the leftovers from the previous night and gave the Junior Rangers a cooking lesson. It's a rare child that'll say no to pizza! We finished up with chocolate spread and banana calzone.

Dates for your Diary

Into The Woods
SUMMER HOLIDAYS
30th & 31st July | 6th & 7th August

Junior Rangers (P7-S6)
SUMMER HOLIDAY
2nd & 9th August

Summer Holiday Kids Clubs sign up will begin 2nd week of July.