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SPRING NEWSLETTER

AIGAS COMMUNITY FOREST



A year of events in the Forest

We have already celebrated the 10th Anniversary of Aigas Community Forest with a couple of events held in the forest: Heritage walk & talk with Roland Spencer-Jones and Small bird wood carving with Wooden Tom. Both were fully booked and much enjoyed by everyone! See some photos below.



FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 17th May
Pond Dipping Family Day
with Naturedays

Saturday 15th June
Live Music Event

Saturday 12th July
Walk with our
Forest manager

LATEST NEWS

We had two successful tree planting days. Over 200 trees were planted, including oak, willow, hazel, Scots pine and small-leaf lime. Thanks to Neil, Alasdair and the team of volunteers! Another tree planting day will be organised in the near future - keep an eye on our social media.

Join Aigas Community Forest as a member or a volunteer by submitting a form on our website





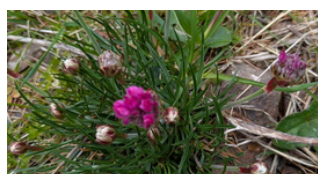
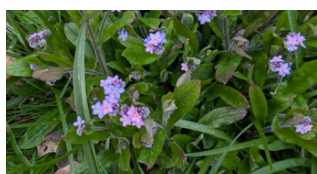
The Forest in Spring

Aigas Community Forest offers ideal grounds to many wildlife species, especially in spring. Golden and white-tailed eagles have been seen high above and peregrine falcons fly over occasionally. Buzzards and red kites are often circling above and the first ospreys were seen back in the area in early April.

Summer migrant birds keep on returning and singing loudly in the carpark and around the forest, including chiffchaff, willow warbler and blackcaps. We have just heard first cuckoos' well known tune. St Tiburtius' Day on 14th April is when cuckoos traditionally start singing, stopping on St John's Day on 24th June.

Comma butterflies, which disappeared from Scotland nearly 150 years ago and have only made a come back in 2004, are regularly sunbathing around the forest. Soon more invertebrates will be seen amongst the carpets of bluebells.

Thrift, wood anemone, ramsons and primrose are all flowering at the moment, especially along Ladies walk - The thinning of trees allows light to come in the forest, which enables these flowers and wildlife coming to life.



LATEST NEWS

Our new generator shed was built next to the Forest cabin.



An extension to our wood store will keep the firewood dry and ready to sell to keep you warm on colder days.



Please record the things you see and hear on the notice board in the Information bothy.