



**JANUARY 2025**

# WINTER NEWSLETTER

**AIGAS COMMUNITY FOREST**



## Happy New Year 2025!

This year is going to be very special for Aigas Community Forest as we celebrate our 10th Anniversary on 5th March. You can read The Story So Far on our website to see how the Forest became community owned and run and how it's evolved since. Regular events will be held in the Forest throughout the year so keep an eye on Facebook posts and our website for the updates.



## LATEST NEWS

After purchasing a new tractor, Alasdair Martin and Phil Envis completed tractor training. Together with Neil Valentine and volunteers, great improvements to the paths and clearing have been achieved.

## FUTURE EVENTS

**Saturday 8th March**  
Heritage walk & talk with  
Roland Spencer Jones

**Saturday 5th April**  
Whittling workshop with  
Wooden Tom

**Saturday 17th May**  
Pond Dipping Family Day with  
Naturedays

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







## Highlights of 2024

- A sunny Tree planting day in March was highly enjoyed by volunteers who have done a great job.
- A new Information Bothy was completed in March.
- Several paths and trails have been reinforced. A new map can be found at the information bothy or downloaded online.
- Wildlife themed rubber plaques have been installed for our young visitors to find around the forest.
- Deer fence is approaching its completion.
- Several groups have visited with Naturedays at Aigas for forest activities and monitoring wildlife at the pond.
- After Neil Valentine's successful and most appreciated temporary management, a new Forest Manager Alasdair Martin has stepped in his boots in August. His skills, experiences and ideas have already produced great results.
- We purchased a new 112hp Kubota tractor in August. Alasdair, Neil and Phil are impressed with its performance and lots of work has been done since.
- The Open Day on 7th September was a great success and was well visited. Donations have been raised for Dundonnel MR and Highland Hospice.

