

# Ranger report for Board meeting. 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025.

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	Start date	End date								
	13/06/2024	16/06/2025								
	# sessions (target)	# people (target)	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January
Guided Walks attended	no target	no target	0	1	3	1	4	0	1	
Guided Walks Offered	no target	no target	2	2	4	0	4	0	1	1
Number of people at public events (not including conservation days)			95	44	87	98	227			
Conservation work parties held.	25		3	2	3	3	3	TBD	TBD	5
Volunteer Hours for working group model									10	4
Ranger administration hours for working group model						5	5	2		
Pop-up events (INCL Special interest groups)	25		4	4	8	8	6	0	0	
Special interest groups					1		1			
Volunteers trained (any)				1						

## **Work to Date**

Last report was 22<sup>nd</sup> November

## **November 2024- Continued**

- Collate Historic minutes/ranger reports etc for upload to website DEFERRED
- Attended SBP training day on engaging with social media.
- Site meeting with Kyle Kerr for drainage quote. COMPLETED
- Attended SCRA ranger service rendezvous over four days. COMPLETED
- Began peer to peer group with CWA. COMPLETED
- Met with Amie Clarkson of Applecross community development trust and obtained documentation/sample tender specification and budget on compost toilet installation. Forwarded to board. COMPLETED
- Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov: Ditch digging at container. COMPLETED

## **December 2024**

Wreath Making (event) (CANCELLED)

Carols & Cordage Event. (CANCELLED)

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> December: Tent Takedown and store

COMPLETED

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Lifting topsoil at container site.

ONGOING

Deliver CWA online seminar re I naturalist. Upload Youtube link to website.

COMPLETED

Peer to Peer mentoring event with CWA

ATTENDED

- Curate two blog entries. COMPLETED
- Collate and anonymise Historic minutes/ranger reports etc for upload to website COMPLETED

Would request that future minutes (when agreed at following meeting) can be passed to me to upload by secretary once approved.

- Data entry of all new members to and uploaded to work dropbox. COMPLETED
- Provided tool list & hyperlinks for Niall to purchase for the SCF fund.

- I attended the Scottish countryside rangers association annual meetup.

## **January 2024**

Reviewing 2024 Schedule and Calendar of events.	ONGOING
Drafting Schedule of Work for 2025	ONGOING
Planning Calendar of events for 2025	ONGOING
Move timber to glenan bay.	COMPLETED
Move timber to link path	ONGOING
Moved aggregate to glenan bay	ONGOING

For 2025: General principles:

- I am aiming to have my work schedule approved and a calendar of events published by end of february.
- Seasonal celebrations: I am considering programming family friendly conservation days on weekends staggered throughout the year which include food. An overnight option will be there for any volunteers keen to help facilitate/staff the event; which I will use as a capacity building and training exercise. Whilst I still think conservation camps are an excellent idea, as we have yet to identify funding for basic equipment, coupled with a limited team to deliver pastoral care; I think attempting to do this on my own would unnecessarily overstretch me as a resource.
- In tandem, I am aiming for regular opportunities for volunteering in the week and the establishment of a core group.
- In terms of numbers of public events held, we have met our commitment till June 2025 with our funders.
- I would like to identify a strategy, and have the board obtain funding for stabilising the sloped path section at the far end of the Forest Path which is contiguous with glenan bay.
- My CPD plan for 2024 is up for review, and a new plan due for March 2025; we have to identify a board representative willing to support me with this.

I have arranged meeting w/ school staff team for 28<sup>th</sup> January. We are exploring delivery of the SCRA Wildlife champions award.

## **Fundraising**

- Paypal- A generic campaign was been set up as a holding page for paypal fundraising on our website. <https://www.glenanwood.org.uk/make-a-donation/>  
We had £60 donated over Christmas period
- HB was successful in obtaining an ABCAN grant for 1K for community consultation. We anticipate delivering this in march/april.

## **Other**

- A weekly working group is being held at my home office every thursday afternoon. Need to work out paperwork/code of conduct to invite non board member volunteers.
- GR had written with an offer to compile a list of bryophytes for the wood; this has now been received.
- Container area: Drainage and turf removal done by hand, which is ongoing. Hardcore arrived. I suggest, for security; we identify funds to install gateposts and a gate here.

- Capital spend response to CLF. This is still outstanding. Sent note to board re compost toilet.
- Continuing with peer to peer session with CWA, using action sets to look at overcoming barriers to volunteer recruitment.

### ***Going forward:***

- I have applied for the CWA professional forester mentoring scheme; which starts in early 2025. <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/ksXfKmwzvsdXjjNu?ref=Link>
- As I mentioned in last report, I have an interest in working up a project to fell the western hemlock at the far end of the site, scoping the possibility for milling the wood onsite; and establishing markets for timber. It would be useful for board to both consider and minute their approval for me to take this forward or not.
- We have two events scheduled with David Atthowe for Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March. There will be a cost associated with event, suggest we frame to locals that they can learn at event and borrow our torches thereafter. ACT will make up shortfall. £15 adults. £7.50 child.
- We are hosting an HIA lite training delivered by NatureScot at Glenan on March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Based on our limited budget, I would like to commission another wooden sign, and install a blackboard at noticeboard area.

Best wishes for the remaining winter period,

Rhyddian Knight [for FOGW].