



# Ranger Report

Date: February 24<sup>th</sup> 2026

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		Start date	End date											
		12/06/2025	11/06/2026	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February		
		# sessions (target)	# people (target)	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February		
Guided Walks attended	no target	no target		1			2		2					
Guided Walks Offered	no target	no target		1			2		2					
Number of people at public events (not including conservation days)				50	75	41	44	103	76	33	40			
Conservation work parties held.		25		3	7	3	3		7	4	4	3 (to 18/2		
Volunteer Hours for working group model				12	12	0	6	8	8	8	8	24		
Ranger administration hours for working group model								8	8	8	8	10		
Pop-up events (INCL Special interest groups)		25		6	3	2	5	5	5	1	1			

Please note above figures are from year beginning (June 12<sup>th</sup>)

Report details activity between last attended board meeting January 21<sup>st</sup> to present.

## 1) Governance

Person	Action	Progress
RK	<p><b>Policies and procedures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire Service have referred me to Group Commander Phil McDonald who is the wildfire tactical advisor for Argyll &amp; Bute for comment on wildfire plan &amp; risk assessment draft.</li> <li>• RK still requires training to create appropriate map using QGIS.</li> </ul>	ONGOING
RK	<p><b>Shared drive</b></p> <p>A repository for draft board policy &amp; procedures and other shared data to replace RK personal dropbox is being created at box.com. Registered with Techsoup and submitted organisational data for validation on 2/2. To date their determination is still pending.</p>	ONGOING

## 2) Funding and Finance

Person	Action	Progress
RK/HB	<p><b>Funding for Ranger Service beyond June 2026</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final copy proposed to be sent to HLF by end February 2026.</li> </ul> <p>Draft of enquiry form and progression of main application was undertaken in advance of call with Sarah Price of HLF on 5<sup>th</sup> February. Following her written response to meeting, Hannah &amp; Liz are furthering discussion and I will await instruction on any further tasks.</p>	DEFERRED
SECRETARY	<p>I note announcement from last meeting that draft SSEN BNG project costs out 2dpw for ranger to facilitate conservation and outreach &amp; liaise with ACT team on ground. I would request that board give me a written response as to whether they wish to allocate this to continue my role beyond my current fixed term as soon as confirmation of the project is assured.</p>	REQUEST SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION
RK	<p><b>Donations</b></p> <p>Following the surprise 15K Euro donation from Warner Siemens announced at last meeting, I was tasked with some detective work. I spoke with BCC, it appears that donation came via influence of BCC alumni Mona who leads at an environmental research university and has strong links with corporate sponsors. We can infer that she brought the BCC campaign to their attention.</p>	COMPLETED
RK	<p><b>REHIS outdoor food hygiene certificate.</b></p> <p>Received unexpected invoice for £80 this month for accredited course which took place last year in advance of Big Canopy Campout. Have forwarded to Treasurer &amp; Secretary for consideration of payment as CPD.</p>	SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION
RK	<p><b>Budget request to June 2026</b></p> <p>Rhyddian has compiled a spreadsheet costings of desired resources and their perceived priority, drawn largely from last years requests (june &amp; september submissions) &amp; our</p>	SUBMITTED FOR

	big canopy campout wish-list.	CONSIDERATION
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### 3) Conservation

Person	Action	Progress
RK	Attended Deer Management Group meet 28/1	COMPLETED
RK	Seeking advice around protection protocols via Curator at RGBE regarding recent identification of rare species.	ONGOING
ALL	To gain purchase for increasing annual count, consideration should be given to identifying funds for paying stalker. Whilst relationship with our volunteer stalker remains impeccable, it is not economically realistic to expect them to work beyond current capacity. As this would likely be a recurring annual cost, this should be carefully researched in advance. Please see accompanying spreadsheet for proposed expenditure & justification.	SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

### 4) Education

Person	Action
RK	The school have deferred meeting for forest school provision planning and dates have yet to be agreed for delivery. RK has obtained resources following a meeting with Fiona Hamilton 28/01 and loaned to school so they can investigate links to curriculum.
RK	I have had some preliminary discussion with FLS (Glenbranter depot) about Glenan becoming a venue for a training course for local interest in rhododendron control. Their methodology is drilling.
RK	Reforestation Scotland have agreed to publication of my article on deer management and community engagement in their community woods update feature for the Autumn edition of their Journal. The article showcases FOGW and links to the wider West Cowal Rainforest Restoration Project & the centralised deer larder due to be built at Glendaruel.

### 5) Community

Person	Action	Progress
RK	Attended quarterly Community Planning group meeting 3/2. Links to our consultation results were shared with plenary.	COMPLETED
RK	Copy of Long Term Forest Plan uploaded to website.	COMPLETED
RK	Produced Winter edition of Apple press & circulated to members.	COMPLETED

RK	Consultation exercise. Preferences for phase 2 of adopt a monument scheme held by Andy of AS. Emailed request for a report to document community responses.	PENDING REPORT FROM AS
RK	Following the minute about community support for archaeology in last meeting. I have prepared a short position paper on further consultation; which is available if required.	COMPLETED

## 6) Past Events

Person	Dates/Participant Numbers/event Names
RK	No past events since 21/12/25

## Upcoming events

Person	Action	Progress
RK	Submitted Draft Schedule of Work Jan to June 2026 to board for Jan21st meeting. Pending review.	PENDING
RK	We have been approached by Royal Marines charity to provide an event on 10 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> May to a group of sea kayakers on expedition. This will require processing of a deer in advance of end of cull season at close of March. Client has requested a cost breakdown of delivery and capital costs to submit to the charity for sign off.	ONGOING

## 6) Volunteering

Person	Action	Progress
RK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work to date</li> </ul> <p>Since last meeting there have been 5 sessions with the following activities: Barrier plastic down off hill. Large fallen tree removed from footbridge at lock-up, cross-cut, chopped and stacked. Further removal of tree fallen at Cuid Oiche ruins, cross-cut, chopped and stacked. Cross cut of tree over village path at west glenan burn. Dry standing rhododendron cut, processed and burned along shore path &amp; bagged as biochar for drying. Site meeting with Ben regarding lichen telemetry recording for 2026</p>	COMPLETED
PB/All RK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed work to June 26 pending review and approval.</li> </ul>	PENDING

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send draft copy of volunteer programme to June 2026 and online calendar to for board comment.</li> </ul>	DEFERRED
RK ALL	<p><u>Corporate</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Portavadie Resort continue to asked for decision around press release.</li> <li>IJ has agreed to meet board/representative to discuss partnerships and advertising for 2026. A list of potential synergies which support an income stream for FOGW has been tabled in an email thread. We need to identify who would like to further this opportunity OR defer to a future staff role.</li> </ul>	PENDING

## 7) Infrastructure

Person	Action	Progress
RK	<p><b>Community Lottery Fund</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RK advertised and sent out tender for compost toilet build to seven applicants. Respondents have been forwarded to board for assessment using the scoring system approach he suggested.</li> </ul>	COMPLETED
ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As we are coming to end of grant. Final consideration should be given to whether we are allocating capital funds to mains water installation at Orchard area or seeking future funds from elsewhere. Previous costs have been floated for legal fees and cost of installation.</li> </ul>	SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION
RK	A solar panel belonging to myself has been erected in my own time to provide 12 volt lighting to welfare space & lockup.	COMPLETED

All the best

Rhyddian.