



Ranger Report

Date: September 28th 2025

	GLENAN					
	Start date	End date	June	July	August	September
	12/06/2025	11/06/2026				
	# sessions (target)	# people (target)				
Guided Walks attended	no target	no target	1			2
Guided Walks Offered	no target	no target	1			2
Number of people at public events (not including conservation days)			50	75	41	40 (to 19/9)
Conservation work parties held.	25		3	7	3	3
Volunteer Hours for working group model			12	12	0	6 (to 20/9)
Ranger administration hours for working group model						
Pop-up events (INCL Special interest groups)	25					
Special interest groups						
Volunteers trained (any)						

Please note above figures are from year beginning (June 12th) Previous figures for year end (June 11th) appears in earlier report.

With thanks to Hannah Buss, who has made this template for me to try for this months ranger report.

1) Governance

Person	Action	
	Policies and procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire plan awaiting meeting with fire service.. prompted liason officer. RK still requires training to create appropriate map using QGIS. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Health and Safety <p>Path information updated on website following advice from community woodlands association.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Risk assessments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RK has redrafted RA's for outdoor cooking following his qualification. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
	AGM: RK has set up chairs and facility for cooking in advance of AGM but will be at CWA conference in advance of meeting.	<input type="checkbox"/>

2) Funding and Finance

Person	Action	Progress
RK	RK submitted our CLF project for the community regeneration category for the SURF awards- awaiting feedback.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
NM/RW RK	<p>Lottery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Capital spend response to CLF Pending (July 2024) – RK has submitted an end of year report to CLF June 2025. – Lottery wrote to us highlighting difficulty in refunding in 2026. 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Funding for Rhyddian beyond 2026	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Long term funding	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
HB	<p>Question: What are are monthly costs? What should we be aiming for?</p> <p>Hannah is preparing a funding strategy proposal.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
IW/RK/HB KL IW	<p>Windfarm funding</p> <p>Draft two scenarios 1) Funding needed to maintain status-quo. 2) Ideal world funding. COMPLETED.</p> <p>Costs for biodiversity monitoring needed. COMPLETED?</p> <p>-Send windfarm contact proposed spending. PENDING.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Info only	<p>Project funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian Dow presented updates regarding the BNG pilot with SSEN at June board meeting. • An onsite meeting was subsequently held with ACT and SSEN. • A further zoom meeting was held between board & ACT. 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
RW RK	<p>- Funding for compost toilet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Lottery are awaiting costed options for toilet following their response to email from rhyddian 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

RW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – RK has written to Portavadie Distillers asking for the funds agreed for the compost toilet. RH has asked for a few weeks before attending to this. – Robin has ordered the compost toilet. 	
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3) Conservation

Person	Action	Progress			
RK RK	<p>Deer management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the 6a notification. RK attended DMG meeting in September. • RK has asked Glenan to be included in any accredited training opportunities for young entrants to the sector. 	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 40px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;"></td> <td style="width: 33%;"></td> <td style="width: 33%;"></td> </tr> </table>			
RK	<p>Western Hemlock</p> <p>As indicated in previous meeting, Andrew suggested it would be very useful for RK to have a chainsaw ticket in order to effectively supervise any volunteers that also use chainsaws but also to speed up the clearance of non natives. There's a useful source of funding available at the moment to anyone who has been working in forestry for less than 5 years. https://www.scotland.lantra.co.uk/future-forester-training-fund thus it may be possible to obtain this sort of training with minimal or nil cost to Glenan.</p> <p>Felling accreditation has already been identified as CPD for RK in 2024 but we have yet to find funding.</p> <p>RK still wishes to pursue an extraction plan/tender for the Hemlock and to look at options for extraction of the mixed conifer area surrounding the Orchard; including the scope for community led approaches. Ideally, we would have economic projections for each option. He will continue this process with Andrew.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 40px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;"></td> <td style="width: 33%;"></td> <td style="width: 33%;"></td> </tr> </table>			

4) Education

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RK & ArSc	<p>Studies –</p> <p>Dendrochronology Archaeology Scotland are investigating costs for this study with Coralie Mills to incorporate into our project.</p>
RK ArSc	<p>LIDAR – This took place. on w/c 28/07. Awaiting files. Archaeology Scotland gazetteer as a working document is ongoing.</p>

<p>RK</p> <p>HB</p>	<p>Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been two cancellations from school, primarily due to issues of transportation. • In lieu of this, and the current lack of Forest School provision at school due to teachers qualifications. RK is proposing he offers 1dpw 'outreach' at TPS as part of our 2026 calendar of events • HB is rearranging date for visioning event. 																																							
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5) Community

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<p>HB</p>	<p>Look at outcomes of vision day</p> <p>- Further workshops are planned with the school .</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>			
	<p>Memorial trees</p> <p>Identified by member John McColl. Memorial areas needs taking forward by an individual or working group.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>			

RK	Memorial bridge RK seeks discussion & permission to go ahead with this.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
RK	CWA conference RK delivered two presentations at this years conference in Stirling	
RK	ASR walk Attended walk led by Ian Dow showcasing the West Cowal Habitat Restoration project on behalf of FOGW.	
RK	Cormonachan Community woodland. Secretary wrote to us asking for advice and a speaker for their forthcoming AGM. RK has agreed to attend.	
RK	Cultural resource The pit roast facility has now been installed at Cuid Oiche and a very successful pilot was held over the Big Canopy Campout event. It is anticipated that this facility can support the WCHRP deer butchery/shop facility by showcasing venison as a tasty and affordable food to local markets. Reforesting Scotland have indicated they would like an article about it for the spring edition of their journal 2026.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
RK	Library. Member Jonathon Tesh has made a proposal (forwarded for board attention) to coordinate a glenan wood library/bookshare scheme for members.	

6) Upcoming events

Person	Action	Progress
All	Orchard Festival & AGM Sunday 28th September 2025	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
RK	Apple Day Thursday 2 nd October. 4 slots in morning plus childrens session in afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
RK/ ID/BM	Biofluorescence walk. Friday 17 th October date to, for example	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
ALL	Big Glenan Biochar and BBQ. Sunday 19 th October. Request for board members to assist.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
RK	Archaeology Scotland. Intro to building survey. 23 rd October	

RK	Archaeology Scotland. Intro to field survey recording. 24 th October	
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6) Volunteering

Person	Action	Progress			
RK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Path strimming has now ceased and bracken control has been in good order throughout the summer season. • Successful scything festival resulted in meadow cut. Arisings have been removed. Thanks to Bob Brady at KCFC for borrow of sacks. • Significant improvement to drainage on steep section on forest path in Sept. Work is ongoing. • RK suggests that projected dates for ringbarking are deferred in lieu of BNG project encompassing non native conifers and path work continue with regular volunteer group. A section of shore path has been identified for aggregates, stone is available by remediating a nearby path which routed through a boggy section and has been fenced and closed in 2023. 	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>			
RK	<p><u>Corporate</u> Ongoing email exchange from JP Chase/Morgan. They are still trying to secure funds from central office.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>			
RK	<p>Following an email request, Portavadie Resort have indicated they would be interested in a strategic meeting to discuss a formal partnership agreement. I believe that corporate volunteering packages and 'packaged' guided walks could be an element of income stream for us in future years.</p>				
RK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portavadie Resort had asked for clearance about a promotional offer for their guests linked to volunteering at Glenan. However, there has been no prior discussion or invitation to discuss this proposal before the drafting of the release by a PR consultant. 				

7) Infrastructure

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All RK	<p>Compost toilet Decide on person to begin application for prior notification. RK has requested funds from portavadie distillers</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>			
Info only	<p>Container.</p>				

	<p>RK has stripped and painted the container roof and visible walls.</p> <p>RK has placed gravel hard standing at container.</p> <p>RK has procured a welfare station for staff volunteer as a warm space and place to make a hot drink. This can be towed between container, orchard, car park and meadow as required</p> <p>RK recommends installing a gatepost and gate over winter months.</p>				
RK	<p>Wood</p> <p>RK has approached MB to cost up a demonstration event using his portabale chainsaw mill at the mixed conifer site as part of 2026 programme. This could produce some useful building/cladding material for FOGW.</p>				
PB	<p>Water</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>			
RK/NM	<p>External hard drive</p> <p>Previously requested from RK for large files/maps/using mapping software as personal PC inadequate. RK has requested file size from portavadie distillers.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>			
NM	<p>Cloud storage</p> <p>Previously requested from RK for Glenan as personal dropbox inadequate. Ongoing</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>			

All the best for the Autumn ahead,
Rhyddian.