

# Callander Community Woodland Group Coilhullan Project



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# Who are we?

- ▶ Chair Mark Griffiths
- ▶ Secretary Sheila Winstone
- ▶ Project Manager Bev Field
- ▶ Wildlife Coordinators Mike & Lesley Hawkins,  
Sarah Greenwood
- ▶ Forestry Coordinators Robert Scott, Gwen Raes,  
James McLeod
- ▶ Access Coordinators Paul Prescott, Cathy Scott,  
Steve Field, Rob Latimer
- ▶ Education Coordinators Chris Cordon, Susan Holden
- ▶ Communications team John Hutchison, SW, SH, BF

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# What's The Proposal

That CCDT acquires Coilhallan Woodland and manages it sustainably to increase access, facilities and opportunities, making it a true asset for the benefit of the local community and visitors alike.

## Project Aims

- ▶ To deliver the ambitious Woodland Management Plan effectively:
  - Manage the woodland in a sustainable/environmentally friendly but pro-active manner
- ▶ To increase the number of people benefitting from the woodland, both the local community and visitors

# What ideas are we Looking at?

Initial thoughts include :-

- ▶ Improved signage and new footpaths
- ▶ Manage non-native invasive species
- ▶ Actively encourage native species of Flora and Fauna
- ▶ Guided woodland walks / educational experiences
- ▶ Improved facilities at the Coilhallan carpark
- ▶ Curriculum based educational opportunities
- ▶ New mountain bike trails
- ▶ Small scale wood fuel, timber sales and coppicing

# Who else is involved:-

A number of partnerships are under active discussion which will enable CCWG to manage and maintain Coilhallan Woodland. These include:

- ▶ Callander Landscape Partnership (inc LL&TNP),
- ▶ McLaren Community Leisure Centre,
- ▶ Callander Primary School,
- ▶ McLaren High School,
- ▶ Callander Youth Project Trust
- ▶ Cambusmore Estate
- ▶ Scottish Wildlife Trust (Callander Centre)
- ▶ Callander Enterprise
- ▶ FABB Scotland (All Ability Cycling Project),
- ▶ Callander Community Council

# Who's going to Manage it?



- ▶ Legal responsibility for ownership of the asset will sit with CCDT.
- ▶ Administration of grants towards the purchase and maintenance of the woodland will sit with CCDT.
- ▶ Callander Community Woodland Group will act on behalf of CCDT and will lead the project and deliver the voluntary work required.
- ▶ A part time Woodland Manager will be employed for the first two years to support development and volunteer recruitment whilst income streams are developed and to deliver planned woodland activities.
- ▶ Volunteers will deliver the majority of the maintenance. They will be trained and managed by the Woodland Manager initially.

# Where's the money come from?

## ▶ Capital Cost

The Capital Cost of acquiring the wood from FES is anticipated to come as a Stage 2 Grant from the Scottish Land Fund (up to 95% of the Valuation) with the remaining balance being funded by a discount off the Valuation for the economic benefit provided by community action.

## ▶ Revenue Funding

The SLF Application will include provision for the funding of a part-time Woodland Manager for the first two years to kick start the work, including setting up the volunteer network . Other funding will come via:-

Sale of Standing Timber

Planting and Community Grants (FCS)

Money raised by CCWG



# What if we do nothing?

- ▶ Coilhallan Wood does not appear to be a priority for FES.
- ▶ FES Management Plan states that restocking will take the form of natural regeneration. This will mean that non-native species will remain in the wood and Birch scrub will take over
- ▶ No significant encouragement of diversity
- ▶ FES do not have the flexibility or resources to manage invasive species effectively
- ▶ Gradual decline in Quality?

# Indicative timescales



Coilhullan Woodland Public Consultation	Jan 2019
Apply for FCS Community Asset Transfer (CATS)	Mar 2019
CATS Panel meeting	Apr 2019
CATS response	Nov 2019
SLF application prepared and discussed with SLF	Mar 2019
Funding applications for project development	Sept 2019
SLF application submitted (after CATS response received)	Nov 2019
SLF response received	Mar 2019
Potential to purchase woodland	April 2020

# How can I help?

- ▶ **Join CCWG!**
- ▶ **Participate in the public meeting on 31 January 2019**
- ▶ **Sign-up as a Supporter**
- ▶ **Consider volunteering; let us know of your interest and skills**
- ▶ **Details at [incallander.co.uk/ccdt\\_coilhullanwoods](http://incallander.co.uk/ccdt_coilhullanwoods)**