

MEMBERS' NEWS

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Chair's welcome

First, I'd like to warmly welcome our new Chief Executive Andrew Bachell to his role. As we reported in the last issue of the Journal, Andrew is a highly respected professional with a wealth of experience at the highest levels of nature conservation management, including most recently as Director of Policy and Advice at Scottish Natural Heritage.

Andrew arrives at an exciting time in the Trust's history. We've just been given the go-ahead by the Lake District National Park Authority to take over the management of our first property outside Scotland, Glenridding Common, which includes the summit of Helvellyn – one of the most treasured mountains in England.

The decision marks another milestone for the Trust, offering a tremendous opportunity to build our support and profile beyond Scotland, and guaranteeing that whatever political and constitutional change may take place in the near future, we will remain relevant in all parts of the island of Britain and beyond.

We are also pleased to report rising support for wild land protection. At the end of May, we commissioned a Scotland-wide YouGov opinion poll, which found 80 per cent support for continued protection of wild land, with just five per cent opposed (see page three).

I write this just after our AGM and Members Gathering, held in the stifling heat of Fort William (improbable as that may seem). I'd like to thank the staff who organised and contributed to an excellent event, and all our members, partners and friends for attending and participating.



The term of office of three long-standing trustees – John Finney, David McLehose and Jim Gibson – has now expired. Their tireless work and commitment over the years has been much appreciated.

I'd also like to welcome the new trustees who have replaced them – Alan Dobie, Andrew Whitfield and Derek Johnston. Among them, they bring a great range of expertise to the board, in ecology, land management, planning law, finance, organisation and charity management.

On behalf of the Trust, I also want to thank Fiona Kindness, who is moving back to London after four years as Director of Resources – and in recent months as acting Chief Executive. Fiona played a vital role in strengthening our finances and administration. She brought financial understanding and clarity of thinking mixed with a sense of fairness and fun.

We wish her all the best for the future and look forward to working with our new Director of Finance and Resources, Kerry Ross, who has worked at high-level financial roles in business and land management, and is currently on the board of Trees for Life.

Finally, I'd like to thank all our members for your strong and continuing support for the work of the Trust. Have a great summer!

Peter Pearson

Trust to take care of Glenridding common

Following an extensive public consultation, the Lake District National Park Authority met on June 21 and unanimously agreed in principle to lease the land at Glenridding Common to the Trust for three years.

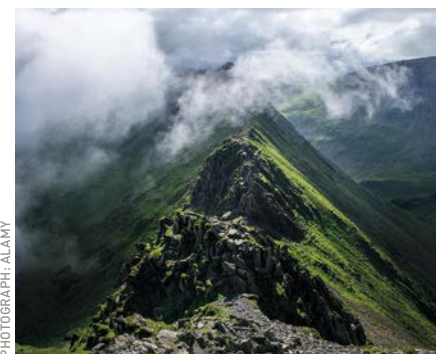
We feel privileged to be given the opportunity to take care of this beautiful wild landscape that includes the summit of Helvellyn, along with Striding Edge (pictured below) and Swirral Edge.

We will now formalise a three-year lease that should be in place from August 2017.

Andrew Bachell, Chief Executive for the John Muir Trust said: "The consultation has shown substantial support for the Trust to manage this special landscape.

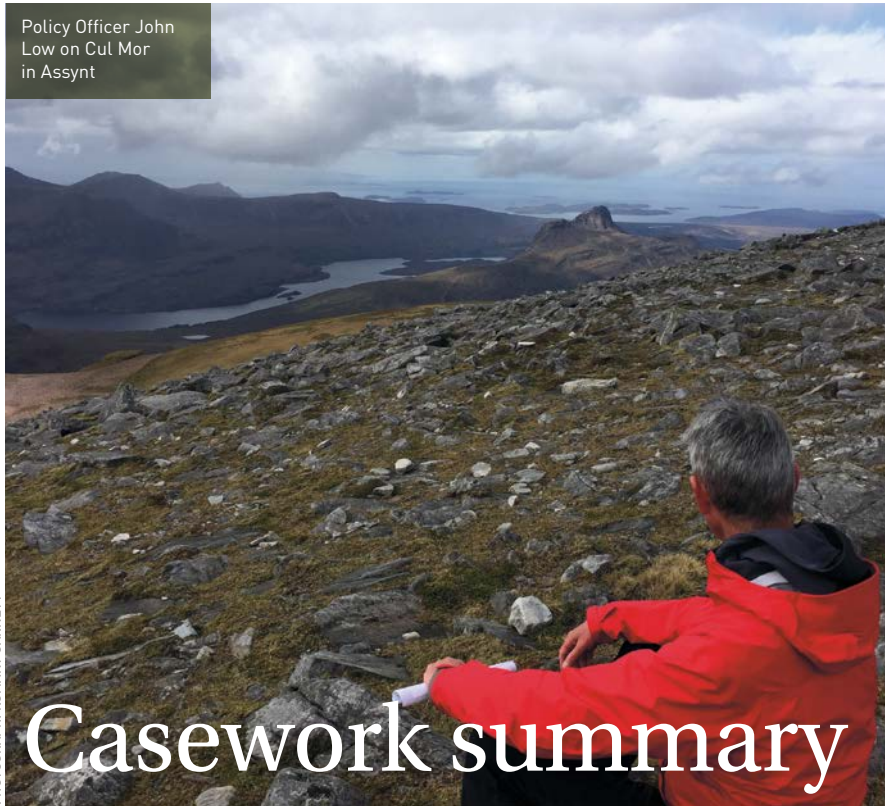
"It's also allowed us to speak openly with those who raised questions and helped us start to develop a relationship with the local commoners, farmers, residents and business community.

"This is a new chapter in the history of the Trust. We look forward to managing land and engaging with communities in the north of England and building upon the work and relationships the Trust has already established in Cumbria through the John Muir Award and campaigning activity."



PHOTOGRAPH: ALAWY

Policy Officer John
Low on Cul Mor
in Assynt



PHOTOGRAPH: ROMANY GARNETT

Casework summary

Campaigns Co-ordinator **Mel Nicoll** reports on the Trust's latest policy work

DEFENDING WILD LAND

• Helen McDade, Head of Policy, gave a strong defence of wild land at a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) into the Culachy wind farm, which will involve 13 turbines up to 150 metres high at the historic Corrieairick Pass. This would, according to Scottish Natural Heritage, lead to the loss of seven square kilometres of Wild Land Area 19 (Braeroy-Glenshirra-Creag Meagaidh). The Reporter agreed to carry out his own site visit to get a better idea of the impact.

• Policy Officer John Low has also been giving evidence at a separate Public Local Inquiry into the proposed 20-turbine Caplich wind farm, which would mean ten turbines located within the boundary of Wild Land Area 34 (Reay-Cassley). Ahead of the PLI, John visited the area and was left in no doubt of the major impact the scheme would have from key mountain tops.

• Bulldozed tracks in the Scottish uplands remain a matter of concern to many people who enjoy the outdoors. The LINK Hilltracks Campaign is continuing to highlight the damage done by poorly sited and engineered tracks and welcomes photographic evidence. See the 'Campaigns' section of our website for a link to the Hilltracks Campaign.

INFLUENCING POLICY

• We have submitted a response to a major Scottish Government consultation into the future of the Scottish Planning System, expressing concern that the proposed package of reforms could lead to greater centralisation and further weight the system towards developers at the expense of communities (of both place and interest).

We called again for a greater recognition of the importance of protecting the natural environment when planning applications are considered.

• Scotland's Minister for Planning has

announced that he will be raising the maximum planning fee from £30,240 to £125,000 to better reflect the costs of large applications made to local councils. The Trust was one of a number of organisations that recommended an increase in fees in a recent consultation to reduce speculative applications for wind farms in wild land areas.

• We submitted a response to a Scottish Government consultation on its onshore wind policy statement, suggesting Environmental Impact Assessments should be carried out by Scottish Natural Heritage (although still paid for by the developer). We have also called for Wild Land Areas to be given the same level of protection from wind farms as National Parks and National Scenic areas.

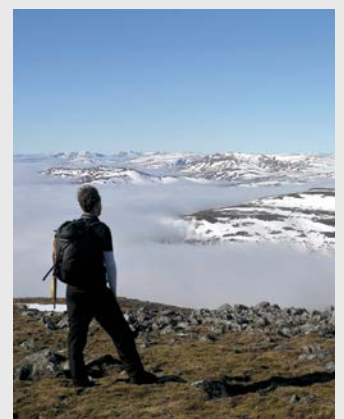
• In May, National Grid announced that it has put on hold its project to develop a new electricity transmission line in Cumbria, due to the nuclear project at Moorside being "paused." We have contributed to the consultation process for this case since 2014 and so welcomed the announcement by National Grid. We will continue to keep a watching brief.

• In advance of a Holyrood debate in early May on deer management, we were part of a coalition of environmental charities that called on the Scottish Government to move towards a modernised system that will help deliver national targets on biodiversity, climate change and woodland expansion.

Since then, Environment Minister Roseanna Cunningham has announced that the Scottish Government is ready to "use the full range of enforcement powers at its disposal" to ensure grazing numbers are brought under control.

Stronelairg wind farm legal challenge

In May, we reached a £50,000 settlement with SSE over legal costs – significantly less than the £350,000 which the company had begun to pursue through the courts. Combined with our settlement of £75,000 with the Scottish Government, this ends our liability. We received tremendous support from members and supporters throughout this long-running campaign and, thanks to your generosity, we have been able to meet all of the legal costs from our existing campaign funds.



PHOTOGRAPH: KEVIN LELLAND



The Flow Country
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PHOTOGRAPH: LORNE GILL SNH/2020VISION

Keeping it wild!

Four out of five Scots back wild land protection

A new poll for the Trust reveals overwhelming support for the proposition that Scotland's Wild Land Areas should receive continued protection from large-scale development.

An absolute majority – 52 per cent – ‘strongly agree’ that “Wild Land Areas should continue to be protected from large-scale infrastructure such as industrial-scale wind farms, major electricity transmission and super-quarries”, while a further 28 per cent ‘tend to agree’. Just five per cent ‘tend to disagree’ with wild land protection, while the number who ‘strongly disagree’, is negligible, registering zero per cent in the YouGov poll.

Of the remainder, 12 per cent ‘neither agree nor disagree’ with three per cent undecided.

The poll found that support for wild land protection is overwhelming among all age groups and geographical regions. The Highlands and Islands, where most of Scotland's wild land is located, has the highest proportion of people (60 per cent) who strongly agree with the protection of Wild Land Areas.

As the poll was published, the Trust launched a new ‘Keep it Wild’ campaign to persuade the Scottish Government to end confusion over the status of Wild Land Areas by bringing them in line with National Scenic Areas and National Parks, which have absolute protection from large scale wind farms.

Since the Wild Land Areas map was approved in June 2014, and recognised as requiring ‘significant protection’ in national

planning policy, seven major wind farms on Wild Land Areas have been refused consent. However, a decision late last year to consent the Creag Riabhach wind farm at Altnaharra has left the status of wild land in doubt.

Responding to the poll findings, Helen McDade, Head of Policy for the Trust, said: “Scotland is united in wishing to keep our wild landscapes free from large-scale wind farms, giant pylons, super quarries and other inappropriate commercial developments.

“Wild land is a key part of Scotland's natural heritage and national identity. It is also a major driver of the Scottish economy, attracting tourists from all over the world to visit, spend money and support jobs in some of our most fragile local communities.

“But its future has been thrown into doubt by the decision to approve Creag Riabhach, which is now being challenged in the courts. Because of that, we have launched a new ‘Keep it Wild’ campaign to persuade the Scottish Government to provide additional protection for Wild Land Areas in the forthcoming Planning Bill, in line with current restraints on development within National Scenic Areas and National Parks.

“With support for wild land protection outweighing opposition by 16 to 1, it's hard to think of any other public issue which commands such a consensus across age groups, geographical regions and social classes.”

The Keep it Wild campaign urges people to show their support for Scotland's Wild Land Areas to be protected as a unique natural legacy for future generations by writing to their MSP and/or Scotland's Planning Minister, and getting involved on social media using the hashtag **#keepitwild**.

** The sample size was 1,028 Scottish adults. Fieldwork was undertaken between 18-22 May 2017. The figures have been weighted to represent Scottish adults aged 18+.*



Keep it Wild



A warm welcome in Fort William

The 34th AGM and Members' Gathering celebrated the wonderful natural environment around Nevis

Over 100 members and supporters headed to an uncharacteristically hot and humid Fort William for the Trust's 2017 Annual General Meeting and Members' Gathering.

The weekend kicked off with an informal reception, including a delicious selection of local produce, at the West Highland College on Friday 26 May. Peter Pearson, Chair of the John Muir Trust, introduced two special guests: former Trust Chair John Hutchison welcomed members to Fort William while Donald Cameron MSP talked about his long-term support for the work of the Trust.

STAFF REPORTS

On Saturday 27 May, the formal proceedings began in the Nevis Centre with staff reports. Andrew Bachell, speaking a couple of weeks prior to starting as new Chief Executive, said he is impressed by the Trust's clear sense of purpose and vision. He acknowledged the work of his predecessor, Stuart Brooks, adding that our wild places are under more pressure than ever and that we have new challenges ahead.

Head of Policy Helen McDade's update focused on challenges that affect wild land such as onshore wind farms and transmission lines. With this in mind, her team regularly meet with politicians, attend Public Local Inquiries and, already this year, have responded to 15 consultations impacting on wild land.

Mike Daniels, Head of Land Management, talked about the Heart of Scotland Forest Partnership (an exciting community project to develop native woodland around Schiehallion) and the new firewood processor at Glenuide now producing logs for local people. He said that footpath projects at Steall Gorge and

Skye are now complete, while work has started on the two-year Sulven path project with our partners in Assynt. He concluded by talking about positive progress on deer management and being excited by the prospect of leasing land at Glenridding Common in the Lake District.

John Muir Award Scotland Manager Toby Clark looked at how our engagement initiative is connecting people in Lochaber and across the Highlands to wild places. He said the majority of people engage through schools, with a 15 per cent increase in take-up of the John Muir Award in Scottish schools last year. The initiative is also engaging participants in Nevis Landscape Partnership's Trainee Volunteer Ranger initiative and Comunn na Gàidhlig's Gaelic speakers.

Kevin Lelland, Head of Membership and Communications, reported that membership grew in 2016 and talked about the role of effective communications in attracting and retaining members. He highlighted the Trust's renewed focus on supporting people to get involved with the organisation including taking part in their local members' group, participating in a conservation work party, submitting their 'wild moments' or joining the Trust's Membership Research Panel.

AGM

Trust Chair Peter Pearson started the formal AGM talking about major issues that have affected the Trust over the past 12 months. He was hopeful that we will lease Glenridding Common for the next three years, giving the Trust a higher profile in England and increased opportunities for us there. He thanked everyone who had contributed to our Stronelairg appeal and reported the Trust

had reached a settlement with the Scottish Government and SSE within the amount donated.

Peter thanked staff for their commitment in the past 12 months noting it was a challenging year, and that everyone's efforts are appreciated by the trustees. He said goodbye to three trustees who had come to the end of their terms of office (Jim Gibson, John Finney and David MacLehose) and welcomed incoming Alan Dobie, Derek Johnston and Andrew Whitfield.

A special resolution proposed to amend the Trust's articles of association was passed by the membership.

EXCURSIONS

Despite a downpour, delegates enjoyed their afternoon trips to Steall Gorge, canoeing on Loch Eil, riding the Nevis Range Gondola, visiting the Lochaber Geopark visitor centre or taking part in the policy discussion. Saturday evening was topped off with a hot buffet and an excellent presentation by the Nevis Landscape Partnership (with input from the Trust's local Land Manager Ali Austin). They highlighted work the Trust has been integral in supporting - from idea, to inception to present day activities - including path repair work, tree restoration, geological surveys, community engagement and more.

INVALUABLE HELP

A huge thank you to our sponsors for the weekend - Mountain Equipment and WalkHighlands. We are also enormously grateful to the following organisations who helped make our Fort William Gathering so enjoyable: Ben Nevis Distillery, John Muir's Birthplace, Lochaber Environmental Group, Nevis Landscape Partnership, Outward Bound Trust, Rare Breed Productions, Nevis Range and Crannog Cruises.

Skye pathwork

Footpath contractors, Trust staff and volunteers, students and teachers from the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI), and local people have all contributed to a successful first year of our Skye Footpath Project.

Skye Conservation Officer Sarah Lewis said: "Spurred on by the work completed by UHI students and our contractors on Druim Hain and Beinn Dearg Mheadhonach, volunteers and local community members have been helping with day workshops on the Glen Sligachan path.

"Early spring saw a conservation work party work on the popular paths on Blà Bheinn and Sligachan. They had a routine tidy-up, getting ready for the longer days. Meanwhile, a local volunteer worked on the cross drains and water bars on the lower section of Blà Bheinn as part of his Duke of Edinburgh award.

"In May, 12 countryside management students and staff from the Elmwood Campus of Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) spent a sunny week with us. They worked with local footpath expert Donald Mackenzie, who is overseeing the project, and with professional footpath craftsmen David Allsop and Schaun Shirkie.

"The group had a 3.5 mile hike each day to reach the work site on the Glen Sligachan path. They repaired a 90m section, which involved the students getting hands-on experience constructing stone drainage features, resurfacing the path and digging ditches.

"For the rest of the summer we will continue to work with local volunteers to make small-scale repairs and maintain other paths on the land we manage at Skye.

"As autumn settles and the project runs into year two, contractors will start on the section of the Beinn Dearg Mheadhonach path inside the Allt Daraich enclosure, the third phase of the ongoing repair work to the Druim Hain path and potentially some work on Blà Bheinn to consolidate the repairs that were carried out in 2014."

The Trust's pathwork on Skye has been generously funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Brown Forbes Memorial Fund, the Scottish Mountaineering Trust and the Kestrelman Trust.



PHOTOGRAPH: ALASTAIR HOGG

SRUC students learn new skills on the Skye hills

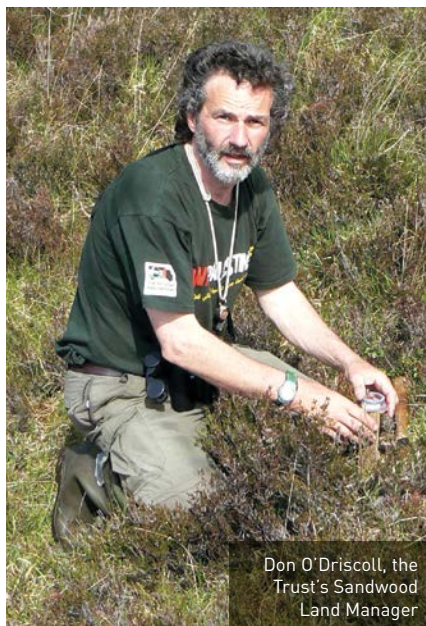
Wild Land Ranger Appeal Update

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated to our recent Wild Land Ranger Appeal. Together, you've given almost £18,000 to help our rangers protect, manage and enhance the wild land in their care, from repairing and maintaining footpaths to planting native trees and improving habitats for wildlife.

Mike Daniels, the Trust's Head of Land Management, said: "The day-to-day work the Wild Land Rangers do is at the heart of our wild land conservation. They are a hugely dedicated team who are out working in the field in all conditions, doing everything they can to care for these wild landscapes on behalf of all of our members and supporters.

"Ongoing funding is vital for this essential work, so we are really grateful to everyone who's donated."

You can still support the appeal by going to johnmuirtrust.org/rangerappeal or by calling 01796 470 080.



PHOTOGRAPH: JOHN MUIR TRUST

Don O'Driscoll, the Trust's Sandwood Land Manager

Joined-up thinking at Schiehallion

July sees the launch of the Heart of Scotland Forest Partnership – an initiative that aims to connect five forest areas in Highland Perthshire.

The partnership aims to raise £50,000 to plant and protect native trees such as Scots pine and birch, creating a thriving woodland network where wildlife can flourish.

The project – a collaboration between the John Muir Trust and five other organisations – will also create local employment and provide education and engagement through visitor interpretation and outdoor learning.

Donate at:
johnmuirtrust.org/
heartofscotland



Inspirational Schiehallion day

For the third year in a row, the John Muir Trust welcomed patients, former patients, families and staff of the Schiehallion cancer unit of the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity to the mountain that inspired its name.

In what has become an annual event, over 100 people made the 170-mile round trip to take part in what turned into a fabulous family day out, which had children and adults buzzing on the buses back home to Glasgow.

Around 20 braved the mountain and reached the summit, while the rest got involved in arts and crafts, tree-planting, firelighting, building dens and other activities.

"Days like today are really important for us because they give these families a chance to celebrate the journey they've been through," said Kirsteen Sinclair, Director of Fundraising for the children's charity.

"The name Schiehallion signifies the journey that these children have gone through and evokes the courage and bravery they've displayed."

The charity used the occasion to launch a £500,000 appeal to



expand early-phase clinical trials at the unit. Because of its specialised skills and facilities, children come from all over Scotland to the Schiehallion unit in Glasgow, which is the only centre in the country able to carry out bone marrow transplants.

Twelve-year-old Reon McSherrie is one of these patients who has waged a successful battle against leukaemia thanks to a bone marrow transplant from his older brother, Kieran.

Both brothers climbed the mountain and – despite some rough weather – loved every step of the 3,553 feet to the summit.

"It was great fun even though we were caught in cloudbursts on the way up and it rained all the way down," said Kieran. "But up on the top it was gloriously sunny!"

Abigail Stein, the Programme Manager of the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity, said: "Once again a HUGE thank you to Liz Auty (the Schiehallion Land Manager) and the other John Muir Trust staff who helped out.

"It's been a great day and we could never have done it without you."

PHOTOGRAPH: MIKE DANIELS

Marathon magic for Trust runners

We'd like to thank and congratulate Trust supporters Len Visser, Alex Gitnik, Paul Reed (who achieved an impressive 3:32 time), and our own Kevin Lelland, who together raised more than £4,500 for the Trust by running the London Marathon in April.

"Having moved to Scotland a few years ago, I instantly fell in love with the beauty of Scottish wild places," said Alex. "Hence I appreciate how important the Trust's efforts are to preserve it for future generations. It was definitely an unforgettable experience to be a part of such a great event. Perfect weather and fantastic crowd support made the day really special."

Len was inspired to raise

money for the Trust following a 170-day hike of the Pacific Crest Trail and John Muir Trail in the US. "I could think of no better charity to run for, and help raise awareness and money for its work to protect wild places. The wild is one and the same regardless of where it is."

Despite fighting a back injury, Len managed to complete his first marathon with the aid of compression tape, a back support and emergency trekking poles.

If you'd like to raise money for the Trust and challenge yourself at the same time, please contact Daisy Clark at

daisy.clark@johnmuirtrust.org with any of your fundraising plans, or for more information on running the 2018 London or Edinburgh marathons for the Trust.



Alex Gitnik and family (left) and Len Visser (right)

PHOTOGRAPH: JOHN MUIR TRUST



PHOTOGRAPH: LONDON WILDLIFE TRUST

New John Muir Award Provider Survey launched

Our 2015 survey of John Muir Award Providers in Scotland produced some fascinating insight into the organisations that run the Award.

This year, we are expanding our research findings by inviting Providers in England and Wales to share their experience of using our environmental award scheme to encourage participants to connect with, enjoy and care for wild places.

Results from the new 2017 survey will help us evaluate how using the Award impacts on participants, leaders and organisations that use it in England and Wales.

Information gathered until September will help to inform our priorities and processes and be shared in reports, case studies and website material.

To find out more, contact John Muir Award England and Wales Manager Phil Stubbington – phil@johnmuiraward.org



Protected by midge nets, volunteers Doug, Tim and Sandy at Li on Knoydart

PHOTOGRAPH: DANNY CARDEN

2017 conservation work party update

Volunteer Co-ordinator **Sandy Maxwell** reports on early summer work parties from Nevis to Harris, and from Skye to Sandwood

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The year started in Glen Nevis when volunteers worked with the Nevis Landscape Partnership (NLP) to build two fenced exclosures to study the effect of deer and sheep browsing on woodland regeneration. Trees were also planted in fenced exclosures at two bends of the lower Ben path, to encourage woodland and prevent walkers taking a shortcut off the path.

We will be back working with NLP in July when we will be siting owl boxes built by the partnership on our ground in Glen Nevis. We will also be carrying out monitoring of water voles and mountain ringlet butterflies in between maintaining paths around the glen.

PARTNERSHIPS

Working like this with partnerships close to our properties will feature in three visits later this year to the Coigach and Assynt Living Landscape project which includes our Quinag estate. The final visit to Tanera Mor in the Summer Isles is now fully booked.

The first of the two annual trips to the Western Isles took place in volatile weather that lurched from a snow storm to a heatwave in the same week. Work with the North and West Harris Trusts included tree planting, beach cleaning and path building. We even helped with the new centre that the West Harris Trust has built – Tala na Mara – by laying grass around it. The next visit there in September is timed to coincide with the Harris Mountain Festival which is sponsored by the Trust.

SKYE AND SANDWOOD

Our own properties have not been neglected and in April we carried out path work on both Strathaird and Sconser working on the Blà Bheinn and Sligachan Glen paths. Later in April, all the beaches around the Sandwood estate were cleared of rubbish.

JOIN IN

You don't always have to sign up in advance for Trust work parties*, as Dutch tourist Frank Greonland discovered after meeting our volunteers at the Long Beach campsite near Inverie. He ended up spending four days clearing rhoddies and rebuilding the path up Ladhar Bheinn!

* If you are interested in coming along on a work party, or have any questions, please contact workparties@johnmuirtrust.org or phone Sandy Maxwell on **07766 380663**. (Please note that the work party on Ben Nevis summit scheduled for 19 August has now moved to 20 August.)



PHOTOGRAPH: TOBY CLARK

John Muir Trust ambassador scoops top youth award

A young film-maker and bushcraft leader has won a top environmental award for his commitment to wild places.

Seventeen-year-old Zeki Basan, from Morayshire, was judged Young Scot of the Year 2017 in the Environment category after being nominated by the John Muir Trust.

The annual Young Scot Awards – billed as Scotland's biggest celebration of young people – took place in Glasgow at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Clyde Auditorium at the end of April.

Through the Cairngorms National Park and their Junior Ranger scheme, Zeki has achieved all three levels of the John Muir Award.

He is also a recipient of the Bill Wallace Grant, which supported him to make a film of his 134-mile journey on foot and bicycle along the John Muir Way.

He received his award from Scottish Natural Heritage Chief Executive Ian Jardine (pictured above with Zeki).



PHOTOGRAPH: DOMINIC SPRACKLEN

Getting ready to start a weekend at Hardknott Forest in the Lake District

It's a Hardknott life...

In March 2017, North West England Trust members met for a weekend of practical conservation work in Duddon Valley.

They worked with the Forestry Commission on an ongoing project to help restore the 600 hectare Hardknott Forest to semi-natural woodlands.

The work party planted over 1000 birch trees and cleared over one hectare of regenerating spruce.

After the hard work, they enjoyed a pub dinner together in The Newfield Inn on Saturday, before spending the night in the bunkhouse at Wallowbarrow Farm.

Wild moment: Paul Anthony Rose

Trust member Paul Anthony Rose shares a poem inspired by wild places.

I have always been fascinated
by tracks and stony winding trails.
Fascinated, intrigued, curious
as to where they might lead.
Always leading somewhere
that draws me out of myself
and into the landscape.
I navigate silently, respectfully,
with a sort of reverence
for the magic of line
spearing the bloated body of the hill
or contouring like a lifeline across the palm
of the earth.

Share your own stories, poems and art inspired by wild places at johnmuirtrust.org/wild-moments

Antarctic adventures

Former trustee Donald Thomas drew a good crowd to Old Aberdeen at the end of March, when he gave an illustrated talk about life on the British Antarctic Survey Halley Research Station.

His talk to the North East Scotland Local Members' Group and their guests covered the history of the base and his own experiences of working as the sole doctor there for a year in 1993, before travelling home on one of the survey's ships.

The slides showed the striking beauty of Antarctica, and details of the variety of buildings used over 60 years. Donald answered a wide range of questions and left his audience longing for an opportunity to visit Antarctica.

MEMBERS' GROUPS FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Edinburgh

25 November, Edinburgh Members' Gathering with Andrew Thin, Chair of the Scottish Land Commission, at the Augustine United Church in Edinburgh. Contact edinburgh@johnmuirtrust.org

North East Scotland

26-27 September, assist with conservation tasks on the Mar Lodge Estate. Contact nescotland@johnmuirtrust.org
13 August and 28 October, assist with conservation tasks on the Balmoral Estate. Contact nescotland@johnmuirtrust.org
Monthly – regular conservation dates at Glen Tanar: **15 July, 19 August, 16 September, 21 October, 18 November, 9 December**. Contact nescotland@johnmuirtrust.org

England

21-22 October, North West Members' Gathering venue details to be announced. Contact D.V.Spracklen@leeds.ac.uk
22-27 October, North West Members' Conservation work with Forestry Commission to restore Hardknott Forest, Duddon Valley. Contact D.V.Spracklen@leeds.ac.uk
18 November, Southern Members' Gathering with guest speakers and a habitat restoration seminar. Contact southernmembersgroup@johnmuirtrust.org



Trust volunteers at Glen Tanar in the Cairngorms enjoy a break

PHOTOGRAPH: JAMES BROWNHILL

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What have Trust members and local groups been up to? Tell us your news and stories. Email: emma.cessford@johnmuirtrust.org

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