

MEMBERS' NEWS

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Chair's welcome

This is my first opportunity to write to you all since my fellow Trustees elected me Chair. I have long been an admirer of the Trust: attracted to its work as someone who finds solace and inspiration in wild places. To now represent the membership in this role is a real privilege.

I am not the only new kid on the block. Chief Executive David Balharry is six months in post. I am looking forward to working closely with and supporting him in the coming years. I know we're both excited to be part of the Trust. We can see opportunities to further improve wild land management on a large scale and share a view that simply managing the gradual erosion of wild places is not acceptable.

I believe the Trust should aim to be an opinion leader in its sector, a progressive and relevant force for the protection of wild land. We must hold on to our values, find new and innovative ways to stop the wild land we love from being diminished and reflect the need for mitigation of the climate emergency throughout our activities.

It has, of course, been an unusual time to start as Chair. The response to Covid-19 means the Trust

placed around a third of its staff on furlough during March, April and May. At the same time, all colleagues and members have been affected professionally and personally. For me, this period highlights a strength that exists in our shared culture: that we care for people and nature and think seriously about the importance of community in how we go about our work.

While in lockdown I've discovered new wild places from my front door. A reminder of how necessary and accessible wilderness can be. My local woodland walks have been a blessing during these challenging times, however I've been incredibly disappointed by the rubbish that has been left in my area and reported across the country. Education clearly matters. It's important that we support many people across the UK to get a first hand experience of the wild and why it should be conserved through our John Muir Award.

Finally, I am able to report that, despite the many challenges we've faced so far this year, the Trust remains in a relatively stable financial position at this time. As lockdown starts to ease, we will use the coming months to find ways to



New Chair of the
John Muir Trust,
Dave Gibson

influence government and attract partners and supporters to keep wild land protected.

To all of you who form our membership, my sincere thanks for your continued support. I very much look forward to representing you all and will ensure that Members and supporters continue to be at the centre of the Trust's thinking and doing.

Dave Gibson

Governance matters

Our review of the Trust's governance is progressing and we aim to issue our consultation on the Trust's Articles of Association with Members this autumn. It is important that we hear from as many Members as possible so please keep a look out for the consultation and give us your views.

News in brief

• Glenridding Common update

As we go to press, the Lake District National Park Authority has started a public consultation regarding an extension of the Trust's lease and an Option Agreement for the Trust to purchase Glenridding Common in the future. The consultation will last until the end of July 2020 while the Trust's current three-year lease ends in October.

• Scotland's planning review

The Trust contributed to the Scottish Government's 'Call for Ideas' on the Fourth National Planning Framework (NPF4) at the start of April 2020.

We called for NPF4 to include a commitment to ecological restoration and 'green and blue infrastructure'; retain Scottish Natural Heritage's Wild Land Areas map and the policy wording on safeguarding Scotland's Wild Land Areas referencing the map; recognise Wild Land Areas as places of potential, where peatlands, woodlands, wetlands and native habitats can be restored; and retain recognition for Scotland's landscapes, wild land, National Parks and National Scenic Areas.

The Chief Planner has put back the draft of NPF4 by a year to autumn 2021 due to coronavirus, with a final version due for adoption in spring/summer 2022. We'll work accordingly.

• Overhead transmission line upgrade

In April this year, the Trust submitted a response to a proposed upgrade of the existing 132kV overhead electricity transmission line that runs from Ardmore, north Skye, to Fort Augustus (160km in distance).

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) Transmission previously consulted on upgrading this line in 2016 and 2018. The Trust reviewed the options with a focus on where the line already crosses the Trust's Sconser Estate on Skye. Currently, we have indicated our support for the preferred route, following the existing line around the base of the Cuillin Hills National Scenic Area. As the proposed upgrade would convert the present wooden pole structure into a double steel lattice structure, we've also raised concerns in our response, with questions and suggestions for ways in which wild land impacts could be reduced through mitigation and design.

In June we participated in an online virtual exhibition and will continue to engage with the proposals as they develop.



Looking towards Sconser from Blà Bheinn on Skye

PHOTOGRAPH: CHRIS GOODMAN

Hen harrier over Langholm Moor



PHOTOGRAPH: KEVIN CUMMING

Trust supports Langholm Moor community buyout

In May, the Langholm Initiative launched a crowdfunding campaign, attempting the largest community buyout in the south of Scotland.

The project to turn the ex-driven grouse shooting ground at Langholm Moor into the community-owned Tarras Valley Nature Reserve has received widespread attention and directly addresses climate change, ecological restoration and community regeneration. The Go Fund Me crowdfunder aims to raise just over half of the £6m valuation on the land, situated between the Scottish Borders and Dumfries and Galloway. Langholm Initiative's project leader Kevin Cumming said: "Our community plans here have international significance. At a time of climate emergency we are committing to undertake direct climate action including peatland restoration, ancient woodland restoration, the creation of new native woodlands and increasing the

diversity of wildlife."

The project also hopes to house new business units in refurbished buildings, small scale renewable energy and responsible nature-based tourism. Kevin Cumming said: "The community's regeneration is a vital part of this process. Development will be undertaken away from sensitive areas and closest to the town. It was also vital that the project be financially viable. We hope this project can act as a blueprint for others to follow."

The John Muir Trust was delighted to back the project with a financial pledge of £100,000. Head of Land, Mike Daniels, said: "We are extremely excited about the project. The protection and restoration of wild places and the regeneration of rural communities go hand in hand."

Since the launch, the project has attracted hundreds of private donations and £1,000,000 from the Scottish Government funded Scottish Land Fund.



The ex-driven grouse shooting moor could be community owned

PHOTOGRAPH: TOM HUTTON



PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID BALHARRY

Returning with respect

Chief Executive David Balharry reflects on the impacts of Covid-19 for the Trust

It is stating the obvious that the last few months have been incredibly difficult for everyone. Now, we are entering into a new and delicate phase. I'm delighted that many of our land managers have returned to their regular duties, but they have a formidable task ahead in helping guide reasonable behaviour.

There are also new risks associated with our return to these places for people, wildlife and landscape. Risk appetite varies from person to person and our partners and neighbours on the land are a diverse group with different ages, passions, needs and concerns. Some are dependent on a resumption of tourism while, for others, visitors bring the renewed threat of infection. It is our duty and privilege to understand and respect all these voices and listen to any concerns as the situation changes.

Our returning land managers have been busy developing safe working guidance, revising risk assessments in relation to deer and woodland management, habitat and species monitoring, managing contractors, and moving towards a gradual reopening of public facilities. This is a dynamic process, responsive and ongoing.

The Trust is in regular contact with Government land managers, and other access and conservation organisations and we will phase our return in collaboration with them and alongside local stakeholders, to ensure that messaging to the visiting public

remains consistent and as straightforward as possible. I hope that by the time you read this, we have been able to welcome our volunteers and other visitors back into the wild places in our care, but treading lightly, responsibly and with consideration for diverse local communities will continue to be of upmost importance.

Elsewhere in the organisation, it has not quite been business as usual but work has continued unabated. The John Muir Award Team has been working throughout to support Award activity where it could still be enjoyed safely and within current government guidelines. As evidenced elsewhere in this newsletter, our policy team is consistently busy. We have also organised an online AGM and launched the *Wild Inside* eNewsletter, reaching a largely new audience.

When lockdown hit, many other staff temporarily redeployed into new working groups to look with fresh eyes at our carbon footprint, operational planning, staff development and crofting responsibilities. Some of this is not the stuff of headlines but is essential to the better functioning of the organisation into the future. A silver lining from this terrible virus may be a greater public appreciation of wild places and we are now in a much stronger position to channel that energy.

In pursuit of wildness

Isle of Hoy

Orkney Islands Council is investigating the potential for wind farm developments on three sites on the Orkney Isles: in Hoy, Faray in the North Isles, and at Quanterness in St Ola. The Trust submitted a response to the pre-application consultation in May 2020, focused on the Hoy development. The plans show one of the six proposed turbines inside Hoy's Wild Land Area. In early June we joined the Council's Project Team in a virtual meeting to discuss our concerns. The Council hopes to submit a planning application

in August/September this year, upon which we'll review and make a decision on whether to object.

Glenshero and Cloiche

Glenshero is a proposal for 39 industrial scale turbines immediately to the south of the recently constructed Stronelaig development in the Monadhliath mountains. As reported in the last *Members' News*, the Highland Council joined us in opposing this application. We are now preparing to participate in the Public Local Inquiry scheduled later this year, alongside Wild Land Ltd,

Mountaineering Scotland and the Cairngorms National Park Authority.

Cloiche is a proposal for 36 turbines, and another wind farm development on the fringes of Stronelaig at planning application stage. The Trust submitted a holding objection at the start of June. Both Glenshero and Cloiche are extensions of a development that was approved on the condition the number of turbines was reduced to mitigate landscape impacts. If they proceed, these developments will erode the qualities of landscape and wildness that the mitigation was intended to protect.



Living Landscape Prize winning images

We were delighted to share the ten winning entries for the latest John Muir Trust Living Landscape Prize – one of the categories in the prestigious Scottish Landscape Photographer of the Year (SLPOTY) competition – in the intervals of our recent online AGM.

The images were selected from a shortlist by the Trust team and

we congratulate all ten winners for their superb images – including Inverness-based medical doctor Kenneth Muir (his image is on left), who was named overall winner and Scottish Landscape Photographer of the Year by the SLPOTY judges.

See the other nine winning images in the news section of johnmuirtrust.org

Trust Members gather for online AGM



The last weekend in June saw John Muir Trust Members joining us for our first online AGM

Covid-19's 'great pause' has seen our fantastic Members supporting us more than ever. Not only have you been donating to our work and sending supportive messages, but many gave three hours to 'attend' our Thirty-seventh Annual General Meeting, held online for the first time.

Rather than watching Glastonbury reruns to mark the cancelled 50th anniversary of the 'Pilton Pop, Folk & Blues Festival', around 150 Trust Members joined us online at 11am on Saturday 27 June, mastering Microsoft *Teams* to interact with our Trustees and staff in a new way.

Delegates were well briefed before the AGM. This helped ensure that getting to grips with *Teams*, arriving on time and then registering and voting went as smoothly as could be expected (once a delegate had helped us mute an irritating notification chime). The chat room also enabled delegates to submit questions for the Open Forum panel.

Chair of the formal AGM – and our new Chair – Dave Gibson was delighted with the

attendance and noted that many joined us for the first time, including Renee from the Netherlands and Alistair from Alberta, Canada.

Dave introduced Duncan Macniven (acting Chair for part of 2019) who read a moving personal statement from former Chair Peter Pearson, who stepped down in September 2019 due to ill health.

Duncan paid tribute to Peter's 11 years as a Trustee – five as Chair – and his achievements. He said: "We owe him a particular debt of gratitude for his service."

He also paid tribute to former Chief Executive Andrew Bachell, who retired last year, and gave special mention to our Volunteer Coordinator of over 20 years Sandy Maxwell, who leaves a warm and lasting legacy.

Finance Committee Convenor Jim Gibson praised the generosity of our Members and supporters, noting that 2019 was a strong financial year – although a significant portion of the money we raised is restricted for specific purposes.

Director of Finance

& Resources Kerry Ross presented the budget for 2020 adding: "We could never have pre-empted what would hit the world in 2020."

She reassured delegates that the team has stress tested the Trust's finances by going through various scenarios to ensure there was no black hole we could fall into.

"Even taking the Government's worst-case scenario, the Trust at that time would still be above its reserves policy of four to six months.

"We are not without pressure. We are putting together a revised fundraising plan, bearing in mind that our Charitable Trust and grants funds will be impacted. Updated costings are going to the board in September."

Kerry thanked Database Manager Flo Macdonald who had been integral in implementing *Office 365* across the Trust. "Without that at the tail end of last year, we could not have carried on working from home – not least use *Teams* without which we could not have done this AGM."

Chief Executive David

Balharry reported on results of two elections. The Board elected a new Chair of the Trust – Dave Gibson.

Meanwhile, Members elected Alan Dobie and Andrew Whitfield to return as Trustees, with Jane Smallman, Emily Henderson, Raymond Simpson, Chris Loynes and John Town to join the board as new Trustees.

Dave Gibson thanked the Trustees who were demitting office – John Fox-Davies, Derek Johnston, Duncan Macniven and Peter Pearson.

After the formal AGM, David Balharry gave a presentation introducing himself and giving a flavour of what's ahead.

The online session ended with a good hour's worth of lively Open Forum discussion. Delegates had submitted 27 questions on topics ranging from Covid-19 to climate emergency response, and from purchasing property and policy work to planting trees and protecting rivers.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and we look forward to seeing you again next year at a venue yet to be announced.

Aspen and Eagles

The Trust is supporting an exciting community rewilding project in the Renfrewshire hills, just outside of Glasgow

The Yearn Stane Project is a partnership project between two local organisations – Starling Learning and Eadha – plus the Woodland Trust, Rewilding Britain and the John Muir Trust. It began in January 2017 when aspen specialist Peter Livingstone from Eadha (Gaelic for aspen), and ecologist Joe Greenlees from Starling Learning planted some trees at an abandoned barytes mine in Scotland's largest regional park (Clyde Muirshiel).

The project area spans Renfrewshire, North Ayrshire and Inverclyde. Covering around 50 square kilometres it also includes one of Scotland's most accessible areas of wild land. Wild Land Area 4: Waterhead Moor – Muirshiel is described by Scottish Natural Heritage as 'open, rolling moorland dissected by steep-sided glens and punctuated by several small but steep peaks.' Yet unlike many areas described as wild, five million people live in and around the park. Local Carolyn explained how she sees it: "It's a big, wild and remote place in a fairly heavily populated area and I love the views, space, fresh air and the dragonflies behind the ranger centre at Loch Thom."

Project officer Joe Greenlees went on to explain the origins of the project name: "The Yearn Stane is a boulder next to the hill of Irish Law in the regional park. It means 'the eagle's rock'. At some point in the past someone saw an eagle sitting on it – but you won't see one today, or any other day."

In recent years, black grouse have become extinct, alongside mountain hare, adder, red squirrel, water vole and bog

myrtle. Hen harrier have not bred successfully for a number of years. There are no golden plover, twite, nor ring ouzel... and trees are few and far between. Joe hopes one day the eagle will land again.

The Yearn Stane base and tree nursery is at ex-Royal Ordnance Factory Bishopton. By virtue of the old security fence, it had become something of an accidental wildlife haven, with surveys recording 24 mammal species, four amphibian and 100 bird species, including badgers, otters, bats and barn owls. There are plans for new housing, commercial and community buildings, as well as a new woodland park and recreational facilities. The rich enclave is in sharp contrast to the surrounding Renfrewshire hills scarred by a long history of draining and grazing, with very little native woodland and no natural regeneration.

This contributes to what has become a regular flooding problem for local communities at Lochwinnoch and

Kilburnie, as well as threatening the future of watersports at Castle Semple Loch due to silting.

The project is working with local farmers, school children and anglers to rewet the moors and plant trees along the burns and rivers to repair the banks. This slows the water flow into nearby villages and improves carbon capture and habitat. Working with the same farmers, they are helping them apply for carbon credits in a post EU subsidy landscape. They are also working with local crematorium Horizon to introduce native species, and with the Malcolm Group on the planting of land fill sites in Renfrewshire and North Ayrshire.

The John Muir Trust has a long association in the area, partnering with the Muirshiel Ranger team to deliver John Muir Awards, helping connect young people, volunteers and families to their local landscape. The Place Woodland scheme in Kilbirnie has also used the Award to help adults realise the therapeutic benefits of spending time outdoors in nature and bridge to employment through skills development and training.

It's clear that local people are key to the reimaging and rewilding of this land.

The Trust is helping to fund the project officer position, as well as further research and development.

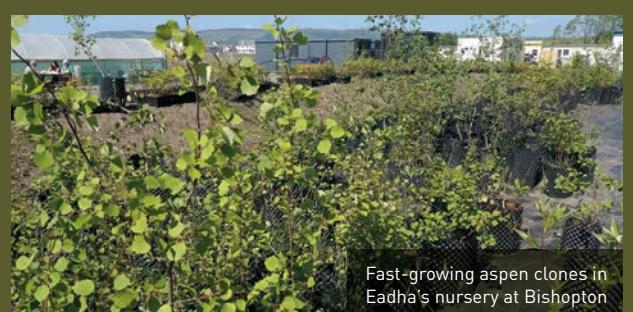


The Yearn Stane Project area is accessible to a large population

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Why aspen?

Despite being a native tree, aspen (*Populus tremula*) has been neglected in Scottish forestry, but Eadha Enterprises founder Peter Livingstone recognises the tree's huge potential for rewilding projects: "Aspen was the first tree to colonise the British Isles following the last Ice Age. It is the pioneer tree and is therefore very tolerant of a wide range of conditions including thin, nutrient poor and even contaminated soils. I learnt about phytoremediation – the use of plants to treat contaminated land – and realised that aspen held the solution to Central Scotland's blighted land and communities."



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Coasts and waters

Our Policy team takes a quick look at the role of coasts* in official descriptions of our wild places

Across Scotland, the heady mix of sea, summit, crag, coast, shore, river, lake and loch are all important qualities of wildness and feature heavily throughout Scottish Natural Heritage's (SNH) descriptions for each of the 42 officially-mapped Wild Land Areas (WLAs).

For example, WLA18 Kinlochhourn-Knoydart-Morar, home to the Trust's Li and Coire Dhorrcaill property is described as follows: "Spectacular deep glens and lochs cut through the high mountains and hills, strongly influencing visibility, remoteness and access through the landscape... the open, horizontal waters of these consistently emphasise the vertical form of adjacent mountains, and vice versa, emphasising their perceived awe."

Meanwhile WLA40 Cape Wrath, which takes in some of our Sandwood Estate to the south, is described as: "Spectacular coastline, with towering cliffs, sandy beaches and sea stacks, strongly influenced by the dynamic character of the sea... its juxtaposition also increases the perceived extent of the area as well as the sense of naturalness, influenced by the activity and sound of waves and sea birds."

On Skye, these attributes are echoed and expanded upon in WLA23 Cuillin (which includes our land to the east) described as: "Superlative high, steep, rocky mountains that are extremely rugged and contrast to the surrounding peatland and sea, emphasising a sense of awe."

As well as appearing in SNH's WLA descriptions, the importance of coasts and waters is also explicitly recognised in Scotland's national planning policy - and not just in landscape and wildness terms.

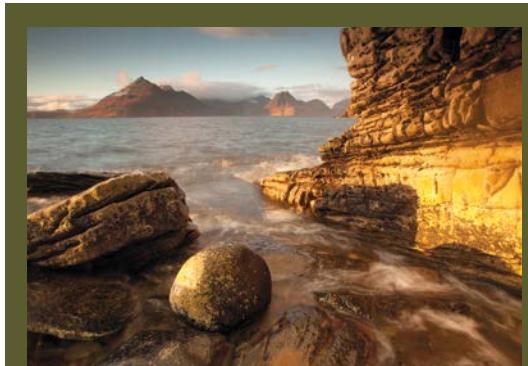
"Scotland's varied coast and islands have an exceptional, internationally recognised environment ...the importance of our islands and coast as an economic opportunity and a resource to be protected and enjoyed." NPF3 2014, para 1.7.

Water sustains and shapes life and needs important consideration, especially in a time of climate change, rising sea levels, flooding and more. These are things we are looking carefully at as the Scottish Government prepares its new National Planning Framework.

As Franklin D Roosevelt said: "We think of our land and water and human resources not as static and sterile possessions but as life-giving assets to be directed by wise provisions for future days."

The John Muir Trust is part of Scotland's Year of Coasts and Waters 2020 - a small partnership of organisations showcasing Scotland's lochs, waterways, islands and coastlines as places to feel good, be healthy, be curious, be inspired and be creative. Find out more at johnmuirtrust.org/coastsandwaters

*This article is an edited version of a longer article on our website which includes more watery descriptions in the WLAs.



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Wild Waters Appeal

A huge thank you to all of our members who have donated to our Wild Waters Appeal, which we launched in the Spring Journal. To date, you've helped raise nearly half of our appeal target of £46,000. We are particularly grateful that you are still contributing to our work in such difficult times.

Donations to the Wild Waters Appeal will help care for two spectacular coastlines at Sandwood and Skye (pictured above), including clearing beaches of plastic pollution, protecting rare wild habitats such as machair, monitoring wildlife, carrying out seabird surveys and maintaining coastal paths impacted by high footfall and erosion.

"We're hugely grateful to everyone that has been able to donate to this appeal," said Richard Williams, Land Operations Manager.

"Work on our coastal properties is more important than ever and now, with many of the land team gradually getting back to work on site, the support pledged will spur the team on allowing for a range of work to get under way."

If you would like to support the appeal, please visit johnmuirtrust.org/wildwaters to donate online or download a postal donation form.



Education recovery in Scotland

Learning outdoors and a focus on nature connection can help restart education in Scotland, especially for pupils with poverty as a barrier to attainment.

Over the past five years, the Trust has supported, monitored and researched how different learning establishments use the John Muir Award to improve equity in education and raise attainment.

This includes a four-year Scottish Attainment Challenge partnership with East Ayrshire Council.

Lorna Sloan, the Trust's East Ayrshire John Muir Award & Attainment Project Officer,

said: "We've found that the John Muir Award offers a rich curriculum context for schools. It builds teacher confidence in Outdoor Learning; is enjoyed by pupils; and helps embed Learning for Sustainability."

Earlier this year East Ayrshire Council extended a fully funded partnership with the Trust for a further year until April 2021.

Find out more online – johnmuirtrust.org and search 'John Muir Award and Education Recovery in Scotland' and 'Closing the Gap: how the John Muir Award helps raise attainment in Scotland'.



East Ayrshire Council Education Officer Willie White is pictured with Lorna Sloan

Strengthening alliances around the UK

In April this year the Trust officially became a member of Wales' environmental NGO alliance (Wales Environment Link), and the UK-wide alliance (Wildlife and Countryside Link).

Our first year as a member is an opportunity to build relationships with like-minded organisations, improve our understanding of current and emerging policy matters, share expertise on wild land and ecosystems management and work towards increasing our influence at the Senedd and Westminster to match the work we undertake as a member of Scottish Environment LINK.

We have continued to coordinate

overall deer management advocacy in Scotland with a formal LINK response to the Independent Deer Working Group report and are in ongoing discussion with the Scottish Government on its response to the recommendations therein.

In addition, with LINK we contributed to a vision for a Scottish National Nature Network that includes Wild Land Areas, called for higher priority on peatland restoration in the Scottish Government's review of Permitted Development Rights, and supported Fight for Scotland's Nature campaign's call for an independent watchdog for the environment.



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Nature connection amid the pandemic

Lockdown has shown, more than ever, the value of opportunities to connect with nature, exercise, de-stress and play outdoors.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, we have continued to support and encourage John Muir Award activity carried out within government guidance.

To help share ideas and encourage connections with nature in the fresh air in a way that is safe, we've collated examples from various organisations, partners and individuals across the UK – showcasing how working towards a John Muir Award is helping people to look after themselves and support other people's wellbeing during this stressful time.

Find out more online – johnmuirtrust.org and search 'John Muir Award during COVID'.



Red deer in Caithness



Back on our land

After a couple of months of lockdown, the Trust's land team were delighted to return to the land in our care in mid-June.

Schiehallion Conservation Officer Izzy Filor joined Liz Auty for a couple of sunny days checking out the Fairy Hill. Izzy's first impression was how much our planted trees had grown.

"So many of them are now popping their heads out of the tops of their tree tubes and were swaying about in the wind. The regeneration is looking fantastic too, now the trees are in leaf. The fenced area was littered with seedlings protruding above the heather - I think they'll be catching me up in height soon."

Meanwhile Glenlude Conservation Ranger Sarah Livingstone was happy to be back on our smallest property in the Borders.

"On my first day back, I was greeted by a red-legged partridge napping in a mole hill. The site was quieter of people, but louder with birds, bees and butterflies - in particular several small pearl-bordered fritillary butterflies which I'm sure haven't been recorded before."

Glenridding Common Manager Pete Barron saw some good (and some disappointing) signs of life in the crags around Helvellyn.

"I visited some seedlings I'd planted out last autumn to see if they had survived and found very healthy plants which will be soon shedding seed to further enhance the species future survival.

"Unfortunately, we are having to collect litter - some of which appears to have been left by campers, still presently not allowed by the Covid-19 rules."



Events and work parties suspended

From mid-March we implemented government guidelines to protect our staff, volunteers and the communities in which they live and work. We have suspended all our events and volunteer conservation work parties until further notice.

Tell us your news!

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

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Wild Moment: Sam Collins

I ride
Anticipation growing
I crest the hill
There it is
This natural world

An expanse of reeds
A wall of noise
This is how it was
To this it has returned

Life has slowed, quietened,
and into that space comes
The sound of a world which
struggles to be heard
But now thunders into full voice
The wild has taken over
With its songs of freedom

Singing us free of the endless
crushing cycle
Of lives lived in the machinery
of the modern world
Ever faster it flails, ever louder
it whirs
Tearing to pieces this Mother Earth

Until this...
This silent death by which
we can hear the life
When the machinery begins again
Will we still be listening?

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