



NORTH WEST MULL COMMUNITY WOODLAND COMPANY LTD

NOVEMBER 2005 NEWSLETTER

We are a step closer to securing the purchase of West Ardhru and Langamull woodlands!

Since our last communication great things have been happening. The application for grant funding from The Scottish Land Fund Unit and H.I.E. has been successful. This means that we have almost 94% of the acquisition cost for the purchase of both West Ardhru and Langamull woodlands. In due course we will inform you of how much fundraising is required from the community. Monies will be held until October 2006 when the sale must be completed.

The next major stage in fundraising is to identify more grant for funding the remaining 6% of the purchase price. Applications are being made to funds such as The Esmee Fairbairns Trust and Lloyds TSB and local fundraising is already underway. If you would like to get involved with the fundraising effort, please get in touch.

What is the NWMCWC Ltd?

The North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd is a community company established in 2005 to purchase and manage woodlands in the North West of Mull in the interests of the community of North West Mull. It was necessary to form a community company from the initial steering group to apply for Scottish Land Funding.

The current interim directors are: Tom Addy, Chris Baker, Calum Duffy, Ann Evans, Colin Morrison (Chair), John Morrison (Treasurer), Andy Mortley, Julie Paton (Secretary), Matthew Reade, and Rob Strachan. Any full member of the Company can stand for election at the AGM.

The Company is owned and controlled by its members and managed by a board of elected directors. Full membership is open to everyone aged 18 or over and resident in the North West Mull area. Junior membership is available to 12-17 year olds. Associate membership is available to everyone else including local companies. Only full members are eligible to vote.

The NWMCWC was responsible for commissioning the Feasibility Study to look into the viability of the purchase. This is still available for local reference, and will be used to create a management plan once the purchase is complete. A plan will be developed by the directors with input from members of NWMCWCLtd

If you have not already received, completed & returned a membership application form, please fill in the form overleaf.

New Post Created

We have secured funding for the part time post of Community Animator. This post was advertised locally and was offered to and happily accepted by Michelle Cowe. The funding will be available for 6 months to help with administration relating to further funding applications and of course keeping you, the community, informed of progress.

Fundraising

The Rally Café raised £794.15 towards the purchase. Thank you to everyone who helped out and to everyone who visited and who made use of the café.

Since then we held a dance in Dervaig Village Hall, after the annual Guy Fawkes Bonfire in Dervaig, raising £135.50.

We have a long way to go so if you have any ideas for fundraising please get in touch! If you would like to propose a fundraising event, please contact:

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By this time next year, charitable status and fundraising allowing "we" the community should be proud owners of our very own woodland. Please look out for notices advertising our events, come along and help buy our own woodland. Every little helps!

Thank you all for your support and help making North West Mull Community Woodland Company Limited become a reality.

North West Mull Community Woodland Company Ltd - Membership Form

Why Join As a Member? The company will be owned and controlled by its members. Membership will allow you to vote at all General Meetings and to become eligible for Directorship if you want to get more involved in the company's affairs.

Membership – Full membership is open to you if you are aged 18 or over, have your main residence in the area defined in the constitution of the company (Torr Cottage to Ulva Ferry) and entitled to vote in the Local Government Elections in the area. **Junior** (age 12 – 17) and **Associate** members have no voting rights are not eligible for Directorship

Please complete & sign the form below. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name:	
Address:	
Tel / Fax:	
E – mail:	
Membership	FULL ASSOCIATE JUNIOR

NWMCWC is a company limited by guarantee, I understand that should the company fail my liability as a Member is limited to a maximum of £1

Signed:

Date:

Please return to the address below

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