



Kingussie Community Development Company

Spring 2022 News and Membership renewal

Welcome to the latest newsletter from KCDC, the charitable company established in 2006, 'to manage community land and associated assets for the benefit of the Community and the public in general'. From small beginnings, KCDC has grown into an important driver of improvement in the area. We hope the reports below demonstrate the breadth of benefit generated over recent years, in particular during the past two difficult Covid years, and will encourage the continued support of all within our community. Visit our website at www.kcdc.co.uk

KCDC COMMUNITY HYDRO GRANTS

Since the establishment of the Hydro Fund seven years ago, almost £45,000 has been distributed to local causes in Kingussie. Seven awards were made in the last year, and others are pending.

- A major contribution was made to the Market Stance project to assist with the initial ground works
- Hanging baskets in the High St were provided through the Business Forum
- Badenoch and Strathspey Artists received an award to assist with the provision of their Winter Workshops programme
- A scarifier was purchased for the Bowling Club
- Support for the Christmas Lights fund has been provided, and although too late for 2021, it is hoped that new lights will be in place for this year
- 2022 sees the centenary of the Tennis Club, and an award has been made to help with upcoming celebrations.
- Funds were provided for the Hogmanay Fireworks, which of course did not take place, but the money has been carried over.

At a recent Directors' meeting it was decided to increase the amounts available for applications. Major applications, Category A, may now apply for up to £3000, and minor applications, Category B, for up to £750. Applications are being invited, and appropriate application forms are available on the KCDC website at <https://www.kcdc.co.uk/hydro-fund/>

COMMUNITY WOODLANDS



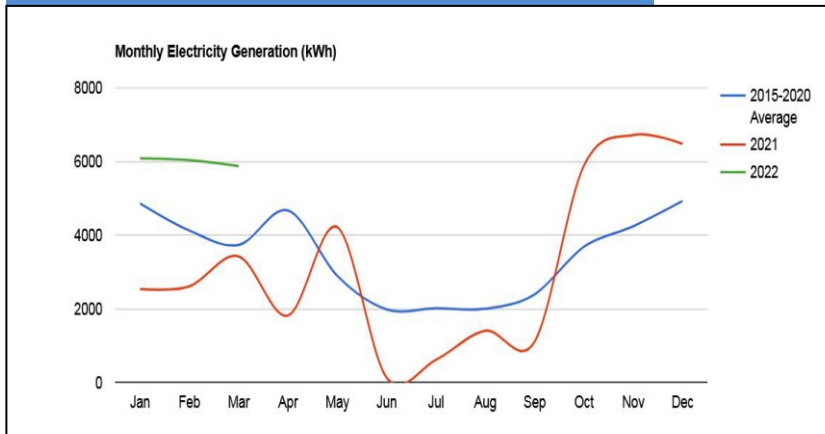
The Community woodlands continue to be enjoyed by locals and visitors alike with some impromptu Christmas decorations.

The winds of storm Corrie, in particular, significantly affected the trees within the woods resulting in some being uprooted. Many thanks to the volunteers for ensuring that the paths within the woods have reopened.



Woodland is a diverse ecosystem and it will be interesting to see the changes to the plant life of the forest floor now that the tree canopy is more open. Thanks to the help of all volunteers and litter pickers.

KCDC COMMUNITY HYDRO



The efficiency of the inlet Coanda screen (the stainless steel part that forms the width of the weir) had progressively deteriorated as a result of damage to the curved plate that directs water over the crest of the weir, triggered by Hurricane Bertha in 2014. The two most badly damaged sections were replaced in September and the improvement in performance has been better than expected as can be seen on the graph of monthly output. From October onwards it has been more than 20% higher than the long term average.

KINGUSSIE PATHS NETWORK

The paths group maintain and improve paths around Kingussie. On average 10 to 12 people come along once a week. Some join in for a couple of hours others bring lunches to make a day of it. There is a job for everyone and no experience is needed. Volunteers can gain experience in design and building paths with locally excavated stone or just help out with the landscaping and finer details.

In the past year we have rebuilt paths on both sides of Creag Bheag as well as resurfaced parts of the paths around the Tom Baraidh woodland. The group also get involved with other tasks such as placing refurbished benches in several locations around Kingussie and helping with the maintenance on the hydro scheme. The next big project for the group will be in KCDC's own woodland around the Gynack. The path up from the hydro bridge to Ardbroilach Road will be improved by surfacing and reducing the gradient. On land purchased from Dochfour estate for a nominal sum a new path will be built for 140m alongside Ardbroilach Road as far as the entrance into the Tom Baraidh woodland at the twin pillars marking the start of the Pitmain estate. This project has had a grant from The National Lottery Community Fund.



The other part of this project is control of various invasive plants and trees in the woodland. As summer approaches we will be running work parties at weekends and evenings to encourage more people to get involved with managing this woodland as well as the paths around Kingussie.

You can see many pictures of the volunteers at work on the KCDC website where you can join the emailing list for details about when and where we will be meeting. If you have any questions please contact Sandy Maxwell on 07766 380 663

GYNACK GARDENS PROJECT

KCDC would like to thank Sustrans and Highland Council for the funding to realise the transformation in the centre of Kingussie and McGowans the contractor for the project.



Access for all was a guiding philosophy as well as providing an open and welcoming environment for people to walk through and to pause. While planting will take a little while to establish it is really clear that the project has created a much busier and open environment capable of hosting events and activities in the heart of the community. The Farmers Markets and Scottish Opera pop-up performances have been particularly successful.

This was a huge project for KCDC and we are grateful to the lead Directors who ensured the project was completed to such a high standard.

CYCLE FRIENDLY KINGUSSIE

Try an E-Bike From Cycle Friendly Kingussie!

Cycle Friendly Kingussie has been offering local residents from Kingcraig to Newtonmore the opportunity to try an e-bike, for up to six weeks, since May 2019. The scheme has been very popular with over 100 locals trying a bike to date and over half going on to buy an ebike, though the wait list has been quite long! We are delighted to announce that our e-bike fleet has now been expanded with a donation of 10 more bikes from HiTrans.

To find out more about the scheme, reserve a bike to try, or find out more about CFK events and activities, head to www.cyclefriendlykingussie.org



AMAZON SMILE

Over the past year KCDC has been a charity linked to Amazon Smile, and has since received quarterly payments (modest to date) through the purchases members have made. If you do use Amazon please consider logging in at smile.amazon.co.uk and selecting Kingussie Community Development as your chosen charity. Amazon will then give 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT and other shipping fees) of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to KCDC. (Note that you need to login to Amazon through smile.amazon.co.uk each time you place an order through Amazon to ensure that KCDC receive the extra funds.)

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

The membership fee of £2 and any additional donation you may wish to make helps to support the day-to-day running of KCDC and enables us to maximise the community benefits to Kingussie and the surrounding area. If you would like to become a member download an application form at <https://www.kcdc.co.uk/membership>, email the completed form to membership@kcdc.co.uk, and make payment by bank transfer using the account details on the form. Alternatively complete the version below and post or hand in to KCDC, c/o Goldwells, 15-17 High St, Kingussie, PH21 1HS with a cheque or cash.

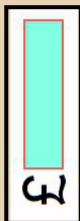
Kingussie Community Development Company Membership Application Form



Join KCDC as an Ordinary Member by completing the following form and sending it by email to membership@kcdc.co.uk or by post to KCDC, 15-17 High Street, Kingussie, PH21 1HS.

Full Name:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>
Postcode:	<input type="text"/>
Telephone number:	<input type="text"/>
Email Address:	<input type="text"/>

Membership subscriptions and donations can be paid by BACS bank transfer to Account No. 06001925 Sort Code: 80-05-40 (use your name as the reference) or enclose a cheque made payable to Kingussie Community Development Company:



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I am a UK taxpayer and I would like Kingussie Community Development Company to reclaim the tax on all qualifying donations I have made, as well as any future donations, until I notify them otherwise (please tick):



I understand that if I pay less income / capital gains tax than the amount of gift aid claimed on all my donations in the tax year in which they are received, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Please remember to let us know of any changes to your tax status including changes to your name or address or if you need to cancel this agreement.

Privacy Statement

We will hold your name and contact details within our Register of Members for as long as you remain a member. If you tick the Gift Aid box above we will provide your name and address to HMRC as part of reclaiming the tax. For further information about how we manage personal data please view our Privacy Policy at <https://kcdc.co.uk/privacy-policy>.

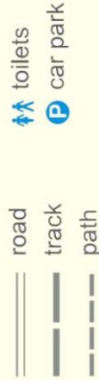
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Kingussie Paths



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Curlew Trail

Links the Kingussie path network with Newtonmore. Marked from the south side of Loch Gynack and connects to the Wildcat trail at Newtonmore. The easiest return to Kingussie is along the cycle path that follows the A86.

An advantage is the facilities at the Highland Folk Park can be incorporated into the walk.

Distance: 6-7 miles round trip, depending on options.
Start: Ardvonie Carpark then via Golf Course Circular.

Terrain: Uneven terrain, can be muddy, moderate gradients, exposed on moorland sections.

Golf Course Circular

Circular walk through birch woodland with views of Loch Gynack.

Distance: 2.5 miles

Approx Time: 1¼ hour

Start: Ardvonie Car Park.

Terrain: Uneven terrain, can be muddy, moderate gradients.

BEWARE OF GOLF BALLS, particularly at the northern end.

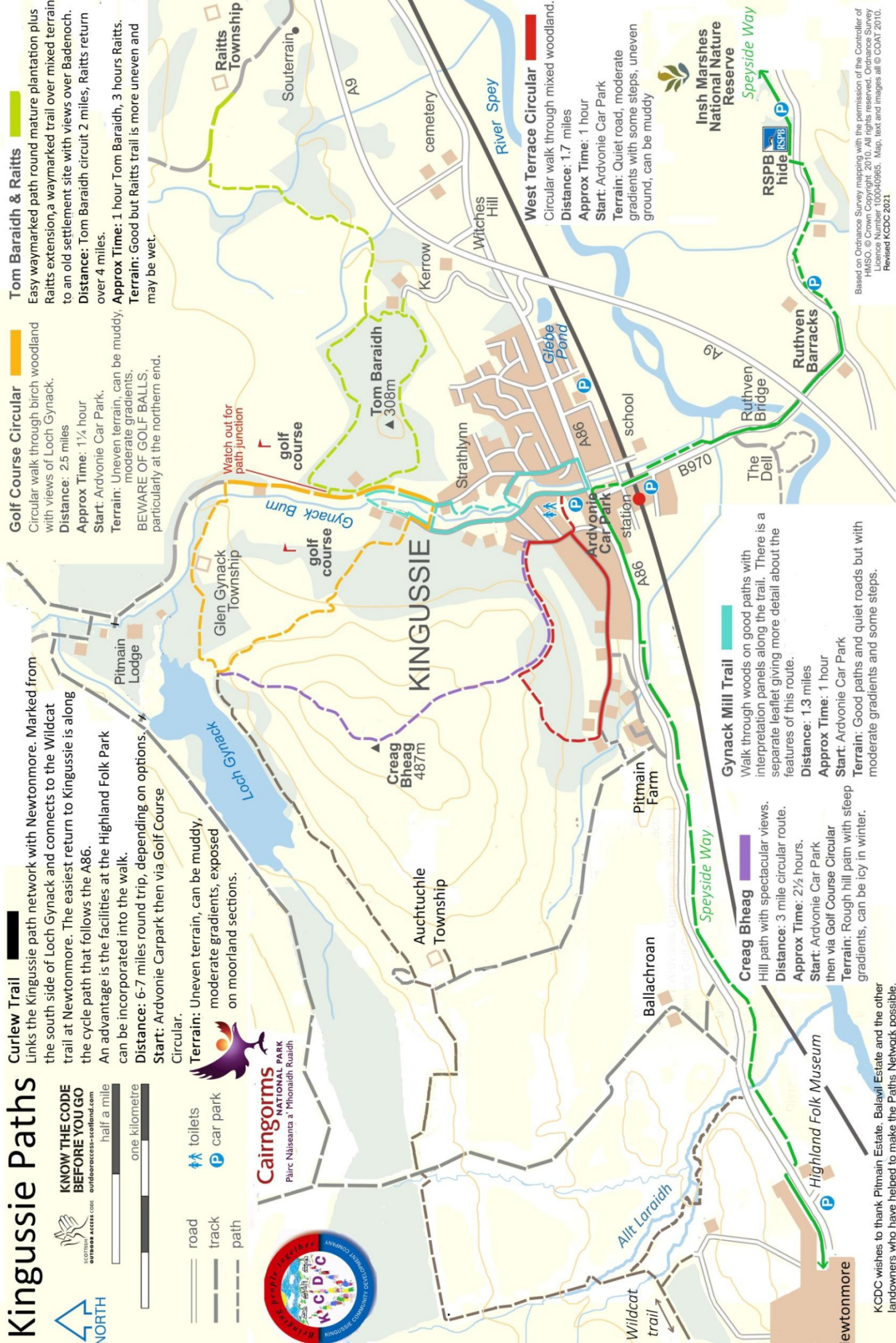
Tom Baraidh & Raitts

Easy waymarked path round mature plantation plus Raitts extension, a waymarked trail over mixed terrain to an old settlement site with views over Badenoch.

Distance: Tom Baraidh circuit 2 miles, Raitts return over 4 miles.

Approx Time: 1 hour Tom Baraidh, 3 hours Raitts.

Terrain: Good but Raitts trail is more uneven and may be wet.



Gynack Mill Trail

Walk through woods on good paths with interpretation panels along the trail. There is a separate leaflet giving more detail about the features of this route.

Distance: 1.3 miles

Approx Time: 1 hour

Start: Ardvonie Car Park

Terrain: Good paths and quiet roads but with moderate gradients and some steps.

Creag Bheag

Hill path with spectacular views.

Distance: 3 mile circular route.

Approx Time: 2½ hours.

Start: Ardvonie Car Park

Terrain: Rough hill path with steep gradients, can be icy in winter.

West Terrace Circular

Circular walk through mixed woodland.

Distance: 1.7 miles

Approx Time: 1 hour

Start: Ardvonie Car Park

Terrain: Quiet road, moderate gradients with some steps, uneven ground, can be muddy

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Reserve
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RSPB
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Barracks

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KCDC wishes to thank Pitmain Estate, Balawil Estate and the other landowners who have helped to make the Paths Network possible.

If you have found this map to be useful please consider giving a donation to Kingussie Community Development Company at kcdc.co.uk/membership or by sending the form overleaf.