

Ardentinny Community Trust

The Walled Garden



News letter 1 - the year so far ...

March 2012

- ♣ (28th) the title deeds of the Walled Garden pass to Ardentinny Community Trust.

April

- ♣ Jimmy and Pauline Gordon organise an Easter Event with Forestry Commission.
- ♣ Four Directors visit Fairlie and Culzean Gardens using grant money for fuel and fares only.

May

- ♣ Open Day at Village Hall.
- ♣ Ardentinny Community Trust (ACT) at Fyne Foods Fayre

June

- ♣ Billy Lunney clears an area of ground and unwanted trees.
- ♣ Prize Draw winners picked.
- ♣ Benmore Director visits Garden.

July

- ♣ AGM
- ♣ Exp12 Scripture Union came from their summer camp at Benmore and were invited to explore soil health and drainage, search for invasive species (knotweed, ragwort fireweed, rosebay and willowherb), and pile up goatwillow for chipping.

August

- ♣ Entrance gates fitted
- ♣ Beekeeping discussed with Chris Emmit.
- ♣ Emma and Sophie Thompson agree to be patrons.
- ♣ ACT invited to Hunter's Quay Holiday Village environmental event.

September

- ♣ Merle researches Big Lottery funding attending event at Maryhill Burgh Hall, Glasgow.
- ♣ National Park Doors Open Day.
- ♣ Three directors and two volunteers visit Islay Community Garden. (A grant paid for the fuel and ferry fares, food and accommodation came out of their own pockets). Weekend discussions with Trustees and gardener result in decision not to develop a social enterprise.
- ♣ John Hancox, Director of the Commonwealth and Children's Orchards' Charity visits the garden and provides

- ♣ Small shed ordered
- ♣ Two Directors visit Helmsley Community Garden in North Yorkshire at their own expense while on holiday.
- ♣ Bill Williamson and John Kloumann trim space for polytunnel and define paths.

October

- ♣ Big shed researched and ordered by Bill and Jimmy.
- ♣ Polytunnel posts go in.
- ♣ Steve Johnstone visits to advise the Trust re the wall report and estimates
- ♣ Trees order discussed with John Hancox.
- ♣ Garden opened for Cowal Fest weekend.

November

- ♣ Application to Beechgrove Garden.
- ♣ Small shed and polytunnel frame erected and found for big shed completed.

What next:-

- ‡ For the fruit trees to be planted before Christmas small birch trees need removed and Goat's Willow burned – volunteers?
- ‡ Paths need edged with logs
- ‡ Andy Boyce will remove original beech hedge
- ‡ Billy Lunney will clear ground outside the wall
- ‡ Deer fence needs erecting to protect public from unsafe section of wall – volunteers?
- ‡ Volunteers with inspiration and drive should contact any of the directors: Bill or Anna Williamson on 810238, Merle Ferguson or Dennis Gower on 810220 or Jimmy Gordon 810170
- ‡ See us also on ardentinny.org/



Our present vision for the garden

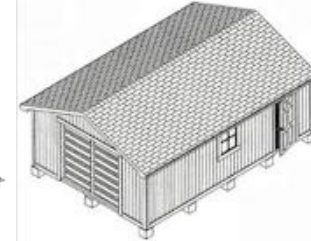
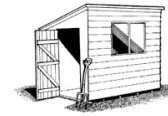
Heritage/learning centre/refreshments/book shop



Public area for picnics, festivals and marquees.

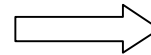
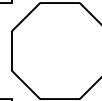
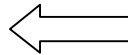
🌿 Herbs and flowers 🌿

Growing area

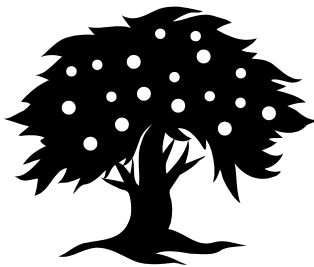


Polytunnel, Composting Toilet and Big Shed

Paths



Orchard



Bird boxes and feeding stations are planned. There maybe hens, geese and hives.

Hedging

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Sensory garden and quiet seating area



Pond

Main Gate