

Ardentinny Community Trust

The Walled Garden

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November 2013

- ♣ Glyn, our gardener/volunteer coordinator is normally working in the garden Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays clearing, tidying, planting and preparing for future planting.
- ♣ Keith Stewart joined Glyn on Saturdays as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. He will be with us for approximately 6 months.
- ♣ After an application to The Woodland Trust the garden received 420 native hedging plants in 5 varieties; Hawthorn, Dog rose, Hazel, Dogwood and Holly. A group from Strone Primary visited the garden to assist with planting a hedge along the boundary of the children's area but unfortunately the ground was too hard to dig. However Keith, the Payback Team and volunteers assisted Glyn to plant the 420 seedlings. Well done all!
- ♣ The Glenfinart Walled Garden received a Community Partnership Gold Award for innovation and was short listed for a nationwide National Park Award.
- ♣ Tents and Events donated old carpet to the garden. This will be laid round planted areas to repress weeds.
- ♣ The Payback Team started transporting and laying road scrapings, 10 tons of which have been donated by Argyll and Bute Roads' Department, to establish more paths.
- ♣ A grant of £1200 from The Co-op was spent on a rotovator, a strimmer and new hand tools.
- ♣ More dung was collected from Dun Daraich Stables and rotovated into the vegetable plots.
- ♣ Neil Dempster invited us to his garden to receive cuttings and thinnings. Thank you Neil.

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- ♣ Wood for new path edging was bought and the process of laying out new paths begun.
- ♣ Moira Clinch donated her caravan which will be used for hospitality and events.
- ♣ Walkers of Dunoon continue to donate burst bags of compost and bark.
- ♣ The stall at the Blairmore Farmers' Market raised £207. Many locals donated craft items, preserves, produce and home baking and we are very grateful to everyone who participated. Thank you all.

♣ We received an admin grant from The National Park's Community Grant Scheme which is mainly for insurance costs - £480 in 2014 plus any added insurance we might require for events etc.. The remainder is for printing, stationery, repairs, and minor necessities.

Merle Ferguson has tendered her resignation as a Director but will remain as a valued volunteer. A big thanks goes to Merle for all her hard work as a Director and Secretary, over the past years.

What next:-

‡ Volunteer recruiting identifying days, times and action.

‡ Production of a Garden Action Plan, in consultation with Glyn, with timescales.

‡ We hope to move forward on the tendering for a consultant who will put together a Business Plan and Design/ Development Plan for the restoration of the Wall etc. We have promises of grants for this first stage but there is some way to go!

‡ We are keen to join with other organizations to develop a combined Action Plan for Ardentinnny.

Volunteers: We would be delighted to see new volunteers – contact us for an initial visit or let us know days and times which would suit so that we can include you in our plans. It's not all weeding and digging! We need tea makers, garden promoters, seed pot planters and propagators.

Visit: Please feel free to contact us if you wish to visit over the winter or pop in if you see the gate open (usually Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays).

Join the Trust: For just £2 a year you too can be a member of Ardentinnny Community Trust.

For info contact Jimmy Gordon, 810170 or Lynn Kerr on 810275 or email info@glenfinartgarden.org and follow us on **Facebook & www.ardentinny.com**

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers!

Patrons: Emma and Sophie Thompson

