

Ardentinny Community Trust

Glenfinart Walled Garden

News letter 8

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First a little bit of history for our new readers:

In 2008 Ardentinny Community Trust was all but disbanded and the remaining funds were transferred to the Village Hall.

In 2010 the Trust was able to be reformed because Company House in Edinburgh had not completed the dissolution. The Trust was reformed for the sole purpose of purchasing the Walled Garden and at present the Directors are totally involved in the Walled Garden Project.

January 2014

♣ Glyn, our gardener/volunteer coordinator is now normally working in the garden Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays.

♣ Claire Flemming our enthusiastic volunteer from Dunoon is continuing to develop the children's garden. It now has real beds for planting complete with wooden bed ends!

♣ The Payback Team, amongst other work in the garden, continued to transport and lay road scrapings, with the help of Glyn and some Directors, to establish more paths.

♣ Raised beds were built in the polytunnel.

♣ The vegetable plots were edged.

February 2014

♣ The paths are ongoing.

♣ Weeding has started.

♣ The Royal Horticultural Society donated seeds.

♣ The Trust has, with the help of Hannah Clinch, begun the tendering process to employ a consultant to 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!

♣ Sheila McLean and Annemarie McLean (no relation) from LEADER, which is part of the current Scotland Rural Development Programme, visited the garden to gain information to support their completion report. With our help they were able to complete the forms and said that the project had more than met the original success criteria for the grant we received. They were both very impressed with the work that had been done in the garden and thoroughly enjoyed their visit

Patrons: Emma and Sophie Thompson

What next:-

‡ Volunteer recruiting identifying days, times and action.

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

‡ We are still keen to join with other organizations to develop a combined Action Plan for Ardentinny and await John Forth, of the National Park's return to work.

‡ The Easter Event in conjunction with The Forestry Commission, Scotland and Grand Opening of the garden for the new season.

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 (but we do need weeders).

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, Tuesdays and Saturdays).

Join the Trust: For just £2 a year you too can be a member of Ardentinny Community Trust. (The Trust has a separate bank account from the Walled Garden and membership fees are deposited in to it).

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

Training: Glyn is offering to explain seed planting, starting a wormery and composting on Saturday 22nd at 1.30p.m.

Come along and plant some seeds.

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