

# Ardentinny Community Trust

## The Walled Garden

(Stars of screen, tabloids and periodicals)

News letter 5

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July 2013

- ♣ Graham Watson took down the beech stumps and fashioned 2 toadstools for the children's garden. Ian Kerr made the rest into seats.
- ♣ Margaret Tierney donated Geotex to cover the tump which enabled us to cover it with top soil.
- ♣ Samuel McBride, from Strachur, joined us as a full time volunteer.
- ♣ Lynn Kerr went to Strone Primary and gave a presentation about the garden at assembly.
- ♣ The successful applicant for the job of volunteer coordinator/ gardener was Glyn Toplis. He has a contract to complete at Arkinglass but will be with us by the end of August.
- ♣ The first harvest from the garden was taken to Blairmore's 1<sup>st</sup> Farmers' Market, along with donations from locals and made £103.
- ♣ Angela, a representative from RHS visited the garden. She gave us lots of advice and provided Claire with tips for the children's area.
- ♣ Anne Morrison made a welcome donation of a picnic bench.
- ♣ 40 tons of hardcore and 20 tons of hoggins were delivered outside the forestry shed for the paths. This took 4 ½ days to barrow inside the garden! This time we had a digger from Ross MacArthur, the motorised wheelbarrow from West Coast Tool Hire, David McDowell and his sit on mower and trailer and Maryjane Bleach plus the core team - and the paths were in!

August 2013

- ♣ The Sensory Garden was completed with seats and plants positioned and featured on BBC 2's Beechgrove Community Garden programme. Hannah, project officer was successful in her application to the Heritage Lottery Start Up Fund to appoint a Design Team to assess the condition of the wall, cost of a repair scheme and develop a Conservation Plan BUT we need match funding. She has many applications pending but has now completed her contract. Well done Hannah! We are now looking for someone to volunteer to continue researching and applying for grants.
- ♣ Bob Bertram MBE, a retired senior fire

officer /fire safety professional offered to complete a fire risk assessment as well as a general risk assessment for us free of charge. Bob and his wife Brenda have since donated the required notices, fire extinguishers, fire blanket, detectors and paperwork. Thank you both.

- ♣ The garden had a table at the 'Small Acorns' 2 day event at Hunter's Quay Holiday Village.

- ♣ Philip and Debbie Pattison have donated a Solar panel and all the equipment needed to power a light and small electrical devices. We are very grateful.

**What next:-**

- ‡ Volunteer recruiting
- ‡ 2<sup>nd</sup> Blairmore Farmers' Market
- ‡ Weeding and TLC
- ‡ Real gardening
- ‡ Water sourcing
- ‡ Fundraising and Auction 14<sup>th</sup> September
- ‡ Cowal Fest open day event October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**If you are thinning, splitting or disposing of garden perennials and ground cover**

**we request that you please donate them to the garden.**

Contact Bill on 810238, Merle on 810220  
or email [info@glenfinartgarden.org](mailto:info@glenfinartgarden.org)

**As ever a Big Thank You to all our volunteers and for all donations to the garden of time, money and equipment and to our anonymous donator who provided the turf for the tump.**

See us on [ardentinny.org](http://ardentinny.org) and BBC2 iplayer  
Download our factsheet from BBC website or read it in the village hall – it tells the story of the development of the sensory garden.

**If you wish to receive the newsletter by email, saving us ink and paper, or you don't want it delivered at all please email.**

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**P.T.O.**

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Contact Lynn on 810275**