



FRAW News

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Exciting News from Our Community Woodland

We're delighted to report that we have added a second set of steps, to give better access to and from our Community Woodland. These have been built almost single-handedly, by George Bee, who has quickly become an excellent addition to our committee of Trustees. These new steps make it easier to head along the Walkway, up to the Woodland to enjoy a peaceful walk through the trees, and then go back down to the Walkway, rather than have to retrace your steps (or scramble down the bank). Most of the materials for this construction were supplied by the Natural Heritage Service of the Council which demonstrates again the value of the continuing support we receive from them and the benefits for our Walkway from working together with them.

This completes an important stage in the project and it is worth reminding ourselves of all the work that's gone before

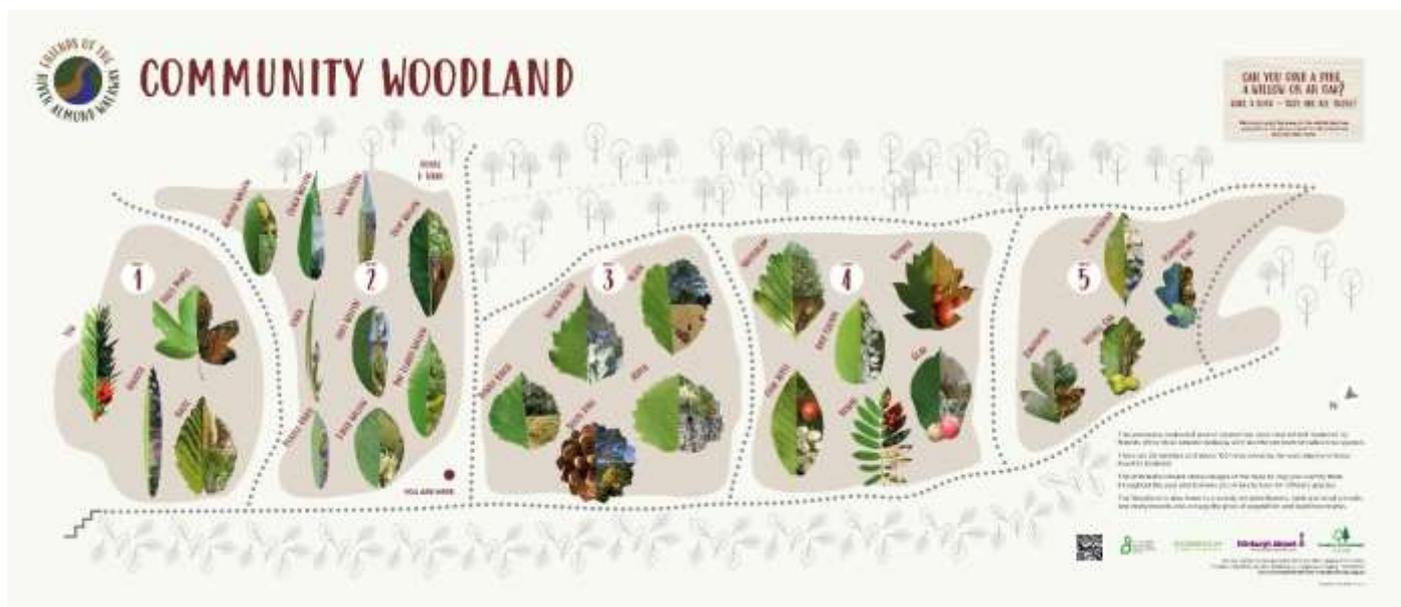


Many of our members joined the happy band of volunteers on a soggy day in December 2015 to plant over 100 native Scottish trees to create our community woodland on a previously neglected piece of land. To allow this to happen, several work parties had tackled the ever present invasive non-native species and prepared the ground in readiness.



Now, three years on, our trees have grown and although we have had a few casualties, most have survived and grown into fine specimens.

To help with the identification of the trees, we created an interpretation board which sets out the location and shape of every species represented to enable individuals and groups to understand more about our native trees.



We've also had great help from the local Cramond Scouts, and more volunteers, who have laid out a wood chip pathway round the Woodland to make it an easier to follow walk. This has still to be completed but makes for a much easier walking surface.



Initially, we benefited from a set of steps up to the Walkway, built by John Crutchfield and these, along with the new steps, now provide access at either end.

A huge thank you to everyone for all their hard work. Why not come down and visit YOUR Community Woodland!

Finally, can we take this opportunity to wish all our members, and all visitors to the River Almond Walkway, a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and successful 2019.