VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the summer edition of our volunteer newsletter

A warm welcome from Meg

Our amazing volunteers have been busy, so far this year they have been involved in many projects with our Conservation Team and Access and Recreation Team.

They have put so much effort into each volunteer day and they have made significant a difference. They've helped manage the woodlands at Craighall Den, Ceres and in the Lomond Hills. Carried out tree planting at Pettycur Bay, Kinghorn, helped repair and learn about path maintenance and joined our Access and Recreation and Maintenance Team to clean a huge area of ghost fishing gear. And that's just May! Lots more to come.

Meg Moore

Volunteer Co-ordinator



The Tree Warden Scheme is now up and running and we have welcomed many volunteers. Our Tree Wardens will champion trees in their local communities and will be proactive in the care of trees and woodland areas across Fife. Rebecca Logsdon, our Community Tree Planting Officer, has engaged with our new Tree Wardens and they have attended their induction and attended a number of online training sessions - they are keen to get started. Rebecca will be running some events throughout the year and we will keep you updated.

To find out more about becoming a Tree Warden visit our <u>Tree Warden page</u> of our website to find out more or contact meg.moore@fifecountryside.co.uk or rebecca.logsdon@fifecountryside.co.uk





What's on at FCCT

As well as the many volunteer events organised through our Conservation Team and Access and Recreation Team, there are a wide range of events being shared on the events section of our website. From online tree warden training courses, warden led walks to nature themed events there is lots going on.



Would you like to tell us about your volunteering journey? We would be delighted to share your story in the next edition of the FCCT Volunteer Newsletter.

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Here are just a few examples of recent volunteering activities carried out by a range of groups. We couldn't achieve all that we do without the support of our dedicated volunteers.

CORPORATE GROUPS

Many Corporate Groups have been involved with our teams, helping to improve our environment by carrying out lots of litter picks and making our beaches and countryside safer for everyone to use.

Several groups from TechnipFMC have been involved, cleaning up local areas – Rex Park, Dunfermline; Port Laing Beach, Inverkeithing. They also helped our Conservation Manager prepare a site in the Lomond Hills for the next tree planting season.



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Our Community Volunteers have been busy too and have taken part in lots of litter picks in their area. Balmerino Community Group, Seafield Environmental Group, Friends of Largo and the Leven Community have removed tons of litter from our beaches, rivers and communities. Amazing!!





The team from Bidwells have been involved in various volunteering activities over the last couple of years. Recently they joined our Litter Team to clear 38 bags of litter from Middle Den Wood, Kirkcaldy. A magnificent effort, well done. Thank you for your continued support.

DUNNIKIER PRIMARY SCHOOL



Many of our schools get involved in conservation and environmental activities. It is important to help our young people to understand nature and how they can have a positive impact. Recently the children from Dunnikier Primary School visited Pathhead Sands, Kirkcaldy, and carried out a litter pick. They were amazing, collecting over 20 bags of rubbish. The children learned how this litter can affect the wildlife and how to prevent litter getting into our seas.

Well done to everyone who took part.