

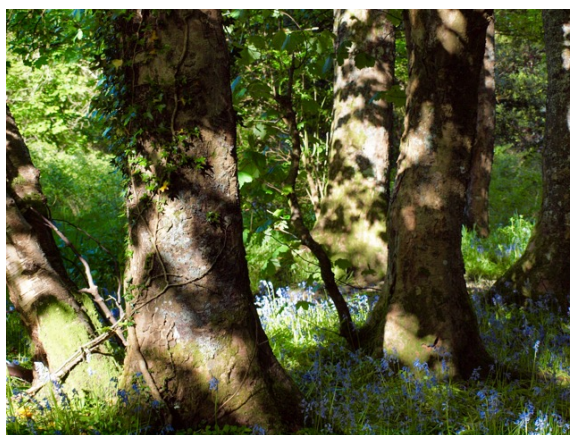
# COMMUNITY BUY-OUT NEWSLETTER NO 7

May 2019



## SCOTTISH LAND FUND SUCCESS !!

We are delighted to inform you that we have received Stage 1 funding from the Scottish Land Fund to help us in our bid to purchase Castle Woods and the open land at Cumberland Avenue. This is a very significant step because it also signals that they want to support us with Stage 2, the actual purchase of the land. This is great news for everyone in Helensburgh who support bringing the land into community ownership and use.



Castle Woods and the open land at Cumberland Avenue have long been designated as Open Space Protection Areas, covered by Tree Preservation Orders, and recognised as Key Environmental Features of the town. In addition, Castle Woods is classified as by Scottish Natural Heritage as ancient semi-natural woodland, and it's northern half is recognised as a Local Nature Conservation Site. None of these designations have prevented years of environmental decline and mismanagement. These protected woodlands deserve much better care and management to be enjoyed by the community. We think this is best achieved by bringing both areas into community ownership & implementing the management plans we have produced through local consultation. We are working to take advantage of new legislation to achieve this.

### RESIDENTS MEETINGS

We will be hosting two meetings for local residents in May. Although everyone is welcome, these meetings are specifically intended to give local residents who live adjacent to the Cumberland Avenue site or adjacent to Castle Woods the chance to understand our plans, have their questions answered, and most importantly express their views.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Helensburgh Rugby Club: 7pm – 8:30pm

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Helensburgh Rugby Club: 7pm – 8:30pm

### EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

There will be a meeting held to provide a progress update and for Members to vote on amendments to the Constitution. Parish Church Hall - Colquhoun Square. Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 7:30pm to 8:30pm

## FLY-TIPPING AND VANDALISM

Local residents have highlighted fly-tipping in Castle Woods (photo) and have reported this to the Council who we understand will contact the owners. If you see any anti-social behaviour in any of the local woods please advise the Police by calling 101. There has been a significant level of vandalism in Duchess Woods recently and the community can help by being vigilant and contacting the Police.



## JOIN OUR CAMPAIGNS TO BRING THE LAND AT CUMBERLAND AVENUE AND CASTLE WOODS INTO COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP

**The more members we have, the stronger we are and the better the chance of transforming & protecting these areas for everyone's benefit!** HCWG membership costs just £15 per adult or £25 for two or more adults in the same household, from now until the end of 2019. Please support our campaigns by completing the details below:

**Name(s)**

**E-mail**

**Address**

**Contact No**

I/We are over the age of 16, eligible and registered to vote at the above address, and support the charitable purposes of Helensburgh Community Woodlands Group

**Signed:**

**Please return to HCWG, 31 Ardencaple Drive, Helensburgh, G84 8PT with the cheque for £15 or £25 made payable to Helensburgh Community Woodlands Group**

**Email:** [hcwg@outlook.com](mailto:hcwg@outlook.com)

**Website:** [www.hcwg.co.uk](http://www.hcwg.co.uk)

Helensburgh Community Woodlands Group is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)  
Charity Number SC044648



“helensburgh community woodlands group”