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Newsletter

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WE'VE COME A LONG WAY OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS

The Chairman of Craigenalt Rural Community Trust, Ron Edwards, brings us up to date with the achievements of the Trust.

The question often arises about the part that CRCT plays in the development of Kinghorn Loch and its surroundings. A simple answer is to say that we work closely with the water sports and leisure groups, walkers and the runners and cyclists, the Sustainable Communities Initiative and land owners to improve facilities around the loch area for everyone to use, relax and enjoy.

CRCT began in 2012 and since then, through our project work and the industrious efforts of all our volunteers, has completed 3 major projects, which is no small achievement. The first projects were to upgrade the Doric Wells path and the Burnside Path; improvements directly requested by the community and much appreciated by them.

The Rodanbraes and Binnend Paths project, which included the installation of the troll bridge and other facilities, and stretched up to the Binn Village has proved to be a great success. Now our most recent lochside project has brought many improvements to the loch itself, a new disabled and family friendly woodland path connecting with Rodanbraes, more parking provision at the lochside and renewal of barley straw rafts and other items to ensure good water quality in the loch. As we complete these projects we have kept up our commitment to the regular maintenance of all we do, which can be hectic in the summer months when plant growth is at a maximum.

Since its formation CRCT has shown vision and initiative to create some lovely facilities to benefit visitors and loch users alike.



Besides our projects we have published various booklets which are helpful resources for local schools, and appreciated by our Friends and visitors. Our pocket Pathways Booklet is a popular guide to walking in the area, and our recently updated Bird Booklet is helpful in identifying many birds which are regulars at Kinghorn Loch. We have seasonal wildflower cards to take round on visits. More recently, larger detailed booklets on the Oil Shale Industry and the History of Craigenalt and Kinghorn Loch have been very well received. All these resources have been compiled by dedicated and knowledgeable enthusiasts within CRCT.

With the help of all our *Friends of the Trust*, we continue to work to improve facilities and look after the areas that we have permission to work in. My thanks also goes to our Trustees, Independent Examiner and Company Secretary for all their hard work.

There are always opportunities for new volunteers to become involved with our projects and maintenance work, working in the beautiful surroundings of Kinghorn Loch. Please do get in touch if you would like to find out how you can become involved.

If you wish to support the aims of Craigenalt Rural Community Trust (CRCT) and become involved, either as a volunteer helper or as a supporter, become a Friend of the Trust by asking for an application form or emailing info@CraigenaltTrust.org.uk

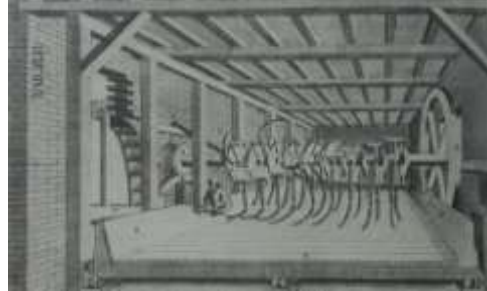
Join us for a step back in time at Craigencalt

Marilyn Edwards gave a talk on the history of Kinghorn Loch and the surrounding area some while ago, but now there is much more to tell. Marilyn has spent many hours over the past year carrying out further research. The place has a long and fascinating history and she invites you to come and hear more about it and share in some interesting and “diverting” stories discovered along the way.

History of Craigencalt
by Marilyn Edwards

Monday 14th November
at 7.30 pm in
Kinghorn Community Centre

Non members of CRCT very welcome
£3 admission, free to Friends of CRCT.



View from Rodanbraes path over farm fields to the Bass Rock, Fidra and Berwick Law.

New Company Secretary for CRCT

We are pleased to announce that Alasdair McIver has become the new company secretary. Alasdair takes over from Richard Perry, who has done a great job for us for the last three years, but with a knee operation pending Richard feels he would like to take a less active role. Alasdair is a keen, active volunteer for CRCT and so already knows how it runs and this will help him settle into his new position easily. We would like to thank Richard for all his work for CRCT and wish him well for the future.

When were you last at Kinghorn Loch

Over the years, local people have appreciated the beauty of the area, but many may not have not been up for a long time. A growing number of visitors are re-discovering the natural beauty, the interesting wildlife and the views from the new and revitalised paths that CRCT are caring for. There is an organised walking group to help discover the area.



Kinghorn Loch

Now there is the added attraction of the independently run **Barn at The Loch** to enjoy a cuppa and something to eat as part of your outing. Whatever the season, there is so much to enjoy. Open every day from 10am to 4pm. Parking is available.

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