



Craigencalt Trust

co-ordinating sports and leisure at Craigencalt for your interest and enjoyment.

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*Wishing you a Merry
Christmas and a
Happy New Year*



Memories of the Walking Festival. Black Rock (Sandra Tvedt: Spring 2017)

Kinghorn Loch is a lovely place at all times of the year. I hope you will agree when you view the beautiful pictures in this newsletter. These have been sent in recently by Friends of the Trust. Each year the Trust achieves even more with the valued help of our own volunteers, and aided by the support of the many Friends of the Trust. As the year draws to a close we want to express our thanks once more. We will continue to build on our success whilst not forgetting to maintain the things we already have in place. The Trust has enjoyed another full year, with a Mini Walking Fest last spring, visits and trips during the summer to Solaripe and the Puddledub nature reserve. Also we had another trip to Inchkeith in November to see and count the seal pup numbers, which is always a wonderful sight to behold. We have a few things to complete before getting stuck into future projects. The nesting platforms are now ready to go on the water. They have proved to be thought-provoking structures, but as always, we can rely on the ingenuity of



Seal count on Inchkeith (530 cubs) aided by CRCT volunteers (David Thomson: 21st Nov)



Kingfisher there to supervise putting out the Nesting Platforms (Ian Bell: 9th Dec)

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



Beautiful setting of Kinghorn Loch in Winter (2010)

our volunteers to find ways around problems. On a bright but very cold day (-6°C) in December the scaffolding bases were balanced on the boat and towed into place at the west end of the loch. Next the wooden platforms will be installed and then they will be landscaped to provide a good nesting environment. The nesting platforms are not only sturdy but have some 5 star shelters for the ducks too. Soon they will be fully installed and water fowl from other lochs will be envious of the birds at Kinghorn Loch. Next we will turn our attention to our other winter task, landscaping around the swan bench to make it a really lovely feature.

Looking ahead to Future Projects and maintenance in 2018.

This year we asked Friends to prioritise a list of future projects and the favoured ones are:

- Creating a “rock rest” picnic area along the track at the north side of the loch.
 - Pedestrian access pathway from the Craigenfalt Farm road end through the trees up Red Path Brae.
 - Drainage works on the Woodland Rise path.
 - Swan bench area improvements
 - Put in a Wildlife Area map and signage, along with fishing guidelines.



The platforms were erected on land as a trial first, before building out in the loch. The support frames are now in place and the platforms themselves will follow.



The Coastal Rowers acting as an “ice breaker” for the workboat.

- Building a short jetty/boardwalk out into the water at the east end of the jetty for the water sports.



A Nesting Platform support frame in position at the head of the loch. The wooden platform will now be positioned over it, hopefully before Christmas.



Re-assembling the support frames for the nesting platforms at the lochside.

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