



Craigencalt Trust

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

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*"They tell me this is Spring!"
- young rams of Craigencalt Flock*

**REMEMBER: "Come & Try" day -
this coming Saturday at the loch.**

Diary of Events

- Saturday May 5th : 'Come and Try' day at Kinghorn Loch 1 – 4pm
- Friday June 1st : Annual Friends get together 7 – 9pm Kinghorn Community Centre
- Friday June 1st : Judging of Trust Annual Photo Competition
- Fri/Sat 15 -16th June : proposed next moth survey
July further summer moth survey
- Friday August 17th : Trust summer barbecue at Craigencalt Cottage

Winter was certainly reluctant to leave us this year and spring was delayed by a few weeks at the loch with freezing water temperatures, but now coltsfoot, cowslips, daffodils and the flowering gorse, are all making a sunshine flurry. The female swan has a new partner and returned to her usual barley straw raft to make her very substantial straw nest. The geese are off to an early start with their first set of yellow and grey goslings and there is a general feeling all is right with the natural world again. Hopefully the swans and geese will be more tolerant of each other than at one time they were.

Recently the Doric Wells Path in Kinghorn had a tidy up, thanks to Community Payback. This was the very first path that the Trust cleared and improved in 2012. Soon we hope to be ready to start on new project plans. A path through the trees at Craigencalt Farm road end, avoiding the difficult bend on the road at Red Path Brae, has been surveyed and ready to look at costs and funding. This will make it much safer for folk to complete a circuit around Craigencalt. The "Loch User & Projects" group is developing plans for a small jetty extension out into the water at the east end of the main jetty to make landing canoes and dinghies safer in adverse weather. We also hope to begin a "Rock Rest" picnic area soon on the track around the north of the loch. The track is called Bramble Lane and this section was a haul road for the "new" Craigencalt Mill in the nineteenth century. There are always things in the pipeline, and with your help they are achieved.



Completion of the nesting platforms over this winter.

Workdays to finalise the nesting platforms.

*Celebrating completion
- picnic on a freezing day*



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.

'Come and Try Day' still going strong



Birdwatching activity

The annual 'Come and Try' day at Kinghorn Loch is now in its 11th year. What began as an event to celebrate the completion of the new jetty has endured in popularity. We are grateful to all the loch user groups who give their time to let visitors learn more about their individual sport. Adults and children can try canoeing, sailing, rowing, radio controlled boats and even open water swimming (temperature permitting). If these things are not for you, there are always plenty of



Canoeing for the youngest

spectators, enjoy a tea or coffee, by the lochside, or a wander to the Earthship or enjoy birdwatching or wandering through the woodland or even up to Rodanbraes path to say hello to the troll. It works for all ages from 3 to 83, so come and join us:

[Kinghorn Loch - Saturday 5th May 1 – 4pm](#)

Annual Photo Competition

The Annual Friends Photo Competition has never been easier to enter. Now it is digital, all you need to do is send up to 3 entries on line to info@craigencalttrust.org.uk or if you prefer, submit your photograph entries on the night. So look out some pictures you have taken from anywhere the Trust may visit. Judging will take place at the annual Friends get together on Friday 1st June at Kinghorn Community Centre.



2017 winner - great spotted woodpecker feeding his young.

Walking Festival



The Trust held its fifth Walking Festival this year and it remains as popular as ever. One highlight was welcoming so many children and families to Rodanbraes to have fun at the troll bridge and the ruined cottage at the top of the path. The head count was 37; it was a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon. Personally, the festival always allows me to try walking somewhere new, and this year it was Humble Woods with its splendid views across the Forth and coming across a deserted farm and large stone built barn I never knew was there.

Spring Moth Survey a success

Gerald Lincoln, who is running the surveys, described it as "a very good start to our adventure looking at moths across the seasons at Kinghorn Loch". Ten traps were put out in an evening, in various places at Craigencauld Farm. They were collected back in the morning; the moths were identified and photographed before being let free. The final total was 331 moths with 16 different species including 2 micro moths. The group were pleased with the results and Gerald suggests a preliminary date, to meet up for a summer survey, 15 -16th June weather conditions permitting. If you enjoy photographing wildlife then come along with your camera.



Early Grey moth

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