



Craigencalt Trust

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

Newsletter Update, February 2019

The CRCT Report for 2018 will soon be delivered to Friends of the Trust and others. This is quite comprehensive, running to several pages and a nice read for a cold winter's night. The report will be available on the website for you.



A winter's owl.

Better still, why not become a Friend of the Trust and get the newsletters, updates and other invitations automatically. There are lots of activities that you may be able to help with or just enjoy Craigencalt, knowing you are helping to make it even better.

Highlights of 2018

In February the long awaited nesting platforms went out on the loch with the help of the dory boat, and some very competent helpers. Only the ducks have used the platforms so far, the swans choosing their regular barley straw raft to nest on once more. We will see what happens in 2019. We hope to add some planting to the platforms to assist with more camouflage for the wildlife.

In Spring we were treated to an excellent talk from Ian Archibald entitled 'Island Jewels of the Forth'. Ian spoke to a packed audience who thoroughly enjoyed the visual and informative guide through the very different islands. This was soon followed by the fifth Walking Festival that the Trust has run. A particular highlight for me was the family story telling walk up Rodanbraes and to see so many children having fun at the troll bridge. Rodanbraes

has proved to be such a worthwhile project for all to enjoy, thanks to the commitment of many able volunteers.

March/April took us all by surprise when the biggest snowfall came with snowdrifts high enough to bury a car. Little did we know that

a long dry summer was to follow and this would be just right for all the moth surveys led by Gerald Lincoln. Each survey grew in popularity with more folk coming to photograph these silent creatures of the night. We have all learnt so much more about moths and may even recognise a few when we see them.

In autumn the sailors and coastal rowers join us once more at Kinghorn Loch so they can continue their sport through the winter in a more sheltered setting.

Ron Edwards



Impassable snowdrifts on Candlemakers Loan and Red Path Brae

Maciej's snowman was quite at home.





The moth surveys proved to be a big draw, and the sunshine certainly helped!

Light Emerald Moth is a favourite,



The storytelling at the Troll Bridge was at capacity during the Walking Festival.

Highland Cattle are the newest addition to Craigencaft Farm.

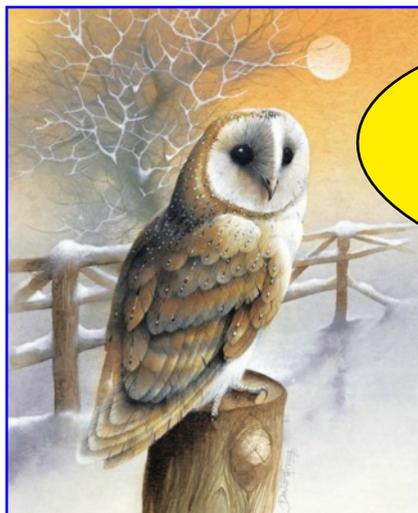


Looking ahead to Future Projects in 2019 - exciting things in the pipeline

A lot of thought and preparation has gone into the next project for the Trust. Recently good progress has been made with the planning and construction of a path to avoid the bad bend on the road going up the hill at Red Path Brae and finding the funds to do it, thanks to Fife Council and Alcan. The owners of Craigencaft Farm are very supportive of a diversion through the trees on their land. This will make it a much safer route and a pleasant walk around. I am sure the highland cow families will not mind a few extra tourists as they are well used to being a star attraction.

We are also planning further big improvements to the jetty facilities, so watch this space.

There is just one thing left to do, and that is to thank you for all your support and wish everyone all the best for the festive season.



So it's Good Night from me and its Good Night from her, wishing you a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Newsletter compiled by Marilyn Edwards.

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