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## An Active Start to the Year at Kinghorn Loch

The year so far has been as busy as ever. A presentation by Gerald Lincoln in early March showed some beautiful pictures of wildlife in Australia, photographed on a visit last November. Events like the 'Mini Walking Fest' and the well-attended 'Come and Try' Day have already taken place and now it is time to settle into a programme of summer maintenance. Workdays are on some Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday mornings and if you feel you would like to help with the varied tasks, please get in touch with Ron on 01592 891330 or 07740 999514

### Mini Walking Festival

The weather this spring has been great. It has been dry with plenty of sunshine, just right for striding out in the fresh air. The 'Mini Walking Fest' began with a walk up to Stoneyhall Hill and Kilrie Woodland. The views from the top were panoramic and we returned via Glassmount House, where we enjoyed a very warm welcome indeed and a walk through all the spring flowers.

One walk went along the coastal path as far as Coaltown of Wemyss, with lots of interesting features to stop at along the way. The walk from Kinghorn to Burntisland, returning along Pettycur Beach, allowed the group to take advantage of a very low tide to walk around the Black Rock with ease. Another walk took us along the old 'Great North Road' which may have been an escape route for Mary Queen of Scots from Loch Leven Castle.

The walk up Dunearn Hill to the Iron Age Fort site had a pleasant surprise when we reached Dunearn Farm, where we were invited to take a peek at the new born lambs.

We would like to thank all the landowners for the welcome we received on their properties. There were 8 walks in all with 12 – 14 folks on most of them. It was an added bonus to walk along open paths before the summer growth restricts the access. I am sure this event will be repeated at this time of year on another occasion.

Marilyn Edwards



Walkers make an unusual discovery at Dunearn Loch

### Update on our Swan

At the beginning of April, there was an unfortunate incident involving the resident male swan, when he got tangled in discarded fishing line. Unfortunately, he was too badly injured and he did not survive.

The female swan has been left to incubate her seven eggs alone and we are delighted to say that she has just hatched 6 cygnets with one egg left.



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 the Trust by asking for an application form or emailing [info@CraigencaltTrust.org.uk](mailto:info@CraigencaltTrust.org.uk)

The tenth annual Come and Try Day brought crowds to the loch on a day of glorious sunshine. Photos below show the range of sports and interests that people are enjoying at the loch, including walking available all year round.



### The Swan Bench Returns

We would like to thank Gordon Reid for his carpentry skills to restore the swan bench so that it can be admired and enjoyed by visitors to the lochside once again.

The bench has been put in place securely, and soon landscaping will be added around it. This has been a special feature at the loch for many years and it is lovely to see it back.



### 2017 Friends Annual Meeting

A good turnout of Friends of CRCT enjoyed a social evening at Kinghorn Community Centre on 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Marilyn had lined up a testing quiz to see how many people had been observing the beauty of the loch and the surrounding area on their walks. How many flowers, birds and events they could identify. Some homework required perhaps !

A good selection of photos was entered for the photo competition and after much pondering and tight voting, the winner of our prestigious Best Photo Cup was Ron Edwards for his capture of a **'Male Great Spotted Woodpecker feeding Crane Flies to its young'**.

### Future Events for your diary

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| <p>11<sup>th</sup> June.<br/>2pm</p>                             | <p><b>Solaripe Medicinal Herb Garden</b><br/><i>Tour by Simone Clark. £3</i><br/>Kinghorn Loch. Meet in Car Park</p>     |
| <p>19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> Aug<br/>12 – 4.30pm</p> | <p><b>Living History in Fife</b><br/><i>Cromwell Re-enactment</i><br/>Sponsored by the<br/><b>'Barn at the Loch'</b></p> |
| <p>1<sup>st</sup> Sept<br/>6.30 pm</p>                           | <p>Trust Fundraising Barbeque<br/>Craigencalt Cottage</p>  |



WINNER Best Photo Cup 2017 - Ron Edwards

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