



# West Stormont Woodland Group

West Stormont was the name used in medieval times to cover the parishes of Auchtergaven, Kinclaven, Logiealmond, Moneydie, Redgorton (Stanley) and the Murthly portion of Little Dunkeld. West Stormont has been chosen as the most suitably inclusive title for the many communities connected to Taymount and Five Mile Woods today.

**Working with local people to bring Taymount Wood and Five Mile Wood into Community Ownership**

## Monthly Community Update March 2019

### Support our ambitious project - become a WSWG Member today

We need to build evidence of how much support there is for community ownership of Taymount Wood and Five Mile Wood and all the community benefits that could bring. We believe there are about 7,500 people living in West Stormont. Can we get 750 local people to show support for the WSWG Project by becoming Members of WSWG over the next few months? Let's see if we could match that number with Associate Members from outwith the area too. The more support, the greater our chances of success.

**Join the FREE WSWG MEMBERSHIP SCHEME** at: [www.weststormontwoodlandgroup.org.uk/join](http://www.weststormontwoodlandgroup.org.uk/join)

### What has WSWG been doing since the last Monthly Community Update?

- An application has been made to the Strathtay Community Investment Fund for WSWG's "Feel Good in the Woods" project, an inclusive programme of 8 taster events to give people in our local community a chance to experience different woodland-based activities over the spring and summer
- WSWG is currently applying for funding to pay for consultants to help with the Feasibility Study, Business Plan and Community Consultation and to produce a short campaigning video
- Stanley Development Trust has agreed to host WSWG funds until our own bank account is live
- WSWG is participating in a Citizen Science project on Climate Change through the GROW OBSERVATORY at the University of Dundee. This involves collecting data fortnightly from six soil sensors placed in the woods to help ground-proof data collected by European Space Agency satellite on soil moisture, light levels and temperature. <https://growobservatory.org/get-involved>
- WSWG has attended meetings with Stanley Community Council, Spittalfield Active Recreation Sports Hub, The Care and Wellbeing Co-op, PKAVS and GerryBurkeTV
- WSWG had a very helpful site visit to Taymount Wood from the Community Woodlands Association, following a similar visit to Five Mile Wood in December
- Attended PKC training workshops on Project Evaluation
- Making progress with the WSWG Neighbouring Landowner and Householder Survey visits

### What can you do to get more involved?

- The WSWG Woodland Imaginarium is now up on our website and (nearly) operational. 😊  
**Please go on-line with your ideas and aspirations for how you would like to see our community manage and use the woods in future. Tell us in words and pictures to help bring our Woodland Imaginarium to life - stories, poems, drawings, photos, sound, etc.**
- If you would like to join the Steering Group or help with events or activities, please do get in touch.
- Come along to WSWG events which we will be publicising on our Facebook page and website soon.

Look us up! **West Stormont Woodland Group**  Email us: [secretary@weststormontwoodlandgroup.org.uk](mailto:secretary@weststormontwoodlandgroup.org.uk)