



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 – May 2019

What has WSWG been doing this month?

- **Great news again!** WSWG has been awarded *Scottish Land Fund Stage 1 Development Grant!* This means we can now commission our team of consultants to come on board and help us with our woodland assessment and valuation, our feasibility study, our community consultations, our business plan and our CATS Application!
 - Our **"Feeling Good in the Woods"** project will be starting soon and running over the next few months. Events will be advertised individually. Come along! They will be free and will include:
 - Events for elderly and less mobile people:**
 - Minibus Picnic in the Woods
 - Cycling Without Age – trishaw travel
 - Events for Health and Wellbeing:**
 - Walking in the Woods for Peace of Mind
 - Medicinal, Meditative Herbal & Foraging Walks
 - Woodland Art – intergenerational creativity
 - Events for younger people in our community:**
 - "Woodland in a Backpack" sessions in schools
 - Bushcraft
 - Forest School
- These events have been funded under the Perth and Kinross Community Investment Fund, awarded to WSWG through the Strathtay Action Partnership. Look out for details on:*
- WSWG and other local community Facebook pages and websites
 - Posters in shop windows, cafés & restaurants, and on community, church & village hall noticeboards.
- **WSWG will be at Bankfoot Gala on Saturday 18 May.** Come and meet us, tell us your ideas and hopes for the two woods, find out more about our events & support us by signing up as members.
 - Members of the WSWG Steering Group visited Dalrulzion Forest in Glenshee where the local community is also trying to bring the woodland into community ownership. We're not alone!
 - WSWG is currently seeking funding for community representatives to visit other community woodlands and for getting some inspirational speakers to enthuse us about what turning Taymount Wood and Five Mile Wood into Community Woodlands could do for local people, our health and wellbeing, our natural environment and our local green economy. We will keep you posted.
 - Unfortunately we were not successful in securing grant from the Enchanted Forest Community Fund which we'd hoped to use to do some campaigning video work. **Anyone with good DIY video skills** and an interest in securing Taymount and Five Mile Woods for the community, **please get in touch!**

Become a WSWG Member today.

Join the FREE MEMBERSHIP SCHEME on our website www.weststormontwoodlandgroup.org.uk

Joining WSWG is the best and easiest thing you can do to support the project at this stage. If you would like to get more involved or help with events and other activities, you can let us know on the Application Form.

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