

Cambusbarron Charity awarded over £425,000!

Cambusbarron Community Development Trust (CCDT) has been awarded over £425,000 by the Scottish Land Fund to buy and manage around 160 acres of woodland on Gillies Hill, Cambusbarron. This substantial grant award will support their Gillies Hill project over the period up to March 2020.

Tim Barratt Partner with Bidwells LLP, who manage the landowner's interests said: "I am delighted that Cambusbarron Community Development Trust has reached this milestone in the journey towards purchase of Polmaise Wood at Gillies Hill. I look forward to completion of the next stage when we can see the realisation of their ultimate ambition of full woodland ownership."

Gillies Hill is a prominent location associated with the Battle of Bannockburn and is a focus for local outdoor activities. Cambusbarron Community Development Trust will soon purchase the woodland to safeguard this fantastic environmental resource and develop it for people now, and for future generations to enjoy.

Speaking on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Richard Norman Trustee said

"When we leased a substantial part of the Gillies Hill in 2015 we could only dream of this day. We are most grateful to the Scottish Land Fund for this award which will enable us to proceed with the plan to purchase the woodland. The grant will be augmented by community fund raising, personal donations and other sources to complete the purchase.

Linked to Battle of Bannockburn and the site of Polmaise Castle this land is bursting with history, unspoiled natural environment and castle grounds waiting to be restored and sustainably managed. One important project will be the creation of our Red Squirrel Trail. Opening proper public access to this woodland will increase both physical and mental health. We will have all-terrain paths for walkers and mountain bikers and our longer term development plans will create local jobs and attract tourists to the village of Cambusbarron.



It is really rewarding that after many years of work and campaigning we are now at this stage. The enthusiasm and plans which Cambusbarron residents and members of CCDT have demonstrated throughout the funding application process have delivered great results. A very big thank you to all those involved during this journey.

The Trustees of Cambusbarron Community Development Trust aim to create a solid foundation for future management of Gillies Hill.

There will be information on display at Cambusbarron Gala on Saturday 9th June 2018 and each member of the community should receive a brief news update delivered personally to their door.

Further information on the work of CCDT is on our website www.CCDT.org.uk."

Cambusbarron Community Development Trust is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Registered SCIO number SCO411449). All and any donations are welcome. Donations made via MyDonate may be eligible for Gift Aid. Link to CCDT MyDonate page at <https://www.ccdt.org.uk/donations/> to make a donation by debit or credit card. All and any donations will be used to support the organisation's purposes which are published on the Charity's website at www.CCDT.org.uk.

The CCDT welcomes enquiries from anyone interesting in becoming involved in any way with the project – enquiries can be made by emailing admin@ccdt.org.uk.

Notes to Editors

- Grant award information & SLF announcement : https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/press-releases/scotland/300518_slf_central
- CCDT was formed in June 2010, as a community-owned charitable company, promoting and responding to the needs and interests of the Cambusbarron community for the benefit of residents and people who work in Cambusbarron too. CCDT became a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) in May 2017. Its potential role is wide and includes provision of social and community facilities, environmental improvements, preservation of local heritage and ownership and management of land or buildings for community benefit.
- The land purchase is being finalised by negotiation the current owner, Drygrange Estate Company Ltd and their agents, Bidwells LLP.
- Speaking to local radio listeners Stirling MSP Bruce Crawford said, "This is great news for the local community in Cambusbarron, who rightly treasure this remarkable ancient woodland area. Gillies Hill is steeped in local and national history as well as housing an amazing and diverse ecosystem. I know that this £425,750 will be a huge boost to local people who have campaigned to protect the site and I look forward to the number of projects being taken forward to develop the land for visitors whilst preserving it properly.
<http://www.centralfm.co.uk/2018/05/30/34524/>
- CCDT will be saying more at Cambusbarron Gala Day. Visit them 12:30 – 4pm at King George V Park Cambusbarron on Saturday 9th June.
- CCDT AGM and public meeting will be held at Cambusbarron Community Centre on Wednesday 20th June from 7:30 pm.

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