COALFIELD Communities Landscape Partnership

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our newsletter...

It has been a busy few months for our project partners. Here is a run down of what has been happening plus some upcoming events....

Understanding the Landscape

The Lost Villages project has nearly finished and the team have never been busier. In the last few months they have been celebrating and sharing all their research:



- **End of Project Celebration**
- **Exhibition Launch**
- **Special Viewing**.

Archaeology Scotland organised two local digs running from 20 to 28 March

At the **Ochiltree Archaeology Dig** local school pupils, families and volunteers had a go at some hands-on archaeology.

Visiting the Landscape

Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere have been **busy, busy, busy!** The team has been delivering guided walks, climate action in schools and a scout badge launch!

We are looking forward to Hannahston Woods Nature Day on Saturday 4th May. The free event encourages all ages and abilities to get involved with nature and learn more about wildlife.

Accessing the Landscape

East Ayrshire Woodlands Modern Apprentices completed the new boardwalk sections along the Upper Path at Ness Glen within Craigengillan Estate.

Here are some **action shots** taken at the start of the year when Richard Grieveson, Depute Chief Executive visited the site.

Animating the Landscape

As part of The Cumnock Tryst 2023, we had our biggest community project ever - Big Saturday!

The culmination of over three years' work, Big Saturday! included around 350 local people from ten local music groups

You can watch the video by Stuart Armitt and Beth Chalmers here :**Cumnock Tryst Big Saturday**

There are lots of **photos** from the day too and we are grateful to Allan Dorans MP for the special **Project Recognition** at the UK Parliament.

Cumnock History Group has been delivering interesting talks, producing ancestral tourism packs, updating leaflets and celebrating their 10th Birthday in February.

Enhancing the Landscape

EADHA are hosting a selection of **Springtime Events** as part of the Coalfields To Wildwoods project. Don't forget, if you have any vacant land in the CCLP area, then please get in touch with Peter to organise some tree planting.

Muirkirk Creatives hosted some **Easter Art Activities** this month. Families decorated egg cups, made lanterns, scarecrows and tealight holders.



There are plenty of exciting projects to get involved with, either to help or to take part in. Please go to our **CCLP website** to **complete our online form** and link up with projects of interest to you.

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