

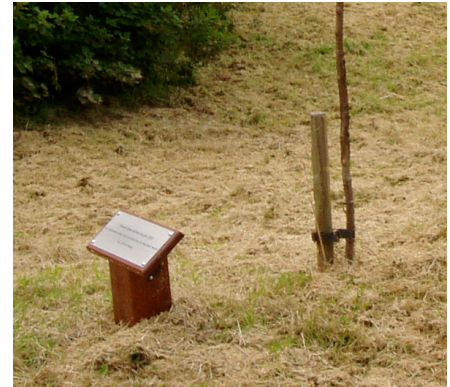
Report from the Friends of Duchess Wood (FODW) to the Duchess Wood Local Nature Reserve Committee (DWLNRC) meeting on 19th August 2014

1. Routine

FODW have continued to carry out routine actions since the last meeting of the DWLNRC, such as **monthly work parties, repairs, and litter control**. Continued cutting and clearing work.

2. Additions to the Wood

(a) Memorial plaque to Cllr. Al Reay has now been erected beside the rowan tree planted by his widow.



(b) New fence erected beside the car park, (see photo left) thanks to the Community Payback team, who also trimmed the Pony Field.

(c) Waymarking posts for flower walk put in. See photo right for one example. Our appreciation, again, to Bill Freeland and the CP team and its supervisor John (pictured by the gate above).

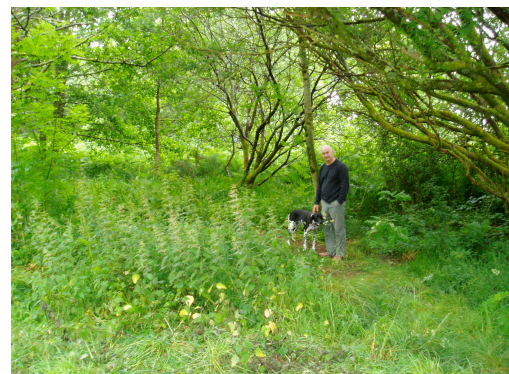


3. Removal from the Wood



The old railway carriage by the Pony Field has been removed with FODW funds. Appreciation to Creative Ironwork who were commissioned to do the work.

**Before
and
after**



4. **Events** since last DWLNRC meeting

- (a) Launch of the self-guided flower walk based on Alison Rutherford's walk last year. There was a guided walk led by Alison and by Plantlife Scotland.
- (b) Visit by Buglife (The Invertebrate Conservation Trust). There were separate visits by three local schools (Cardross Primary, Rhu Primary and Lomond School).

5. **Grants**

- (a) ***CSV Action Earth Grant.***
- (b) ***Babcock.*** A letter had been sent to the A&BC planners questioning the need for a planning application for the two information boards which Babcock have agreed to supply. A response has now been received from A&BC Planning on the need for a planning application and this is now being followed up by FODW.