



Friends of Duchess Wood

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Report from the Friends of Duchess Wood (FODW) to the Duchess Wood Local Nature Reserve Committee 19.5.15 (DWLNRC)

The FODW April Newsletter is submitted in conjunction with this note as an integral part of the FODW report. This newsletter was circulated to FODW members at the end of April.

Additional points are as follows.

1. *School visits to Duchess Wood*

- Rhu Primary School has done work in the Wood, assisted by FODW committee members.
- John Logie Baird Primary School P2 level pupils will shortly be visiting DW as part of its Great Outdoors adventure programme.

2. FODW has installed waterproof leaflet holders at the information hub for both its basic information leaflet and its membership application form.

3. Two members of the FODW committee attended a Scottish Natural Heritage training day on Citizen Science. FODW will be looking to introduce some national Citizen Science projects into the Friends' work in the Wood. Some of the Rhu PS work is linked to one of these projects.

4. Contact has been made with Forestry Commission Scotland to discuss funding and a meeting with FCS staff is being arranged for early June.

5. The fence between the Wood and the railway is complete and FODW is grateful to those who arranged it. FODW representatives will be able to report to the DWLNRC the outcome of follow-up discussions concerning damage done elsewhere in the Wood in the process.

6. At the last meeting FODW agreed to provide a detailed proposal for the all-abilities path (Item 5 (B) 3 of the minutes). This is summarised in the attached quote from Robert McKendry of almost exactly a year ago, in which the costs of resurfacing and repairing drainage are set out in sections around the path. The quote is attached below for information. Note that the costs would be higher if the work was not all completed as one exercise.

Quotation from Robert McKendry for the all-abilities path in Duchess Wood

Date 12 May 2014

For refurbishment and reinstatement of the All Abilities Path in Duchess Wood.
Total length of path to be treated is 850 meters.

Section 1. From Rhu Rd Higher to Millig St garages. Per-roll and re-coat with whin dust.
For area adjacent to Rhu Road Higher raise level of path with Type1 and overlay with whin dust.
Cost £1350.

Section 2. From Millig St garages to the bridge over the burn. Pre roll and re-coat with whin dust. Remove log markers on lower side of path to improve drainage.
Cost £1250.

Section 3. Wide path running from field gate adjacent to Duchess Wood car park through to footbridge on the east side of the Pony Field. Any low spots to be raised with type 1 and compacted and surface finished with whin dust. Area at corner of Pony field to be hard cored and compacted suitable for placement of Information Boards.
Cost £1350.

Section 4. From field gate to tarmac at top of Kathleen Park. Make good dips with type 1, compact and coat with whin dust.
Cost £550.

Total cost £4500. No vat applicable.

Costs based on all work carried out at the same time.