



Acknowledgements

Goodwill & Help

BCT is extremely grateful to all the many people whose goodwill and help sustained BCT through the three and an half years that it took to reach a settlement over the Forest of Birse Community. BCT also greatly appreciates all the support and practical assistance that it has continued to receive from many different sources since it became formally established in February 1999.

Gifts & Donations

As readers of the articles on pages 2 and 3 will recognise, BCT is particularly grateful for the gift made to mark the Millennium by everyone who vested in BCT their ancient rights over the Forest of Birse Community and for the free transfer to BCT of the ownership of Finzean Sawmill and the Bucket Mill by Donald Farquharson and the Finzean Water Mills Trust respectively.

BCT is also very grateful for the financial donations that it has received from the Bacon Charitable Trust, Birse and Feughside Church and several individuals and for sponsorship in kind from Deeside Business Services and Duncans of Deeside.

Grants

BCT also very gratefully acknowledges the grants that it has been awarded by the Millennium Forest for Scotland Trust, Forestry Commission, Cairngorms Partnership, Aberdeenshire Council and International Tree Foundation.



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Finally, BCT is very pleased to report that it's application to become registered by the Scottish Office as a Local Rural Partnership has been successful. BCT received confirmation of the Scottish National Rural Partnership's approval in April.



Associate Membership

While everyone on the Electoral Registers for Birse parish is automatically an Ordinary Member of BCT, anyone else can become an Associate Member of BCT by paying an annual subscription - currently £20 for the UK and £25 for overseas.

The membership runs for twelve months from the date of joining and only one subscription is required per household or address.

Associate Members will receive two issues of the full colour BCT Update and be offered the same special discounts as Ordinary Members on BCT's other publications and local heritage products (for example, a planned reprint of Dinnie's classic 'Account of the Parish of Birse', 1865).

BCT is very keen to encourage people to support BCT's work by becoming Associate Members. Please make your cheque payable to *Birse Community Trust* and send it with your name and address to BCT's address below.

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BCT's Board of Trustees and part-time Manager at Finzean Church, where a native Finlets oak donated by BCT was planted on Palm Sunday (28th March). BCT's Trustees and Manager are (left to right): Rev.Jack Holt (Chairman), Liz McConnach, Robin Callander (Manager) Alison Farquharson, Robert Dinnie, Ken Hall.

Making a Donation

Donations are vital to BCT and a key way that individuals and organisations can support BCT's work. BCT needs donations for several reasons. These include, firstly, to provide the resources to cope with 'deficit funding' (where, for some grants, the work has to be carried out and paid for, before BCT can claim the grant payment); secondly, to fund the administrative costs that grants tend not to cover; and thirdly, to give BCT 'uncommitted funds' (money not tied into an existing project) that it can use to develop new projects.

If you would like to make a donation to support BCT, please make your cheque payable to Birse Community Trust and send it to BCT at the address below.

Further copies of this issue of BCT Update are available (while stocks last) for £1 post free from BCT. Please send your cheque, made payable to Birse Community Trust, to BCT at the address below.

The next issue of BCT Update is currently planned for October.