



*BCT's Trustees visiting Finzean Community Woods. From left: Jack Holt (Chairman), Ken Hall, Robert Dinnie, Alison Farquharson and Joanna Strachan, who was elected as a new Trustee at BCT's second AGM, which was in April and attended by 70 members of the Trust.*



## Acknowledgements

BCT IS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL to everyone whose goodwill, gifts and other forms of help have supported BCT so far.

BCT very much appreciates the donations it has received to date during 2000 and the support of those who subscribe to the Trust as Associate Members. The Trust is also pleased to acknowledge support in kind from Duncans of Deeside, Deeside Business Services, Glen Tanar Charitable Trust Ranger Services, Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City Councils, and the Scott Sutherland School of Architecture.

BCT also very gratefully acknowledges the grants it has received for its work during 2000 from the Forestry Commission, Millennium Forest for Scotland Trust, Historic Scotland, Grampian Enterprise and Aberdeenshire Council, including the Marr Area Committee and Marr Area Partnership.



A MILLENNIUM PROJECT  
SUPPORTED BY FUNDS  
FROM THE NATIONAL LOTTERY



## Appeal for Support

BCT NEEDS FUNDS to keep its projects going - conserving the Community pinewoods, restoring the Souter's Shop, keeping the Finzean Wood Mills working, developing the School Wood, maintaining the Community Woods, improving the Balfour Woods, looking after Corsedarder...& others.

*You can help with these important projects by sending a donation to BCT and, if you live outside Birse parish, becoming an Associate Member of the Trust.*

The subscription is £20 per year (£25 overseas). Members receive free copies of BCT Updates and other BCT mailings, special opportunities to visit BCT's projects and discounts on BCT's publications and other local products.

## Chairman's Comments

THE START OF THE NEW MILLENNIUM, which was celebrated so marvellously at Corsedarder, also marked an important milestone in BCT's development.

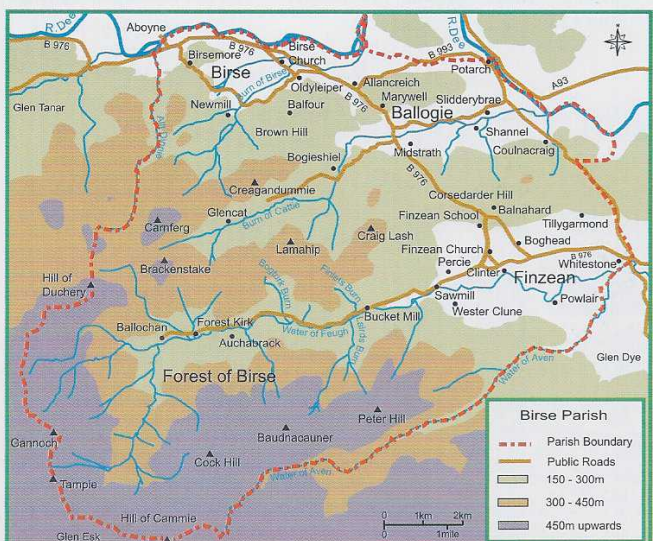
1999 was the Trust's first year of operation and a year very much focused on implementing the Trust's initial plans for the Community pinewoods, Finzean mills and other projects on schedule. Since the New Year, the Trust has started to look more to the future and during the next six months, the Trust will be working with the parish's three Community Associations to involve the local community in shaping the Trust's three year plan for 2001-03.

The Trustees are immensely grateful to the Associations, and community generally, for all their support during BCT's early stages. For our part, we will continue to try and ensure that the Trust achieves the highest standards in all its involvements.

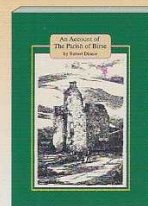
With the public sector placing increasing reliance on local communities meeting their own needs, the progressive partnership that is developing between the Associations and BCT should stand our area in good stead.

Reverend Jack Holt

**Birse Parish** covers over 125 sq.km (50 sq.mls.) of Mid Deeside and has a total population of nearly 700 in c.260 households. The four main parts of the parish that form the basis of BCT's logo are the communities of Finzean, Ballogie and Birse and the largely uninhabited Forest of Birse.



## History of Birse



Copies of the Trust's reprint of Robert Dinnie's classic "Account of Birse Parish" (1865) cost: £8.50 post free (UK only) from BCT, with the special discount price of £7 post free (UK only) for BCT's Ordinary and Associate Members.

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