



Annual Reception

IN NOVEMBER, about 40 people attended the BCT Trustees' annual reception for those most closely involved in working for the Trust and representatives of the Trust's main partners.

In a short address at the reception, Mike Rumbles MSP commented that "As a local resident, I am proud of what Birse Community Trust has achieved. BCT is a fine example of a progressive organisation. It is in the vanguard of community participation in Scotland, and I would hold it up as such to the Parliament's Rural Development Committee".



Mike Rumbles, local member and MSP for West Aberdeenshire.

Acknowledgements

BCT is extremely grateful to everyone whose donations, grants, goodwill and other forms of help have supported BCT so far, including the following organisations for funding during 2002:- Aberdeenshire Council, BP, Demigryphon Trust, Forestry Commission, Historic Scotland, North East Rivers Project, Rural Environment Action Project, Scottish Land Fund, Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department and Scottish Natural Heritage.

BCT Website

Have you looked at the BCT website at birsecommunitytrust@org.uk? BCT continues to make improvements to it.

In addition to information about BCT's projects, the site is regularly updated with other material including the Minutes of the BCT Trustees monthly Board meetings.

Local Maps

BCT has the Ordnance Survey maps of Birse parish on computer and using its Geographic Information System (GIS) software, can produce maps of anywhere in the parish at a range of scales. Labels and other material can also be added to the maps. BCT has already supplied maps to local members for a range of purposes, for example: sponsored walks, grant applications and house directions. If you might like any map or just want to see the scope of what can be produced, please contact the BCT office.

Supporting BCT

Donations

The Trust greatly appreciates any donations, as these are vital in enabling the Trust to take forward its work.

If you might like to leave a legacy to BCT in your will, please contact the BCT office for advice on how to arrange this.

Very Special Buckets

BCT sells at cost the buckets made by Stan Moyes at the Bucket Mill as part of conserving the mill and the skills that go with it. These very special buckets are made out of native pine and only a few are available each year. They cost £75. If you would like to buy one and support the vital work of maintaining the Bucket Mill, please phone the BCT office.



Wood Turned Goods

The photo shows some of the goods made at the Turning Mill by David Duncan and available from BCT:- spurtles, tattie mashers, rolling pins, rounders bats, kitchen roll holders and egg cups.



Associate Membership

Please support BCT and its local projects by becoming an Associate Member of the Trust. The subscription is £20 (£25 overseas) per household for twelve months. Members receive free copies of BCT Updates, other mailings, special opportunities to visit BCT's projects and discounts on BCT's publications.

Joseph Farquharson Prints

BCT has a limited number of copies for sale of the marvellous Joseph Farquharson print below. The prints measure 72 x 50 cm (27 x 20 inches). They cost £25 (£20 BCT members) each post free within the UK or £115 framed (£100 BCT members) from the Old School.



"THE SUN PEEPS O'ER YON SOUTHERN HILLS"

Local Books

The following local history books are available direct from BCT post free within the UK:-

- Robert Dinnie's "An Account of the Parish of Birse" £8.50 (*£7.50 for BCT members*)
- Robin Callander's "History in Birse" £9.75 (*£8.75 for BCT members*)
- "The Statistical Accounts of Birse Parish: 1792, 1842, 1950" £3.95 (*£3.50 for BCT members*)
- David Webster & Gordon Dinnie's "Donald Dinnie" £12.95 (*£10 for BCT members*)
- North East Scotland Family History Society's "The Kirkyard of Birse" £2.25
- Finzean Community Association's "A History of Finzean" £5.00

Internet Access

Come and use the Internet free at the public internet access point in BCT's office at Finzean Old School. For more details, please contact the BCT office.

Computer Skills

BCT has organised its first computer classes – introductory courses on using a computer and how to use the Internet. Both courses have been fully booked. If you might like to join any future course, please contact the BCT office.



One of BCT's computer classes in the former soup kitchen at Finzean Old School.

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