



BCT UPDATE

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Clan Farquharson Visit



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Members of the Clan Farquharson visit The Bucket Mill
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A visit to Finzean, by 65 members of Clan Farquharson, took place during August. The party were welcomed by Donald and Catriona at Finzean House, where coffee was served and a talk given regarding the Clan and the development of Finzean Estate. Later in the Morning a tour was arranged, taking in Corsedarder, Finzean Church and the School Wood, where, at different stops, further talks were given regarding land use, the church and the history of forestry in the valley. The party then proceeded to the hall for lunch. Colonel Alastair Rose very kindly played his pipes during the morning, at Finzean House and Corsedarder.

In the afternoon the Clan visited both Water Mills and greatly appreciated the contribution made by David Duncan, and Mike and Sue from BCT. A walk between the Water Mills, on a glorious summer's day rounded off a most memorable occasion for visitors from all over the world.

Angus Farquharson

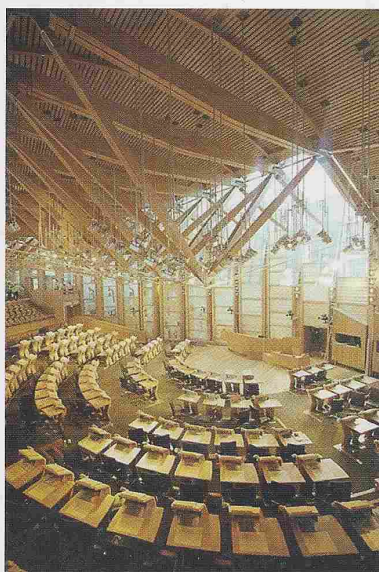


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"The oak timber supplied by Birse Community Trust was used, along with similar high quality oak from 12 other Scottish suppliers, for the flooring in the well of the Parliament Debating Chamber. All the oak was passed to the Debating Chamber fit-out contractor, Mivan Limited, from Northern Ireland, who arranged for the timber to be kilned, re-sawn and machined. Mivan then installed the oak flooring in the well of the Debating Chamber where it blends in well with the MSP desks, which surround the oak floor and the Presiding Officer's desk located on the oak floor".

Jim Fairclough
Holyrood Project Team.

Chairman's Comment

First of all my thanks to all of you who turned up in bad weather to Ballogie Hall and helped to make our AGM such a success. It is most heartening for all of us who are involved in BCT to see how interested our members are in hearing how we are doing.

They say that one of the characteristics of a robust and dynamic organization is its ability to initiate and accept change. BCT has certainly been tested in this respect during the past few months. Those of you who were at the AGM will have heard of the management changes and these have been confirmed and information given on further moves in a recent circular.

New management almost always brings with it a new style and emphasis on what needs to be done. Mike Thornton, even though he doesn't live locally, has already shown a willingness to understand and tackle the problems facing BCT. I am sure that everyone will give him their support and, above all, that our community will give him the opportunity to understand its needs and concerns, so that he can enable BCT to meet its objective of bringing benefits to the Birse Parish.

Jim Gordon
Chairman, September 2004

BCT

BCT is a local community business "to promote the common good of the inhabitants of Birse parish and deliver wider public benefits".

Everyone on the Electoral Registers for the parish is a member of BCT and responsible for electing the Trustees who run BCT on behalf of the community. The Trust is a limited company. Scottish charity (SC28220) and a government approved Local Rural Partnership.

The Trust has been going for 5 years and has taken on a wide range of projects on behalf of the local community. BCT's role in developing and implementing projects as a community business complements the roles of the local Community Associations and Community Councils that cover the parish. BCT is guided by the issues identified by them and works in full partnership with them on its projects.