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"Soup Kitchen" Building Project



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The work to add a traditional style porch to the entrance of the Soup Kitchen has now been completed and enhances this accommodation which is used by those working in the Archive, by people working on projects and as a meetings room. In addition to making the porch and toilet accessible for wheelchair users, a concrete pathway has been constructed around the building to provide access for those unable to manage steps. The steps down to the entrance have been rebuilt and an attractive, yet functional, handrail added. Drainage around the building has been improved and the ground landscaped. This work could not have been achieved without the knowledge, skills and sustained efforts of Doug Gray assisted by Ian Hector.



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Footpaths and Countryside Access



Before and after!
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Work on the approaches to the Fungle path has recently been completed at Balloch in the Forest of Birse. Drainage, resurfacing and fencing has greatly improved access for pedestrians and cyclists along a section of the track which links Finzean and Feughside with the Fungle track south to Tarfside and north to Aboyne. This work was funded by the Eastern Cairngorms Access Project and was also supported by Aberdeenshire Council which supplied surfacing material. Dunecht Estate helped with manpower, machinery and materials. The project was managed by BCT.

Finzean Community Woods



Photo © Jane Bennett

The Under - 5s Group adding a little colour to their Community Wood.

Waymarker at Loch Kinord



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BCT was able to help another ECAP project this summer. The new footpath network around Loch Kinord required 50 waymark posts which we were able to supply in European Larch from Finzean Sawmill. Further orders have followed for a similar project on Deeside and the modest income will be used to help fund ongoing operations and repairs at the mill.

Down in the Forest.....

On 1st April 2006, children from Birse and Ballogie put down roots in a tree-planting morning at Balfour Wood which BCT manages on behalf of Forestry Commission Scotland.

Photo. Young members of the community assisted by BCT's Chairman, Donald Silcock.

