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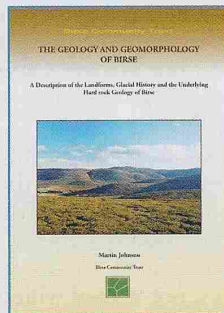
Donations

Donations are vital to the Trust to continue its work. The Trust greatly appreciates any donation large or small. Members who are UK taxpayers may sign a Gift Aid declaration and so increase the value of their contribution to the Trust by 20%. (Forms available)

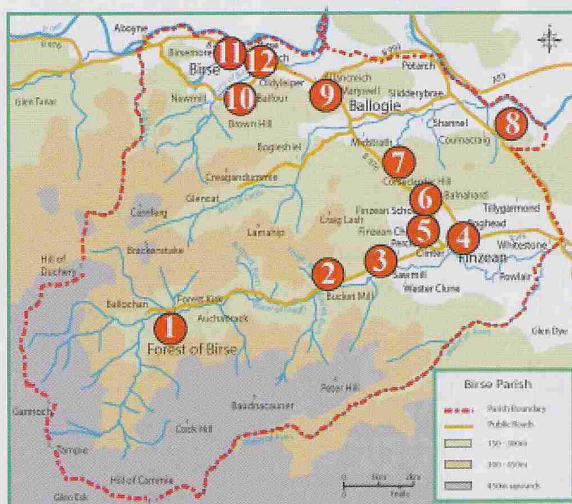
Geology and Geomorphology

Because of the underlying importance of the geology and landscapes of Birse to everyone who lives and works in Birse, BCT asked Dr Martin Johnson (who lives in Birse) to write this booklet describing the rocks, landforms and soils of Birse and how they were formed. Copies of this free booklet can be picked up in the BCT office.

Can be sent by post to a UK address on receipt of 60p in stamps to cover postage. Please remember to include an address.



Birse Parish covers over 125 sq.km (50 sq.mls) of Mid Deeside and has a total population of nearly 750 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. The sites that BCT is directly involved in managing are marked on the map and listed below with the legal basis of that involvement.



1. Forest of Birse Community. c.3750 ha. ancient rights.
2. Bucket Mill. c.1 ha. ownership.
3. Finzean Sawmill. c.1 ha. ownership.
4. Finzean Community Wood. c.15 ha. long-term lease.
5. Finzean School Wood. c.0.3 ha. long-term lease
6. Finzean Old School. c.0.3 ha. ownership.
7. Corsedarder. c.0.3 ha. long term lease.
8. Slewdrum Forest. 168 ha. ownership.
9. Ballogie Soutar's Shop. Building only, ownership.
10. Balfour Wood. c.240 ha. long term agreement.
11. Birse Community Hall. ownership.
12. Historic Birse Kirk. ownership.

Remembrance Day 2006



The year 2006 marked the 85th anniversary of the 1921 dedication of the Birse War Memorial, at Corsedarder and 60th anniversary of inscription of names of those who fell in WWII. At the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 12th November, led by Rev. Jack Holt, Minister of Birse & Feughside Parish Church, it was fitting that, before a large assembly, a wreath was laid by Colonel John Nicol who had given the address back in 1946. A second wreath was laid by Donald Farquharson, laird of Finzean. "The Flowers O' the Forest" was played by young local piper Jim Buchan and the "Last Post", sounded by bugler Andrew Nicol. A short wreath-laying service followed at the war memorial at Birse Kirk.

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