



1. Forest of Birse Community

over 3,750 ha., ancient rights

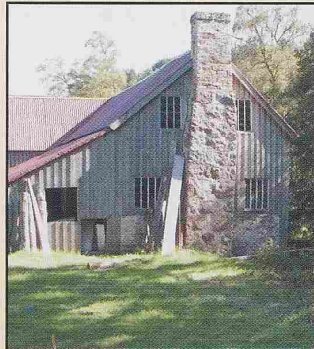
BCT holds ancient rights over the Community on behalf of the community. The pattern of shared legal rights over the Community is unique in Scots law. As part of its involvements, BCT manages the native pinewoods that cover over 550 ha of the Community and are of national importance as part of Scotland's most easterly surviving Caledonia Pinewood. BCT carries out a wide range of management to improve the habitat value of the pinewoods.



2. The Bucket Mill

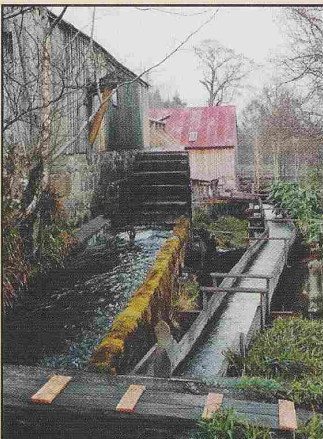
c.1ha., ownership

This water-powered mill dates from the 1850s and has specialised machinery for manufacturing wooden buckets. These are made by Stan Moyes from Scots pine timber selectively felled by BCT in the Community Pinewoods. BCT has carried out extensive repairs and restorations at the Mill, which has no equivalent in the UK and is Grade A Listed.



3. Finzean Sawmill

c.1 ha., ownership



The sawmill site includes two Grade A Listed water-powered mills, the Sawmill and the Turning Mill. The mills are operated by David Duncan, who owns the Turning Mill buildings. Both mills date from the early 19th century and following a major programme of restoration work by BCT at the Sawmill, both are fully operational. BCT cuts timber at mill for community projects and other purposes, including timber in 2002 for the new Scottish Parliament building.

BCT Sites

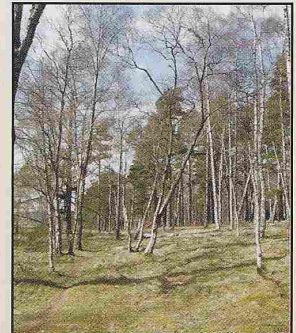
BCT is directly involved in managing twelve sites in Birse parish on behalf of the local community. BCT was immediately involved with nine of the sites when it started in 1999 and the other three sites (nos.6,11,12) followed within two years. BCT became involved with each site because of community concerns over its future. BCT is involved in the twelve sites through a variety of legal arrangements to safeguard and enhance the contribution each site makes to the community's identity, well-being or development.

Map: Birse parish covers over 125 sq.kms (50 sq.mls) of Mid Deeside and has approximately 650 registered voters in 275 households shared between Finzean, Birse and Ballogie.

4. Finzean Community Woods

c.15 ha., long-term lease

This series of mainly native woodlands surrounds Finzean Village and includes a well used 2 km. circular walk. BCT has carried out a wide range of improvements in the Woods, which won the Small Woods Award in the Scotland's Finest Woods competition in 2002. BCT's management has included a sequence of natural heritage projects, including a current biodiversity project.



5. Finzean School Wood

c.0.3 ha., long-term lease

BCT manages the School Wood with Finzean Primary School. Pupils carry out a range of activities in the Wood. During 2008, pupils are recording its plants and animals as part of a biodiversity audit. The Wood, which was extended in 2006, includes a stand of trees planted by school pupils in 1973 and has featured in the Beechgrove Garden TV programme.

