

6. Finzean Old School

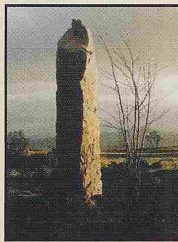
c.0.3ha., ownership

The Old School site has two main buildings. One is the 19th century school building which BCT has renovated to provide its own offices, office units for local businesses and a large presentations / meetings room. The other main building is known as the Soup Kitchen, which has been extensively re-built to make a projects room and environmentally controlled parish archive.



7. Corsedardar

c.0.3 ha, long-term lease

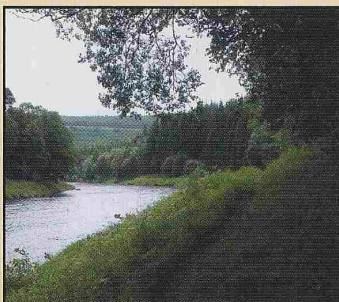


There are three important stone monuments on this prominent site at the highest point on the public roads in the parish: They are the ancient Dardanus Standing Stone, the parish War Memorial and the Birse Millennium Stone. After BCT's restoration of the site, over 300 members of the community attended the Dedication of the Millennium Stone on 1st January 2000.

8. Slewdrum Forest

168 ha., ownership

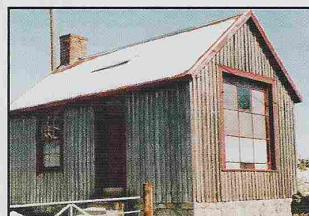
The Forest was Scotland's last surviving Crown Common until it was planted by the Forestry Commission in the 1950s. When BCT became owner of Slewdrum in 2006, it was the first community purchase in Scotland under the National Forest Land Scheme. BCT has started on a long term programme of improvements to the Forest using its subsidiary, the Birse Trading Company.



9. Ballogie Souter's Shop

building only, ownership

Built in 1897 by a local shoe-maker who tenanted the adjacent croft, the Shop remained largely untouched from the Souter's death in 1941 until BCT became owner. BCT has repaired the building and catalogued the contents in detail. The Shop is a very rare surviving example of a traditional rural souter's premises and is managed by BCT as an education resource.



10. Balfour Wood

241 ha., long-term agreement

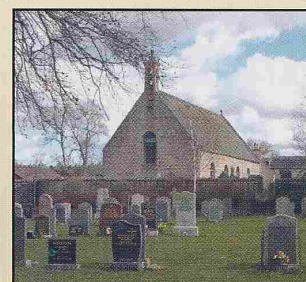
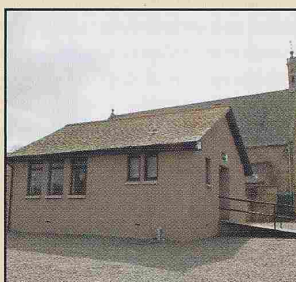
BCT is involved in the management of this Forestry Commission woodland through a pioneering 25 year agreement signed in 2000. Despite some initial progress, community issues remain and BCT is now trying to buy the Wood. Bringing the Wood into community ownership has the potential to deliver greater local and wider public benefits.



11. Birse Hall

c.02 ha., ownership

Formerly the hall for Birse Kirk, this relatively modern building is now the community hall for the Birse area. It is managed under an agreement with BCT by the Birse Area Community Association. BCT's improvements have included tarring the access track. The site also has an old steading where BCT stores historic agricultural machinery and other items.



12. Birse Kirk

c.0.1 ha., ownership

This listed eighteenth century building is the historic parish church of Birse and located on the same site as the earlier church buildings back through the centuries. BCT leases the Kirk to the Ecumenical Trust for Birse Kirk (ETBK). In addition to ETBK's use of the Kirk, it is available to use for weddings, funerals and other appropriate events.