

# Perth and Kinross Tree Wardens' Network Quarterly Newsletter



Native bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)

## Introduction & Welcome

The Perth and Kinross Tree Wardens Network (PKTWN) is part of the Tree Council's Tree Warden scheme. Our volunteers champion trees and woods in their local areas by planting, caring for and surveying trees, and providing early warning of threats. On behalf of the PKTWN Committee I would like to welcome all of our new members to the network, and thank all our existing members for their hard work. - *Julia Henriksson, Hon. Secretary - Events & Membership*

## Chair's Welcome and Thanks

It was strange not to have a proper AGM in April, but thanks to everyone's contribution to the online voting in of the new Executive Officers! Julia has stepped up to the role of Secretary, also looking after membership and events. We welcome Highland Perthshire member Ormungandr Melchizedek as Treasurer. He will also liaise with the Tree Council about the proposed training modules when the time comes.

Very warm thanks are due to both Christopher Dingwall and Jim Low who gallantly held the fort as Treasurer and Secretary for so long. They continue as "ordinary members". New committee members are coming on board - if you would like to fill one of the few remaining places available



### TREE COUNCIL UPDATE

The Tree Council are preparing a set of Tree Wardens' training modules to be launched soon. We hope to bring these to you later this year. New logos for each Tree Wardens' Network are also to come - keep your eyes peeled!



### iRECORD

iRecord is a site for managing and sharing wildlife records. The goal of the site is to make it easier for wildlife sightings to be collated and verified. Sign up at [www.brc.ac.uk/iRecord](http://www.brc.ac.uk/iRecord).

Sessile oak (*Quercus petraea*)

Common lime (*Tilia x europaea*)

please contact me direct.\* A report with the financial statement covering the past two years will also be circulated to members with this newsletter. - Catherine Lloyd, Hon. Chair

## COVID-19 & 2020

Owing to COVID-19, the PKTWN Bluebell Trail Leaflet that was due to be launched in May has unfortunately had to be postponed. We are now working towards launching it in time for next years bluebell blooms. If you have any bluebell photos or sites in Perth and Kinross that you would like the leaflet to feature, contact Julia at [julia.henriks@gmail.com](mailto:julia.henriks@gmail.com).

We hope to organise some events this autumn, including an Ancient Tree Hunt. Outdoor events with social distancing measures can hopefully be organised when we reach Phase 3 of the Scottish Government's lockdown-easing framework. We hope to see you soon!

## Members' Squares

We are preparing new 'members's squares' to define each members local area - your home address circled with a radius boundary of 1 and 2 miles (if an urban area) or 2 and 4 miles (if a rural area). We hope to provide more training events (including the Tree Council's set of training modules) alongside the launch of the members' squares to support you in caring for trees in your local area (within the larger or smaller boundary depending on which suits you



Giant redwood (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*)

best). Each member will receive their own individual map shortly - stay tuned!

## Redwood World

Three types of redwoods are found in the UK: Giant redwood (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*); coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*); and dawn redwood (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*). Check out [www.redwoodworld.co.uk](http://www.redwoodworld.co.uk) for more information and a list of UK redwoods. We encourage Tree Wardens to highlight any new redwoods discovered in your patch to us and add them to the Redwood website. This is also a great example of how the forthcoming Member's Squares can be used.

## P&K TPO Resource

Perth & Kinross Council has a very useful Tree Preservation Order resource which can be found at [www.pkc.gov.uk/heritagemap](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/heritagemap). If you are unsure whether a local tree has a TPO on it, you can check it on this interactive map!

## ZoomIn2 - A MONTHLY TIME-LAPSE PROJECT

**Do you have a favourite tree you would like to study throughout the seasons?** The Tayside Biodiversity Partnership recently relaunched the photography project 'ZoomIn2'. To get involved, take a photograph of your chosen subject and submit it to [web@zoomin2.co.uk](mailto:web@zoomin2.co.uk). Go back to the same spot each month and repeat the process until you have a year's worth of photos. These can then be made into a time-lapse showing you the seasons changing! Photos will be displayed at [www.zoomin2.co.uk](http://www.zoomin2.co.uk).



Yew (*Taxus baccata*)

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