

Perth and Kinross Tree Wardens' Network Quarterly Newsletter

Introduction & Covid-update

The PKTWN Executive Committee Officers all hope you are staying safe and well in these continued unprecedented times. It will come as no surprise, perhaps, that as Covid numbers in Scotland and beyond continue to rise, we have made the difficult decision not to run any of the planned on-site events.

We are hoping to organise some practical tree planting events early next year, though, and until then very much hope you will join us on social media (keep your eyes peeled for some fun tree-themed competitions this autumn/winter!). Importantly, we can continue to carry out a lot of our Tree Warden work virtually – and make some positive plans for 2021. Please follow our Facebook page if you haven't done so already! facebook.com/PerthandKinrossTreeWardens.

- *Julia Henriksson, Hon. Secretary - Events & Membership*



The Fortingall Yew

Chair's Update

The Tree Council's training modules for all Tree Wardens will be launched at the beginning of 2021. We will be invited to undertake seven core modules which will help bring us all up to date – and introduce the Network to new members. The training is likely to be online, but a second normal phase is planned in the future. We are also very grateful to the Tree Council as our Network's annual membership fee will not need to be renewed this autumn: because of the Covid-19 restrictions we have been given free membership up to April 2021.

In the meantime 20+ local schools have shown an interest in applying for the Tree Council's free Orchards for Schools Fruit Tree or Hedgerow Pack – we will be able to get involved in the projects as they progress. Further details: <https://treecouncil.org.uk/schools-and-education/orchards-for-schools/#apply>.

And last but not least, the Tree Council's Tree Warden Scheme has



BSS LECTURE: SCOTTISH LAND USE

Back in September, the Botanical Society Scotland hosted a virtual event featuring Dr Helen Armstrong, who reviewed the land use history of the Scottish uplands. The video is available to watch by clicking [here](#) (the lecture starts at 08:10).

WEBINAR: TREES IN STONEHOUSE

The Arboricultural Association recently hosted a fascinating talk. It shows just what a keen local community anywhere can achieve for their trees – to watch the webinar click [here](#) (the Stonehouse History Group's website is [here](#)).

turned 30! Dedicated Tree Wardens all across the UK have championed their local trees in so many different ways – and plan to do so in the future. Here's the link to enjoy a 2 minute "thank you" video: <https://treecouncil.org.uk/tree-council-says-a-tree-mendous-thank-you-to-tree-wardens-on-30th-anniversary/>.

Our own Network will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2023 so let's work towards our vision of doubling our membership, planting and caring for more trees and widening the scope of what we want to achieve. Here's to a productive 2021! - *Catherine Lloyd, Hon. Chair*



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The Tree Council's new brand and website (www.treecouncil.org.uk) were recently launched. Each of the 150+ tree warden groups across the UK now has its own matching personalised branding, and we are excited to share with you our new logo. It shows a bold orange theme that will feature on all forthcoming Tree Warden resources. We would

like to take this opportunity to thank Christopher Dingwall, former Hon. Treasurer and long-term Tree Warden, for the logo that we had the pleasure to use for almost a decade.

Great Scottish Squirrel Survey 2020

The results from the Great Scottish Squirrel Survey will be published by December by Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels, at scottishsquirrels.org.uk/great-scottish-squirrel-survey. Thank you if you took part!



Walk: The Five Hills of the Kinnoull Hill Woodland Park

Long-term Tree Warden and Kinnoull Hill Woodland Park Group member David Wood was planning to take us on a walk of the five hills of the woodland park this autumn, but owing to the situation with Covid we cannot do the walk as a group. Instead, he came up with the brilliant idea to record the walk and share it with everyone to enjoy individually. Please click [here](#) to access the walk!

ZoomIn2 - A MONTHLY TIME-LAPSE PROJECT

Do you have a favourite tree you would like to study throughout the seasons?

The Tayside Biodiversity Partnership have relaunched the photography project 'ZoomIn2'. To get involved, take a photograph of your chosen subject and submit it to 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.



FREE E-BOOK: PINELANDS

Scotland: The Big Picture have created a lovely new e-book on the Scottish Caledonian Forest. Download for free or choose to support the cause with a donation at www.scotlandbigpicture.com/Store/ebooks/ebook-pinelands.

Help put Ancient Trees on the Map

Although we hope Judy Dowling can lead another ATI training day for us next year, Tree Wardens are, in the meantime, welcome to record ancient or old trees on your own (just not in groups). More than 160,000 trees have been included in the Inventory so far, but many more entries are needed. By adding local trees to the UK-wide Inventory we can celebrate and help protect our most important (and vulnerable) trees. Check www.ati.woodlandtrust.org.uk for details on how to add local trees, plus read the latest blogs - and discover which trees are already on the inventory.

Meet our Student Intern

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our student intern Jakki Jackson to

the network. Jakki studies Environmental Science at the University of the Highlands and Islands and will be helping us promote the PKTWN and the Tree Council Tree Warden Scheme to students in related degree programmes (Environmental Science and Forestry, for example). She has already organised a successful Study Skills session on tree planting and care, inviting our Hon. Chair Catherine to deliver a presentation on the PKTWN and the Tree Warden Scheme, as well as a number of speakers from other organisations, such as Scottish Forestry's Mike Strachan. Thank you Jakki!



TW Conference 2020: Taking Action for Healthy Trees

The annual Tree Council Tree Warden Conference took place in September this year. During the three hour conference, a wide range of speakers shared information on all things trees - such as plant health, pests and diseases, and public engagement in trees and planting. The schedule of talks was as follows:

- 10.00 **Welcome** - Sara Lom, CEO The Tree Council
- 10.10 **Plant Health Update** - Prof Nicola Spence, Chief Plant Health Officer, Defra
- 10.30 **Hearts and Minds: Talking Trees with the Public** - Prof Jonathan Drori, CBE, Author & Environmentalist
- 11.10 **Tree pests and diseases** - Ana Perez-Sierra, Forest Research/ Observatree
- 11.45 **Make trees matter in your community** - Sam Village, National TWS Coordinator, The Tree Council
- 12.05 **Young Tree Champions** - Richard Pollard, National Schools Programme Manager, Tree Council
- 12.15 **The future for trees** - Jon Stokes, Director of Trees, Science & Research, The Tree Council
- 12.35 **Question & answer session**

Watch the recording at www.youtu.be/9HOJ0zurglg