

Training Events 2014/15

| Course  | Date                      | Location                    | Number of attendees |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Ancient woodland restoration (led by RDI/Woodland Trust)                                | 8th October 2014          | Cawdor                      | 40+                 |
| Farm resilience (led by SAOS)   | 22nd Oct 2014             | Aviemore                    | 7                   |
| Non-vehicular Bridge inspection with Geoff Freedman                                     | 30th Oct 2014             | Crown Estate                | 14                  |
| Getting the most from Farm woodland - Ruthven Farm tour                                 | 5th Nov 2014              | Glenlivet                   | 10                  |
| Gaelic in the Landscape with Roddy Maclean  | 19th Nov and 3rd Dec 2014 | CNPA Office                 | 60                  |
| DSCI Assessment with the Stalking School (part self-learning)                           | 16th Nov 2014             | Aberlour                    | 6                   |
| DSCI Assessment with the British Deer Society (part self-learning)                      | 26th Nov 2014             | Dalmunzie Estate            | 5                   |
| Grandfather rights pesticide use Level 2 Award, self-learning and assessment (Ringlink) | Oct 2014 to end 2015      | at home/farm                | 3                   |
| Montane scrub restoration (Cairngorms Nature led)                                       | 4th Dec 2014              | Glenmore Lodge, Aviemore    | 26                  |
| Doric and Gaelic in the Landscape (CNPA led)  | 11 March 2015             | Finzean Hall, South Deeside | 37                  |
| Ancient woodland restoration (led by RDI/Woodland Trust)                                | 14 April 2015             | Alvie Estate, Kincaig       | 35                  |
|   |                           | <b>Total</b>                | <b>243</b>          |

Training Events 2015/16

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| Wood ants, awareness and identification (with Hayley Wiswell, CNPA) | 3rd June 2015       | Glenmore                | 6                   |
| Wood ants, awareness and identification (with Hayley Wiswell, CNPA) | 10th June 2015      | Mar Lodge               | 7                   |
| Forest Management for priority species (with Kenny Kortland, FCS)   | 19th May 2015       | Glenmore                | 17                  |
| Forest Management for priority species (with Kenny Kortland, FCS)   | 2nd June            | Ballater                | 24                  |
| DSC   Ladies only (with LLTNP and the Stalking School)              | 25/26 June 2015     | Creag Meagaidh NNR      | 4                   |
| Sheep Shearing (with the British Wool Board)                        | 25/26 June 2015     | Ballintomb Farm         | 9                   |
| Rush control and waders (with RSPB and the Soil Assn)               | 5 Nov 15            | Kincraig/Dalnavert Farm | 13                  |
| Biological recording workshop (Cairngorms Nature led)               | 24 October 15       | Boat of Garten          | 30                  |
| Ticks and Lyme disease (with GWCT, CNPA led)                        | 18 Nov 2015         | Strathdon               | 120                 |
| DSC   Ladies only (with the Stalking School)                        | 18/19 Nov 15        | Aberlour                | 4                   |
| Grandfather rights pesticide spraying training (farmer led)         | 16 Dec 15           | Glenlivet village hall  | 5                   |
| Lambing (CNPA led)  | Fri 11th March 2016 | Balliefurth Farm        | 11                  |
|   |                     | <b>Total</b>            | <b>250</b>          |

| Course   | Date                         | Location                         | Purpose  | Status                                  |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|
| LANTRA tree survey and inspection (with Mark Robinson, CNPA/ranger led)            | Fri 13 May                   | Deeside - Glen Tanar             | Basic level training for forestry sector, rangers, outdoor activity leaders, etc, partly in response to danger of unsafe trees following Deeside flood damage.   | Completed, 13 attended                  |
| National Plant Monitoring Scheme survey training (Plantlife)                       | Sat 4 June                   | Glen Tanar                       | To encourage volunteers to take part in national data collection project to ensure the Park is well represented.   | confirmed                               |
| Ancient woodland restoration (led by RDI/Woodland Trust)                           | Tues 7 June                  | Mar Estate                       | To encourage landowners to manage valuable woodlands to restore and enhance biodiversity, including other benefits, sources of support and funding, peer support, etc.   | confirmed                               |
| Spey Catchment Initiative - the next five years (SCI led)                          | Mon 20 June                  | Boat of Garten hall              | Stakeholder event to present a review of SCI's work since 2003, learn about priority issues affecting the Spey catchment and seek input into the new catchment plan.   | confirmed                               |
| Cairngorms Forests - where next? (Cairngorms Nature led, with FCS)                 | Tue 28 June                  | Lonach Hall, Strathdon           | This year's Cairngorms Nature seminar - aimed at attracting a large audience of land managers to explore opportunities for woodland expansion. Will include launch of main issues consultation for NPPP 2018-2023.   | confirmed                               |
| Sheep Shearing (with the British Wool Board)                                       | Thur 30 June and Fri 1 July  | Ballintomb Farm, Strathspey      | Repeat of popular, practical course not otherwise offered locally, at subsidised cost. Will help retain critical skills in area.   | confirmed                               |
| Bracken control (with the Bracken Control Group and GWCT)                          | Tues 12 July                 | Auchnerran Farm, Logie Coldstone | A practical look at a current range of options for bracken management to better address an issue common to many land managers, including several alternatives to spraying.   | confirmed                               |
| Sustainable Upland Beef Farming (with the Moredun Research Institute)              | Wed 20 July                  | Ballindalloch Estate             | Promoting environmentally and economically sustainable upland beef production in Park, expert panel speaking on biosecurity, infertility, forage, etc and discussion, including visit to local herd.   | confirmed                               |
| Rush control Finale/conference (with the Soil Association)                         | late August                  | Kincraig/Aviemore tbc            | Event to present findings of 3 years plus field labs to investigate rush control techniques, soil improvement, etc within the park and at other Scottish locations. Project has emphasised a sustainable, wildlife-friendly approach.  | under development                       |
| Ladies DSCI (with the Stalking School)   | Sat 3 and Sun 4 Sept         | Ballindalloch                    | Has proved a popular way to encourage women to learn to stalk in a supportive, friendly, environment.  | confirmed                               |
| Gaelic- Nature in the landscape (with Roddy Maclean)                               | 7, 20 and 28 Sept            | Atholl, Strathspey, Deeside      | Building on previous well-attended Gaelic training, to promote wider appreciation of the natural and cultural heritage of the Park, and interpretation of the historic natural environment through traditional names.  | Dates confirmed, venues to be arranged. |
| Grampian and Highland Police Partnerships for Wildlife Crime – Stakeholder Seminar | Last week Oct/first week Nov | Boat of Garten hall              | Raise awareness amongst partners and stakeholders, working towards improved crime detection and prevention across northern Scotland. Joint event with Grampian Police and Northern District police to help initiate a northern PAWS group and stronger police links across Park. | under development                       |
| <b>Under Discussion for Later in Year</b>  |                              |                                  |  |   |
| Deer - notifiable diseases, humane dispatch  |                              |                                  |  |   |
| Peatland Restoration Project site visits   |                              |                                  |  |   |
| Tree health incl. biosecurity, field surveying, stock management, risk in CNP      |                              |                                  |  |   |
| Natural Flood Management   |                              |                                  |  |   |

