

NEWS IN BRIEF

Antisocial activities

We're sorry to say that antisocial behaviour still continues on the Moss.

- At the beginning of April, one of our members encountered a huge pile of rubbish - drink cans, paper, plastic sheeting, plastic bags, with signs of a fire – in an area in the north woods just off the main path. She cleared a full bag of the rubbish but there was still quite a lot left. Mugdock Volunteers cleared up the rest, including litter, plastic, a tent and four chairs.
- The plastic in the new notice board at the top of Heather Drive has been scratched. This, after we painted out the earlier graffiti on the frame.
- Drug paraphernalia was found in an area at the back of Lenzie Meadow School.
- A huge length of blue plastic tubing was found alongside the railway path. It looked as if it had originally contained copper wire inside which had been stripped out.
- The end piece off the notice board at the end of Hawthorn Ave. has been wrenched off and, in spite of valiant attempts to find it, remains lost.

We always report such activities to the Community Police, but if you see any signs of suspicious activities yourself, you can phone the police directly on 101. Please do.

On a lighter note...

- Meadow pipits have been seen soaring above a ground nest near the boardwalk.



- At the beginning of April, a member reported seeing a lot of frog spawn in the pools on the Moss. The presence of amphibians perhaps explains the sight of a heron in a wet area close to the path by Fern Ave.



- We've also noticed a very industrious crow apparently upending the recent wild flower plugs at the top of Heather Drive. It was spotted tossing out a small clump of soil and then pecking about in the resulting hole, presumably for insects. Nature bests man!
- 27 June – "yesterday afternoon there was a pair of cuckoos calling to each other between woodlands on the Moss. I hope they will stay there, undisturbed." (Anna). 28 June – "heard again" (David & Bob)

Membership

We are very grateful for your support, which is vital to us in our work of protecting this outstanding local greenspace; so please continue your membership, and persuade others to become Friends of Lenzie Moss too.

Annual Membership fees are:

- **Single, retired or unwaged £7**
- **Family £12**

Subscriptions cover the year 1st April until 31st March the following year. For this you will receive twice-yearly Newsletters, and will be notified of events and activities concerning the Moss. (A reduced fee applies for anyone joining mid-year.)

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friends of Lenzie Moss

Summer 2017

The Friends of Lenzie Moss is a voluntary association dedicated to conserving the Moss for the benefit of present and future generations by all possible means: through education, liaison with official bodies, and appropriate environmental management.

Lenzie Moss as you've never seen it before

These are a couple of the photos taken earlier this year by a drone. We have a whole series of these and you can see them on our website www.friendsoflenziemoss.org.uk. Many thanks to John Hooper for the use of his drone and for taking the photos.



Inside Lane

The ArtWalk* created an art engagement project for Lenzie entitled 'Inside Lane' ('lane' as in "lene-onion" which comes from Gaelic "lèan" - meadow, swampy plain). This was formed around an enquiry into the use of the local public space. It brought together a series of events which took place during May and June: artists' installations, temporary street interventions, writings, photography and conversations, working with artists Jacqueline Donachie, Nathalie Holbrook, Deirdre Macleod, Rosy Naylor, and City of Play. It drew upon transitions through Lenzie and its surrounding areas of Woodilee and Lenzie Moss. The project's aim was to connect up disparate, sometimes hidden, lost spaces, inviting the public to think about their ways through their public space, relating to local resident, pedestrian, cyclist and car user.

Activities were:-

Event Popup: On 20th May there was a popup drop-in event outside Billington's on Kirkintilloch Road.

Event Newspaper was circulated around the local shops and library.

Jacqueline Donachie, contemporary artist living in Lenzie, wrote a feature article for their art newspaper entitled 'The circle of park and run'.

Deirdre Macleod's 'Common Ground' was installed in places around Lenzie, Lenzie Moss and Woodilee.

The City of Play 'Mirror bridge' chalk-work marked the site of the old Mirror Bridge by Lenzie Station,

Nathalie Holbrook's Tree Orb and Band were installed on Lenzie Moss. The installations were created out of natural materials and were designed to decay over time.

For more information:

Tw | Fb | Instagram @artwalkporty #insidelane
Other tags: Deirdre Macleod: #commongroundlenzie City of Play: #mirrorbridge

The project was supported by Sustrans Scotland and East Dunbartonshire Council, who are working on developing the public space of the centre of Lenzie for 2018/19. The Friends of Lenzie Moss also gave their support.

**Art Walk Projects produces and curates projects working with local communities and public spaces. They nurture emergent artists working within contemporary practice, and commission perceptive and imaginative works that draw upon the local environment, local history, and local communities, presented within a contemporary context. Audiences are encouraged to engage with the artists' works through a process of learning, informing and participation.*



AGM 12 June 2017

At our AGM on 12 June we heard reports from our Chairman and the Mugdock Rangers of the various activities which took place over the previous 12 months. The accounts were approved and officers for the coming 12 months elected. A copy of the Minutes is enclosed with this newsletter.

After the business meeting we were very pleased to welcome Toby Wilson, Senior Conservation Officer at the RSPB, who gave us an illustrated talk on peatland conservation and birds of peatlands.

Out and About...

- On 2 March one of our members presented an illustrated talk to the Lenzie Cub pack on conservation



work on Lenzie Moss. Some of the cubs and their parents subsequently turned up at the following Conservation Day on 18 March to help the volunteers with a litter pick. Very wet day, but handy to have smaller bodies to reach some of the trickier areas! The cubs were working towards their Environmental Conservation badge.



- On 4 April one of our members presented a slide show and informal talk about Lenzie Moss to the Tuesday Club at St. James The Less church in Bishopbriggs. This was based on some of the many lovely photos we have of the Moss. The show took the audience on a virtual walk round the circular path on the Moss, and then illustrated the Moss's specialised flora and fauna, the learning and conservation activities, and lastly one or two slides about the Friends of Lenzie Moss, and quotations from local people about what they value the Moss for.