

friends of Lenzie Moss

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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.

Bug hunting 2013



Beavers on path work 2017



Harry Potter broom-making 2017



Making bird & bat boxes 2015



Christmas wreath-making 2018



Wildflower planting 2018



LOOKING BACK
We're still in the middle of a rather bleak time but hopefully we can look forward to better times ahead. Activities on the Moss are still in abeyance but we thought we should celebrate happier times by reminding ourselves of some of the activities over the years. On this page we enjoy looking back at some of the children's activities.

SNH Wetlands Day 2013



Paul leading a group of Project Ability members on a guided walk 2015



Not forgetting the adults, over the years we have enjoyed guided walks over the Moss about,

- its history
- its wild flowers
- its birdsong
- its medicinal plants
- its fungi
- its peat
- its conservation importance

And just as important, the enjoyment of a simple walk with family and friends, or a seat to admire the view

Peat coring 2012



Family walks 2015



Fungus Amungus 2018



Pause for a rest 2015



Birch clearing by hand 2009



CONSERVATION
 Conservation work on the Moss is an ongoing activity, and we must pay tribute to the dedicated band of Rangers and volunteers who give their time and efforts to conserve Lenzie Moss for us all. Older members will recall “birch bashing” to curb the encroachment of birch saplings which dried out the Moss. These proliferated following the commercial extraction of peat between the end of WW2 and the mid 1960s. There is much more protection now with the advent of Scotland’s National Peatland Plan, which recognises the value of peat bogs for storing greenhouse gases. Extensive mechanical birch clearing was undertaken in 2014 with a Grant from SNH, and dams have been installed to hold back rain water and regenerate the bog. Mature peat acts like a sponge and can hold 10 times its own weight, slowing down the rate of run-off.

Path repairs in the north woods 2019



Large dams being installed 2013

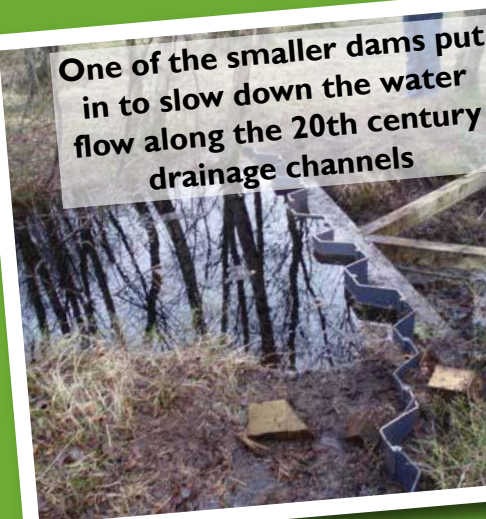


New sphagnum moss growth

Widening the boardwalk 2014



One of the smaller dams put in to slow down the water flow along the 20th century drainage channels



And of course we shouldn’t forget the hours and hours put in by volunteers and the Rangers to maintain the paths round the Moss, repair the boardwalk, and clear litter.

A group of volunteers from Morgan Stanley repairing paths 2018



Green hairstreak butterfly 2007



Fungi on trees alongside
Bea's Path 2017



Nationally rare
bog rosemary



Over the years you've sent us many photos of the wildlife seen on the Moss: the deer, the birds, the amphibians, the flowers and the fungi.

Plus, your photos of the Moss and the hills beyond; views which give us all pleasure. Lenzie Moss - an asset to treasure.

Roe deer 2020



Common hawker dragonfly 2011



The Moss in winter 2007

