



A2.1 Kinneil Estate Woodland Reborn

Project Overview:	<p>This project delivered the first phase of the Kinneil Woods Long Term Forest Plan (LTFP), a 20 year strategic plan that provides a phased approach for the management and restructuring of Kinneil Woods in Falkirk through felling, thinning and replanting of trees. The site is one of five remaining historic estates in the Inner Forth area and encapsulates the layers of history that can be explored within the landscape.</p> <p>Works though this IFLI project were an essential step towards the woodland being brought into sustainable management. It involved re-structuring compartments through felling, restocking and natural regeneration. Some panoramic views as per the intention of the original designed planting were reinstated and specimen trees were planted on historic design lines.</p>
Project lead organisation and other organisations involved:	<p>Lead: CSGNT</p> <p>Falkirk Council, Falkirk Community Trust and Friends of Kinneil</p>
Project Location:	<p>Kinneil Woods, Kinneil Estate, Bo'ness (Falkirk)</p> <p>NS 980800</p>
Project dates	<p>October 2014 – March 2015, IFLI Year 1.</p>

Project Outputs

Measure	Target	Delivered	Notes
Woodland Planting	14ha	14ha	
School guided walk	n/a	1	Not an original target.
Number of primary school pupils engaged	n/a	40	Not an original target

What difference has this project made to the built, cultural and natural heritage of the Inner Forth?

By improving woodland biodiversity through planting native species, increasing tree age diversity, managing deadwood and controlling non-native species, the natural heritage of the site has been greatly improved.

In addition to this, the cultural heritage of the Inner Forth area has also been enhanced. This has been done by replanting trees on historic design lines, reinstating views as per the original plans for the site, re-establishing policy type woodland in key locations and increasing safety by removing deadwood from trees around Kinneil House.

What difference has this project made to people?

This project has delivered the first phase of the LTFP, which during its creation was subject to community consultation and comment. During the project, two Primary 6 classes from Bo'ness Public Primary visited the site to learn about sustainable management of forests in the UK and compared this with management of tropical forests abroad.

Kinneil Estate is one of three 'Strategic Parks' within the Falkirk area, and attracts visitors from a wide geographic area as well as serving as a tourist attraction. By undertaking works within the LTFP, the site will be safer with fewer wind-damaged trees and the restructured woodland may increase tourists to the area and improve its economic standing. Woodland works have additionally opened up views from the woods towards the River Forth, reconnecting people with lost sightlines.

Useful Links

Works were captured by Huck Finn Imagery:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSfgQq4HWJg&list=UUWpb226xBI1Y05uB1ABJehQ>

Project details on the IFLI website: <http://www.innerforthlandscape.co.uk/projects/conserving-restoring/kinneil-estate-woodland-reborn>

CSGNT Press Release: <http://www.csgnt.org.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/55-work-starts-to-safeguard-future-of-kinneil-woods>

Woodland works details on the Falkirk Community Trust website:

<http://www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org/venues/kinneil-estate/woodlands-work.aspx>

Future Plans

There will be a need to maintain the replanted woodland until it is established through a programme of chemical/hand weeding; shelter maintenance; beat-up planting; and open ground maintenance. An allowance will need to be made for any follow on emergency tree works.

Maintenance will be carried out through CSGNT on behalf of Falkirk Community Trust for the first 5 years to ensure tree establishment. After this period, maintenance will be passed back to FCT. Details of this will be negotiated with Falkirk Community Trust as part of the CSGNT Client Agreement.

Photographic Evidence

Inner Forth Landscape Initiative End of Project Report

Before management work was carried out



After woodland management works



Before management work was carried out



After management work was carried out



Photos thanks to CSGNT.

Funding Partners

**Funding raised by
The National Lottery**
and awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund

