

DCWG
WOODLAND CODE

.....For your notice board.....

LOCHEND WOOD is owned by the community of Dunbar.
Transfer of ownership was completed on 26 April 07.

DCWG was set up in 2000 to manage and care for Lochend Woods, for the benefit of the whole community. We are a voluntary group, affiliated to the Community Woodlands Association, registered in Scotland as a charity. Membership is open to all, and we operate in a spirit of goodwill and cooperation.

We operate on behalf of the

DUNBAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, which is chaired by Cllr Norman Hampshire, and is based at Hallhill Healthy Living Centre.

This code is based on guidelines issued by the Woodland Trust, and outlines how you may co-exist with your neighbours – the trees.

- Our forestry expert will carry out regular inspections for dangerous trees. They will be dealt with by tree surgeons contracted by us, and you will be informed when work is due to take place near your property..
- If you witness any malicious damage or unnecessary felling of trees, please do not hesitate to contact us. (details below). We have a collective duty to protect healthy trees.
- If you are concerned about any trees which border your property – whether you consider them to be dangerous or in poor condition, please do contact us for advice.
- If you are concerned about overhanging branches encroaching on your property, the legal position is that householders may only cut back any limbs overhanging their property, back to the vertical projection above their boundary fence, and that they should then return the timber to the woodland.
- **Please note that anyone found to be damaging trees in the woodland may be prosecuted.**

Encroachment in the woods. East Lothian Council Planning Enforcement Officers will not allow such practice. This is no different to encroaching on a neighbour's garden.

Please be reassured that the Dunbar Community Development Company carries Public Liability insurance. If your property sustains any damage by trees and branches, for example in storms and gales, this should be covered by your own home insurance.

Please note that DCWG is a charity, and is not in a position to cover the cost of damages to your property.

YOUR WOODLAND NEEDS YOU!!

Ways you can help:

Become a member! ... Join the committee!

Help in the woods!!

- Are you good with finance? ... Are you good with plants?
Do you do DIY/woodwork? ... can you build bird-boxes?
Can you use a chainsaw? ... Do you love wildlife?
Do you have knowledge of birds? ... Conservation work?
Do you know about wild food and herbal remedies?
Do you love the outdoors? ... like meeting positive people?
Enjoy helping the community? ... Is music your thing?
Are you an artist? ... Do you write stories?

...then Dunbar Woodland Group is for you.

CONTACT: for info, DCWG Community Liaison, Isobel Knox on 01368 863239, or convenordcwg@gmail.com
Or to join (£5/£10) - Membership Secretary, Andy Morris, 18 John Muir Crescent, EH42 1EN; www.dunbarwoods.org



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'FOR TREES, FOR WILDLIFE, FOR PEOPLE'

NEWSLETTER

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Lochend Wood Awarded
Runner-up Prize in
'Scotland's Finest Woods'
competition

Isobel Knox receives the prize on behalf of DCWG from Stewart Stephenson MSP, Environment Minister, at the Highland Show, in June.



The judges were impressed with our commitment to community engagement and our programme of improvements to the woods, funded by Forestry Commission Scotland.

More info at

www.dunbarwoods.org

see reverse for WOODLAND CODE & contacts

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2011, at 7.30pm

At DUNBAR LIBRARY.

If you care about your local environment, please come along, to find out more, or GET INVOLVED!!