

DCWG WOODLAND CODE

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!!

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: 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

**DCWG currently needs a
TREASURER - Can you help??**



DUNBAR COMMUNITY WOODLAND GROUP

'FOR TREES, FOR WILDLIFE, FOR PEOPLE'

NEWSLETTER

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The LEARNING WOOD

Gains (and losses)

At the clear fell area, Kellie Road



A big old sycamore, down in the storm, is tidied up and made safe. None of the saplings were damaged.

30th October 2011 was planting day for our new Learning Wood. This was a joint project with DCWG and Scottish Native Woods. 600 baby trees – 30 different species were planted in clusters of 20, with name labels. (This will help us all with tree identification!) Thanks to all who came to help the committee. The remaining 150 trees were put in on Saturday 28 January. As the little trees grow and mature, their educational value will grow with them.

Please join us for the

ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN

Plus...

SALE OF FIREWOOD LOGS

Sunday 26th FEBRUARY, 1pm

meet at 'THE STONE'

(corner of Kellie & Middlemass Roads)

Litter-grabber wands will be supplied

Bin bags will be supplied – (by ASDA)

Please bring your own protective gloves.

Helpers always appreciated

Join in with this popular family activity!

(Firewood sale is for raising funds to cover the high cost of making the woods safe after the gales)

25 Trees Down in the Gales on 3rd January

Cleaning up after the storm. Most were pines, and a few sycamores and yew came down too. Some trees had their tops blown off! Below, a blown down tree is cleared from the path near the Yew Circle by the bridge.



This house had a lucky escape. Fortunately, help was at hand for the householder.. ▲
This Scots Pine came down at 10am on 3rd January – the very time that we had planned to continue the tree planting in the Learning Wood at Kellie Road



**Chainsaw
dangling
from belt!**



Tree Surgeon Gary, – high up in a shogly pine tree, taking it down in stages. Weakened by the storm, its root plate was tilting up and the weight of the tree was over a house. Gary had 2 days of remedial work to make the woods **safe**. To raise funds to cover the cost of work, we will be selling firewood.

Shave Horse Construction

at Harestanes, Borders. The Community Woodland Association has secured funding to run a course (fully booked) for making these for Dunbar woods



..... so that we can make stools, like these below (and a host of other things) here in Dunbar



Look out for greenwood work days over the summer months. Its GREAT FUN!!

The Great Bench Mystery...



30th Oct – bench installed at JM Stone Corner.
5th Nov (approx) bench removed by vandals.
20th Jan (approx) bench reinstated ..by vandals.. ???

Do you have info that would solve this mystery???
Contact Isobel on 863239

NB - There will be no formal BELTANE EVENT this year, but why not join the committee at 5am on MAY 1st, to wash your face in the morning dew! It'll set you up for the summer.