

7 **Fallen Tree on Holmehill Core Path**

Richard Barron, Access Officer for Stirling Council, has written to say he will arrange for the council maintenance team to remove the tree, hopefully by end March.

Events and Initiatives

- **Environmental surveys** CS continues to do these regularly and posts them on the blog. Chiffchaffs and a swallow have been seen - very early in the season. CS
- **Fling by the River** a 2 day event this year, but it was agreed to be there just on 28 May. SM contacted the owl group, but got no reply. CC had met and been impressed by an environmental artist called Kevin Blackwell who makes life sized animal sculptures out of branches, woven willow etc. We liked this idea and agreed to ask CC to explore this further. LS, CC and SM will coordinate, but as many members as possible will be needed to erect the marquee and 'man' it, probably on a rota basis. CC/SM/LS
- **Litter Pick** DDT Environment Group is organising one on Saturday 16 April, and we will encourage Holmehill members to join in and litter pick on Holmehill. LH will liaise with DDT. LH
- **Dawn Chorus.** Will be held again on Sunday 8 May as agreed at last meeting. CS/CW/LS
- **Flora Day** Steve McGrail is unable to lead this. CC may be prepared to do this, possibly 4/5 June so we can advertise it at The Fling. If she is unable we may ask Debbie Long from Plantlife. Suggested 2 hours on hill followed by soup and rolls in Braeport. CC/LH
- **Blues Night** Victoria Hall has been booked for Saturday 12 November. DT/SM
- **Wildlife Photography Workshop** CS to contact Lyn Bowser at Argaty to see if she would run a workshop. CS

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Website and Blog DT agreed to re-design. All HH members to be asked to look at the Website and blog and to send comments to LH [to forward to DT] by the end of April. Comments will be welcomed on such aspects as what they liked/disliked about the site, what was easy/difficult to locate and use, what new material might be included, what could be left off or archived, etc. DT would then return to the next Committee meeting with proposals as to how to take this forward so as to be able to redesign the site (and blog), having met and discussed with Richard Bland, Grant and any others knowledgeable in the meanwhile. He welcomed the offer of help with the website from Richard Bland. DT

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AOCB none

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Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 7 June in Archie Craig Room, Leighton House, The Haining at 7.30pm [LS and CC will be unable to attend] LH will put notice in Press and send out agenda. It was agreed someone else will take minutes. LH

This will be last meeting in Scottish Churches Houses, and we will write to thank them for their support over the years.

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