

## Andy on

Marie Sharp

Murray mania is set to sweep across Dunblane this week as fans of the local tennis star prepare to roar him to glory at Wimbledon.

Dunblane Sports Centre are opening their doors on Friday and Sunday for the semi-finals and final of the men's singles - in the hope that Andy goes all the way.

The Stirling Road centre has become a popular gathering place for fans to watch Andy on the big screen in recent years and bosses are determined to make sure they honour the tradition again if he battles his way through to the final.

Centre manager Gemma Greer said: "We'll open for the semi-final on Friday, no matter what happens.

"And if Andy goes all the way to the men's final, we'll open on Sunday, too. People like to get together to share their support for our local hero."



10 miles for the Denny charity. But seven brave souls who had already signed up and raised cash decided to undertake the stroll.

Fundraiser Angela Gillies said: "We were sorry to cancel it but we're delighted that the magnificent seven didn't want to disappoint their sponsors and decided to carry on with the walk."

Seen here at the start are, left to right, George Stirling, Alan Dryden, Les Gardner, Watson Bayne, Stephen Harvey, Alan Hall and Stewart Harvey.

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out the remainder of the work." Police attended the site on Saturday morning but found no evidence of offences being committed.

Speaking on Monday a spokesperson for Stirling Council said: "Whilst the Council is not covered by a Tree Preservation Order, the area in question is located within a Conservation Area and, as such, the Council should have a legal obligation to manage the woodlands of Holmehill.

"By their failure to do so I am exercising my legal right as owner to implement a programme of woodland management. This was commenced last Friday. It has been temporarily suspended at the request of the council and the people attending over the weekend and the Tree Officer was in attendance over the weekend and the people undertaking the work were advised to stop work which they did."

**Gregor White**  
**A Dunblane landowner has accused Stirling Council of failing to properly manage local woodland after a row over tree felling in the cathedral city over the weekend.**

Ian Stirling, who owns the affected area which lies within the Dunblane Conservation Area, claims he is within his rights to implement "woodland management".

However, members of the Holmehill Community Buyout group, who have the long-term aim of purchasing the site for the local community, called the tree felling "devastating".

## Owner fells trees and blames council

Libby Hughes of the buyout group added: "The Holmehill Community Buyout Group has always been assured that the trees on Holmehill are afforded the same protection as trees with tree preservation orders, as they are within the conservation area."

Local Green councillor Mark Buskell attended the site on Saturday to remonstrate with Mr Stirling and accused him afterwards of showing "an utter disregard" for the environment, law and local community.

"The contempt that the landowner has shown to our community needs to now be matched by a collective will to prevent further destruction," he said.

"I have been asking Stirling Council

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Controversial Tree felling at Holmehill on Saturday