

MORAY FIRTH PARTNERSHIP - COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 2008

FINAL REPORT

GROUP:	Saltburn & District Community Association
PROJECT TITLE:	Community Woodland Notice Board & Entrance Feature
PROJECT NO:	
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Project Aims

To manufacture and erect a gateway feature including notice board facility and shelter to be placed in a prominent position at the entrance to the Saltburn Community Woodland, in the course of being developed on former industrial land in the heart of the community, on land leased from Alcan, the original operators of Invergordon smelter.

Implementation

We are pleased to report that we have completed the manufacture and pre-fabrication of the feature which is the subject of the grant. Final erection of the structure in situ will take place shortly (when risk of severe frost is passed) and local press will be invited to the opening ceremony. In addition, a press release will be issued (copy attached) and the Moray Firth Partnership's support for the project, by way of its Community Grants Scheme, will be prominent.

The feature has been manufactured by local tradesmen using materials purchased locally and with local volunteers assisting with ground clearance, digging of footings, sign writing and graphics and erection of the structure.

The grant was for £950.00 and we have expended a total of £811.34 on materials and labour (receipts attached) and the cost of planning permission which was £145.00 bring the total project cost to £956.34, the balance being provided from Association funds.

Following long term difficulty in securing funding for the initial infrastructure required to develop a community woodland on what is ex industrial land and the resulting frustration, the feature supported by MFP is the first major structure to be put in place to visually declare to all that serious infrastructure development is taking place. This, together with the imminent landscaping for a "view point", adjacent to the gateway feature will be a significant start towards our ultimate goal of producing a worthwhile, natural leisure, wildlife and educational facility for both locals and visitors.

The feature will be regularly maintained by volunteers and the notice boards will indicate all appropriate activities in the community woodland as well as wildlife features, community gatherings and anything else relevant as the woodland develops.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Moray Firth Partnership for their valued support for the Saltburn & District Community Association, as funding is often available for educational and job creation initiatives which we hope our project will eventually become, although there is little funding available to us for the creation of the essential initial infrastructure,. Your support is much appreciated.

On behalf of Saltburn & District Community Association

Roger N Pitts
Secretary

Attachments: Drwg of structure, receipts, planning consent, bank statement, photographs