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Portlethen woodland wins award

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Portlethen Moss Conservation Group is celebrating success after entering their new community native woodland into the Scotlands Finest Woodlands competition under the 'new native woods' category.

portlethen came second in the whole of Scotland gaining a 'Highly Commended' award, which will be presented at the Royal Highland Show.

The Forestry Commission Scotland is hosting this year's Awards Ceremony at the Royal Highland Show in Edinburgh where the Minister for Environment & Climate Change, Stewart Stevenson will present the awards.

Mr Stevenson will present the group with a certificate and commemorative cherry wood plaque.

This is a great achievement for the group and the community of Portlethen, including Fishermoss and Portlethen Primary Schools who helped with the design of the wood and planting the trees.

The success of this project is also due to working in partnership with and the continued support of Aberdeenshire Council, the Forestry Commission and Talisman Energy UK.

Anyone wishing to get involved with the woodland can go along to their 'Wildflower Planting' Ranger lead event on Saturday July 2 1.00 – 4.00pm, which is a community planting day.

The new Portlethen Community Woodland Site is magically taking shape – trees & hedgerows have all been planted and childrens' play areas created.

All are most welcome to go along and play a part in developing this wonderful community resource by helping to plant wildflowers. This will make the site more beautiful and bio-diverse, attracting many more creatures to visit and make their homes there.

Bring garden gloves and a trowel if you have one as the organisers will only have a limited supply.

MEET on site at the bottom of Cookston Road. Take the connecting path running below the church on the east side of the railway. Parking is available in the church car park. Contact the Kincardine & Mearns Ranger on 01569 768292.

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