

PORTLETHEN MOSS TREE-PLANTING WEEK
(Tuesday 11th – Sunday 16th March)

If you have been to Portlethen Moss recently you should have noticed some important changes taking place at the southern end of the moss. Access has been improved with a new multi-user path surface and moves are now afoot to increase the wildlife diversity of this area. British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) have been clearing away areas of gorse in this area to allow room for more trees to be planted. Money to fund all these improvements has come from the Forestry Commission, Aberdeenshire Council and Scottish Natural Heritage.

Some 1200 native trees such as willow, alder, hawthorn and rowan with a few, taller, ash and Scots pine will be planted, mainly in the newly cleared areas. In time these will attract more insect and bird species as well, making this a more attractive wooded area to walk through whilst further screening off the presence of the nearby dual carriageway. Some grassland areas will also be retained.

Classes from all three local schools (Portlethen and Fishermoss Primaries and Portlethen Academy) will be involved between Tuesday and Thursday, under the guidance of Aberdeenshire Council Rangers, benefiting from seeing “their” trees grow and blossom in the years ahead.

This will be followed by a Community Tree Planting Day on Sunday 16th from 10.00am until 3.30pm. BTCV volunteers and members of the Portlethen Moss Group will also be present, giving the opportunity to find out how to get more involved with either (or both !) organisations. All are welcome and old warm clothes and boots are recommended but please book first to ensure there are enough tools available. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Contact the Kincardine and Mearns ranger on 01569 768292

