

ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT

1/4/2022 – 32/3/23

During the year the trustees had 8 meetings. Shea Black resigned as Chairperson due to pressure of work. Mary Gilmore as Vice Chair continued to conduct meetings

We continued to take part in Sharkin Plan-It (Participatory Budgeting Programme and were able to provide -

- new tables and chairs and some toys for the Parent and Toddler Group,
- Improvement to the entrance to Drumbolcan Wood
- Activities for Youth Club.

Parent and Toddler Group continued to meet weekly on Tuesday mornings. Numbers have increased this year.

The leaders of the **Youth Club** resigned after COVID. We were able to work with BYTES to provide meetings from October to March. Unfortunately with only 2 leaders, numbers were restricted and it was difficult to create the same enthusiastic club as before.

Summer planting was undertaken as usual with the help of a school pupil who had a £300 bid from Sharkin Plan-It programme

Drumbolcan Wood

During the year we met with council agents, councillors and an environmentalist to help us decide on a way forward for development of the wood. As a result of a DAERA Grant and a Sharkin Plan-It bid we were able to improve the entrance to the wood to make it more accessible. In October we hosted an 'Evening About the Wood' and as a result set up a group of 'Friends of the Wood'. We had an open invitation to the community to walk the woods with us on an afternoon.

RCA continues to maintain **3 defibrillators** in the village.

Our **History Group** continues to meet once per month on a Thursday morning. Attendance has been good and we have enjoyed speakers from Kilrea and Cullybackey. We met with Dr Nic Wright (Museum Services) to discuss researching and publishing a booklet about St. Olcan.

It has been a busy year due to our involvement in Sharkin Plan-It and the development of Drumbolcan Wood. We thank all our volunteers and funders who have helped us through the year