

# OLD HARBOUR WOODS



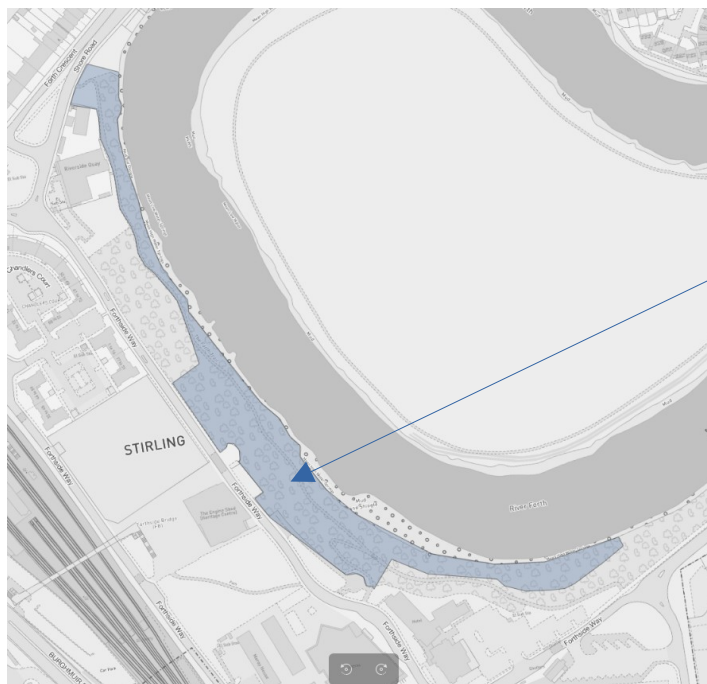
A Project of Riverside Community Council

Hello and welcome to the first edition of the eBulletin to keep you posted on what Riverside Community Council's Old Harbour Woods Sub-group is doing to help nurture and regenerate the woods in association with Stirling Council's Greenspace Ranger Service.

Old Harbour Woods runs north to south on the banks of the

river from Riverside Quay student flats to the Sewage Works at Forthbank, but we're only working on the area owned by Stirling Council (see blue area of map below).

It is a rare habitat in the Stirling area, being the only riparian woodland ('riparian' = a woodland or forest adjacent to a body of water).



Work area  
in blue



# **VOLUNTEER ACTION DAY OLD HARBOUR WOODS RIVERSIDE, STIRLING**



**Saturday, 2 December 2023  
10.30 AM – 1.30 PM**

Meet at the pillars at Riverside Quay FK8 1HZ student accommodation, or walk along the path to find us.

## **Festive tree planting & shrub clearance event**



**New & old volunteers welcome! Join us for a festive celebration of this fantastic woodland!**

**Under 16 years old to be supervised by parent/carer. All activities risk-assessed and insured. Bring own gloves if you can.**

*This project is part of Riverside Community Council. For more information, or to access requirements, phone 07926 169765.*

Here are some pictures of the September and November events. We cut back a dead willow tree, and some of the snowberry bushes that were taking over on the banks. We'll be planting native trees in this area.



Cutting the willow back



Snowberry cuttings on the tarpaulin, and using them for the 'dead hedge' to help stop the bank eroding

...and HERE IS THE NEWS!...

## £££ Group Grabs a Grant! £££

We say a big 'THANK YOU' to Stirling Council for awarding the community council a Community Pride grant of £1,500. This will buy small hand-tools such as saws, spades, loppers, secateurs, as well as First-Aid training, rescue equipment, and a hot water carrier and re-useable cups for the all-important tea and coffee breaks!

## All in the Past, Presently!

We have been delving through Stirling Council's Archives with the help of excellent Archivist, Neil, to find out as much as we can about the history of Old Harbour Woods. We're looking at the environmental, economic, social, cultural and, well, basically everything to do with the woods, past and present.

This information will help us put together interpretation boards and leaflets to inform residents and visitors, to help them enjoy and understand how the woods have been developed and used over the years.

We will be meeting the Council's Archaeologist, Dr Murray Cook, to find out more.

If you have any information that might help in this quest, then we'd LOVE to hear from you! Please email [riversidecommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:riversidecommunitycouncil@gmail.com), and put 'OHW Info' in the subject line.

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