



Welcome to the second edition of the Glenmore Times. This is a special 'Green Edition' keeping you up to date on what is happening at the Lodge.

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Glenmore Lodge Mission

"Promote develop and operate Glenmore Lodge as a world class, National Outdoor Training Centre, providing relevant and quality innovative training, inspiring adventure and working in a supportive partnership with the outdoor community." this is Our mission.



Introduction

We understand the fragile and special nature of our environment and we will ensure that activities are sustainable. We are committed to making environmental improvements to the site on which we operate and we will take a responsible approach to the efficient use of our resources and waste management. We will communicate high standards of sustainable good practice to our customers students attending courses. We acknowledge our global and local social responsibilities, especially in the local area as an employer and purchaser of local goods and user of local services.

(Glenmore Lodge Plan 2009-11)

The Place We Live—Our Planet



It's the only home we know.

Yet every day we take it for granted.

We can make a difference if we use our car less or even just turn off the lights.

When we forget to turn off our computers or leave monitors on over lunch, energy is also wasted.

But together we can help make the world a greener place.

One simple act at a time.

When it comes to the environment one small change can make a world of difference.

Are you ready to make the change?





Celebrate Green Britain Day July 10th

Green Britain Day

July the 10th is Green Britain Day.

Everyone's eyes will be on London in 2012. Green Britain Day is the chance to show the world that Britain is leading the world in the race against climate change.

Our contribution to this day is based on a community initiative and a staff social function.

We have invited our neighbours to join us for tea & cake and share any green ideas that as a community we can all get behind.

The social is our green treasure hunt – where the theme is car sharing and using alternative modes of transport ... The bicycle!

You should all have received an email inviting you to the treasure hunt on 9th July if not see Kirsty for more info.

If you are interested in finding out more about Green Britain Day look at their website

www.teamgreenbritain.org

Environmental Challenge Fund

Over the last year £1 has been taken from every course fee to go into the environmental fund. We have so far been able to give:

- £400 to Aviemore Primary School to build a bike shelter,
- £500 to the Marine Conservation Society
- £300 Rothiemurchus Estate for repairs to paths around Loch Morlich,
- £300 to Kingussie Community Development Company for foot-path repairs up to Kingussie Crag,
- £200 to Scottish Wildlife Trust for Saving Scottish Red Squirrels
- £100 to Sconser Community Council for repairs to the bridge at Coire Riabhach
- £400 to Cairngorm Mountain Trust for path improvements

If you have any ideas for future projects that we may assist please let Kirsty know.

"£2200 distributed to environmental projects"

Food For Life



The Food for Life Catering mark is an award scheme from the Soil Association to endorse caterers that believe in offering delicious, healthy and climate-friendly menus.

Food for Life caterers use unprocessed, seasonal produce and a growing proportion of local and organic ingredients, high welfare meat and sustainable fish.

The logos are awarded for use on agreed menus not the operation as a whole.

Matt has begun the process of applying to join the scheme and we are confident of achieving the Gold award for many of the evening menus that we offer our guests.

It's a complicated process working out just what products can and can't be

used. Matt is learning fast and finding new suppliers of products which will help achieve the standards required.

Waste Compactor

There have been a few teething problems with the new waste compactor but these have hopefully been remedied by the introduction of a hoist.

The compactor should significantly reduce the number of times that our bins have to be emptied.

Please continue to ensure that any waste that can be recycled is put in the appropriate bin.

We can now recycle the following:

- Paper
- Cardboard
- Glass
- Plastic (bottles only type 1 & 2)
- Tins
- Batteries



More recycling bins are available

Energy Audit

We have just received an energy audit with recommendations of ways of potentially reducing our energy use in the future.

We need to look at using renewable energy as well as making sure any modifications /new builds incorporate the highest standards of insulation.

One of the first projects is going to be to glass in the front porch and this will keep the warmth in the main reception area.

We are also replacing bulbs with long bulbs as and when they need replaced.

"New Glass Front Porch to keep reception area warm"

Wood Fuel Project

We have signed up to be part of the National Park wood fuel project . We will now look at a feasibility study to look at whether using wood fuel is a cost effective way of heating some or at least part of our buildings.

GTBS

Glenmore Lodge is currently graded at the Silver Level in the Green Business Tourism Scheme.

By choosing a Green Tourism Business Scheme business you are guaranteed:

That the business is committed to sustainable tourism and minimising its damage to the environment and is operating in accordance with the relevant environmental regulations.

That the site meets minimum standards of good practice across a range of sustainable development indicators. Has been audited by a qualified professional to ensure standards are maintained.

Is committed to providing at least a reasonable quality of service between 1 and 5 stars.

That we will reassess the site every two to three years based upon a set of regularly updated sustainable development standards.

Investigate any complaints received about the environmental performance or commitment of the business.

In 2009 our goal is to achieve the Gold Award.