

Need some milled timber...?

KCFC's new Wood-Mizer sawmill cuts bespoke section and lengths of untreated softwood (mainly larch) for a variety of different purposes.

Our operations team offers a free consultation service - below are just some of the things we can provide material for. Get in touch to discuss your requirements!

- Any sawn timber
- Log stores
- Raised vegetable beds
- Cladding for structures
- Fencing materials
- Garden furniture
- Signs
- Pergolas
- Trellises

Prices available on request – contact Jamie Chaplin-Brice on 01700 811159/ jamie@kilfinancommunityforest.com

We also offer a milling service for customers who supply their own trees – we're happy to discuss and suggest the most effective and productive way to cut your timber. Also give us a call if you have any fallen/felled timber you want removed for a fair price.



The sawmill in action...

Volunteering For Skills...

KCFC's volunteer programme is now in full swing – our Volunteer Co-ordinator, Craig Blair, gives us an update of progress so far:

“We now have a number of volunteers on site doing useful core forestry work; we're also liaising with local organisations based in and around Cowal to offer people opportunities and get volunteer dates in the diary. These include Job Centre Plus, Employability team, Argyll College, Dunoon HELP project and Kaleidoscope but to name a few!

We're very lucky to have keen folk interested in helping to shape and develop the forest, and we already have volunteer days planned over the coming months with some of these organisations. One job in the pipeline is a cohesive new site signage system, and with the generous help of local woodworker Don McInnes, we will be training volunteers to create high quality wooden signs. This is just one example of where volunteering can really help a person gain new skills”.

Want to get involved? Contact Craig on 01700 811159/ craig@kilfinancommunityforest.com

Firewood/ timber offers

- Buy unseasoned split wet logs at a 25% discounted rate of £32.50 per cubic metre – ideal if you want to stock up for next winter! We also offer made-to-order log stores – give us a call to discuss your requirements.
- We're currently offering sawmill offcuts in metre lengths (variable thickness) at £20 per cubic metre... perfect for your stove!
- Need some timber to create lawn edging/ a raised bed? We currently have 3-5m lengths at £2-4 per metre (depending on length).

Give Jamie a call to discuss our current offers/ your requirements – 01700 811159

KCFC secures funding for the future...

KCFC is delighted to have secured a bridging loan of £50,000 from Social Investment Scotland (SIS), to support a removal programme of rhododendron ponticum. 'Rhodies' are currently preventing access to certain areas of woodland, limiting timber harvesting and the development of new trails, as well as hampering biodiversity.

Clearance will enable more land to be unlocked for public access, uncover potential heritage sites such as a historic curling rink and the Kilfinan Way, and allow for more efficient timber harvesting. These aspects will go towards generating vital income to support the forest as well as to create and sustain local jobs.

Alastair Davis, Chief Executive of Social Investment Scotland, said: "KCFC are an extremely enterprising organisation taking a community-driven and commercially savvy approach to using the forest to achieve financial, sustainability and social goals. The company is a fantastic example of how, when established in the right way, community ownership of land can bring a range of benefits to the economy and society as a whole and SIS is delighted to be supporting them in achieving their goals."

Forest Heritage

The forest has a rich heritage of potential archaeological features, Victorian dams and water works, as well as historical artefacts. Thanks to lottery money supporting a full archaeological investigation of the forest, we'll soon be able to uncover – and later restore – some of these features. Once the survey has taken place and we move into the restoration phase, we'll be appealing for local help with cataloguing, mapping and researching. Please contact our Volunteer Co-ordinator Craig, craig@kilfinancommunityforest.com/ 01700 811159, to register your interest!

And finally...

A Huge thanks to all our supporters, and those who have made cash donations large and small. These donations enhance the development of the forest and help fund things like signs, tools and activities. We really appreciate these donations - thank you.



Date for your Diary

Following the success of last year's 'Forest For All' event, KCFC will be organising another summer event on 21st June. The theme this year will be 'woodworking', where visitors will get the chance to see the new sawmill in action and speak to our in-house experts about how to make cool wood products! We will also have live music, a barbecue and guided forest walks to archeological sites that are in the process of being uncovered. There will be lots of other fun things going on (more info coming soon), so please bring your friends and pray for sunshine!

A few snaps of last year's Forest For All event...



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