

# Ellon Landscape and Nature Framework Update

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

### ELLON FESTIVAL

On Saturday 11 June 2005 as part of the Ellon Festival a public consultation event was held for the draft Landscape and Nature Framework.

Questionnaires and leaflets were distributed regarding the Framework, with officers answering peoples questions about this project.

### FORMARTINE AREA COMMITTEE

Following the public consultation work, the Landscape Nature Framework was approved at the 21 March 2006 by the Formartine Area Committee.

### ELLON FESTIVAL DAY

On Saturday 10 June 2006 Ellon Biodiversity Action Group and the local group of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers took part in the Ellon Festival to promote their activities and opportunities for the Ellon people to action the Landscape and Nature Framework.

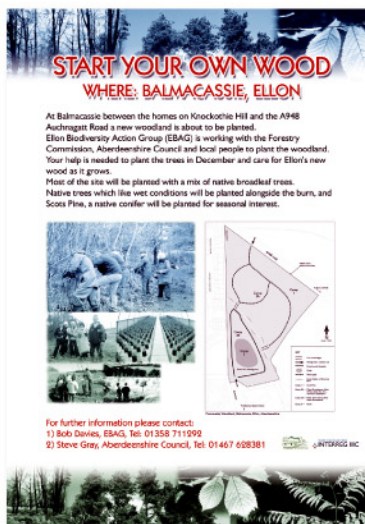
## PROJECTS PROGRESS

### BALMACASSIE COMMUNITY WOODLAND

The Balmacassie Community Woodland site covers 5 hectares and is intended to form a green wedge between the new houses on Knockothie Hill and the proposed commercial park.

Broomies Burn flows through the land and many people already use the site for walking.

During national tree planting week 30 November – 2 December, local schools, the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, Ellon Biodiversity Action Group and Council Officers planted a range of native trees. On Sunday 4 December a public tree planting event supported by the Rotary Club of Ellon, EBAG



### MACDONALD PARK WOOD

Following the public consultation period over the summer of 2005 the management plan for MacDonald Park Woodlands was revised and submitted to the Forestry Commission for approval.



In early 2006 the Forestry Commission approved the Management Plan and funding through its Woodland In and Around Towns (WIAT) programme. The 10 year management plan will be actioned with the Friends of MacDonald Park.

### YTHAN RIVERSIDE

At the heart of Ellon is the Ythan Riverside. The riverside paths are well used by locals and visitors alike. They are used by the Aboot Ellon Walk and the Heritage Trail Walk. Further works to the paths are under discussion.

The riverside paths were created in the 1990's but need ongoing management to prevent them becoming cluttered with vegetation or rubbish. Volunteer works are planned for later in 2006.

and BTCV drew 200 people of all ages to plant up a mixture of scots pines and broadleaved trees. Over the course of the week about 5000 trees were planted across most of the site.

A follow up event was held in the weekend of the 11 June/12 June which gave people the chance to see a chainsaw sculpture at work and work with BTCV to build picnic tables and benches. Further events are planned over the autumn and winter.

### FORMARTINE AND BUCHAN WAY

In 2006 further improvements were made to connect the south side of Ellon to the Formartine and Buchan Way linking both halves of the town across the Ythan and to the surrounding Formartine countryside.



## FUTURE PROJECTS

### ELLON GLOBAL FOOTPRINT PROJECT

Ellon's Landscape and Nature Framework helps people to think globally and are locally by caring for their home town's environment.

The Global Footprint project will continue this process by assisting Ellon Folk to look at how their everyday activities, travelling to work or school, shopping and leisure pursuits impacts upon our global environment. Further information will become available about this project towards the autumn.

