

Welcome to the Summer 2026 Newsletter

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our incredible volunteers. Your continued support across a wide range of projects with Fife Coast and Countryside Trust is invaluable — quite simply, many of these initiatives would not be possible without you.

So far this year, volunteers have played a key role in planting trees and hedgerows. These projects are vital for supporting nature and wildlife. Trees and hedgerows not only contribute to carbon capture but also provide essential shelter for a variety of species. Their flowers and berries offer an important food source for invertebrates, birds and mammals, helping to enhance biodiversity across the landscape.

Meg Moore

Volunteer Co-ordinator



Homes for ducks

Volunteers also worked alongside Craig, Conservation Officer, to install duck nest tubes at several nature reserves. These structures provide safe nesting sites for ducks and have been proven to increase breeding success. In the wild, nests are often lost due to predation, trampling or disturbance, so these tubes offer valuable protection. Volunteers greatly enjoyed building and installing the nests, and their efforts will hopefully benefit breeding populations this year.



Scottish Motorsport Marshals Club Volunteers

Interested in trees?

We have a fantastic opportunity for anyone who has an interest in trees. You can take part in the Fife Climate Forest Tree Canopy Survey and help survey your local trees. This will involve some training which will be held on 1st August in Rosyth and 12th August in Dunfermline. More information can be found on Eventbrite, if you are interested, please book a place on the links below.

Trees are essential to the environment and our well-being. They combat climate change by capturing carbon, filter air pollution, and cool urban areas through shade. Trees also manage storm water runoff, promote biodiversity, reduce noise, and significantly improve human physical and mental health.

Fife Trees Count: Join the Survey
Saturday, August 1 • 12:30 PM - 4 PM



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Fife Trees Count: Join the Survey
Wednesday, August 12 • 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM



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And there is more...

Volunteers have also helped with scrub clearing, invasive species removal, beach clean-ups and grassland management and we look forward to getting involved with many more projects with the help of our brilliant Volunteers.



Rooted in community



Climate Action Secretary Gillian Martin with members of Calais Woods Community Group

Recently we welcomed Climate Action Secretary Gillian Martin to Duloch Park, Dunfermline — celebrating nearly £1 million in new Scottish Government funding for Climate Forests across central Scotland, including right here in Fife.

The visit brought together our brilliant local partners: the Calais Woods Community Group, who are transforming a lifeless stretch of parkland into a thriving habitat for nature and people alike, alongside Fife Council — whose support as landowner has been absolutely instrumental in making community tree planting like this happen on the ground.

A highlight of the day was seeing pupils from Duloch Primary School getting hands-on in the community orchard, carrying out tree care alongside the Calais Woods Group — a wonderful reminder that this work is rooted in the community, from the ground up.

We were also delighted to be joined by Cllr Jan Wincott (Spokesperson for Environment & Climate Change) and Cllr James Calder (Convener, City of Dunfermline Area Committee). This funding will support more community tree planting across urban and rural Fife — in the places that need it most, for the communities who will benefit most.

Trees mean cleaner air, cooler streets, homes for wildlife and spaces where people can connect with nature. And with around 5 million trees already planted across central Scotland since 2021, there's real momentum behind this.

Would you like to tell us about your volunteering journey? We would be delighted to share your story in the next edition of the FCCT Volunteer Newsletter.