

A History of the Projects completed by the Society

Since its inception in 2003 The Society has undertaken many projects amongst which are:-

- Renewal of way marking posts, line of sight posts, signposting, installation of gates and minor repairs to paths and bridges in the South West Pentlands.
- Arranged for the reconstruction of a bridge at Garvald and the renewal of decking on a second bridge at Ferniehaugh.
- The replacement of a bird hide at Bavelaw Marsh.
- The planting of trees, growing on of wild flower plants and subsequent planting out, the installation of bird nesting boxes.
- The relining of the pond at Harlaw Wildlife Garden.
- Establishing a new path between Boghall and Castlelaw.
- Installation of posts for a permanent orienteering course.
- Way marking and access repairs at Crosswood.
- Installation of gates in Flotterstone Glen and path improvements allowing better access for people in wheelchairs
- The installation of a nest box with camera at the Flotterstone Visitor Centre

- The installation of a weather station at Harlaw Visitor Centre
- The growing on and planting of wild flowers and the development of a wild flower meadow.
- and also assisting the Pentland Hills Ranger Service in a variety of activities. plus a full programme of walks and talks.

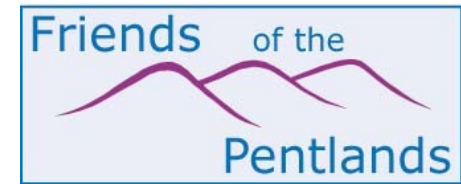
Much of this work has been done in partnership or in collaboration with others:-
The Pentland Hills Regional Park,
Scottish Agricultural College
Scottish Natural Heritage
The Ministry of Defence
South Lanarkshire Council
Scottish Borders Council.

Finance has been obtained from Scottish Natural Heritage, Pentland Hills Regional Park, Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd, South Lanarkshire Council and the Dulverton Trust.

Other projects (nest box camera, wildflower planting, purchase of bat boxes etc.,) are financed by our very successful Tea and Cakes Days at Harlaw Visitor Centre.

Throughout the year we undertake many environmental improvement tasks including, path repairs, way-marking, tree protection work and wild flower planting.

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Our Vision

The Friends of the Pentlands Society seeks to act as a catalyst to promote the conservation protection and enhancement of the Pentland Hills, with particular emphasis on recreational quality, cultural heritage, landscape and biodiversity.

Our area of interest is all of the Pentland Hills. We are achieving our aspirations by the undertaking of various projects, either by managing the work of contractors or by doing the work ourselves.

The Pentland Hills Ranger Service has been of immense benefit to the Society, either by advising our members or providing training. This had allowed us to take these skills to areas of the Pentland Hills outside of the Regional Park. It is not all physical work, there is a strong educational theme running throughout our activity year from Educational Walks, Lectures to spreading the word to others of like mind.

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Membership Secretary, Friends of the Pentlands,
23, Kingsknowe Avenue, Edinburgh, EH14 2JL.**

PROGRAMME 2009 -10

Here is a taster of some of our activities in 2009-10. The full programme is made available to members by the Secretary on a regular basis.

A typical early Autumn Walk, The 2009 one started from a meet at Threipmuir Car Park transport to the start point at Little Vantage then a walk via Cauldstane Slap, East Cairn Hill, and the Bore Stane ending at Threipmuir Car Park. A moderate plus walk of 6 miles.

A further walk from Crosswood to West Linton with transport provided to get walkers to the start (£4.00 per walker).

There are several 'Tea and Cakes Days' at Harlaw Visitor Centre.

The Society holds talks at Merchiston Castle School and at Carlops Village Hall.

Another walk this time a circular walk of 6 miles from Bonaly via Torduff, Clubbiedean, Ranges Road and Harbour Hill back to Bonaly Car Park.

Some of the events are for Members only.

These walks must be booked in advance with the 'Walks Organiser' John Surtees unless stated otherwise.

To contact John please phone: 0131 445 4623
or email: john.surtees@blueyonder.co.uk

For all other future events and activities contact the Secretary Bob Paterson - 01383 417771, or visit our website:

www.pentlandfriends.plus.com

Some of our future items that are to be addressed by the Society in the coming year are

- Production and installation of various information boards and interpretation panels throughout the whole of the Pentland Hills area
- Various historical leaflets
- Various wildlife leaflets
- Publication of a pan-Pentland leaflet
- Erection of another bird hide
- And any other projects as they materialise

Why not join now, fill in the form opposite.

Further walks, talks and courses are provided by the Pentland Hills Ranger service, telephone 0131 445 3383
www.pentlandhills.org