

A History of the Projects completed by The Friends of the Pentlands.

Since its inception in 2003 The Friends of the Pentlands 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 bridges at Garvald, Ferniehaugh and Gala Ford.
- The installation of bird hides at Bavelaw Marsh and North Esk Reservoir.
- The planting of trees, growing on of wild flower plants and subsequent planting out and the development of a wild flower meadow.
- 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 in South West Pentlands.
- 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 and Harlaw Visitor Centres.

- The installation of a weather station at Harlaw Visitor Centre.
- Deliver talks to a wide variety of community groups.
- and also assisting the Pentland Hills Ranger Service in a variety of activities. plus a full programme of walks and talks.

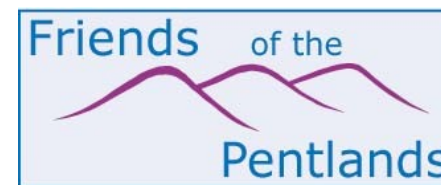
Much of this work has been done in partnership or in collaboration with others:-
The Pentland Hills Regional Park
Scottish Agricultural College
Scottish Natural Heritage
The Ministry of Defence
South Lanarkshire Council
Scottish Borders Council.

Finance has been obtained from Scottish Natural Heritage, Pentland Hills Regional Park, Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd, South Lanarkshire Council, The Dulverton Trust and also our very generous membership donations.

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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Chairman: John Stirling**



**The Friends of the Pentlands
is a Charity which is registered in Scotland.
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Our Vision

The Friends of the Pentlands 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 Friends of the Pentlands, either by advising our members or providing training. This had allowed us to take these skills to areas of the Pentland Hills outwith the Regional Park.

The Friends of the Pentlands also has a strong educational theme from Educational Walks and Lectures to spreading the word to others of like mind.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2012

Individual	£8.00	Individual Life	£120.00
Family	£14.00	Family Life	£210.00
Corporate	£14.00	Associate	£14.00

Please enrol me as a member of the Friends of the Pentlands.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

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Tel: _____

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Date: _____

Should you wish to add a donation to your subscription, however modest, it would be very much appreciated.

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Membership Secretary, Friends of the Pentlands,
4, Dovecot Park, Edinburgh, EH14 2LN.**

PROGRAMME 2012

Here is a taster of some of our activities in 2012. The full programme is made available to members by the Secretary on a regular basis.

The Friends of the Pentlands holds talks at Merchiston Castle School and at Fairmilehead Parish Church.

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

There is a programme of walks proposed for the year and they are as follows.

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| March | The Spring Walk. |
| May | The Summer Walk. |
| May / June | A 2 day access event for people with disabilities. |
| June | A short walk from Hillend followed by the annual BBQ. |
| August | Walks linked to the Midlothian Walking Festival. |
| September | An Autumn walk. |
| October | A late Autumn walk. |
| December | A Winter walk. |

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

During 2012 we aim to:

- Improve paths.
- Install bird and bat boxes.
- Plant trees and wildflowers.
- Install interpretive panels.
- Maintain Bavelaw wildflower meadow.
- Maintain the Harlaw wildlife garden.
- Develop a Mini arboretum with trees indigenous to the Pentland Hills.

and

- Continue other maintenance activities.
- Programme workdays to suit future projects as they occur.

Why not join now by filling in the form opposite?

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