

Glenny Wood District Camp Site – We are so lucky in the District to have Glenny Wood campsite. It stretches for some 23 acres of woodland and plateaus. The site owned by Gordano District, is there for all to enjoy, learn and develop skills within the Scouting balanced programme and have loads of FUN.

Since the last report to the AGM in June 2014 a considerable amount of work has been undertaken at our campsite. In summary therefore:-

- **Tree management.** Following the professional survey report last summer, planning permission, due to tree preservation orders across the Gordano Valley, has been obtained to undertake the necessary work on removing or managing specified trees. These trees were identified as providing a level of risk and needed action taken. The contractors were on site in December and January. This work has now been completed.
A significant amount of clearance work has been undertaken around the site to collect the cut wood and add to our wood piles. Much of this is thanks to Lloyds Bank ATM team for 3 community support days help.
In addition we have planted more “whips”, small trees around the site and in the Autumn plan to plant a number of larger trees and will be inviting members of the District and friends to sponsor a tree.
- **Toilet area** – The toilets have been painted inside and out, thanks to Lloyds Bank ATM team. New hand dryers and soap dispensers have been fitted.
- **Leaders Loos** – We have installed 4 loos for adult use only, so reducing the risk of adults being alone with children in the toilet area. The 4 loos are in the front storage area. Stage one therefore has been to purchase 3 sheds and put in bases so the storage area can be cleared. The sheds are used as follows –
 - Games shed, positioned near the chess board/patio
 - Campers shed, for the freezers, fridges, lodge key safe and notice board, opposite the loos
 - General store shed for the Glenny team again opposite the loosThe two sheds by the loos are fitted out with light and power.
- **Vegetation Management** – Nature is fantastic and so resilient and plants, weeds and brambles grow at a rapid pace at Glenny. We have spent a lot of time this year maintaining the site and controlling the vegetation, through use of contractors and Jill and Andy regularly cutting the grass.
- **The lodge** – We have installed Stainless Steel Wall panels in the kitchen to improve the cleanliness of the area. This was thanks to Howdens of Clevedon generous donation of the wall panels.
The Table and Chairs storage areas have been finished and painted. The posters in the hall have been updated to reflect the new programme refreshed syllabus being introduced.
- **Electrics** – We have had the electrics in the Lodge inspected and these have been passed and certified by our qualified electrician. The loo block has been re-wired to meet our needs. This is now completed along with the two sheds by the loo block wired in as well. From a health and safety point of view therefore both the lodge and loos are tested and certified by a professional electrician. This was a key safety check undertaken before there was a problem on site.

- **Bookings** – A lot of unseen work goes into managing the usage of the site and the bookings. The income from the bookings is circa £9.5k and bookings are again strong this year. This income, along with the District contribution is essential to maintain, develop and improve our site. All the bookings are carried out by Ruth Ham, along with ensuring payment is received, quite a task, extremely well carried out. Thank you Ruth.
- **Scout Shop** – This is now based at Glenny Wood and a room has been fitted out for the shop and this is open on the second Saturday morning of the month.
- **Training** – this year Adam in the Glenny team completed his Chain Saw training.
- **Other actions** – in addition to the larger projects mentioned above small activity and maintenance has taken place, a small sample of these include.....
 - Site tidy up - As a result of the clearance we filled 3 skips of accumulated rubbish, which was taken away
 - The front outside area of the girl's loos has been decked over, with non-slip decking boards to improve access. The roof area extension at the boys loos end has now been added on.
 - Office container has been re-roofed so can now be used for archive storage and for the team base.
 - Tractor servicing and tyre repairs
 - Leak in the kitchen sink repaired
 - Storage area cleared out between containers – old chairs and tables for outside use will be stored here, along with 2 Table Tennis tables.
 - Fencing repairs, and more to do.
 - Autumn leaf fall clearance
 - Camp fire area clearance on numerous occasions.
 - Signage on the buildings, sheds and plateaus.
 - Dealing with fallen trees
 - Managing major water leak from our pipe in the village.

Big Thank You's - Lloyds Bank Community Support. The Lloyds Bank ATM team, led by Caroline Hill BSL at 2nd Portishead have provided fantastic support to the site by choosing us as their community charity. In November the team came to Glenny for a painting day, loos, lodge and container. They have joined us again Thursday and Friday 15th -16th January and Wednesday 22nd April for log clearance work.... shifting a huge amount of wood from the trees recently cut down. Many thanks to the ATM team at Lloyds and especially to Caroline for arranging this

Howdens Joinery Clevedon – for the stainless steel to the walls in the kitchen around the cooker and boiler area. This was donated by Howdens, following a request from Rachel Woolcock to her boss at the depot. This was a very generous donation and a letter of thanks and personal visit has been made.

Coleman UK Ltd – The local office in Portishead has kindly given the site a range of Coleman tents for us to use in Scouting locally and benefit Glenny Wood. This is really great support and very generous.

Looking forward – This is the 50th year of Scouting at Glenny Wood and over the weekend of the 19th / 20th September we are celebrating this with an exciting weekend of activities for our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. Our first planning meeting went well and the weekend sounds great. More details on this from Steve H

To coincide with this event I am also looking to have the Aerial Runway available again, a Monkey Bridge and a couple more new challenges at Glenny Wood.

Glenny Wood is a fabulous site, enjoyed by 100's of people young and old..... We do our best to keep the site as tidy as we can, additional help with this would be great.

To help remind users of good Scouting on site, our Glenny Wood slogan introduced this year is

"take nothing but photographs and memories – leave nothing but footprints".

And finally and most importantly Massive thanks to our small but fantastic team of Kath Woolcock, Jill and Andy Derrick, Rachel Woolcock, Adam Whiting and Ruth Ham, for bookings. New team members very welcome.....

Phil Woolcock – Chairman Glenny Wood Camp Site