

Glenny Annual Review 2022 and looking into 2023

We have had yet another busy and productive year with Glenny Wood being as popular as ever.

Site Usage - The total usage at Glenny Wood for 2022 is 175 visits with 5026 people on site. Of these 45 residential (camps) were held with 1413 attending. The site remains very popular with evening visits from Gordano District members with 105 Visits and 2958 District members on site along with 14 residential (camps) with 370 attending.

Glenny Team - Following a recruitment campaign over the summer months of 2022, we have welcomed new members to the team, Matt – General Site Management, Alison - Bookings and Phil S Finance and Funding, plus working on site weekly. Our new members have quickly fitted in with the existing team.

Safety - Woodlands - To manage the site and keep it safe is a challenge, especially in such a woodland environment. We have again employed an Arboriculture specialist to undertake the annual tree inspection. Following review of the recommendations, planning permission was then obtained, and the work undertaken in 2023. Significant works from the 2021 inspection were undertaken in April 2022. All this is mainly due to Ash Dieback

Safety - Defibrillator - We installed a defibrillator on site attached to the lodge wall in a cabinet. To access the defibrillator dial 999 for the ambulance service.

Safety - Annual Safety Checks – We have several annual checks undertaken by professional people in addition to the Trees, these include Water testing for Bacteria and Legionella, all negative, Fire Extinguishers, Tractors servicing and checks, Site heating boiler as well as electrical PAT testing.

Safety - Weekly safety checks. We have a programme of our own site checks which cover the whole site, including Woodlands, Lodge, Loos, Activities and equipment. Any issues identified are quickly resolved.

Site Maintenance - Many hundreds of maintenance tasks have been undertaken during 2022. Some of these include

- General Site – tidying up, weeding and repairing damage
- Significant grass cutting, by tractor, mower and strimmer, plus plateau repairs.
- Sorting out the Loos, blockages etc on numerous occasions!
- Regular tidying up of the fire pit areas and wood store.
- Re roofing the Pole Store.
- Frequent repairs to the Activities equipment and large activities on site – Confidence Course, Tree Walk, Tunnels, Grass Sledges and Boulderling Wall.
- Wetlands decking repairs.

Tree planting - Early in 2022 we planted 113 trees and saplings, along with 300 Fencing saplings, so adding over 400 trees to the Glenny Wood natural habitat. This is all part of our long-term sustainable Woodlands plan for Glenny Wood to leave a strong legacy for future users to enjoy.

Large projects undertaken include:-

- Introduction of the Boulderling Wall
- Revamping of the Kart Track
- Commencement of the Round Glenny path construction
- Introduction of new signage to show the way and safety information / instructions.
- Reopening of the Aerial Runway

2023 - So we move into this current year, with over 6 months gone by the time of the AGM, lots has been achieved, examples of this include -

Trees - The tree works have been completed with many Ashe trees removed due Ash Dieback, and pollarding has been undertaken with other trees.

Activities - New Skills for Life Activities have been introduced with Radioactive Logs and Sheep Penning added. We have added Darts and Table Tennis to the activities mix, both being housed on Glenny Activities Plateau.

Electrics - Significant Electrical work undertaken, replacing the exterior lights, with new fencing put in, to house this. Also significant checking and updating of the wiring in the buildings and converting the lights to LED format, has been completed, so they are brighter and cheaper to run. PAT testing also completed.

Testing - The Annual Water tests have been undertaken and all back negative, a great result.

And of-course the need for significant maintenance continues in 2023 and in addition the Round Glenny path construction continues, the rebuilding of the bridge in the Wetlands area etc...

To see a full list of everything that has happened in 2022 and 2023 so far please visit the NEWS section of the Glenny Wood Website.

Making this happen – The team

We have a very hard-working team of Angus, Jill, Phil S, Matt, Tony and myself who are there most Wednesday, undertaking safety, site and activity checks, as well as what whatever is needed to maintain and improve our site. We now have Alison, in the team, looking after the Site Bookings. A mega thanks to the team for their hard work, commitment, and achievements.

This year Tamsyn and Kasia are on site each week, cleaning the loos, showers, lodge and Fridge and freezers. My goodness they have made a difference and these areas look so much cleaner. Many thanks to both for their hard work and commitment.

During the year we have also seen work volunteering teams from Lloyds Bank and BT. We thank them for all their help and hard work and look forward to welcoming them back in 2023.

We hope great fun has been had by all when at Glenny Wood and many skills developed.

Phil Woolcock
Volunteer Site Chairman