

Glenny Annual Review 2021 and looking to 2022

This is my 16th Annual report on the progress and works at our Glenny Wood Campsite (Including the years as DC)

At the beginning of 2021 due to Covid 19 the site was closed until the end of March. From the end of March to August we had one of the busiest times I have known. We had circa 4000 young people and 1000 adults visiting the site.

The Autumn period was busy, and winter saw more than usual use of Glenny Wood. That has continued into 2022 with evening visits and its great to see lots more camping taking place.

What are the key things that have happened on site during 2021?

Tree Works – with Ash Dieback on site we have had significant tree works undertaken in 2021. To counterbalance this early in the year we planted 15 mature trees and in December 300 saplings

We introduced a water test for Legionella's disease and bacteria. These came back clear and will be an annual event.

We reviewed and revised the site layout with the introduction of new plateaus, and these were fenced by the December Saplings planting. We also renamed the campfires and moved Rowan Campfire.

The Bookings approach changed in August this year. After equivalent to 3 weeks work setting up the system, Glenny Wood is now using the OSM system which is up and running with a reasonably smooth introduction.

We started the new decked path around the lodge during the year which was completed in November. This makes moving around the outside of this area much easier and safer.

Grass Cutting and Strimming is a major feature of the spring / summer and early autumn months and throughout the year maintenance work continues to keep the site and tidy and as safe as we can.

So, as we are now 6 months into 2022 a quick summary of the key events at Glenny

- 33 mature trees of around 1.5 - 2 metres tall planted and a further 100 saplings planted
- Defibrillator installed
- Bouldering Wall completed and in use
- Aerial Runway reopened and bespoke training available
- 4 Way Tug of War activity also introduced.
- We have a self-employed cleaner now working on site for us
- Covid restrictions lifted on site.
- Bench seat in the quiet area purchase by the Warry family in memory of Colin has been installed
- Major Trees Works completed and wood clearance being undertaken
- Revised team organisation and recruitment drive launched

We have a very hard-working team of Angus, Jill and Tony who are there most Wednesday, along with myself, undertaking safety, site and activity checks, along whatever is needed to maintain and improve our site. A mega thanks needs to go to them for their commitment and achievements.

To continue to maintain and improve Glenny Wood the bottom line is we need more help on site. Therefore the key focus needs to be on recruiting additional team volunteers to undertake the on-site work. So do you or do you know anyone who has some time on their hands, can work as a team member and follow a plan, then please get in touch either on the Glenny phone number or volunteer@glennywood.org.uk The volunteering hours can flex to suit the individual.

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