

14th May 2009



**Forth Valley and Lomond LEADER**



Dear Colleague,

I would like to invite you to attend an event celebrating Clackmannanshire, its people, environment and heritage on Friday 5th June at Alva Parklands. This is also United Nation's World Environment Day; a day to stimulate awareness of the environment and promote worldwide action toward it's protection.

The Ochils Landscape Partnership, Clackmannanshire Council's Sustainability Team and the Clackmannanshire Green Map Initiative have been working together to organise an event that will showcase the work we are undertaking to promote the best of Clackmannanshire.

The order of the day will include a series of presentations, displays, refreshments and afternoon walks:

10.30am Registration - Coffee

11.00am Presentations

Introduced by BBC presenter Mark Stephen.

- **Clackmannanshire Open Green Map**  
We will be celebrating with other projects around the world as we launch the Open Green Map. This goal of this new media is to give people of all ages and backgrounds the skills, resources and awareness to live more sustainably.
- **Ochils Landscape Partnership**  
Clackmannanshire also presents the work that has been proposed to safeguard its historic landscape through the Ochils Landscape Partnership, in conjunction with the Heritage Lottery Fund. The current phase of the scheme will be introduced with focus on the programmes of action, links with the community and partner organisations. An opportunity to get involved at a key moment in its development.
- **County's Year of Action, BBC Breathing Places**  
This year Clackmannanshire is one of 40 local authorities from throughout the UK which is signed up to become a BBC Breathing Places - County of Action. Catherine Garvie from BBC Scotland will be sharing the many opportunities to support communities to "Do One Thing for Nature" throughout the year.
- **John Muir Discovery Award presentation**  
The Walking on Wheels Ramblers Group from the Whins Resource Centre have been exploring accessible wild places and discovering how to "Do One Thing for Nature" as part of their John Muir Discovery Award. We will be celebrating with them as they receive their awards.

12.30pm Lunch

Buffet lunch will be provided.

Continued over

1pm Walks

- Alva Glen, run by Alva Glen Heritage Trust and the Ochils Landscape Partnership.
- Alva and its Kirkyard, run by Clackmannanshire Council's Museum & Heritage section and the Ochils Landscape Partnership.

Other Activities

- Visit the Delph Pond and woodland where the local community working with BTCV have created their own BBC Breathing Place.
- There will also be an opportunity to explore the Open Green Map and discuss it's potential as a community organising and community planning resource.

3pm Close

It is important that local organisations and the community are involved, to find out what is going on in their environment and, importantly, how they can get involved. To widely share this event it will be open to the public. Please RSVP as space is limited on the day. I do hope that you will be able to join us for at least some of the day and I would be grateful if you would contact myself by emailing [jlawrie@clacks.gov.uk](mailto:jlawrie@clacks.gov.uk) or by phoning 01259 452572. This will help greatly to inform us how many people to expect at the event.

I look forward to meeting you and hope that you can attend.

Yours sincerely,

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