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Tarbert : Our Castle of Kings

Our Community Archaeology project is moving forward with the project design completed by Roddy Reagan or Archaeologist from Kilmartin. The main program is for May and June in 2019, and we will issue a detail of dig days for volunteers to hopefully sign up for.

The big hurdle still to be overcome is raising the funds required, and we have a number of grant applications in progress. We have established a giving mobile telephone number for the project, and poster up at castle over Easter raised some £30.

If you feel you would like to help us along.....

You can now donate to Our Castle of Kings project by TEXT. Just text the project code (TARB55), plus an amount, to 70070 - for example, 'TARB55 £5', to donate £5.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please REPLY to the Gift Aid text.

We are using a platform supported by My Park Scotland, who give us the full donation amount.

We can assure you that every little will help to achieve this community project.

This year we are planning an experimental dig on the ground just outside the Castle on Bruce hill looking for evidence of the original "burgh" which would have been around the castle. Details of this will be made available soon and again there will be opportunities for volunteering and learning about archaeological digging.

Our orchard bees

Our Bee keeping for beginners sessions was arranged earlier in the year with 16 taking part from the Mid Argyll area.

On the first evening we covered the history of beekeeping which led to the modern methods pursued today followed by a summary of equipment needed.

On the second evening we constructed a beehive from a kit which gave everyone an opportunity to see in detail how a modern beehive component parts are assembled and how this works for bees and those hoping to produce honey.



At our Monthly volunteer mornings there will be opportunities for inspection of our new hives and bee colonies which will be collected from Dumfries in the next few weeks as soon as the nucleus broods are ready.

Volunteering

Volunteer work parties as usual first Saturday in the month from 10.00 am if weather reasonable. All welcome

Saturday the 5th May is next session, and we have one or two activities planned including trying to create “biochar” for orchard ground improvement. We will be burning a 50 Gal drum as a charcoal kiln.

The new data protection laws shortly coming into place will affect us all and we have to ask you all to confirm that you wish to get information from us. Please watch for the e-mail request.

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