



MALLS MIRE

TORYGLEN



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GENERAL WORKS UPDATE

Idverde have started back following the Christmas shut down and works are progressing well though the snow and icy conditions have covered the site at times. The earthworks for the main play area are being formed as are the key routes through the first and third sections of the works. Woodland management and tree felling has started in the Malls Mire Community Woodland, this is to create a better environment for key species to grow and ensure the woodland supports a wide variety of plant and animal life.

Unfortunately it has been necessary to temporarily close part of the site which leads to the pedestrian entrance point to the east of ASDA's boundary. This will be reopened as soon as it is safe to do so once the works in this area have been completed but a diversion will remain in place until then. We are hoping that the main play area at Section 1 (to the north of ASDA) will be completed and open during April 2021, Section 2 is scheduled to complete in May followed by Section 3 in July. At this point the area will be fully accessible by the public. It should be noted that this type of project does include planting which can only be done during certain seasons, and as such there will be some minor works such as bulb planting and seeding going into 2022 but this will not result in any major disruption.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR FUNDERS – NATURESCOT

NatureScot is the leading organisation in Scotland that seeks to inspire, enthuse and influence others to manage our natural resources sustainably. They protect and promote Scotland’s natural heritage, which contributes so much to our nation’s prosperity and well-being.

Francesca Osowska, NatureScot Chief Executive, recently said of the Malls Mire project: “Last year demonstrated as never before how important a nature-rich environment is for everyone. This fantastic new facility will create an urban oasis for people to relax, connect with nature on the doorstep and enjoy all of the physical and mental health benefits of being in the great outdoors.”



URBAN ROOTS – WOODLAND ACTIVITY

Urban Roots has been involved in the stewardship of Malls Mire Community Woodland for over ten years. By improving wildlife habitats, removing litter and installing a path network, the woodland was designated a Local Nature Reserve in 2015. This new project will bring further improvements to the area, enhancing opportunities for recreation, community activities and education.

Over the past year, lockdowns have highlighted the importance of getting outdoors and connecting with nature, and Malls Mire continues to be a destination for many people in their daily exercise. We adapted our woodland programme to be Covid-safe, meaning we could run some volunteer sessions, wildlife workshops, kid’s clubs and a new woodland youth group. Classes from St Brigid’s and Toryglen Primary Schools attended weekly woodland sessions in autumn and pupils from Holyrood Secondary worked towards a John Muir Award, learning conservation skills and having lots of fun exploring the outdoors along the way.

We hope to run similar programmes this year, as soon as it is safe to! In the meantime, winter is a great time for bird-spotting so keep your eyes peeled in the woods, you might even find some winter visitors like redwings and fieldfares.



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