



News Update – October 2017

Project with Cramond Primary

FRAW are delighted to be working with the P7's in Cramond Primary to plant a wildflower garden alongside the river opposite the Falls Café at Cockle Mill.

An area of around 60 square metres has been marked out, treated to clear it of existing vegetation and (temporarily) fenced off to protect it from people and animals. The children will be planting plants and sowing a seed mix containing plants whose flowers are nectar rich to attract moths, butterflies, honey bees and bumble bees.

The project is part of the 'Me and My World' module of the Junior Award Scheme for Schools (JASS) which involves the P7s, who are working towards their silver award, spending 12 hours 'working for the good of the community and the environment'. This work will create an area which we can all enjoy, and benefit from, in future. As the plants (hopefully) grow, the P7s will be able to observe them and watch what wildlife they attract and learn about the importance of pollinating insects.



The project has been made possible thanks to a grant from the Almond Neighbourhood Partnership within CEC.

Fair-a-Far Weir

The work to repair the crest of the weir and replace the fish pass at Fair-a-far is continuing. Once it's complete the movement of fish up the river should be much easier. The work has been affected by the high water levels following some of the heavy rainfall and measures are having to be taken to make the working areas more resistant to the impact of higher water levels.

The weekly fish rescue operation is continuing to ensure that fish being trapped by the works can continue their journey up stream. Regular updates on the work, which is currently scheduled to be completed by early December, are being sent out to all members of FRAW, so if you haven't joined or renewed, now is the time to do so.

Work parties

Our regular work parties are also continuing and recent work has focussed on improvements at the boatyard entrance to the Walkway, continuing to develop the Community Woodland and preparing the ground for the Cramond Primary P7 Project.

We are also planning to improve the views of the river from the Walkway by removing some saplings and improving the surface of the path, although this latter task will have to wait until the current work on the Weir is complete.



Gateway between the Walkway and Cammo Estate

At the request of the Friends of Cammo, Edinburgh Council have installed a new gateway opposite the exit from the Walkway on Cammo Road. The new gate is set back from the edge of Cammo Road by about 3 metres, which is safer than the previous open-ended pathway which led directly out onto Cammo Road. The new gateway not only provides a safer access into the Cammo Estate, it means it's possible to take a safer route through Cammo before rejoining the Walkway further up Cammo Road.