



Clan Arthur

Ancestral Lands Trust

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Dear Clan Folk

In April this year I participated in our fourth Glasgow Kiltwalk alongside Christine McArthur, Janice Johnston and Bill Arthur. Together we raised just over £2,000 for CAALT funds – a big thank you to all our sponsors! We have now raised at total of **£96,720.43** and are very close to our initial target of £100k.

In early May I enjoyed an excellent and informative five-day tour of Clan Arthur sites on Loch Awe with Jason Paterniti. The weather was fantastic and we landed on Inishail and Innis Chonnell courtesy of Grahan Graig and his RIB. We also visited Cladich fold and were given a tour by Jon Strickland who showed us a bronze age site recently discovered by Simon Davies.

Simon Davies grew up on Loch Awe side and is the President of Lorn Archaeological & History Society (LAHS). He has set up an archaeological study area on Loch Awe covering Portsonachan to Dalmally, which includes five Clan Arthur sites at Tiricladich, Bovuy, Drumurk, Keppochan and Ardbrecknish. He is visiting photographing and mapping every site, rock and ruin. He has already completed Buvuy, the Dun and Claddich and shall be covering Ardbrecknish and Rockhill next.

His Google map is available online here and it gives a lot more archaeological information on Clan Arthur sites in the area than we previously knew about:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=12MV3dcdajWdMpuCQyutKkzb_gKph448&ll=56.35003215063749%2C-5.083977449254841&z=13



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There is a local story of an iron age fort on the summit of the Dun at Bovuy and Simon has recorded possible walls and earthworks on the south slope but says that these possibly date from the two phases of plantation which has caused extensive disturbance of the site. Simon is also producing photogrammetric models of the sites he visits. I have joined LAHS to maintain contact and keep up to date with future developments. The LAHS web site is here for those who are interested:

<https://lahsoc.org.uk/>

And for those interested in the underlying geology of our ancestral lands, this is the link to the British Geological Survey map of Loch Awe:

<https://largeimages.bgs.ac.uk/iip/mapsportal.html?id=1002545>

SSEN are currently upgrading the power lines around Loch Awe for the extension to Cruachan Power Station. They have set up a large construction site in Glen Aray and are planning a new line from Creag Dubh to Dalmally which shall pass through a large section of Clan Arthur ancestral lands. I am also told that they are conducting lidar surveys through the Pass of Brander which shall also extend to cover Tiricladich. The lidar scans are to be made available to the public. Here's the link to the SSEN project map:

<https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/project-planned-areas/?projectId={1bd1f8d8-4af3-11ed-b878-0242ac120002}>

Wishing you all a perfect summer.

Yours, aye

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