

# Bennachie gets a Spring spruce up!

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**THE first volunteers of the season will begin work on the slopes of Bennachie this weekend.**

The work parties will be tidying up paths around the Bennachie Centre and preparing for a tasks over the next few months.

These will involve cleaning out drains, cutting back trees and tree planting.

The work parties are for 14 years old and over and are usually held on the first Saturday of each month from March to December.

The work starts at 10am, normally at the centre although there are other starting points used by the Bailies.

Work party co-ordinator Mike Neely said: "We are always on the look out for more volunteers. If people are interested they should wear old clothing and sturdy boots

"Some tools will be provided but I would ask them to bring work gloves, a small trowel and spade if they can and a packed lunch.

"Refreshments will be available afterwards at the centre."

Mr Neely said the volunteers carried out important work on the slopes of the hill, adding: "There is always plenty to do each year. We have people doing the reconnaissance and spotting things that need doing.

"We normally have about 15 volunteers but this number can vary."

Anyone wanting further information should contact Mr Neely on 01467 629969.

The Bailies hold various events throughout the year including a picnic in August, the annual general meeting in September, along with guided walks on various parts of Bennachie range and Doric nights with poetry, storytelling and music.



**REPAIR JOB:** Volunteers at work repairing paths on Bennachie.

*Picture: Courtesy Bailies of Bennachie*