

Volunteers Wanted For

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Bennachie Work

AS has been previously mentioned, the Bailies of Bennachie have committed themselves to a programme of conservation work on the hill during the coming weeks.

Though the weather has been largely against such work in the past few weeks, three Bailies - James Mackay, Mike Davidson and Bert Cadenhead - made a start last Saturday morning, a very dreich day indeed. A useful three hours were spent on the path between Rowan Tree Car Park and the Mither Tap (though the latter was never seen throughout the morning), clearing blocked-up drainage channels and digging several new ones. Much remains to be done, however, and another work party is planned for Monday, April 20, to be followed by others on Tuesday, 28th and Saturday, May 2. It is hoped to tackle a particularly wet part on the same path on one of these outings, and eventually to deal with another "problem" area above the Rushmill Burn. Much more help will be needed for these tasks, and once again an appeal is made for volunteers. If you feel that you can help on any (or all) of these occasions, contact Bert Cadenhead (Inverurie 20287), or simply be at Rowan Tree Car Park at 6 p.m. on Monday.

The Bailies are still also looking for volunteers to help in the monthly surveys being carried out at the four main car parks round the hill. The March survey was very successful, thanks to the volunteers who

gave their time, but a few spots remain to be filled for the next survey on Saturday, April 26. Again, if you would like to help (this is certainly less strenuous work) contact Bert Cadenhead.