



## *Bailies of Bennachie*

This Conservation Society was formed in 1973 and now has over 4000 members. Its aims are to preserve the flora, fauna, footpaths, geology, literature, ballads, myths, legends, history and unique quality of the Bennachie landscape and to enhance peoples' enjoyment of the Bennachie experience.

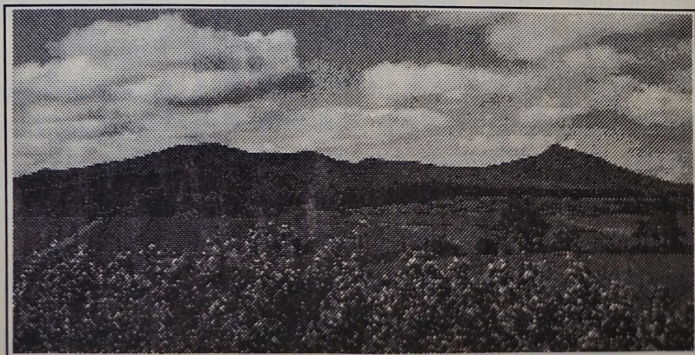
The Bailies are much involved in the new Bennachie Centre. Every afternoon (except Monday when the Centre is closed) two Bailies are on duty to assist visitors to the Bailies Room which, amongst a lot of other interesting items, houses one of the finest collections of reference books relating to the area. At the Centre the various publications - books, guide, map, calendar, postcards, lettercards, videos etc. (all produced by the Bailies) are available for sale.

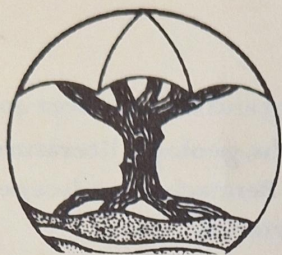
On the hill the Bailies have been active in leading walks to interesting parts of the mountain for the benefit of the general public. They assist in path repair and maintenance and have planted, in co-operation with forest Enterprise, what will soon become a lovely little native Scottish woodland in memory of the founder, Dr. Danny Gordon.

Recently H.R.H. the Prince of Wales expressed an interest in becoming a Bailie, as should anybody who cares for Bennachie and its future. Life membership costs only £5 (Family membership is £12). One can join at the Bennachie Centre or by contacting the membership clerk, Algy Watson, Springbank, Oyne. Tel. (01464)

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valuable service at both national and local levels.

Nationally, SEEC regularly communicates with all its members, and that amounts to some 2,500 contacts. This includes up-to-date information, examples of good practice, a guide to new resources, what's on, an Annual Conference and disseminating any other useful and practical information. About half of Scotland's 3000 primary schools are now regularly updated through SEEC members' mailings. SEEC has also recently published a guide to the best environmental education resources, in support of 5-14, and is currently preparing a database for inclusion in the SCET CD-ROM "ASSIST". All primary schools will also soon be receiving a complimentary copy of an Environmental Education Activities Guide, produced by SEEC with funding from Scottish Natural Heritage.

SEEC provides strategic support to the Regional Environmental Education Forum (REEF) network. REEFs, of which there are now 14 covering all of mainland Scotland, are voluntary associations of teachers, local authorities, nongovernmental organizations, government agencies and businesses with one thing in common - a desire to promote and support environmental education in their local area. Every REEF produces a Directory of local support services and is a valuable contact for any teacher

## Cranloch St Andrew's Environment Project

We are a special school, serving Moray, working with youngsters with challenging behaviour.

The philosophy of our project is to engage youngsters in an appraisal of our extensive grounds with a view to enhancing and developing our immediate environment in a meaningful way. The response from most youngsters has been very encouraging. Their hard work has given our small community a sense of pride and ownership.

We have converted a disused toilet block into a fully equipped potting shed, linking the latter to a large polythene polytunnel. Recently completed is our tree planting programme, which saw the introduction of 400 deciduous and 350 evergreens. The development of a pond in our wetland area has given us much satisfaction.

A wide base of support, both financial and advisory, has been enjoyed since the beginning of our project over a year ago. The following groups have been particularly prominent: Scottish Natural Heritage, Landscape Ecology Woodhill House, Construction Industry Training Board, Local Enterprise Company, Robertson's of Elgin, Christies of Fochabers, R.A.F., Moray Estates of Forbes, Training for Work Group of Moray District Council.