



Annual Gathering 2018;
5th - 7th October
Braemar

There will be the usual selection of talks, site visits, good food and time for socialising. Site visits this year are detailed below, please indicate the site visit you wish to attend.

We are planning a visit to Birse Community Trust (<http://www.birsecommunitytrust.org.uk/>) on the Friday afternoon - no buildings tour this year. There will be a ceilidh on Saturday evening and catering will again be by the Project Cafe (<http://theprojectcafe.weebly.com/>)

If you would like to join us, please complete and return the form below;

Your; name(s) _____

email; _____ phone; _____

Gathering Fees:

		Supporter		Adult Standard		Adult Concession		Child over 5		Total £
		Number	Rate £	Number	Rate £	Number	Rate £	Number	Rate £	
Full Weekend	Member		120		95		40		20	
	Non member				120		50		20	
Saturday Only	Member		45		35		15		5	
	Non member				45		20		5	
Early Bird *			-5		-5		-5		0	
Membership			60		30		15		N/a	
Total										

* Early bird discount available until 15th August

Children under 5 are free

Full weekend fees include lunchtime and evening meals from Friday evening until Sunday lunchtime. Day rate includes lunch and evening meal

Please consider paying the supporting rate – we use the additional money to help keep the gathering affordable for all.

Accommodation:

We have booked the SYHA hostel and have 8 bedrooms of various sizes available – all with shared bathrooms. The rates – for two nights (including breakfasts) are as follows;

Type	Rate £	Number	Total £
Single bed in shared room	FULL		
Room for family / couple	FULL		
Total Accommodation			
Total Gathering & Accommodation £			

Rooms will be available on a first come first served basis – to check availability, contact us using the details below. Various other accommodation is available in Braemar;
<http://braemarscotland.co.uk/> <http://www.braemarcavanpark.co.uk/index.aspx>

Other information:

Dietary Needs	
Other needs	
Would you like to lead a workshop? On what subject?	
Can you offer a lift to the gathering? From where? When?	
Do you need a lift to the gathering? From where? When?	
Would you be able to donate a raffle prize?	
Would you like to come to Birse on Friday 5th?	

Booking / Payment:

Please return the booking form to either heartwood@reforestingscotland.org or Reforesting Scotland, 39 Corstorphine Hill Avenue, Edinburgh EH12 6LF. Tel 0131 334 1220

Payment can be made by cheque or;

- E-banking to Account number 11945972 Sort code 83 06 08
- Paypal or card; <http://www.reforestingscotland.org/what-we-do/donating-to-rs/>

Trip choices for the Reforesting Gathering at Braemar 2018

This year we are organising the sign up for the trips in advance at the time of booking as they are taking place on Saturday morning and the logistics are easier if we know in advance who is going on each trip as car parking limited for some of them. Only one trip can be attended but the trip leaders may be giving summary talks in the afternoon. It would be useful to know who can offer lifts. Please state which visit you wish to attend, some can take more than others, and give a second choice if your first choice is full.

Trip	Details	1 st choice	2 nd choice	Can you offer a lift?
Mar lodge Estate with the National Trust for Scotland. Shaila Rao NTS ecologist/ David Frew, Estate manager	A high profile site at the heart of the deer issue. Deer management has enabled successful regeneration of the relict ancient Scots pine woodland. Walk from the Quoich or Linn of Dee https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/mar-lodge-estate			
Creag Clunie, Invercauld Estate with Ian Hill, estate forester http://www.invercauld.estate/the-estate/index.html	An extensive recent planting scheme along the A93 Glenshee road. Issues include loss of wintering ground for red deer and potential impact on neighbours areas from displaced deer. Hares, the need for control in and out of season, plus fence and snow issues. Planting, need for scarification and best option for this site, visual impact, planting design, densities, feathering up the hill etc			
Pearls in Peril River Dee project Flora Grigor Taylor/Steff Ferguson River Dee Trust http://www.riverdee.org.uk/	River restoration on the River Dee for freshwater pearl mussels and other species. Climate change predictions show that upper sections of the river will be too warm for mussels and the salmon they depend on, so riparian tree planting in the upper catchment has been undertaken to provide shade and other benefits to mitigate the impacts. https://www.pearlsinperil.scot/			
Environmental history at Laird's moss with Dr Andy McMullen www.botanaeco.co.uk	A forested bog with recent woodland changes related to grazing and fencing changes in the last 40 years. Coring of the bog will demonstrate the persistence of pine cover on the bog throughout the Holocene (cones etc turn up, all the way to the bottom) and the trees can be cored to show that they grew 2/3 their width in the first 1/3 of their lives, as a result of increasing wetness and the trees sinking into the peat under their own weight (a mixed climate & internal signal). A very wet site, with frequent pools so not suitable for those with mobility issues. A fascinating and relatively unique place giving an insight into environmental history.			
Braemar village tour conducted by the Local History Group	The guide will talk about buildings, people, social history, formation of the village, and is a low level, easy walk			