

RS Buildings Tour and additional site visit 2016 Friday 7 Oct Join at any point but please car share where possible and **BRING A PICNIC**.

11.00 Jeremy Cunningham's house, Nether Linnfall, to see his 'Camping Cube' and learn how insulation methods have changed in the twenty odd years between his building the first house on this site and the new annex he is currently working on .

Turn right off A 703 between Leadburn Moor and Eddleston if you are travelling from Edinburgh, on a road signed 'Waterheads'. An RS sign will be placed at the road end. There is a fair amount of parking at the entrance to his drive, which is off a (rural) cul-de-sac.

12.15 Shiplaw woods to see a tree cabin built by Jeremy for Lesley Morrison and Joe Wilton and visit the local Community Wood Fuel Area.

Turn right off A703 nearer to Eddleston on a road signed 'Shiplaw'. At top of hill the road meets woods at a crossroads. Take the track to the left for 200ms. An RS sign will be placed at the road end on the A703 and another at the crossroads.

2.00 Brief visit to the traditional hutting site of Soonhope, behind the Peebles Hydro. Take left turn after the main hotel entrance on A72 and park towards top of lane.

2.45 Arrive at Glenlude JMT site to meet Sandy Maxwell and be shown the tree nursery, and have the plans for this site explained. *Glenlude is on the B709 about 5 miles S of innerleithen.*

Glenlude- 4.5 miles south of Traquair on the B709

This 150Ha estate was gifted to the John Muir Trust to ensure that the rewilding project started by its owner Sheila Bell was continued. Following her death in 2010 the Trust has managed the property, a former upland sheep farm which had been half planted in 1995 largely with conifers. We are gradually over the next couple of decades transforming the whole estate towards a mosaic of diverse habitats. The ultimate woodland will be comprised largely of native trees with mixed ages managed under continuous cover forestry methods. We have established a tree nursery at Glenlude to supply the planting. Small coupe felling of Sitka spruce are now being planted up and protected from roe deer by brash hedges. The hybrid larch is being thinned by ring barking and the resulting glades planted up in conventional tree tubes. Recent funding from the Postcode Lottery has allowed us to buy a firewood processor to utilise the thinnings. Engagement is important to how the rewilding of Glenlude is being achieved; most of the work is carried out by volunteers (mostly members of the Trust) also involved are an increasing number of groups carrying out their John Muir Awards. These include youth groups and other charities in the fields of addiction, employability and other areas of social exclusion. You can see lots of pictures of activity at Glenlude on

<https://www.flickr.com/groups/glenludeworkparties/pool/>