



The Newsletter of Moray Friends of the Earth

# Green InFOE

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## Moray FoE Greeting Cards for Sale

The winning entries of our primary school poster competitions have been turned into greeting cards which have just been printed.

The competition was run earlier this year for primary school pupils to design a poster on waste and recycling. It was won by Millbank Primary School in Buckie who won books for their school and a prize for the winning artist. The four best entries have been turned into full colour cards and are on sale in sets.

We are selling the cards for £3.50 per set. Please contact Mike if you are interested in purchasing a set, either by email on [michael.bowker@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:michael.bowker@ukonline.co.uk) or telephone on **01542 886611**.

These cards are blank on the inside and make excellent greeting, thank you cards etc, etc. The cards are limited and are expected to sell out quickly. If you would like to get a couple of sets you are urged to do so quickly.

## Deskford Project

Members of Moray FoE have been assisting the Deskford Community Association in planning a community recycling project.

As Deskford is one of the many rural communities which will not be served by the proposed kerbside collection of recyclable materials, the community are interested in

operating a community recycling point to collect paper, cardboard, cans and glass. They will operate the site themselves and transport the items to collection points operated by The Moray Council.

The Community Association have applied for a start up grant from The Moray council. When more information of the application is available we will include them in a future issue of the newsletter.

## Forthcoming Events

### Future Meetings

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of every second month at 7.00pm in the Moray Resource Centre, Maisondieu Road, Elgin.

Dates for 2004 are: **Tue 30 November**.

Dates for 2005 are: **Tue 25 Jan, Tue 29 March, Tue 31 May**

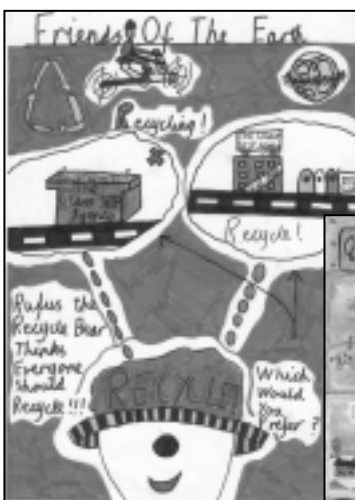
All members are welcome.

### Guided Walk

On **Sat 6th November** starting at 11.00 am from the Logie Steading Visitor Centre, near Forres,

## Greeting Cards

Here are copies of the greeting cards which we have printed and are selling. They look much better in full colour! The set of four cards cost £3.50 and are available from Mike – address below.



## Balnamoon Wind Turbine Trip

Last month Michael Johnston of Balnamoon, Grange invited Moray FoE out to his farm to view the site of a proposed wind turbine and to go for a walk round his organic farm.

The weather on the day was lovely and Michael showed a dozen eager people round his farm. The location of the proposed turbine is around 600m from his farm building in an area of undulating countryside. From the location you could see the electricity pylons and grain silos which are a similar height to the proposed turbine tower. Michael explained the complex process he has had to go through before he could apply for planning permission for the project. As we toured the rest of the

farm we discussed the state of farming in Scotland and the role of organic and niche markets.

The application for planning permission is expected to be in the press any day now for this exciting community project. Moray FoE are currently fundraising for a share in the proposed wind turbine. It was felt that we should help to support an attempt to generate electricity in a way that attempts to maximise the benefits for the local area. Pledges of support have been coming in and if the project goes ahead we are confident we will be in a position to purchase a share in it. If you are interested in helping to fund our share please drop a line to Rod Lovie (address overleaf).



Michael Johnston (centre) shows members of Moray FoE the location of the proposed wind turbine and around his farm.

## Latest MFoE Walk

We look forward to you joining us on our next walk which is on **Saturday 6th November** starting at 11.00 am from the Logie Steading Visitor Centre, near Forres, where good toilets, refreshments and free parking are all available.

The circular walk includes nearly 2 miles of spectacular river bank footpaths including the famous Sluie Gorge. The total distance of the walk is approximately 4 miles. Stout footwear and waterproof outdoor clothing is recommended.

Directions, from Forres High Street turn onto the Granton-on-Spey road (A 940) and proceed along for approximately 5 miles until you see the sign for the Logie Steading Visitor Centre. Turn off here and follow signs to the Centre.

There is no public transport from Forres to the Centre, so anyone requesting a lift from Forres please contact Mike on 01542-886611.

## Composting Competition Results

The winner of the summer composting competition was Ann Davidson who knew that coal ash was the item you should not put in a compost heap. Congratulations to Ann and thanks to everyone who entered.

A copy of the easy to use book "*Composting for all*" by Nicky Scott is on the way to Ann.