



DORENELL RANGERS



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Welcome to the first Dorenell Rangers newsletter!

2023 was a very busy year for us, we had some fantastic long distance walks as part of the Moray Walking festival in June. Our longest guided walk was 20km, and we also introduced guided cycles. Look out for more cycles coming up in 2024!

We welcomed junior rangers from Speyside, Grantown and Alford high schools, taking them to see more of the Cabrach and talk about renewable energy and our blanket bog restoration.



We worked with a number of local primary schools and nurseries, focusing on nature connection and how to look after the wildlife in the area. We planted a willow tunnel at Mortlach primary and helped establish more raised beds for growing.



Our golden eagle project is continuing to phase 2. Since 2020 we have tagged 26 eagles throughout the north east. The data collected is contributing to various studies as well as informing the picture of golden eagles in the north east of Scotland.

We have also carried out our regular environmental surveys and trail audits, walking nearly 400km!



2024 is looking very exciting as we have just advertised a new ranger apprentice position. The apprentice will be working with us and studying part time for an HNC in Wildlife and Conservation Management at SRUC Aberdeenshire campus. We are hoping to have the apprentice in post towards the end of the year.

We have some great events coming up, more guided walks and cycles as well as wildlife talks and family crafts. We would love to see you there so please check our facebook page for more details.