

NORTH WEST MULL COMMUNITY WOODLAND COMPANY

3

new jobs created

2

new businesses set up

9

forest crofts built

1

forest school for local children set up

16.5km

access road built

£2.4M

raised through funding and an interest free loan to cover the costs of constructing the haul road



North West Mull Community Woodland Company (nwmullwoodland.co.uk) was set up in 2006 to purchase and manage the Langamull and West Ardhu forests in the north west of Mull. The woodlands were purchased through the National Forest Land Scheme from Forestry Commission Scotland.

In order to bring the timber to market the company had to construct a 16.5km haul route, the total cost of this was just under £2.4 million, of which just under £700,000 was borne by the company in the form of an interest free loan, this loan is now being paid back by our harvesting output from Langamull forest.

What have you achieved so far:

- Successfully set up nine forest crofts, which are all now let.
- Built a forest school for local children.
- As soon as the harvesting was finished in Langamull North an all access path along with signage were created for the archaeological site at Kildavie.
- In 2013 the company purchased Crannich woodfuel to form Island Woodfuels.
- There are three employees, a Development Manager, Administrator and Woodfuel Operator.

What your plans for the future are:

- Working on establishing a micro-hydro scheme within West Ardhu forest.
- Establishing a woodland burial ground in Langamull.
- Affordable Housing development in West Ardhu forest.