

Woods
on your
Doorstep



Welcome to CORROG WOOD

Corrog means the stoney ridge and this area lives up to that name, having a slate backbone with greywacke running through it north to south. The hill has views down to Strangford Lough and to Ballyherly Lough on the Nugents Estate near Portaferry.

This 14 acres of land was bought in January 2000 for the purpose of creating a native oak dominant woodland on the Ards. Historically there were many oakwoods in this area yet most had been felled for ship building in the 18th and 19th centuries.

The 12,000 trees planted are over half sessile oaks with many ash, alder, sweet chestnut, field maple and birch.

The path rises to the left to a view point and then follows the ridge to a view over Portaferry woods to the south. Irish hare and raptors (birds of prey) can often be seen feeding in the rough grassland created by this planting.

The sculptor Raymond Watson from Belfast was commissioned to work with the local schools to carve the elm log, and thanks to him it turned into this Dryad or Wood Nymph, a classical Greek myth of a nymph leaping into the tree to protect it from harm. This sculpture was initially called 'Lily the Dryad', after the Greek myth and a local lady, yet locally it has gained the nickname and is known around the Ards as the 'Frump in the Stump'.

In spring 2000 local schools planted flowers and trees in the lower wood and thanks go to Mrs Lennon of St. Marys primary school for organising her pupils to write poems for their sculpture, the results are carved in to the base.

Other schools participating were Portaferry PS, St. Columbas High and Glasry College, as well as the Markethouse Centre. The Post Office also sponsored a grove of trees here.

When the Dryad (or the frump) grows old, then the trees should have matured into a fine woodland to be enjoyed by the children who first planted them.

You are welcome to walk here at anytime.



ONE YEAR FIVE YEARS TEN YEARS FIFTY YEARS ONE HUNDRED YEARS ONE THOUSAND YEARS



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