

# Collie and Mackenzie Sculpture Group Newsletter



Our aim is to celebrate the achievements of Sconser man John Mackenzie and his internationally renowned climbing companion Norman Collie through the placement of a bronze sculpture of both men at Sligachan.

In addition we want to promote the connection between people and the landscape through information panels at the site focusing on the Environment, Gaelic culture, History and the Cuillin mountains.

## What's happened in the last 12 months

- Hydro Poles removed—see the video of the improvements at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bB1O0h5uWQs> or type in Skye sculpture in the Youtube search facility.
- Certificates launched—Money raised so far **£73,000**
- Support from the Talisker Bounty Boat Expedition [www.bountyboat.com](http://www.bountyboat.com).
- Funding received from the Highland LEADER programme for a Project Consultant.
- A DVD is currently being produced to help tell the story of both men and publicise the fundraising campaign.



## Forging Links with Schools in Skye and Canada

### Building of links with Parks Canada Education Program.

We have been in discussions with a representative of Parks Canada Stewardship Education centre, regarding the development of collaborations between schools in Skye and the Rocky Mountains, where Collie made 21 first ascents.

### Skye schools to be part of project.

- As part of the John Muir Trust awards scheme pupils from Portree High are helping with the maintenance and preparation of the site.
- We are also in discussion with local primary schools who will help produce information panels to be placed at the site.



## How you can help

- Certificates are available on our website [www.skyesculpture.com](http://www.skyesculpture.com) or from the address below
- To make a donation or become a friend of the group contact us via our website or write to Skye Sculpture Group, 6 Sconser, Sconser, Isle of Skye, IV48 8TD

