

Oxygen Conservation and the state of Kinrara â?? more on BrewDogâ??s â??high standardâ?• legacy

## Description



Recent caterpillar track by wee bridge where the Burma Rd crosses over Allt Dubh. Note too the rush in the foreground, a sign of disturbed soils, the unrestored passing place beyond and the destruction of the once heather covered bank on the right of the track. Photo 3rd October credit parkswatch reader

Following my post on Oxygen Conservationâ??s purchase of Kinrara yesterday ([see here](#)) a reader sent me a few photos taken on Friday which provides up to date evidence about the state of Kinrara and confirms that BrewDog has treated the land as a â??constructionâ?• project to the very end.



A McGowan's digger parked near the entrance to Kinrara 3rd October.  
Photo credit parkswatch reader.

In their news release Oxygen Conservation made the following claim what BrewDog had achieved at Kinrara:

*“The Lost Forest” one of Scotland’s most ambitious woodland creation projects. They [BrewDog] took on a complex, challenging landscape and delivered it to a high standard.*

Really?



This photo is taken just above the previous one, i.e is of the same track. Photo credit Parkswatch reader 3rd October.



Track off the Burma Rd on west side of the Allt Dubh just after the wee bridge. Photo credit Parkswatch reader

The general public and city investors need to know that when Oxygen Conservation describes work as being of "a high standard", they apparently include work such as this. Why diggers are still being driven over the hillside, breaking up the ground, mixing mineral and carbon soils, making the surface liable to erosion etc etc is unclear.



Track detail from first track. Photo credit Parkswatch reader

This damage may appear to be a relatively small matter to those in the world of finance, who dream in £millions, but if Oxygen Conservation are prepared to claim this is high quality, what does that say for the quality of the carbon credits they are intent on selling? The point here, which I will come back to, is Oxygen Conservation appear to have a complete blindspot when it comes to planting trees on organic soils and the fact that peaty soils store more carbon than trees can ever do.



The wee bridge over the Allt Dubh high on the Burma Rd. Photo credit Parkswatch reader 3rd October

It is over two years now since BrewDog's attention was first brought to the damage that diggers had done to this fine stone bridge on the Burma Rd ([see here](#)). They promised to repair it but never did and Oxygen Conservation appears not to have noticed. High standards all round! Would-be investors please note.

Its great that other people are now publicly criticising the carbon trading land racket but it takes considerable courage for someone working in native woodlands to call for carbon credits to be abolished. I am pleased therefore to re-publish this letter to the Scotsman from Victor Clements who comments regularly on this blog:

## Ban carbon credits

In relation to your report about **Brewdog** having sold their “lost forest” (3 October), it is astonishing how many people are trying to get their tuppence out of planting schemes in **Scotland**.

That forest was funded through the Forestry Grant Scheme, ultimately paid for by the public. At their scale of operation, that should have been sufficient to make it work, and the **Scottish Government** would have been entitled to claim credit for it, and put any carbon gains against emissions elsewhere. Brewdog claimed to have funded it themselves, and set it against their own emissions. Now the site has been sold, and the carbon credits will have been picked up by someone else. So now, the site will be triple claimed. The objective of the new owners will clearly be to make money, not to establish woodlands or save the planet. Their best means of doing that will be to sell it on when it appreciates another bit, and then someone else will claim that they should take credit for planting the trees. It can go on ad infinitum, at least until the inevitable market correction.

The only effective investment in our environment was the initial grant funding from us. All the subsequent interest and purchases are simply blowing up the value of land, and that is not a good thing for our wider rural economy. Indeed, the prospect of carbon credits encourages people to plant denser woodlands than we need, and the outcome will ultimately be plantations, not woodlands, with a huge amount of environmental damage built in.

If people want to invest in planting trees, they would be better paying their money in to a ring-fenced government fund that bolsters the grants already available. Carbon credits should be made illegal and their trading banned, and that would burst the bubble of land prices.

As it stands, carbon credits are bringing forestry in Scotland in to disrepute. A small number of speculators may be gaining. The environment is not.

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