

Press Release from

## *Save Gillies Hill*

Members of the *Save Gillies Hill* group, who are campaigning to preserve the historic hill from destruction by a quarry company, reported 'almost universal support' for their efforts.

Said Chairperson Susan McGill, "Our website has had hits from all over the world, expressing anger that the great wooded slope behind which Bruce stationed his camp-followers, or, *gillies*, after whom the Hill was named, could be threatened simply by commercial interests - even when such interests are immensely powerful."

The quarry company, previously Hanson Aggregates, was recently taken over by German giants Heidelberg Cement - to become the second biggest such company in the world.

Nearer home, there is again universal support for the petition against the quarrying that is being circulated throughout the Stirling area. Peter Paterson, the Petition organiser, looked forward to submitting it to the Scottish Parliament:

"It's quite clear that no-one whom we have talked to in the Central Scotland area - and that's a lot of people - wants this destruction to take place. In a democracy, the people should be listened to, and we're taking our petition to the heart of Scottish democracy."

But not content to emulate their famous fourteenth century counterparts by simply playing a blinder at home, the modern *gillies* with are taking on the opposition in their own back yard: the German press, especially its financial sector, is on the receiving end of a volley of stories and articles about the protest - all in perfect German.

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