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For their contribution to the Halfmoon Bay Habitat Restoration Project. This donation will enable the protection and restoration of our vulnerable native wildlife to the township of Halfmoon Bay, Stewart Island/Rakiura.

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12 July 2011

Dear Iris & Peter,

We've recently received your renewal for your Sponsor-a-Hectare sponsorship and I wish to thank you on behalf of the Trust for your continued generous support of the Halfmoon Bay Habitat Restoration Project.

Here's a short update on what has been going on in the project. Our Lonnekers Beach revegetation project is going well; we have had four volunteer planting days over summer, and planted approximately 419 plants this year. The plants from last year have grown wonderfully.

We've had a worryingly sharp increase in rat numbers in recent months, and are working hard to knock them back with an intensive trapping regime which is coming into its 3rd month. Also this summer, we have carried out Little Blue Penguin counts, as well as Titi/ Muttonbird chick counts, and we have had an increase in both populations on last year, which was very satisfying for volunteers. Our first ever monitoring of Kiwi and Morepork (along with continued monitoring of Weka) is now complete, and I look forward to reporting the results in the next SIRCET News.

As you've most likely seen, a revamp of the Environment Centre in the village is underway, with a fresh lick of paint and some new panels to go up. Plans are underway for a full-wall map of the project area displaying hectares protected under the Sponsor-a-Hectare program and labelled with their 'parent' sponsors. I'm also currently reviewing our membership program and am excited to be developing further corporate sponsorship opportunities for local businesses. We are excited about the new look and potential for communicating with residents, visitors and volunteers. There will be a party to open the Environment Centre so look out for the invite!

Thank you again and please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions.

On behalf of the Stewart Island/ Rakiura Community and Environment Trust

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