

CONSERVATION AND VISITOR EXPERIENCE DIRECTORATE

STRATEGIC ROUTES DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

(Full time (37.5 hours/week), Fixed term to end of March 2020, Band D)

The Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA) is seeking a Strategic Routes Development Officer to lead on the development of CNPA National Walking and Cycling Network priorities. .

Together with our funding partners, we have raised over £1 million to extend the Speyside Way from Aviemore to Netwonmore and are drawing up ambitious plans to extend the Deeside Way between Ballater and Braemar. This post, funded by the CNPA and Scottish Natural Heritage, will be part of an experienced and helpful team of outdoor access and visitor management professionals.

Responsibilities

Developing and implementing strategic path programmes

- Develop the National Walking and Cycling Network (NWCN) in the Cairngorms National Park focusing on the Speyside Way & Deeside Way. Input to work on other strategic routes such as Glenmore and Aviemore, Braemar to Kirkmichael.
- Design, commission and manage the upgrade and extension of the Speyside Way and Deeside Way – including
 - managing a capital budget;
 - negotiating and securing land manager agreements;
 - preparing and issuing tenders;
 - commissioning path design and ecological survey works;
 - securing external capital funding;
 - preparing and submitting planning applications;
 - liaising with contractors on path development projects, path signage, path leaflet delivery;
 - promotion
- Work in partnership with local authorities to upgrade the Speyside Way (outwith the CNPA) to multi route status.
- Support the development of a brand, signage, interpretation and marketing plan for the Speyside Way.
- Develop a long term path maintenance plan for strategic routes

Managing external relationships:

- Develop strategic partnerships with Scottish Natural Heritage and Sustrans to deliver shared NWCN objectives
- Co-ordinate effort and lead where required on partnership working with other access authorities, community interests and agencies.
- Negotiate and review access agreements for paths and access infrastructure

Managing internal relationships

- Ensure good internal liaison and exchange of information with CNPA land management advisors and forums;
- Represent CNPA at planning committee meetings, CNPA Board and public inquiry hearings where strategic routes matters are under scrutiny;

- Provide advice to Development Management colleagues on strategic routes planning casework

Plans and policies

- Contribute to the delivery of Active Cairngorms Strategy, including running further public consultation events;

General

- Contribute to the work of the Conservation and Visitor Experience Directorate and CNPA as a whole and ensuring compliance with financial procedures;
- Contribute to the delivery of the National Park Partnership Plan;
- To conduct other work, as necessary; and
- All post holders are required to be flexible with regards their job description so that the organisation can adapt to new opportunities and priorities over time

Knowledge, experience and training

ESSENTIAL

- You are a passionate advocate for walking and cycling development;
- A proven track record of influencing and securing agreements with a diverse range of stakeholders
- Experience of securing and project managing externally funded projects
- A demonstrable understanding of the principles and processes of path development negotiation, construction and maintenance
- Be able to forge strong links and work in partnership with other public and third sector organisations
- Full UK driving licence (or access to a driver if unable to drive due to disability)

DESIRABLE

- Experience of commissioning and project managing civil engineering contracts
- Experience of developing and submitting planning applications
- Be competent in the use of Geographical Information Systems

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