
CAIRNGORMS LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

Title: Outdoor Access Casework

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Purpose: This paper presents the statistics for the period from 1 April 2012 to date.

Advice Sought

No advice is sought but members can comment as they see fit. At the next meeting (May 2013) a year end analysis of casework for 2012-13 will be presented.

Live cases (active) are presented at the top of the sheet; and cases that have been dealt with and **closed** so far at the bottom of the sheet.

YEAR	2012-13
Live	19
Closed	45
TOTAL	64

There have been **five** new cases reported to us in the last quarter since the last Local Outdoor Access Forum meeting in August. **One** has been resolved and closed, **four** remain under investigation.

Live Cases

Cases 4 and 5 – Aviemore (NEW)

Access staff received two complaints about issues around the Golf Courses in Aviemore. One concerns a locked gate between the Dalfaber 9-hole course and the driving range of the Macdonald's Golf Course. The other concerns a pedestrian gate which is not sufficiently wide to allow access for wheelchairs and push chairs. Both are under investigation.

Case 8 - Ballater (NEW)

A householder complained that a neighbour has blocked off an informal path along a river side. Site visit has been done and clarified that access rights do apply on the path but that there is no public access to it as it can only be accessed through the householder's garden. Householder happy that he is within rights to exercise access and wants no further action taken at this stage.

Case 18 - Killiecrankie (NEW)

A new access issue has been reported on an Estate we have had some dealing with, regarding a locked gate. Negotiations are underway with the Community Council and Estate.

Closed Cases

Case 3 – Aviemore

The Estate has agreed to create a gap beside a locked gate which leads onto the A9.

Case 5 - Aviemore

The Estate has agreed to define a better route round a deer farm.

Case 7 – Cambus o May

The local authority has agreed to take forward further enquiries regarding the accessibility of the bridge across the Dee.

Case 10 – Ballater

The Estate installed new access friendly gates once the forestry works were completed.

Case 12 – Ballater

The FCS has improved the top vehicle track in Pannanich Woods which should address the drainage issues, which were leading to severe lower path erosion

Case 17 – Dalwhinnie

The issue of gorge walking at the Falls of Truim will be raised as part of communication with Activity Providers group.

Cases 18 and 19 - Dalwhinnie NCN route 7

A meeting was held between an MSP, Transport Scotland, Transerve, Sustrans and the CNPA. Transport Scotland has agreed that a programme of small scale improvements is being implemented subject to budget restraints. There is an opportunity for wholesale improvement under the plans to dual the A9.

Case 37 – Kincaig (NEW)

The FCS has agreed to improve access (by widening a gap) past a locked barrier in Inshriach Forest that has proved dangerous for horse-riders.

Case 38 - Kingussie

Nothing further heard from the event organiser and Estate so case closed. However the management of access around the Estate is being considered as part of a planning application received regarding a new route through the Estate.

Case 43 - Laggan

A vehicle gate across a Right of Way gate had been locked to prevent unauthorised vehicle access for poaching. The Estate has agreed to install a new side gate.

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