



CAIRNGORMS LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

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Paper 4- Update and forward look

Purpose: This paper provides an update on the main areas of work both undertaken and planned.

Development and Management of core paths:

a. Old Logging Way- In late 2023 it was surveyed by Cycletherapy from its off road start point at Inverdrue to Glenmore. The resulting report recommends a range of interventions from repairs, surface refurbishment, realignments and upgrades.

Main Issues to be addressed include:

- Some sections are **too narrow**.
- Some sections suffer badly in **wet weather, submerging** parts of the track.
- Some sections are **too steep**.
- Vegetation hinders **visibility** for two way traffic and at road crossing points.
- **Road crossing visibility** for users and drivers is decreasing as vegetation encroaches on visibility splays.
- **Signage** is insufficient.
- Speed control wooden **chicanes aren't suitable** for all types of users.

b. Speyside Way – Planning permission to realign a section of the route near Kincaig that is very steep has been secured and OATS are working with the estate to secure the works going forward.

Other Path Projects-

c. Braemar to Keiloch Path- Subject to planning conditions being met works are due to restart shortly on this path.

Community Path Leaflets

- Next leaflets to be reviewed and updated are Strathdon and Laggan. Also planned to install new walking panels at Strathdon.