
CAIRNGORMS LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

Title: Section 13 Duty Casework

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Purpose: This paper provides an update on access casework for the current year.

Advice Sought

Members to note that staff time available for casework is reduced during the current year and therefore the number of cases progressed to resolution may be reduced.

Review of this year's access casework

YEAR	2014
Live cases	19
Closed cases	1
TOTAL	20

New Cases

New (live) cases recorded since the last meeting are summarised below:

Case 14 Laggan, woodland nr Coire na Lairige - locked gates reported where access to commercial woodland is available close to unclassified minor road (nr Glenshero Lodge). Complainant reported issue as interfering with planned hillwalk activities. Site visit to be carried out. Case ongoing.

Case 15 Spittal of Glenshee, Glen Lochsie, Dalmunzie Estate - Prohibition signage reported concerning deer stalking activities. Complainant reported excessively restrictive guidance given on the signage thereby interfering with planned hillwalk activities. Issue investigated and complaint partially upheld. Dalmunzie Est to be contacted to remove/modify signage. Case ongoing.

Case 16 Insh, woodland nr Drumguish – locked gate reported where access to commercial woodland (Inshriach) is available close to the B970. Investigation carried out, gate and issue attributed to FCS ownership and contact made to request rectification. Assurances given.

Case 17 Bridge of Gairn, Ballater – Worrying (inc. killing) of farm poultry reported within farmyard close to promoted path. Investigation carried out, additional gating discussed with farm owner together with offer to reimburse cost of ‘dogs on leads’ signage purchased as response. Officer explained that Police should be informed as a result of worrying involving criminal law. Case ongoing.

Case 18 Boat of Garten, River Spey – Potential obstruction of paddler entry point reported arising from new fencing being erected as part of Pearl Mussel conservation measures. Investigation carried out and contact for contractor’s agent passed to complainant for conducting initial enquiries.

Case 19 Kincaig, Dalraddy Estate – Obstruction to driveway comprising locked gates and prohibition signs. Investigation carried out and issue initially being pursued by CNPA in respect of requirement to gain entry for Speyside Way Extension works. Case ongoing.

Closed Cases

Case 11 – Glen Banchor, dog fouling, Complaint reviewed and determined as outwith scope of LR(S)A.

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