
CAIRNGORMS LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

Title: Outdoor Access Casework – access issues 2010-11

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Purpose: This paper presents the statistics for first quarter of the year 2011-12.

Advice Sought

This paper is for information so no advice is sought but Forum members are welcome to make comments as they see fit.

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

YEAR	2011-12
Live	28
Closed	26
TOTAL	54

Overall Impression

There have been a considerable number of new cases reported to us in the last quarter since the last Local Outdoor Access Forum meeting. **Ten** remain as live cases and the other **sixteen** have been closed following advice, practical intervention and/or mediation.

New cases and updates

New cases are marked in a red box in Column B. Updates on cases are marked by a yellow box in Column B.

Case 3 Blair Atholl – difficult gates and cattle grid on hill track through farming area. A site visit is pending. NEW

Case 5 Boat of Garten – community consultation revealed concern about loss of access in local woodlands due to recent forest management practices. A site visit with owner is arranged for August. NEW

Case 8 Cromdale – locked gates on farm track. A site visit is pending. NEW

Cases 9 and 10 Dalwhinnie – contact has been established with SSE who control access on the power station track on this estate. Negotiation in progress. UPDATE

Cases 11 and 12 Dalwhinnie – gates on the NCN7 route at Dalnaspidal and Drumochter. Access is not obstructed but gates are awkward for horse-riders. Sustrans notified of potential for improvements. NEW

Case 13 Donside – management of people on popular hill track through farm yard and on hill beyond. Signage has been commissioned. NEW

Case 14 Donside – impassable cattle grids on start of hill track with no alternative. A site visit is pending. NEW

Case 15 Donside – bridge fallen into disrepair. A site visit is pending. NEW

Case 16 Donside – cattle grids with inoperable side gates so no alternative. Estate notified and awaiting response from them. NEW

Case 17 Dulnain Bridge – A ‘rambler gate’ blocks horse access onto old A95. The Estate has been sold and new ownership details are not yet finalised. A site visit will be arranged when more information is forthcoming. UPDATE

Case 18 Glen Isla – old case re-emerged. Scotways received a complaint about “Private - no access” signage around Estate policies. We are awaiting further details from Scotways. NEW

Case 20 Killiecrankie – dispute between Estate and community users over a path past a private house. It was agreed at a community council meeting that an alternative would be looked into, and proposed. UPDATE

Case 23 Kingussie – two cattle-grids with impassable side gates on hill track. An alternative is available but not ideal. Further negotiation is in progress. UPDATE

Case 24 Kingussie – old cattle grids near start of private road leading to hill track. A meeting with land owner will be arranged. UPDATE

Case 25 Laggan – no camping signs. CNPA suggested to the land manager to remove, and replace them with Code compliant signs if necessary. UPDATE

Case 27 Nethybridge – dispute about a gate leading onto the Speyside Way by an informal route through a farm. CNPA have proposed a self-closing side gate to all-abilities standard. UPDATE

Case 28 Nethybridge – ‘doctored’ land management signs reads ‘no dogs’. Alternative signs offered. We are awaiting response from Estate. UPDATE

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