



CAIRNGORMS LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

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Update and forward look

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

1. Management of core paths and outdoor access duties:

a) **Speyside Way** – Park Authority Staff are working with OATS to redevelop a shorts section of the route at Kincaig to remove a steep slope. Planning permission is to be submitted shortly.

b) Other Path Projects-

- **Braemar to Keiloch Path-** OATS have submitted a planning application for the middle section of the route, once validated by Aberdeenshire Council it will most likely be called in by the CNPA

c) Community Path Leaflets

- Currently re-designing the leaflet layout in the new branding, with Carrbridge village as the example. Laggan and Strathdon will follow.

d) SOAC promotion

- Publications – new fire leaflet produced. Tread lightly leaflet updated and rebranded. Tread lightly posters currently being rebranded.
- Ranger events – number of pop-up events took place again this year.
- Education programme – school sessions, teacher training sessions and training for ranger services all took place.
- 'High Fire Risk' magnetic vehicle signs produced.



Other Park Initiatives

2. Caper project / Dog community.

Following on from an initial online survey of the dog walking community, a small group of representatives came together over a series of four meetings. Key actions identified for progressing were around fostering a dog community, creating dog friendly spaces and working on standardised signage. An intern is now in post working on a “Dog friendly Cairngorms” project to develop a 5-year action plan and trial the creation of a dog friendly exercise area.

3. Cairngorms 2030

The application was submitted to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) in mid-August. This included over 70 detailed delivery and cost plans for 20 major projects. We expect the NLHF award decision in December with the 5-year delivery phase starting in January 2024. If we are successful, we will draw in £10.7m in lottery funding