



CAIRNGORMS LOCAL OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

Title: Update and forward look

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Purpose

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

1. Development and Management of core paths:

Speyside Way

- Directional signage – The works to update the directional signage (fingerposts and waymarkers) between Aviemore and the Park boundary (beyond Cromdale) is mostly complete. The main post installation has been done, and final snagging works are being wrapped up. Key improvements have been the signage through Nethy bridge and Boat of Garten, where metal lamppost signs have been used in place of posts, making this much clearer.
- Gates- Cromdale to Mains of Dalvey at the Park boundary. We have secured a contractor to remove the outdated “rambler” style gates that are so difficult to access, especially on a bike and impossible on a horse. The initial contract is due to commence in mid-April, starting at Cromdale to Mains of Dalvey at the Park boundary. We hope to remove all the rambler gates and replace (only where required) with self-closing pedestrian gates made to the proper specifications to accommodate bikes and horses.

2. Other Path Projects-

Dalnain Bridge – Works were completed before Christmas on the riverside path in Dalnain Bridge. They included the path drainage removal of organic growth from path surface and reinstatement path wearing course. They also included making safe a large windblown tree

3. Fire Bylaw

A paper was taken to the Park Authority Board on the proposed fire bylaw (see 250214Paper1SeasonalFireManagementByelaw.pdf). Subject to minor



amendments the Board agreed the wording should be submitted to Scottish Government for approval.

4. Upland Paths- Meall a' Bhuachaille

The team arrived on site in November (just in time for the change in weather) and have begun working periodically when weather suits and between other contracts. Works include improvement stone pitched sections to make them more comfortable, laying of aggregate on other sections and securing this with stone bars and tackling drainage issues. Works are still ongoing but on schedule to be completed by end of March.