

ScotWays

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“The preservation, defence, restoration and acquisition, for the public benefit, of public rights of access in Scotland including public rights of way, and related amenity”.



It is now more than 20 years since the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 came into effect, giving Scotland some of the most progressive access rights in the world. But in many ways, the support structures needed to uphold those rights have weakened dramatically.

This isn't the first time we've raised the alarm. Back in 2017, ScotWays issued a call to action when council ranger services and access teams faced serious cuts. Even then, we warned that outdoor access was low on political agendas, and that councils were struggling to protect rights of way and fulfil their duties under the 2003 Act.

In 2025, Ramblers Scotland authored a survey for the Scottish Outdoor Access Network (SOAN). Frontline access staff across all 32 councils and both national parks revealed the current situation:

- Seven local authorities have no Access Officers at all, meaning no staff dedicated to the statutory duty to uphold access rights, and limiting capacity to publicise the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.
- Across Scotland, there are just 33 full-time equivalent Access Officers, half the number in post when the 2003 Act came into force, and the lowest level ever recorded.
- Many authorities lack the capacity to use their legal powers when access rights are ignored.

Several councils no longer host Local Access Forums, despite these being statutory bodies designed to bring land managers, communities and

recreation interests together to resolve access matters.

These findings reflect what we hear from access users, including walkers, wheelers, cyclists, horse riders and paddlers: more issues, but fewer people in place to resolve them. Outdoor access is important to health, nature and communities, but the system designed to support these rights is under increasing strain. The Seasonal Access Rangers Annual Report 2025, published by the Highland Council in February 2026, demonstrated the real difference that Access Rangers make. The report found that their presence helps reduce instances of irresponsible behaviour by educating people, supporting local communities and protecting fragile landscapes. If we want these benefits to continue, long-term funding is essential. You can find the report here on our news page: scotways.com/highland-council-seasonal-access-ranger-report

With newly elected representatives now settling into their roles in the Scottish Parliament, this is an ideal moment to highlight the need for renewed investment in access. Access issues such as blocked paths should first be reported to the relevant access authority. If nothing happens or if the authority has no access officer to deal with the issue, then we encourage you to contact both your councillors and your MSPs to raise your concerns.

A message from a constituent has a real impact and will help to keep outdoor access firmly on the political agenda.

Message from our new Honorary President

WHEN I was first asked to become the honorary president of ScotWays, I was somewhat taken aback and felt almost unworthy, knowing that I would be filling the boots of many illustrious predecessors, especially the legendary Tom Weir, whose TV series *Weir's Way* had inspired me as a boy growing up in Argyll. Little did I know back then that my own career would follow a course similar to the one he had trodden – exploring Scotland and meeting the people who live in our beautiful country; both of us with our signature head-gear. In Tom's case, his famous knitted bobble hat; in mine, a wide-brimmed Tilly hat.

Almost unwittingly, my own early outdoor adventures used some of the over 350 rights of way listed in the excellent ScotWays publication, *Scottish Hill Tracks*. I began using these routes as a teenager to get to the mountains and to explore the countryside around my home in Ardentinnny.

With my pal Gus, we taught ourselves the rudiments of mountaineering as we enjoyed the natural world, climbing

Paul Murton (centre) alongside Chair Rachel Taylor (left) and Vice Chair Tim Simons (right)



craggs and rocky outcrops and making unexpected discoveries along the way. One hill path took us close to the wreckage of a Second World War fighter plane, another to the scattered remains of a Flying Fortress.

Since then, I have spent a lifetime wandering the ancient footpaths that thread across Scotland, sometimes with a hardy film crew, but mostly for sheer pleasure. Every time I lace

up my boots to follow a route through the hills, it's like escaping to another world.

Every step evokes a sense of excitement at being free to roam – and I am proud to be part of an organisation that continues to campaign for the right to wander for all who answer the call of the wild.

Paul Murton

Notes from the Chair

I WAS elected Chair of the Board in December and am thrilled for this opportunity to do more to support ScotWays – an organisation whose mission and whose people I really believe in. Before becoming a director, I was a very active volunteer for ScotWays, and I'm also a very keen outdoorswoman, so I understand first-hand the importance of protecting public access and also of the work ScotWays does. I am also thrilled to be collaborating with newly-elected Vice-Chair Tim Simons. Tim was the editor for the current edition of *Scottish Hill Tracks* and has a thorough understanding of and a passion for the mission of our organisation. I would also like to thank Katharine Taylor (no relation), for serving as Chair for the past three years.

The board spent a full day together in February, beginning with a series of planning and team-building sessions and then moving on to a formal board meeting. We used this extra time to fine-tune various aspects of our management structure and approach, to ensure ScotWays will run smoothly and efficiently and that each member of staff is fully supported. We also

spent time discussing strategy, both for now and for the longer-term. Our staff will continue with their current work and projects, but in addition to that the board has decided to focus on the three areas that we think will currently have the most impact on the effectiveness of ScotWays. These are:

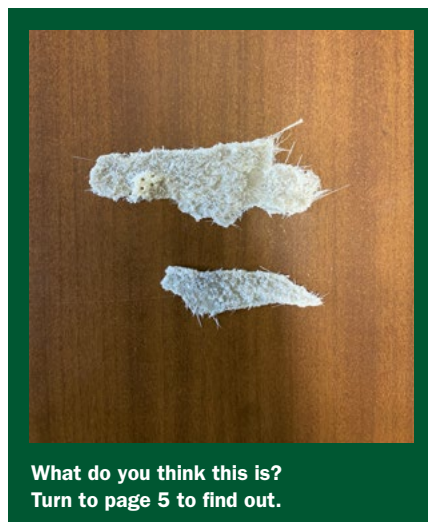
1. Profile-raising
 - a) to spread the word about our work and the resources we provide to the public, and to attract new members
 - b) raising awareness of access issues and doing more to influence government and the law
2. Investing more in project work, such as Heritage Paths and signposting
3. To continue our current project to re-evaluate our policies, procedures and general operations to ensure all staff are supported, we are running efficiently, internal information is well-organised and clear, and that policies and other documents are compliant with upcoming changes in law.

We are very lucky to have a great group of staff and directors, who are all passionate about ScotWays' work, eager

to work together collaboratively, and are full of good ideas. I'm also pleased to say that our new directors have hit the ground running and have been especially helpful with our Operations Sub-Committee and our signposting work, among other things. I'm excited to see what we can accomplish with this great team that we have!

Rachel Taylor

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**What do you think this is?
Turn to page 5 to find out.**

Re-surveying CROW

SCOTWAYS is preparing to launch a major project to re-survey all the routes recorded in the Catalogue of Rights of Way, along with those promoted on our Heritage Paths web pages, over the next ten years. *Scottish Hill Tracks* will be included late in the project, as these have already been resurveyed within the past few years: perhaps a seventh edition will be needed by the mid-2030s!

This will be an ambitious project: there is a total of around 9,000 routes to be surveyed, and a tremendous variety, from urban vennels of a few tens of metres, to 30km cross-country routes in the Highlands. Most, of course, are somewhere in between, being a few kilometres in length in all types of environment, all over Scotland. We're going to need a lot of help from a lot of volunteers to survey all these routes.

At the time of writing (early March) we are approaching the end of a pilot project to test out our approach to



A route through forestry in the Borders

PHOTOGRAPH: © STEPHANIE DROOP

surveys: 25 volunteers have been surveying a selection of routes according to our draft surveying guidance, and our staff team are reviewing their findings to help refine the guidance before the project launches.

The approach to surveying and the guidance are both informed by our experience of working with past survey data, especially the recent *Scottish Hill Tracks* surveys. Here are a few key points of interest:

- Each survey will be retained, complete with its report and photos, for future reference.
- Photos are crucial, not just as evidence of the condition of the route at the time it was surveyed, but for identifying past or future changes and their impact on public access, that might not be obvious from text reports alone.
- The Route Description remains the single most important part of each route record, and surveyors are asked to review and update the previous description, or to write a new one from scratch if necessary.
- We acknowledge and welcome the different styles that individual volunteers will bring to their survey and to their route descriptions. The reporting template asks some more specific questions about aspects of the route, which will help to introduce a level of consistency between different volunteers, and ensure that



The John O'Groats Trail

PHOTOGRAPH: © ANDY GIDDY

important points are not missed.

- As well as reporting on the route as they find it, volunteers are asked to look for changes to the route since our last survey, for example if people now seem to use a different line, and to look for recorded signs and waymarks, some of which might have gone missing.
- We need to use technology to help manage the project, and to reduce the administrative burden on our small staff team, so they can focus on the important things like supporting volunteers with complicated surveys and making sure our route records are properly updated.

Again, at the time of writing, we're on track to launch the project in July. We'll contact registered volunteers directly, but if you're not already registered and you'd like to find out more or to sign up, please go to scotways.com/volunteer.

Neil Birch, Access Officer (Outreach)

Access updates

CENTER PARCS

In December 2025, planning permission was granted for work to begin on the Center Parcs development near Hawick in the Scottish Borders.

ScotWays did not object to the planning application, instead making positive suggestions regarding the protection and enhancement of public access in the wider area. However, we did object to the proposed introduction of byelaws by Scottish Borders Council to exclude the enclosed holiday village from public access rights conferred by the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003. Section 12 byelaws should be used to directly address genuine and specific local problems, not to address anticipated issues. We consider that such byelaws need to be carefully drawn up to avoid inadvertently undermining our access

rights by setting a precedent in relation to tourism developments elsewhere.

The Scottish Government confirmed the byelaws on 2 March 2026. We requested an explanation of its reasoning. The Government again dismissed our objections and agreed with Scottish Borders Council's justification for the byelaws. Sadly, we feel that there is no merit in pursuing it further. Center Parcs Scottish Borders is expected to open in summer 2029.

RADICAL ROAD

In December, Historic Environment Scotland (HES) submitted a planning application to partially reopen the Radical Road in Holyrood Park, Edinburgh. This is a welcome first step, so ScotWays did not object but simply submitted comments. The historic path along the foot of

Salisbury Crags, a right of way, has been closed for more than seven years due to rockfall concerns. The partial re-opening planned for June will enable access to the South Quarry, including Hutton's Section and Hutton's Rock, just in time for the 2026 James Hutton Tercentenary. ScotWays remains committed to constructive engagement with HES to ensure that the full length of the Radical Road is restored for public use.

CALANAIS STONES

HES has asked Scottish Ministers to allow it to restrict public access and charge for admission to the standing stones at Calanais on the Isle of Lewis. It is argued by HES that access restrictions are necessary

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for preservation of the site, but their requested approach does appear to fly in the face of access rights. We suggest that charging for admission should be treated as an entirely separate matter to managing visitor pressures. As with many cases, it's a tangled legal web which we are continuing to unpick to find the most appropriate solution to protect access rights here and at other historic sites.

NETWORK RAIL (NR)

ScotWays has greatly welcomed NR's participation in the National Access Forum's (NAF) level crossings working group. This group has enhanced communication between the various stakeholders affected by railway operations and has improved understanding of the respective positions. In essence, we all wish to see public access safely managed, whatever

our different understanding of its legal basis. A key outcome of this partnership work with NR is the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which was approved at February's NAF meeting and has since been published on the SOAC website. ScotWays hopes that the protocols and best practice contained in the MoU will confirm this new era of positive communication in relation to safely managing public access across railways. This is all of course as yet untested, so the MoU will first need to be seen to work in practice, but ScotWays is doing what it can to ensure this positive work comes to fruition by promoting the MoU as a reasonable way forward to safely manage and safeguard public access.

TAYMOUTH CASTLE

Between 2005 and 2011, the Discovery Land Company (DLC) was granted planning permission to develop Taymouth Castle as a residential (or gated)

community. To date, the developers appear to be honouring their commitment to maintain public access across the estate. Only time will tell whether core paths closed temporarily to facilitate ongoing construction work will be reopened on completion of the work. Perth and Kinross Council's Access Team and the local community council continue to monitor the situation.

DAMAGED BRIDGE AT ACHNASHEEN

The bridge at Loch Gowan (NH147561) on Scottish Hill Tracks route 282 (Strathconon to Achnasheen) was closed in March having been damaged in recent floods, but has now reopened. We thank Strathconon Estates for notifying key stakeholders about the necessary closure, including ourselves so that we could add a note to the Scottish Hill Tracks Updates page on our website, and we congratulate them for completing the repairs in a timely manner.

AGM 2025

WE were pleased to be invited back for a second year to the British Horse Society Scotland base on the edge of Stirling for our AGM in November 2025. Twenty seven members attended, most taking the opportunity to catch up over a sandwich lunch before another 11 joined online. The formal business was preceded by a very interesting talk by Prof Chris Whatley about the subject of his recent book, *Harvie's Dyke*, an extremely heated access issue in Glasgow in the 1820s. It was a fascinating tale and it was a pity that the need to move on to the formal business meant that Prof Whatley had to cut short his talk.

Presenting the Directors' report, our chair, Katharine Taylor, identified ten significant features of the past year. These included marking the twentieth anniversary of the Scottish Outdoor Access Code; beginning a project to update the Catalogue of Rights of Way (CROW), and promoting the Scottish Outdoor Recreational Alliance manifesto, which seeks increased access funding, to potential MSPs prior to the Scottish elections in May 2026. She also reported the grants we have received from the Scottish Mountaineering Trust, to upgrade the Heritage Paths website and the information it contains. Receipt of some significant legacies during the year, together with a particularly busy year for legal searches, resulted in ScotWays ending the year with a healthy surplus. As she announced that she was stepping down as chair, she was pleased to report that she left ScotWays in a rather better position than it had been in when she took up the role.

Fiona Dick, chair of the finance and risk committee followed up by confirming the improved financial position in her presentation of the annual accounts. She acknowledged those who had left a legacy to ScotWays in their will and those who had made donations during the year, some of whom were anonymous and so could not be thanked personally.

The AGM approved the appointment of four new directors, Lindsay Anderson and Chris Huntley having been co-opted



by the board during the year, and Brian Humphries and Greg Quinn being newly appointed. Director Tim Simons was then very pleased to propose the appointment of broadcaster Paul Murton to fill the role of Honorary President, which had long been vacant. Paul was appointed for a three-year term.

The formal business was followed by 'ScotWays in Action' – various members of staff highlighted aspects of their work over the past year. Senior Access Officer Eleisha Fahy spoke about activities marking the 20th anniversary of the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, including the grant from NatureScot which enabled us to print and, with significant volunteer help, distribute 20,000 copies of our brief law leaflet. With Information Officer Craig Reilly being unwell, Alison Riddell provided a summary of his work summarising case files, cataloguing photographs and reorganising our files – all behind the scenes but important and useful work in improving our access to our records.

Director Rachel Taylor then spoke about the work to update the Heritage Paths website and plans to update the records for each route. This fitted in with the project explained by Neil Birch, Access Officer (Outreach), to start a rolling 10-year programme to survey systematically the 9,000+ routes in CROW. Volunteers will be alerted when the preparatory work is complete and their help is then required. Neil went on to speak about his signposting work, and the valuable contribution of our volunteers, and finally the increased capacity for communications following the recruitment of Finley Jackson as our Administration and Communications Assistant.

HOLD THE DATE: AGM 2026 will be held on Saturday 21 November.



PHOTOGRAPH: NEIL BIRCH

Director Rachel Taylor repainting our 1960s sign in Kinlochleven

Heritage Paths projects updates

WE wish to record our thanks to the dedicated volunteers who proposed updates and corrections to the 180 Heritage Paths that overlap with *Scottish Hill Tracks*, based on a detailed review of the SHT survey reports. It was a challenging ask, as the surveys weren't intended to be used for a different set of routes, but it was important to get the best value possible from our surveyors' efforts and the result is that the information about these Heritage Paths is now much more up-to-date. If you've not yet had a look at the refreshed Heritage Paths map, please do! scotways.com/heritage-paths

Further updates will follow shortly, as 200 Heritage Paths in hilly and mountainous parts of Scotland are set to be re-surveyed by volunteers.

Battling the elements

Our efforts continue to counteract the inevitable effects of time, weather and bad luck on our 4,000 signs, thanks to the efforts of many volunteers who have toiled with spanners, pinch bars and spades in all weathers.

Our signposting efforts are set to increase a little over the next two years, as the recent grant from the Scottish Mountaineering Trust includes a contribution towards replacement and additional signs on Heritage Paths that traverse hilly and mountainous areas. Look out for our revamped Heritage Path interpretation plates, which contain a QR code that can be scanned with a smartphone.

Neil Birch, Access Officer (Outreach)



PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID (VOLUNTEER)

Volunteer Neil with a repaired sign at Slochd Summit

Wind turbines and public access

WHETHER you like or hate wind turbines, they are rapidly becoming a permanent feature of the Scottish landscape. Here at ScotWays, we comment on applications made to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit with the aim of safeguarding public access and the people who use it. There is little guidance available on the siting of wind turbines relative to established paths and rights of way, but here is why we think their positioning is important.

In November 2024 Aviva proudly unveiled their new 77m high wind turbine, constructed on their grounds above Perth, just 30-40 metres from the popular nearby right of way in Buckie Braes. Less than a year later, in September 2025, the turbine suffered a catastrophic failure with the wings and rotating disk falling to the ground. The picture on page 2 shows a couple of pieces of debris collected from the footpath the following day. Fortunately, the disaster happened in the middle of the night, and no one was injured, but the implications could have been far worse.

Our starting point when considering what constitutes a reasonable safeguarding distance between a turbine and an existing access route is that "Turbines should be sited a minimum blade tip height separation distance from



the edge of any ScotWays recorded right of way, heritage path or other pre-existing renowned or well used access route".

Taking this approach would enable developers to site their turbines safely and safeguard the public using the adjacent paths.

Johanna Babbs (Access Officer)

Where would we be without our maps?

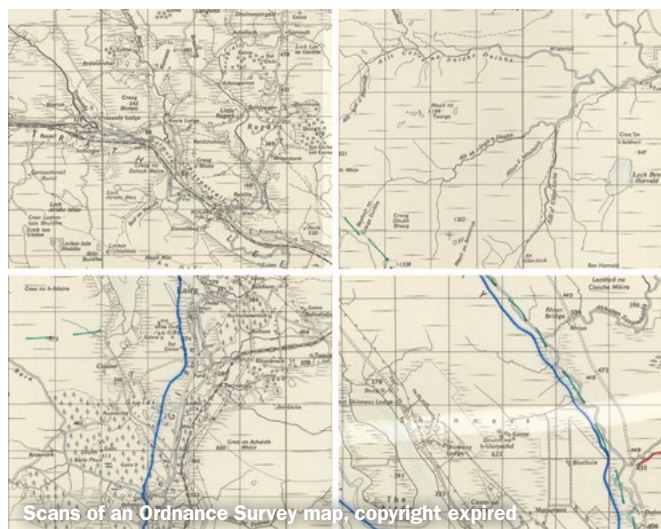
Information Officer Craig Reilly looks back at the history of the national record of rights of way in Scotland and a recent project to digitise our historic maps

ELSEWHERE in the UK, there has long been legislative provision for recording rights of way as part of a definitive map. This has been the case since the Second World War ended in 1945, when the newly elected Labour Government sought to improve the welfare of the British public, including measures designed to improve the public's health and social wellbeing through increased access to the countryside.

Following the multiple attempts of James Bryce MP (former ScotWays director) to introduce a "freedom to roam" bill, the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 was introduced in parliament and shortly thereafter received royal assent. However, despite providing the necessary provisions for County Councils to record rights of way definitively, the Act only applied to England and Wales (there has never been a requirement for a definitive map of rights of way in Scotland).

For many years there was no record that collated rights of way across Scotland. This started to change when the Countryside (Scotland) Act 1967 was introduced. The Act assigned responsibility to local authorities for the assertion and protection of rights of way, thereby encouraging them to produce lists of rights of way in their areas. Now, for the first time in Scotland, some local authorities were systematically recording rights of way information (despite there still being no requirement by law for a comprehensive record or catalogue of rights of way across all local authority areas).

Recognising the merits of being able to refer to rights of way information across the country, The Scottish Rights of Way and Recreation Society decided to collate this data from local authorities and produce Scotland's first national record of rights of way. In 1973, Honorary Secretary Duncan H McPherson was tasked with meeting District Clerks across Scotland to get their views on the accuracy of The Society's rights of way information (before discussing the more complicated cases with Directors at The Society's board meetings). Duncan sourced 81 one-inch to one-mile 'Seventh Series' Ordnance Survey (OS) maps of Scotland and drew rights of way lines on these based on the collected



PHOTOGRAPH: © FINLEY JACKSON

and agreed information, each map with overlaid transparency film that displayed the lines of the local authority boundaries. With the completion of this exercise, there was now a series of rights of way maps in the office with data spanning the country that could be referred to as a starting point for answering enquiries to The Society.

Although the usefulness of these maps to The Society's work was in no doubt, there were some downsides to the way that the exercise was carried out. One was the quality of the data recorded. Each line drawn on the maps merely depicted the route of the right of way with no other data included, such as its user category. Another issue was with the maps themselves. In common use at the time, the one-inch to one-mile 'Seventh Series' maps were a good choice instead of the larger six-inch and 25-inch to the mile maps, as the scale was finer and meant that land features such as roads were more easily viewed. However, they still only gave an overview of landscape features. A larger scale would have been more valuable for the precision needed for drawing rights of way lines accurately (such was the case for the revision of these rights of way maps when 1:50,000 scale was used instead for greater accuracy).

Over the next few decades, we became aware of the existence of more rights of way as well as changes to the user status or lines of rights of way recorded by Duncan's maps (for example, due to diversions). As a result, the ScotWays board decided that an up-to-date record of all known rights of way in Scotland was needed. With funding from Scottish Natural Heritage and local authorities, we launched the Mapping and Recording the Rights of Way of Scotland project in 1993. Project Officer Richard Barron (present-day convenor of the National Access Forum) was tasked with researching and compiling rights of way information from ScotWays and local authority records, entering the data into a computer database. From there, rights of way lines were drawn by hand on a series of numbered 1:50,000 OS maps specially printed for this project, before being digitised and held by Scottish Natural Heritage. In addition to the maps, an information sheet was produced for each route providing further detailed information including the user category. The result was the replacement of the first national record of rights of way produced 20 years earlier: this was the first iteration of the national Catalogue of Rights of Way in Scotland (CROW, as it is more commonly known).

Both collections of maps referred to in this article can still be found in the ScotWays office today. They are a valuable one-of-a-kind resource on rights of way, presently used by staff to cross-reference historical rights of way information as part of ScotWays' work to uphold public access rights. However, the maps' unique status also makes them susceptible to the serious risk of this primary source information being lost forever if, for example, the office were to suffer some disaster such as fire or flooding.

This potential risk has long been recognised. Following creation of our Information Officer role, and Craig Reilly's recruitment, he proposed we preserve this unique resource through digitisation. Having consulted National Library of Scotland's Map Curator, Chris Fleet, we hired a high resolution AO flatbed scanner to accommodate scans of our large and varied map collection, from the smaller 1:50,000 sheets that OS produced for Richard, to the large one-inch to one-mile OS maps that Duncan worked with. Originally, the plan was to hire the scanner for a week, but it soon became clear that

this was far too ambitious a goal, with over 700 maps to be scanned. Instead, we hired the scanner for a two-month period during February and March, so that Craig could still fulfil other responsibilities of his job alongside this project.

By the time you're reading this in May, we'll have finished scanning the office map collections. However, this scanning is intended to be just one stage of the project. In the future, we would like to recruit volunteers for a follow-up project to geo-reference these scans*. This would enable us to include our scanned historical maps as layers in CROW, so that staff can work with the historical rights of way information directly. Thus, with the completion of this project, we will not just be preserving our historical maps against decay and destruction, but also improving accessibility to these vital records for our staff.

*Georeferencing is where you take a map image and assign it geographic coordinates, so you can locate every point to its proper location on Earth.



PHOTOGRAPH: © KATHARINE TAYLOR

From left: Gavin Corbett (Ramblers Scotland), Katharine Taylor (ScotWays), Willie Rennie and Georgina Chariton (BHSS) at the Scottish Liberal Democrats Conference

From left: Senior Access Officer Eleisha Fahy, Anas Sarwar (Scottish Labour leader) and Gavin Corbett at the Scottish Labour Conference

From left: Lindsay Anderson (ScotWays) and Green Party councillor, Holly Bruce, at the Scottish Green Party Conference

Putting public access on the political agenda

In the run-up to this year's Holyrood elections, ScotWays attended three political party conferences – the Scottish Green Party in November, and Liberal Democrats and Labour in February. Sharing stalls with Ramblers Scotland and the British Horse Society Scotland, our main purpose was to promote the Scottish Outdoor Recreation Alliance (SORA) manifesto and to invite politicians to support its key asks. These are to establish a ring-fenced Scottish Paths Fund and to update the guidance for access authorities on upholding access –

the guidance was published in 2005, so needs reviewing to bring it into line with legislation and to benefit from 20+ years practical experience.

With changes in the scale and nature of demand, it is a tool necessary to better support local authorities and the national parks in their legal duty to uphold access rights. We'd also like to see NatureScot better able to reflect its role as our national access champion, responsible for education, engagement and promotion of access rights and responsibilities.

SORA colleagues also attended the SNP conference – between us we attended as many conferences as our resources allowed.

Public access rights cannot be disassociated from either national or local politics. National politicians pass the laws and allocate funding to local councils (access authorities). It is local councillors who decide how those funds are to be spent.

We had many useful conversations with attendees at the conferences, including well-kent faces and other prospective parliamentary candidates.

New bank account

FOR those who pay their annual subscription by standing order, please note that we have changed our bank account. We would be very grateful if you would amend your standing order, both to the current rate for your type of membership and to ensure it reaches the correct

bank account. Our new account is with Virgin Money, Sort Code 82-12-08, account 80048373.

It's helpful if you can quote your membership number on the payment as we do have a few members with the same name. You will find it on your renewal notice.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2026/27

OUR new subscription rates, for the membership year 2026/27, are set out here.

Your renewal notice will remind you what your normal method of payment is, as well as the amount due. For those who pay on receipt of the renewal, and those who pay by standing order, we have recently changed our bank account. The account details will be on your renewal notice **so please ensure that your payment is going to the right account** – we would be very grateful!

If you pay by standing order, **please contact your bank to amend the sum payable** as ScotWays cannot do this. To avoid having to contact your bank about changes in the future, there is a direct debit mandate on our website **Become A Member | ScotWays** to be printed off and completed, or contact the office for one to be sent to you. Please return the completed form to the office, not to your bank, as we need to add a reference to ensure we can identify your payment.

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| Annual | £40 |
| Joint/family | £52 |
| Concession | £27 |
| Joint Concession | £44 |
| Life | £580 |
| Joint Life | £740 |

If you pay by direct debit, the correct amount will be collected automatically at the start of July, although if you think your renewal notice shows the wrong category of membership, do let us know so any alterations can be made.

We are working on enabling members to sign up for payment by direct debit through our website. It is proving more challenging than we had hoped, but maybe by the time you read this it will all be working!

We have two levels of subscription for our club and community council supporters: the standard one and a reduced one for those organisations who agree to receive all communications by email. The email option has the benefit of making it easier to circulate our mailings round your membership rather than a paper copy coming through the secretary or treasurer's letterbox. Of course, if you would like the discounted rate, please ensure we have a current email address!

If you pay by standing order (as you will see from your renewal notice), please check that you are paying the correct amount, and **please also amend any such arrangement to ensure that it goes to our new bank account** – details on your renewal notice. Supporter organisations can also choose to pay by direct debit provided the organisation bank account accepts this.



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| Community Councils | £35 | £30 |
| Clubs | £45 | £40 |



ScotWays – The Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society

Founded in 1845, ScotWays upholds and promotes public access rights in Scotland. We are widely recognised as experts in the law and practice of access and advise on access problems, provide information and training, and maintain a vast database about routes in Scotland. Our recognisable green and white signs are on routes across Scotland. We are home to the Heritage Paths Project, a unique archive of Scotland's old paths and roads.

We do not receive any public funds for our core activities. As a result, we are proudly independent and flexible in what we can do,

but must also raise enough money to survive. We couldn't operate without volunteers, who help us by researching path history and keeping our records accurate, representing us on local access forums, surveying and repairing signposts, and inspecting paths.

How could you help us?
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