

Coast Aberdeenshire

COASTAL CONVERSATIONS

JUNE 2022



Our Starting Point

Online Consultation Exercise and Study January 2021

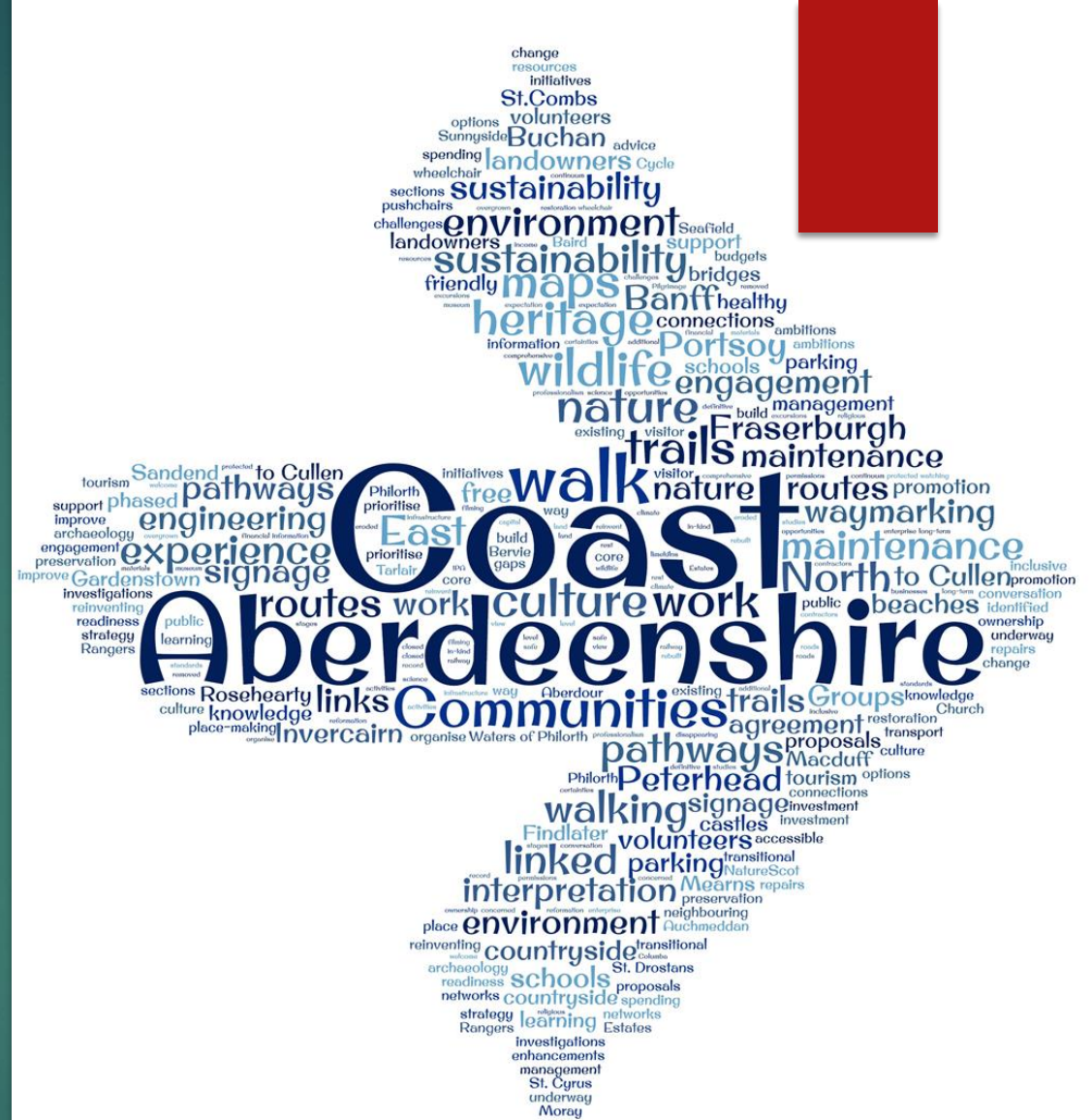
High Priority Projects identified within 'Coastal Pathway Corridor'

Conversations within communities ensures new priorities are being added

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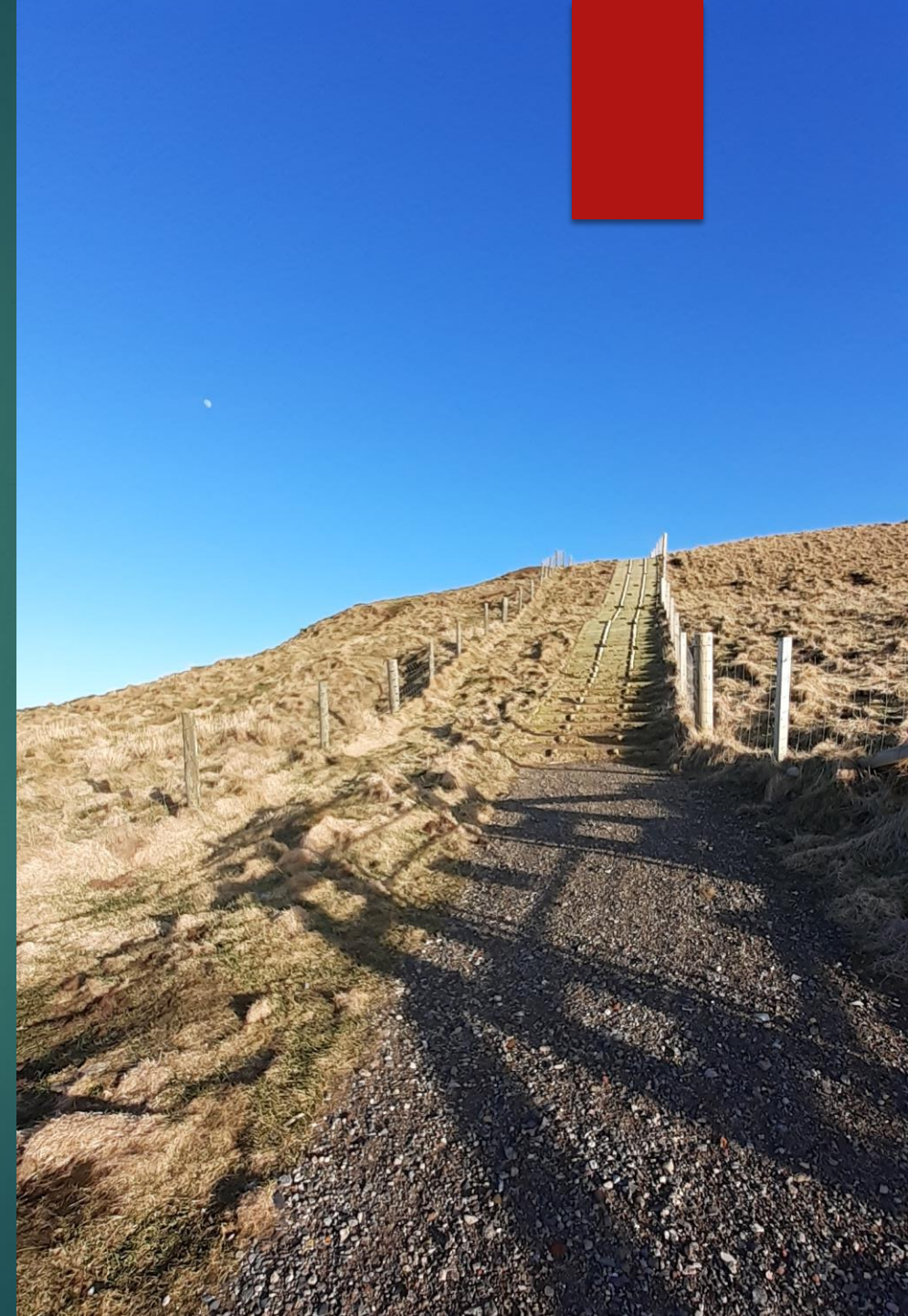
- ▶ routes, structures and attractions along the way
- ▶ reasons to walk, ease of access, attractive views, destinations.

.....not 'just paths'.



Already on the ground..

- ▶ Ongoing agreements between Council and landowners
- ▶ Pathway link projects planned - by communities, farmers and landowners
- ▶ Farmers' Paths growing through Scottish Rural Development Programme
- ▶ Local conversations/minor works around areas for repair
- ▶ Small interventions – viewpoints, benches
- ▶ Promotional activities
- ▶ Maps, apps and walking routes
- ▶ Walks for health, walking groups
- ▶ Activity events – running, cycling and walking
- ▶ Pilgrimage and church walks
- ▶ Coastal Partnerships – Moray Firth and East Grampian





Our working Area - Logie Head (Cullen) to Peterhead - around one mile inland

Project Aims

- ▶ encourage community groups to identify route or related projects
- ▶ support community commitments to take 'ownership' long term - developing, repairing/maintaining, promoting - and seeking external funds to do so.
- ▶ Support 23 month post for Project Officer - some projects will be completed, some take longer to realise.
- ▶ Open up a range of opportunities for community involvement.

Coast Aberdeenshire can offer:

- ▶ On-hand advice by email/phone
- ▶ Networking Opportunities
- ▶ Independent facilitation
- ▶ Support with project development
- ▶ Joined-up working with Council services and specialists, especially support with planning issues
- ▶ Connections with support organisations, where helpful
- ▶ Advice and help with funding applications (drafting, vetting) where appropriate

Now in 2022 we become part of the

Platinum Jubilee Coastal Path Project

Aiming to link all areas of the Aberdeenshire Coastal Pathway together -

- ▶ Logie Head, Cullen to Northwater Bridge, St Cyrus -137km within Aberdeenshire
- ▶ 55km are on beach or dunes
- ▶ 56km on paths (21km requiring attention)
- ▶ 26km missing
- ▶ Links over 30 settlements

Platinum Jubilee Coastal Path Project

Extra Opportunity:

To include projects

- ▶ Small or large,
- ▶ simple or complex
- ▶ which link together – The Coastal Path aspiration:

To ensure each project plan is an acknowledged part of the big picture

A raised profile to attract the Right Resources – help and funding



Some projects
already
established

WHICH TAKES TIME...

The Old Platform and Tree-Planting, Cairnbulg

- ▶ Starting point for the Invercairn Cycleway
 - ▶ Community planting days to landscape the old railway path
- Invercairn Community Council



Cullen Pathways

- ▶ Full network of pathways in village of Cullen and the surrounding area
- ▶ Accomplished and Award-winning volunteer group
- ▶ Great links to the Aberdeenshire Coastal Path from Moray
- ▶ Generous with advice and expertise

Cullen Volunteer Association





Many more in the planning stage

.....WHICH CAN ALSO TAKE TIME.

Rosehearty Heritage Trail

- ▶ Will promote a walking route between 7 different attractions
- ▶ Project design complete
- ▶ Pre-planning advice obtained
- ▶ Funding applied for

Rosehearty Community Council



Rosehearty to Sandhaven Coastal Path

- ▶ Will upgrade the roadside walking route between Rosehearty and Sandhaven, giving a wider path..
- ▶ Will join up with user-friendly surfaces all the way to Fraserburgh, and beyond
- ▶ Ground Surveys in progress
- ▶ Funding applied for

Rosehearty Community Council
Aberdeenshire Council



Cairnbulg to Fraserburgh Active Travel Route

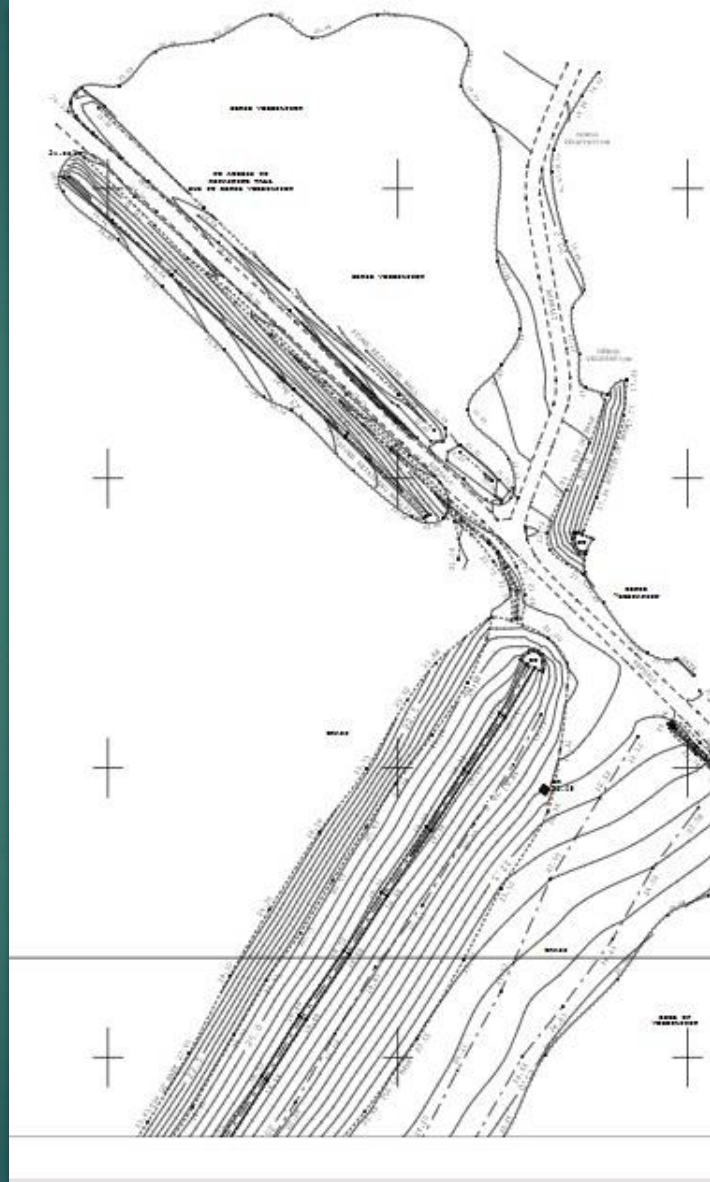
- ▶ Continuous path from Cairnbulg to Fraserburgh, along old railway route
- ▶ Shared use – cycles and walkers
- ▶ Includes bridging old rail bridge supports – design pending
- ▶ Planning approvals being sought
- ▶ Landowner permissions in development

Invercairn Community Council



Cycle link to Collieburn, Peterhead

- ▶ Joins a gap in the existing town cycleway, links into the coastal path
- ▶ Design phase
- ▶ Aberdeenshire Council and Peterhead Community Council



Portsoy Path Network

Long-standing paths need minor repairs.

More outdoor activities needed to promote to visitors.

Plans are afoot to:

- ▶ Upgrade, signpost and promote existing paths
- ▶ Develop New paths
- ▶ Develop Portsoy as activity tourism hub

Portsoy & District CC

Portsoy Community Enterprise Ltd.

Landowners

Aberdeenshire Council



Glasshaugh Steps - Sandend Beach

- ▶ Part of the Portsoy to Sandend Path
- ▶ Next to WW1 Defences
- ▶ Replacing worn steep steps sensitively with more accessible design
- ▶ Interpretation of historic environment
- ▶ Other features – picnic area etc.

Sandend Amenities Council

Portsoy & District, Fordyce Sandend &
District CCs



Sandend to Cullen Path

Popular clifftop path and access to beach. Seeking solutions to damage by landslips and heavy use

- ▶ Investigating Repair and Migration possibilities
- ▶ Consultations
- ▶ Technical Surveys

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Cullen Volunteer Group



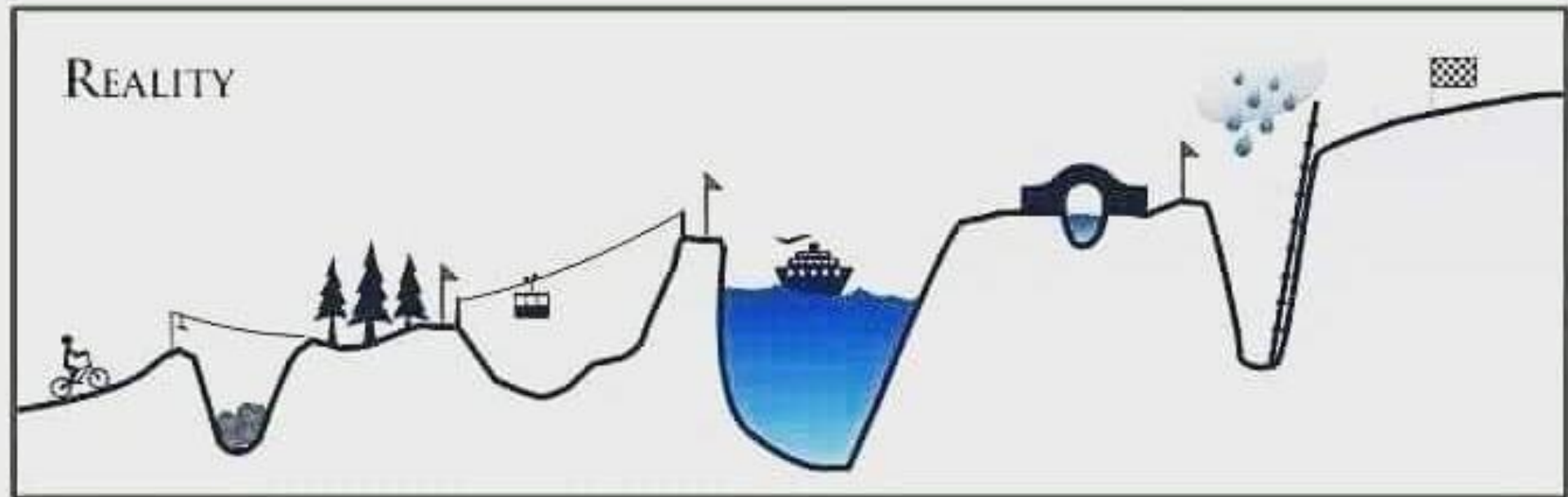
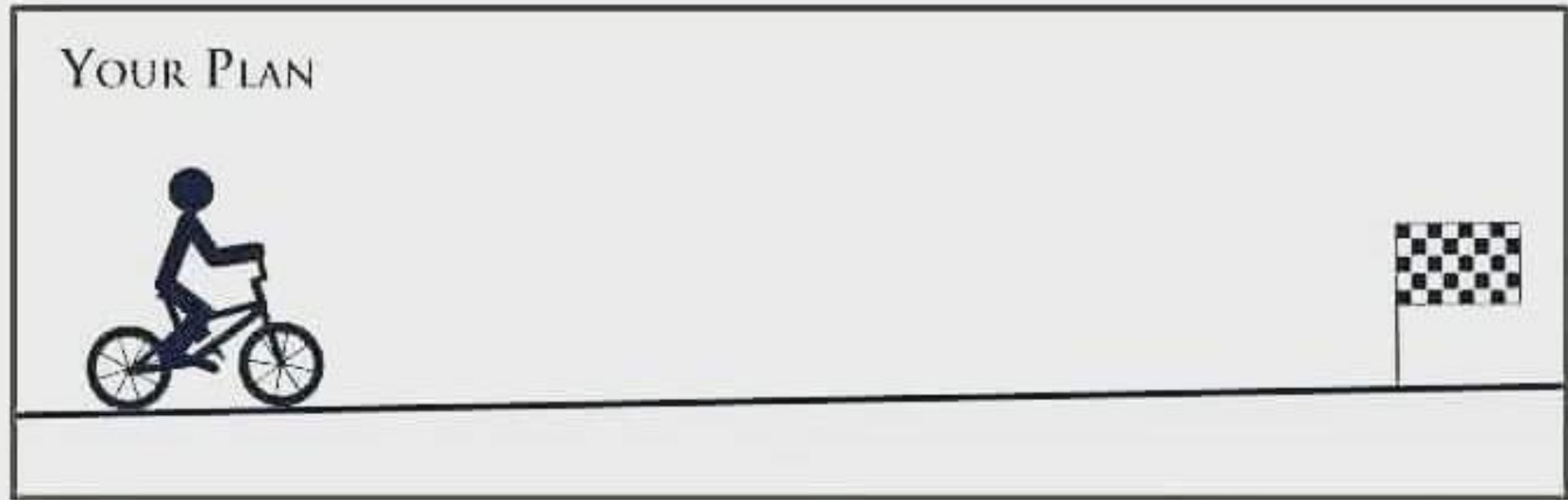
Scotstown Beach, St Fergus Access and Car Parking

- ▶ Addressing concerns over responsible access
- ▶ Exploring signage, displays and layout options
- ▶ Resurfacing
- ▶ New interpretation

Aberdeenshire Council



The Path
is not
always
smooth..



Walking the Coast is essential to new plans

The best way to:

- ▶ Look at conditions
- ▶ Discuss improvements
- ▶ Review ambitions
- ▶ Appreciate....

See the landscape now,
rather than how we
remember it.



We have
more path
users,
walkers,
cyclists -

- And Paths Assist
Responsible Access.

Respecting

- Privacy
- Cultivated areas
- Working environments
- Fragile Places
- Wildlife



Paths for All

- ▶ Access to good quality, well-maintained outdoor spaces can help improve our physical, social and mental health
- ▶ Community paths help people stay connected, access greenspace and get active.
- ▶ Across Scotland, hundreds of fantastic path volunteers are working hard to maintain and promote their local paths.
- ▶ [Paths for All - Grant scheme Open Now](#)



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From mountain to sea



Community path group information pack



Community Path Groups

- ▶ for those wishing to set up and run local path groups.
- ▶ - Our pack aims to supporting appropriate and effective community-led action on paths in Aberdeenshire.
- ▶ [Community Path Groups Information Pack](#)

Coastal Conversations

Purpose

- ▶ Publicise the Project
- ▶ Inform about the issues
- ▶ Stimulate some start-ups and new activity
- ▶ Identify priority pathways, new projects
- ▶ Build up our network



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Maps and Chat

What interests you?
What are the issues?
Share with us today...



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Get in Touch to:

- ▶ Take part in a walk
- ▶ Discuss a stretch of path or coastline
- ▶ Discuss a project
- ▶ Book a presentation for your organization
- ▶ Set up a community path group
- ▶ Come to events

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