

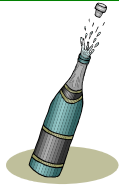
CORE PATHS PLAN NEWS

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An Occasional Newsletter

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Welcome to 2007...

... and the second leg of the Stirling Council Draft Core Paths Plan consultation process.

2006 saw us busy producing the first version of what us at the Council thought the first core path network (the Draft Stirling Council Core Paths Plan) should look like and then we came and asked all you good people to see if you agreed or not.

2007 sees us doing more of the same with another packed programme of community meetings starting in Gargunock on 24th January and then finishing 22 meetings later in Cambusbarron on 13th September. If you have not already been along to a meeting we hope to see at one this year. Please turn over for dates and locations.

2006 the story so far

2006 was a busy year for the Countryside Team and the core path planning process has taken up most of the Access Team's time and a significant proportion of the time of the Countryside Rangers.

By the end of the year we had distributed 185 copies of the Draft Core Paths Plan to individuals, groups, libraries and local Council offices. We managed to get 44 articles printed in everything from community newsletters to the local press.

We held 24 consultation meetings to which 763 people came to view the map, talk to us and leave us their comments. These meetings were at Stirling Farmers Market, Bridge of Allan, Fallin, Cowie, Plean, Arnprior, Doune, Thornhill, Blairlogie, Cambuskenneth, Stirling (South East), Kippen, Strathblane, Killearn and Buchlyvie.

So far 216 people have given us their views by email, the website, completing a comments sheet or simply writing to us. If you really want to see what people said you can do so by visiting our website, clicking on core paths plan and then progress. The comments link will allow you to download an Acrobat file with the comments people have made on the Draft Core Paths Plan. If you have already made a comment you will be able to see the comment(s) you made by searching for the unique id number you were sent.

So what have people said about the plan?

Well 83 approve of the plan as it stands and another 83 approve of it with some exceptions. Only 27 people don't like the plan as it stands. In total we have received 362 comments ranging from requests for routes to be given core path status to requests for proposed core paths not to be core paths.

Questionnaire

The Paths and Countryside Access Survey 2006/07 questionnaire has had a superb response. 1300 went to the Stirling Sounding Board and 719 came back representing a 55% response rate. Including these and the copies that have been sent out to the local libraries, local council offices, Stirling auction marts and the internet, a total of 2727 questionnaires have gone out and 1183 have been returned. A 43% response rate.

The results from all the questionnaires returned so far have been analysed and you can get a short overview of what they said from the report made to the Stirling Area Local Access Forum. You can find it on our website by following the links under core paths plan to progress and survey.



The busy Strathblane session



Discussing things at Doune

If you'd like to take a look at a copy of the Draft Stirling Council Core Paths Plan then copies can be found in all the local libraries, local council offices and the Stirling auction marts or you can always take a look online at www.stirling.gov.uk/countryside.

If you'd like anymore information on the plan please call 01786 442971 or email corepathplan@stirling.gov.uk.

Core Paths Plan Open Meeting Dates 2007

Area	Venue	Date(s)	Time(s)
Gargunnock	Community Centre, Leckie Road, Gargunnock	Wednesday 24 th January 2007	2-5pm 6-9pm
Fintry	Menzies Hall, Main Street, Fintry	Wednesday 7 th February 2007	2-5pm 6-9pm
Dunblane	Victoria Hall, Lesser Hall, Stirling Road, Dunblane	Thursday 22 nd February 2007 Saturday 24 th February 2007	7-9pm 10-12pm
Stirling	Ochil Centre, Ochil Crescent, Raploch	Saturday 10 th March 2007	10-12pm
Stirling	Council Chambers, Municipal Buildings, Corn Exchange Road, Stirling	Saturday 10 th March 2007	2-4pm
Stirling	Riverside Primary School, 19 Forrest Road, Riverside, Stirling	Monday 12 th March 2007	7-9pm
Port of Menteith	Village Hall, Main Road, Port of Menteith	Wednesday 14 th March 2007	2-5pm 6-9pm
Gartmore	Village Hall, Main Road, Gartmore	Wednesday 28 th March 2007	2-5pm 6-9pm
Croftamie	Nursery School, Endrick Way, Croftamie	Wednesday 18 th April 2007 Saturday 21 st April 2007	6-9pm 10-1pm
Drymen	Village Hall, Main Street, Drymen	Wednesday 25 th April 2007	2-5pm 6-9pm
Killin	Church Hall, Community Room, Ballechroisk, Killin	Wednesday 2 nd May 2007 Saturday 5 th May 2007	7-9pm 10-12pm
Callander	Callander Kirk Hall, Library Room, South Church, Callander	Saturday 5 th May 2007 Tuesday 8 th May 2007	2-4pm 7-9pm
Balfron	John McLintock Hall, 2 Dunmore Street, Balfron	Wed 30 th May 2007	2-5pm 6-9pm
Cornton	Cornton Centre, Jonhston Avenue, Cornton	Wednesday 4 th July 2007 Saturday 7 th July 2007	7-9pm 10-12pm
Causewayhead	Cornton Centre, Jonhston Avenue, Cornton	Wednesday 4 th July 2007 Saturday 7 th July 2007	7-9pm 10-12pm
Cambusbarron	Cambusbarron Community Centre, Auld School Wynd, Cambusbarron	Saturday 8 th September 2007 Thursday 13 th September 2007	10-12pm 7-9pm
Carron Valley	Carron Valley Hotel, Carron Valley	Saturday 8 th September	2-4pm