

Hello from SCAN – This is our third E-newsletter, bringing you news about the upcoming SCAN Conference, an update on SCAN membership procedures, an invitation to the SCAN AGM and a selection of Access News! And not to forget, the SCAN website is back in business, so take a minute to surf to www.scottishcountrynet.org

NEWS FROM SCAN

**** Moving Together – Managing Multi-use of Paths ****

The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 sets out the rights of responsible access for everyone including the less-abled, horse-riders, cyclists and walkers. This increases the need for multi-use of paths, which will need to be carefully designed and planned to take account of the variety of users and their range of abilities. Matters such as technical specification and barrier design require careful consideration. These routes may also serve both transport and recreational purposes, so how will a network be planned for shared use on established single-use routes? And what is the role of signage – can it be used as a positive tool, rather than as a means of stopping use by others. This conference will look at these considerations and ideas and will present case studies to allow practitioners, land managers and users to share good practice. More information is attached and can also be found on <http://www.scottishcountrynet.org/conference.htm>
Venue: Birnam Institute, Dunkeld - Cost: £70

**** SCAN Membership ****

As we have let you know before, free membership of SCAN is available to all those people working in countryside access issues and related fields. Your contact details are presently held on the SCAN mailing list. However, to attend the SCAN AGM and exercise voting rights on SCAN business you will need to register to become a SCAN member. This will take less than a minute: just click [this link](#), insert your signature or contact details in the body of the message and send!

**** SCAN AGM ****

The SCAN Annual General Meeting will take place immediately after the SCAN Conference on Friday 13 May at 16.30. Agenda items will include the SCAN Annual reports, amendment of the constitution to reflect the recent changes and election of new committee members. Motions and proposals to be discussed at the AGM can be put forward by registered SCAN members (see above) and should be received no later than 29 April 2005.

SCAN would also like to invite you to consider joining the SCAN Committee. This is a great opportunity to strengthen your links within the access community, share your experiences and network with likeminded people. SCAN meetings are held 5 – 6 times a year, usually in the Perth Area and the committee's main activity is the organisation of the two conferences.

We would particularly like to see more representation of urban areas, the West of Scotland and non Local Authority stakeholders. Three vacancies need to be filled. Contact us on scan@scottishcountrynet.org

**** SCAN Website ****

The SCAN website is now back online at www.scottishcountrynet.org. To date it contains information about SCAN, the conferences and useful links, but there is a lot of scope to further develop the website into a resource that is of real value to access professionals. But to do that we will need your help! We would particularly like to collect case studies, both of good and bad practice, and will also be able to post your news items and press releases on the site. If you have any ideas about how to develop the site or would like to send any contributions, please get in touch with website@scottishcountrynet.org

**** Other events ****

25 - 27 April: [SCRA Annual Training Conference](#)
"Ranting ... Rangering ... Resolution
Revealing the 3Rs of SOAC education" Venue:
Alltshellach, Glencoe Cost: £140

14-12 September 2005 British Upland Footpath
Trust organises the 3rd BUFT Conference
["UPLAND PATHS - FACING THE FUTURE"](#)
Venue: Bangor University - Cost: £175

And finally, for those of you who missed the story

New Labour lines up countryside role for Charles

The Guardian reports that Tony Blair is planning to offer Prince Charles the role of "countryside tsar" in a third-term Labour government
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/guardianpolitics/story/0,,1449902,00.html>