

SCAN E-Newsletter – January 2006

Hello from SCAN – we've been enjoying a bit of peace and quiet after the period of frantic activity leading up to the Access Fair in November, but as the days are starting to lengthen again it is time to start preparations for the SCAN events of 2006. For those of you receiving this E-newsletter for the first time – welcome to the Scottish Countryside Access Network! We'll be keeping you informed about SCAN events through this E-Newsletter, which is distributed 4-6 times a year. You can also find more information about SCAN on our website www.scottishcountrynet.org

Scottish Countryside Access Fair

The 1st Scottish Countryside Access Fair took place on Friday 25 November in Perth. Over 150 people from all over Scotland braved the blizzards and gales and made it to Bell's Sport Centre, where 32 companies and 10 organisations presented their services and supplies. There was a very good variety of access related materials around, ranging from people counters and signposts to gates, bridges and recycled furniture and there was plenty of opportunity to talk to companies. Throughout the day there also was a series of presentations, providing practical access tips & tricks.

The feedback from both companies and visitors was very positive - and the day proved very useful to all. Visitors and businesses alike also appreciated the networking opportunity provided by the day. You can find out more about the companies present by downloading the [programme](#) (pdf 1.4 MB).

SCAN also took the opportunity to celebrate its 10th Birthday - and the giant birthday cakes proved to be probably the most popular part of the day. All in all the day was a great success and worth a repeat in a few years time.

SCAN Spring Conference – 12 May 2006, Birnam Institute

The next SCAN conference will be held on Friday 12 May 2006 in the Birnam Institute (by Dunkeld). The conference will focus on developments where access and planning come closely together, covering subjects such as wind farms, road developments, golf courses etc. The day will also be useful as an introduction to the planning process, examining possibilities for core path planning parallel to local plans, enforcement issues and the relationship between planning and access.

If you have experience on the cross roads between planning and access, or know of case studies that would be interesting to highlight during the day, then we would love to hear from you. Please email your suggestions to Patricia on scan@scottishcountrynet.org

SCAN Annual General Meeting – 12 May 2006

The SCAN AGM will be held on the same day and this will be your opportunity to have your say about the future and direction of SCAN. Further details will be made available 6-8 weeks before the AGM.

Job opportunity

Sentry Groundcare, who you may have seen on the Access Fair, has a vacancy for an Operations Manager (West Lothian / Central Region). For more information visit their website on <http://www.sentrygroundcare.co.uk/productservice.php?productserviceid=417>

Access in the papers

Free access to the countryside – but schemes are popping up to find other charges

Pay £1 a day to ramble? Put your foot down - Sunday Times, 1 January 2006

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,2090-1963308,00.html>

Proposals for a voluntary charge for using the West Highland Way

Fleecing fears over plan for £2 charge to park at Glen Nevis – The Herald, 13 January

2006

<http://www.theherald.co.uk/news/54217.html>

Putting up fences

Bus tycoon's bouquet of barbed wire – Scotland on Sunday, 22 January 2006

The new owner of Kinfauns Castle has been accused of ruining a historic Scottish landscape after taking the unprecedented step of erecting a prison-camp-style security fence around almost half of the 30-acre estate.

<http://scotlandonsunday.scotsman.com/index.cfm?id=106822006>