

**Hello from SCAN** – The SCAN spring conference and Annual General Meeting have now been and gone, and we are preparing two networking events to help you through the, hopefully warm and sunny, summer.

### **Outdoor Access & Dealing with Anti-social behaviour**

***Wednesday 19 July, 13.00 - @ Council Chambers, Stirling***

Increasingly outdoor access officers are confronted with issues relating to anti-social behaviour, which can heavily influence attitudes towards the rights to responsible access. This SCAN networking event is aimed to bring together Outdoor Access professionals & other interested parties to assess what are the biggest problems people are facing and to discuss strategies for coping with the (effects of) anti-social behaviour.

The event will be held in the Council Chambers of Stirling Council (Viewforth), starting at 13.00 and participation costs £10. Registration forms are available [here](#) and should be returned by Monday 10 July 2006 to [scan@scottishcountrynet.org](mailto:scan@scottishcountrynet.org)

### **Section procedures – Follow up Networking Event**

***Wednesday 6 September, 13.00 Perth***

In September 2005 SCAN organised two networking events at which nearly 60 delegates turned up to discuss how exemption applications and obstructions to access are being dealt with using the sections of the new Act. The events highlighted the diversity of progress being made by authorities around the country. Only a small number had issued Section 11 exemptions and even fewer Section 14 Formal Notices, although all recognized the time would come.

This year SCAN will be organising a single follow-up event to see what progress has been made in the past 12 months. Certainly more exemptions have been issued, and a few Formal Notices have progressed to the courts (see also the [ScotWays](#) website for a summary). The networking event is open to all, but in case of oversubscription, preference will be given to delegates from Access Authorities and those who attended the 2005 networking meetings. The fee is £10 and a registration form can be downloaded [here](#). The closing date for registrations is Monday 28 August 2006

### **The Best Laid Plans ...? Planning, Development and Upholding Access Rights**

The SCAN spring conference was held on Friday 12 May 2006 in the Birnam Institute (by Dunkeld). The day was chaired by Bob Reid, convenor of the National Access Forum, and a variety of presentations demonstrated that planning & development is a hot issue in outdoor access, for which there still seem to be more problems than solutions. A conference report will be available in the first week of July. It will be sent out to all delegates or can be downloaded from the SCAN website.

### **SCAN Annual General Meeting – 12 May 2006**

The SCAN AGM was also held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May and was attended by 26 SCAN members. The AGM discussed the possibility of the establishment of a professional institution for Outdoor Access professionals in Scotland, and it was agreed that such an institution could bring benefits to the profession. The AGM agreed that in the coming year SCAN will spend some time researching the options, although it was noted that it would not necessarily mean a transformation of SCAN, as the open membership structure of SCAN provides valuable networking opportunities.

Committee elections were also held. Linda Mathieson from Aberdeenshire Council stood down from the committee. Bridget Jones resigned as Secretary, but she will continue as a committee member, sharing a position with Doug Stewart, also from Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park. Philip Glennie (South Lanarkshire Council) stays on as Convenor, Philip Waite (Highland Council) remains as Vice-Convenor and Alison Irvine (Fife Council) continues as Treasurer. Helen Todd (Ramblers Scotland) is the new Secretary. Jane Pritchard (Perth & Kinross Council) and Mike Dales (Scottish Canoe Association) stayed on as committee members and were joined by new members Angus Duncan (Central Scotland Forest Trust) and Alastair Fullwood (Aberdeenshire Council). Diana Holt was introduced as the new Development Officer with Paths for All Partnership, and she will in the future represent PFA on the SCAN Committee.

### **SCAN Conference on Land Management and Access**

Will be held in cooperation with the Paths for All Partnership on Friday 17 November 2006

## Other events & news:

### *International Ranger Federation Congress*

Some 300 rangers and field staff from over 30 countries will be participating in the International Ranger Federation Congress at Stirling University 14th-21st June 2006. There are still places available for interested parties from Scotland. More information can be found on the following websites:

Congress Programme:- <http://www.ranger-irfc.com/DRAFTProgAW230506.pdf>

Congress Information:- <http://www.ranger-irfc.com/scotcover2006.htm>

Congress Costs and Booking:- <http://www.ranger-irfc.com/earlybird.htm>

### *SNH Sharing good practice workshop - Managing Safer Public Outdoor Access Tuesday 27 June 2006, Battleby*

This workshop explores safer public outdoor access and what this means in practice. It raises awareness of outdoor access safety issues and examines how managers of land and public outdoor access can take precautions against natural hazards and the more serious or less obvious hazards to safety. The event is free of charge.

For further information and booking (by 9 June) contact [Eleanor MacGregor](#) at SNH.

### *Access stories in the news:*

BBC News – Golf Courses Plea over Ramblers

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/4985294.stm>

The Scotsman - Stagecoach boss Gloag in landmark challenge to ramblers' access rights

<http://news.scotsman.com/uk.cfm?id=819912006>

Dispute over cycle path routing

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/low/scotland/edinburgh\\_and\\_east/5028158.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/low/scotland/edinburgh_and_east/5028158.stm)

Father takes sheep muck protest to executive

<http://www.thisisnorthscotland.co.uk/displayNode.jsp?nodeId=149235&command=displayContent&sourceNode=149218&contentPK=14540885&moduleName=InternalSearch&formname=sidebarsearch>

Scotland on Sunday- Who needs planning permission when the site was 'designed by God'?

<http://scotlandonsunday.scotsman.com/index.cfm?id=645112006>

Daily Telegraph – Coastal access in England & Wales

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2006/06/03/ncoast03.xml>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2006/06/03/ncoast103.xml>