



C1.12 Access to the Bing

Project Overview:	<p>This project aimed to improve the pathways and infrastructure at the Fallin Bing site, adjacent to Doctor's Wood and Butterfly Conservation's Wester Moss reserve and to improve the condition of the adjacent woodlands.</p> <p>The woodland management focused on thinning to deal with the issue of wind throw and improving woodland quality in terms of species diversity and age structure of the trees. These works helped to deliver aspects of the site woodland management plan.</p> <p>Access works focused on upgrading existing paths from site entrances to the top of the bing and around its base to enable easier access for a variety of users. Signage and finger posts assist new visitors to the site and direct site users to views from the top of the bing where IFLI interpretation is sited, and Wester Moss where Butterfly Conservation Scotland undertook their Wetter Moss project. Access routes link into the Sustrans national cycle network 76 which loops around the Forth and passes Fallin on route to and from Stirling.</p> <p>Due to unseasonably bad weather in early 2018, project delivery was delayed in Year 4 and ran into early Year 5.</p>
Project lead organisation and other organisations involved:	<p>Central Scotland Green Network Trust.</p> <p>Stirling Council, Butterfly Conservation Scotland, contractors.</p>
Project Location:	Fallin, near Stirling. NS 838912
Project dates	Delivery on the ground in Year 4-5, project preparations during Year 2 and 3.

Project Outputs

Measure	Target	Delivered	Notes
<i>Length of path upgraded</i>	2,547 m	2,547 m	
<i>Area of woodland managed</i>	9 ha	9 ha	
<i>Area of wider habitat managed</i>	6 ha	6 ha	
<i>Number of access friendly gates installed</i>	5	5	
<i>Number of benches installed</i>	4	4	
<i>Number of finger posts installed</i>	6	6	
<i>Number of entrance signs installed</i>	3	3	

What difference has this project made to the built, cultural and natural heritage of the Inner Forth?

The suite of access works delivered through this project has created and enhanced the path network around the well-used recreational greenspace at Fallin Bing, an ex-industrial site by the village of Fallin and bordering on Wester Moss SSSI and nature reserve. It has created a more obvious route to the top of the Bing from the Sustrans national cycle network, which in turn should encourage local residents and visitors to explore the wider site and visit the interpretative beacon installed as part of IFLI's Telling the Inner Forth Story project.

The woodland management works help to bring aspects of the site woodland into better condition for the future, and have increased the structural and age diversity of coupes. This has reduced the risk of wind-blown trees due to thin poor soils whilst still retaining a 'barrier' between the Bing and Moss sites that provides a shelter-belt for invertebrates and birds, and directs people to access the Moss via key entrance points.

What difference has this project made to people?

Local people now have access to a better quality network of paths for recreational use and active travel, benefiting health and well-being generally.

The improvements have enhanced the access that people have to key sites of industrial and natural heritage within the Inner Forth area "from their front door".

Useful Links

There is a page for this project on the IFLI website:

<http://www.innerforthlandscape.co.uk/projects/exploring-learning>

Future Plans

As part of the development of this project, a new woodland management plan has been developed to guide management of the site over the next 10 years.

Photographic Evidence

Fallin Bing, new paths in use August 2018



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