



C1.1 A Walk to the Wetlands

Project Overview:	<p>This project aimed to improve the access onto and around an area of greenspace accessible from Alloa’s Riverside View and the riverside path that runs along the River Black Devon from Alloa Park housing estate. Providing upgraded access to this greenspace and towards the RSPB Black Devon Wetlands nature reserve for the local community has added to the site’s value as a local amenity and visitor attraction.</p> <p>Project aims were achieved through upgrading existing pathways and installing new ones, installing finger posts and managing some of the vegetation that runs along the path edge.</p>
Project lead organisation and other organisations involved:	<p>Lead: CSGNT</p> <p>RSPB, Historic Environment Scotland, Alloa Community Council, Alloa Park Residents’ Association, Clackmannan Society, Clackmannan Field Studies Society, Wee County Walkers and Lord Mar.</p>
Project Location:	<p>Area centred around Black Devon wetland between Alloa and Clackmannan (Clackmannanshire)</p> <p>Around and between NS890971 and NS897 909</p>
Project dates	<p>April 2015 – July 2016</p>

Project Outputs

Measure	Target	Delivered	Notes
Metres of path constructed	1130	1293	163m increase in path length as this was achieved through this project rather than the RSPB led access project at the Black Devon Wetland reserve.
Metres of path upgraded	525	525	
New finger posts and waymarkers	5	5	
New access gates in deer fence	6	0	Not achieved as landowner permission was not available at this time.

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

By providing and upgrading access and installing new signage, more local people now have the opportunity to access this local greenspace as routes and destinations are clearly marked along accessible and wide pathways. As such they may develop their knowledge, understanding and pride in this greenspace on the fringe of Alloa.

What difference has this project made to people?

As a result of the work carried out, local people can now more easily access the greenspace and RSPB Black Devon Wetlands reserve along the new and improved pathways by walking or cycling. Paths are also suitable for buggies. The project has also provided local people enhance knowledge of local path links thanks to new signage and distance markers. It is hoped that these improvements will increase tourism and diverse public use of greenspace in the vicinity.

Useful Links

Project page on the IFLI website: <http://www.innerforthlandscape.co.uk/projects/exploring-learning/a-walk-to-the-wetlands>

Future Plans

Future maintenance of the site will be managed by Clackmannanshire Council, with some maintenance being carried out by members of the Community Payback Team.

Photographic Evidence



Before improvements works were carried out



Before improvements works were carried out

Inner Forth Landscape Initiative End of Project Report



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