



C1.6 Inner Forth Inches

Project Overview: This project aimed to establish and enhance the Clackmannanshire path network adjacent to the River Forth by upgrading a looped link between Alloa and Cambus / Tullibody to connect to the Sustrans national cycle network route 76 and core paths 22 and 23. This upgrade was designed to help with promote access to the river in the Clackmannanshire area and supporting active travel routes for local residents and visitors.

Background work on the project began in summer 2015 with CSGNT producing a more detailed cost estimate, approaching potential match funders and clarifying land ownership. Securing match funding for this project was challenging, but the balance was secured during winter 2016/17 (IFLI Year 3). Landowner permissions followed in mid-2017 and the works contract was let in January 2018. Wintery weather hindered delivery of the project in early 2018 resulting in a slight slippage into Year 5.

The programme of works carried out by contractors through this project included:

- path surface improvements,
- installing new access friendly gates,
- installing signage and way marking.

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| Project lead organisation and other organisations involved: | Central Scotland Green Network Trust. Clackmannanshire Council, Diageo, McLaren's at Orchard Farm, contractors. |
| Project Location: | Cambus-Alloa west waterfront (Clackmannanshire area) 285472 693965 to 287222 693107 to 286685 692527 to 285375 693545 |
| Project dates | Delivery on the ground in Year 4, project preparations during Year 2 and 3. |

Project Outputs

| Measure | Target | Delivered | Notes |
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| <i>Length of path improved</i> | 915 m | 1,530 m | |
| <i>Number of access friendly gates installed</i> | 5 | 5 | |
| <i>Number of people counters installed</i> | 1 | 0 | |
| <i>Number of finger posts installed</i> | 10 | 13 | |
| <i>Number of waymarkers installed</i> | 2 | 3 | |
| <i>Length new fencing installed</i> | n/a | 50 m | |

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 a sign-posted and accessible link between the village of Cambus, the western side of Alloa, and the River Forth. It has provided an upgraded link along the peaceful river side area as an alternative to walking along the Sustrans national cycle network.

In addition, this route is in close proximity to other IFLI funded access upgrades and projects at Cambus Woods, Cambus Pools Scottish Wildlife Trust Reserve and RSPB's Black Devon Wetlands.

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 importance 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/inner-forth-inches-trail>

Future Plans

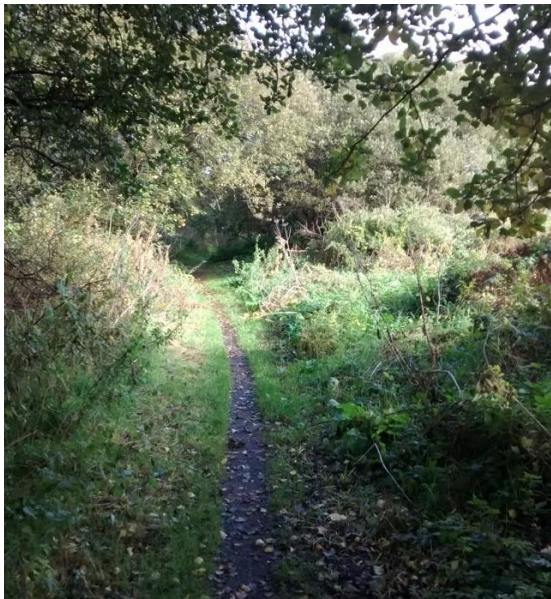
Much of this is already a well-used and popular route, utilising the national cycle network, therefore maintenance is carried out through existing agreements. The new sections and infrastructure will however be maintained by a mix of partners including volunteers, the council and community payment teams.

Lessons Learned

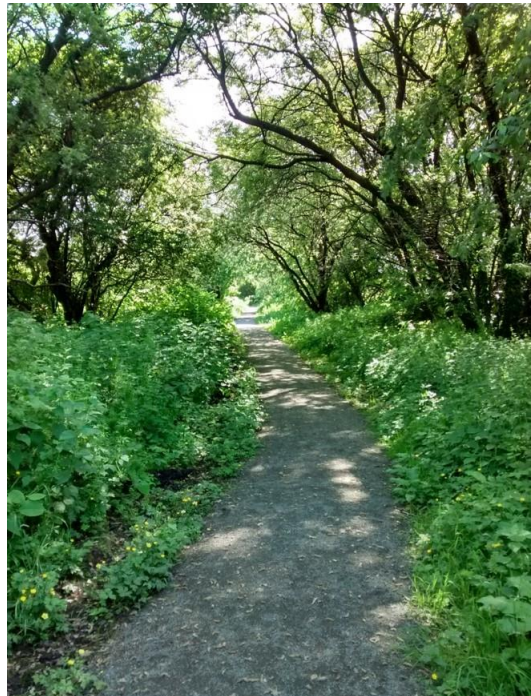
This was an interesting project, as while there was significant path works, improved access was achieved in some sections with just simple measures such as replacing gates and improved signage. Given the time lag between the development year and the delivery year, one thing we would do differently next time, is to have more regular contact with the landowners, to ensure we are fully aware of any changing land management issues or requirements.

Photographic Evidence

Before



After



Photos courtesy of CSGNT.

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