

LLTNP report – Martin Earl for December 2021 CCC meeting

South Loch Venachar end of season meeting (10 December)

Following on from the onsite meeting with Police and National Park officers in September there was an end of season review meeting held (Virtual) on 10 December as previously agreed.

An update will be provided as to the mapping of the location regarding parking and the additional measures previously agreed.

I will report in more detail at the CC meeting on Monday evening. Work on additional management measures will form part of the preparations for the 2022 visitor season as reported below in the NPA Board agenda part of this report.

Bracklinn Bridge

The contractors for the demolition of the bridge were on site at the start of the month erecting barriers to prevent access to the site.. The intended schedule is to have all work carried out by end of the month/early January with removal starting last week. The car park will remain open. It is intended to have a new bridge in place next year.

Updates on the bridge removal/replacement can be found here:

<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/blog/work-underway-to-remove-bracklinn-bridge/>

Other suggested walks in the Callander area while the works is taking place can be found here:

<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/things-to-do/>

Tree Planting Grant scheme deadline date extended

The aim of this grant is to enhance the tree cover within the National Park to improve and enhance our natural capital for the benefit of both people and wildlife. The grant is supported by Scottish Forestry and offers financial assistance (up to £3,000) to plant individual trees or small areas of woodland that might not usually be eligible for other funding.

<https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/how-we-can-help/funding-grants/tree-planting-grant-scheme/>

National Park Board Meeting 13 December

Agenda papers can be found here :- <https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/our-board-committees/meetings/board-meeting-13th-december-2021/>

Steering Group established to oversee the new NP Partnership Plan being developed that will run from 2024-2029. Key document as it set out priorities and policies that the National Park Authority,

and crucially, all delivery partners named within the Plan, will be guided by to deliver the statutory aims of the National Park.

COP26. A report detailing the activity undertaken by the NPA during the two week conference and legacy work planned during the year of the UK Presidency.

An update on the Annual Operating Plan and Financial update.

The agenda also included the 2021 Visitor Season Review Report covering the impact of and response to the high numbers of visitors experienced this season. Although a park wide report it contains a lot of information on measures taken and the problems faced along with plans for management next year which is also anticipated to be extremely busy,