

**SKYE & LOCHALSH LOCAL ACCESS FORUM****MEETING on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

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| Agenda Item | 4           |
| Report No   | SLLAF/01/04 |

**LOCAL ACCESS ISSUES****Report by the Access Officer****SUMMARY**

**This Report details local access issues in Skye & Lochalsh and recommends, where appropriate, a course of action to be taken.**

**1 SL03.11/01 Public Access, Strollamus****1.1 Background**

The AO received a complaint from a member of the public regarding a sign deterring public access at the start of the Strollamus to Torrin Right of Way which also links to the Strollamus to Luib Core Path. The AO visited the land manager who explained that the sign had been put up following a number of incidents of dogs out of control and gates being left open.

**1.2 Current Status**

The sign has been removed. The land manager has not accepted an offer of signs explaining management issues.

**2 SL13.26/01 Estate Sign, Clunie to Loch Loyne Old Road****2.1 Background**

The AO received a complaint from a member of the public regarding the permanent nature of a 'Deer Cull in Progress' sign

**2.2 Current Status**

At the time of writing the AO has been unable to contact the land manager.

**3 SL16.08/02 Public Access to Cave of Gold, Borneskitaig****3.1 Background**

Further to issues regarding this route raised at previous forum meetings the land manager has contacted the AO to ascertain what measures could be taken to alleviate problems of visitors disturbing livestock.

### 3.2 Current Status

Signage encouraging visitors wanting to access the headland to follow a way marked route is being discussed between the AO and the land manager. If proposals can be agreed the AO will have the signs made up and supply waymarkers.

## 4 SL27.03/01 Informal Camping, Uig Woodland Core Path

### 4.1 Background

The AO received a complaint from a local resident regarding a group of approximately 8 people camping in the woodland near to the path. An open fire could be seen and loud music could be heard. The AO and S&L Senior Ranger visited the site the following day and advised the group of their responsibilities regarding camp fires and litter. A further site visit after the group had left revealed that bark has been stripped from a tree in the area of the camp fire and graffiti applied to the exposed trunk. A small amount of litter was evident in the area of the camp fire.

### 4.2 Current Status

The land owner, The Woodland Trust, have been informed of the incident and a local representative for the Trust will be monitoring the situation.

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| <h2>5.0 Recommendation</h2> |
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| <p>The Forum is invited to note the Report</p> |
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Designation: Skye & Lochalsh Access Officer

Date: 17 February 2014

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Background Papers