



Pre-season stakeholder briefing on visitor management in the National Park

Updates provided by NPSRAG partners

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Neil Macfarlane, Transport Scotland

- 3x Clearways (Arrochar to Succoth, Falls of Falloch and Loch Lubnaig) being made permanent.
- Single yellow line through Arrochar being monitored.
- Verges at Loch Lubnaig and Loch Sloy Power Station should have verge marker posts to prevent parking before Easter or shortly after.
- Design proposal for heightening and widening of Arrochar and Tarbet rail bridge received from Network Rail. Outline construction cost £4.2 million, design costs to progress to next stage £122k.
- Key stakeholder in Friends of Loch Lomond (FoLL) litter bin trial.
- Also made comment on anti-fly tipping CCTV proposal. Any cameras on Ministerial Land need to be Design checked, audited and MoA.
- Third FoLL area of interest is clearing vegetation to see Loch from Transport Scotland laybys, which we are willing to co-ordinate and co-operate with, as we also are with A82 litter picks.
- Tarbet to Inveranan realignment project going through design, audit and approvals processes.
- Minded to improve our sections of Loch side cycleways and work with others to improve whole offering.
- Report expected from Operating Company regarding pedestrian and cycle considerations at Arden roundabout.
- Also aware of congestion on A82 between Balloch and Cameron House, particularly in High tourist season. Gathering data and considering solutions such as roundabout signalisation / increase carriageway capacity.

- We will advise on next year's resurfacing schemes at future meetings, currently reviewing the effects of the winter on the network and if any projects subsequently need re-prioritised.

Susan Whyte, Perth & Kinross Council

Preparation for the 2022 season is well underway currently working through the recruitment process and looking to get our new seasonal rangers started in the next couple of weeks.

We are further developing our online presence with a new website partnering up with Perth City & Towns to provide a one stop shop for visitor advice when coming to Perth & Kinross. We are also looking to have regular social media updates and weekly blog posts from our Visitor Rangers.

This season we are looking to provide the same level of service as we did last year and we will coordinate any activity with the National Park as they are the lead organisation for the area. We would be keen to repeat the day of actions with the partner agencies again and potentially more than one should resource allow.

Should the community of St Fillans have any concerns on the lead up to and throughout the season please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the generic Visitor Management e-mail address we want to ensure this season is a pleasant one and deal with any concerns as they arise – the community are our eyes and ears and we welcome their feedback. Please send this through to: VisitorManagementGroup@pkc.gov.uk

Andrew Clark, Forestry & Land Scotland

FLS Central region have recruited 6 seasonal rangers to increase their presence across our sites during the busy periods of the visitor season. Staff will be deployed to key areas to assist and engage with visitors and locals. Staff should be on the ground from early April until October helping with car park management and providing information to visitors to allow them to enjoy their visit responsibly.

FLS are pleased to announce that having considered all the feedback and data from our visitors, together with our experience of managing the initiative last season, we have decided to run our Stay the Night initiative once again this year. Stay the Night will run from Friday 1 April through to 31 October 2022. Further information will be posted at forestryandland.gov.scot/staythenight