

Core Paths & Core Path Planning



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The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 establishes a statutory right of responsible access to much of Scotland's countryside. In practice most people want to take their access along well made, clearly defined paths so the council have to prepare a Core Path Plan. This is an opportunity to identify paths that people want to use and which fit in well with farming and other land management operations.

Whilst that Act requires us to prepare a plan and then consult, we believe Core Path Planning works best when there is a group of local people to lead the process with support and guidance from us.



The duty to prepare a Core Path Plan is outlined in The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, Part One, Chapter 5, Section 17 (1).

"It is the duty of the local authority, not later than 3 years after the coming into force of this section, to draw up a plan for a system of paths ('core paths') sufficient for the purpose of giving the public reasonable access throughout their area."

