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Biggar & District Community Heritage



Bizzyberry Path

Official opening ceremony

Hello everyone,

This is a special edition of our newsletter specifically to invite members and volunteers to the official opening of the improved Bizzyberry Path.

The ceremony will take place on Sunday, 15 May at 3pm, and our local MSP Mairi McAllan will cut the ribbon. It will take place at the end of the new footbridge which crosses the notoriously boggy section of the path as it goes through the trees to the east of Story Homes. After the official ceremony, you are invited to join us in walking as far up Bizzyberry as you feel inclined. It would be good if as many as possible can reach at least the interpretation panel.



This will be an opportunity publicly to thank all those who have helped and supported us in this project, and to raise community awareness of the work of BDCH, our commitment to our local environment and to improving our local path network.

Although some concern was expressed about the amount of gorse which was cut back in the construction of the path, the overwhelming response in the community has been very positive. It is right that people should be concerned about conservation of our local environment, but there can be little doubt that the path makes Bizzyberry much more accessible to a wider range of people than previously, and that gorse will regrow and in fact will need to be regularly cut back from the line of the path. There are also plans to replace some of the gorse with broad-leaved woodland which will increase the biodiversity of this very attractive route.



Sadly, the increased use of the path appears to have led to increasing problems of sheep worrying. The local farmer has been particularly supportive of this project, and we have erected signs to remind users of the need to keep their dogs under proper control.

We hope to establish a scheme for volunteers to adopt a local path, and to take responsibility, for example, for litter picking and cutting back vegetation. There will be more about this in our next newsletter.

Meantime, I very much hope that you will be able to join us on the 15th, and look forward to seeing you then. Thank you again for your continuing support of BDCH.

Kind regards

David Chalmers (Chair)

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