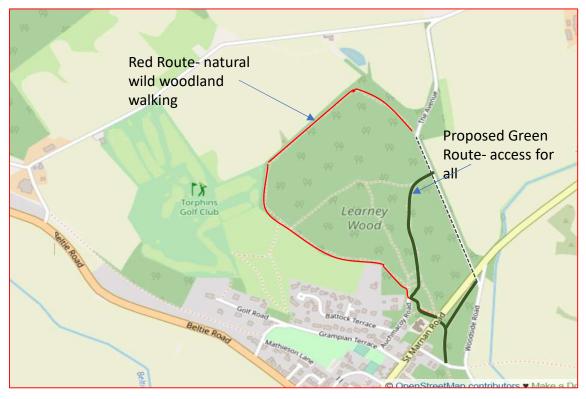
## **Torphins Woods Paths**



Before COVID restrictions set in, TPG improved the old path around the perimeter of the woods behind the church. This route was deliberately left as in as natural as state as possible, because many people appreciated that character of path. Our work was therefore restricted to addressing areas that were hazardous or prone to flooding or becoming extremely muddy.

We now plan to create a new path, suitable for buggies, wheelchairs and people of reduced mobility by reinstating a neglected old route through the woods from the end of Auchmacoy Road to the far corner of the woods. This is illustrated in the enclosed map. This route goes through a very attractive area of broadleaf trees and a few conifers of exceptional age and stature, much frequented by local wildlife. Our plan is to create good access to this exceptional area of woodland. The proposed trail will feature minimum gradients and a smooth, level surface. We can add to the amenity of the path by providing benches where people can rest and enjoy the woodland environment.

We anticipate that this trail will provide a variety of opportunities for different groups within the local community. For the more active, it will provide a circular woodland walk, incorporating the existing red route. For buggy and wheelchair users there is an attractive circular walk, out along the new trail, and back via The Avenue. Others may prefer a simple out and back walk to enjoy the woodland environment.

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