

Do you enjoy the paths around Torphins?

Can you help develop more paths?

We are looking for volunteers with a range of skills to assist the current core team with the Group's objectives.

Torphins Paths Group (TPG) was established as a community association in April 2017 with the aim to develop and improve community paths in Torphins, Aberdeenshire, and to develop new paths connecting the village with other communities. To maintain and strengthen the group it registered as a charity with OSCR in March 2019 (Registered SCIO SC049120). We have a membership of over 70 and volunteers work most Tuesdays during the autumn, winter and spring seasons, with around eight to ten men and women usually present.

We have an ambitious plan moving forward with multiple projects.

- To develop local paths around the village of Torphins, primarily on Learney Estate. Key routes in Torphins Woods are completed and more are on going.
- To develop a six kilometres multi user path linking Torphins to Lumphanan, partially following an old disused railway track.
- To develop a ten kilometres multi user path linking Torphins to Banchory, also partially following disused railway track.

We are managed by a Board that meets quarterly and a Management Committee that meets most months to manage day-to-day operations, all giving their time voluntarily.

Financing is critical to the achievement of the Group's objectives. This is to meet the costs of planning application fees, professional services, such as surveying of possible routes and environmental impact assessments as well as more obvious items including paths materials, machinery hire and construction.

Sources include: donations, charitable awards, Government grants, income from product sales (such as the calendar), income from events (such as the December Woodland Wonderland) and Gift Aid on donations.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with the physical work and all are welcome if you can spare even a couple of hours on the occasional Tuesday or weekend and enjoy a "work out" with fresh air. We also seek volunteers with skills to assist in a range of other functions. These include the Group's website and social media communications; development of charity and grant aided funding applications which are key to enable projects; and with planning proposals. With computing skills and a financial, legal, business or administration background the work can be straightforward and highly satisfying.

If you would like to help in any way then please make contact through our address: tpg.torphins@gmail.com

For more background we invite you to view our website: www.torphinspathsgroup.org

or Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/TorphinsPathsGroup

We very much look forward to hearing from you.

The TPG Board

Here are a couple of examples of our work in Torphins Woods

