



Cowal Way News



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Path Improvements

From April 2015 to March 2017 we have plans to invest almost half a million pounds on the Cowal Way. The Coastal Communities Fund (funded by the Government with income from the Crown Estate's marine assets) has kindly provided this grant funding. The

lion's share has been invested in, or earmarked for, path infrastructure improvements. Below are only a few visual examples of some of the work carried out to date. Improvements have included: vegetation clearance; ditches and drainage; timber walkways, platforms,

rails, steps and picnic benches; waymarking and signage; new multi-purpose gates; and laying materials to create visible path surfaces. We are also pleased that we have been able to engage with local contractors via our tendering process. We would like to take

this opportunity to thank them for their superb work. To date, this list includes: Ross MacArthur Contractors Ltd; Gus MacKenzie Maintenance; Storie Argyll Ltd; G. W. Landscapes; Neil A Watson – Clyde Welding and Fabrication; Cowal Design Consultants Ltd; and Ballantyne Signs.

Millhouse
before & after



Ormidale
before & after



Portavadie
before & after



Local Business Feature

Wellpark Hotel

Located on Tighnabruaich's Shore Road on the Cowal Way, this award-winning hotel has stunning views across Kyles and to the Isle of Bute. The hotel provides comfortable accommodation across three large stylish bedrooms, which retain many original features. Owners Anne and Colin Singer moved into Wellpark in 2010 and continue to provide traditional quality hospitality, freshly cooked, locally sourced produce and personal service. Wellpark Hotel also boasts a beer garden with sea views. The hotel has been awarded the Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence award for four consecutive years.



Dunans Castle

The stunning Dunans Castle, owned by Charles and Sadie Dixon-Spain, is positioned near Glendaruel. The building has been present on the site since at least 1590. The Franco-Baronial style castle, when approached from the north via Dunans bridge, offers an impressive and romantic spectacle. Guided tours are offered by appointment from April to October. Additionally, the castle can be utilised to celebrate weddings and other special events. To support the restoration of the castle, individuals can become a Laird or Lady of the castle and/or purchase items made with Dunans Rising tartan.



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