



## Carrbridge Capercaillie News

June 2021

### Path improvement consultation results

The consultation about improving our paths for people and wildlife closed on 24th May. Thank you to everyone who took part. In total, 79 residents shared their views and offered lots of constructive comments, which will all help to shape this work. Most public consultations attract a response rate of 10 to 15%. The response rate for this consultation was 16% and through the consultation process residents also volunteered to help

with this work. This is a big project and a big opportunity for the village, so thank you to everyone who took the time to have a say and sign up to help. You can read the full results online at [cairngormscapercaillie.scot/communities/carrbridge](https://cairngormscapercaillie.scot/communities/carrbridge) The graph below shows the areas that residents felt were 'really important' for improvement. The top 7 areas will now form Phase 1 and be surveyed and scoped this summer.

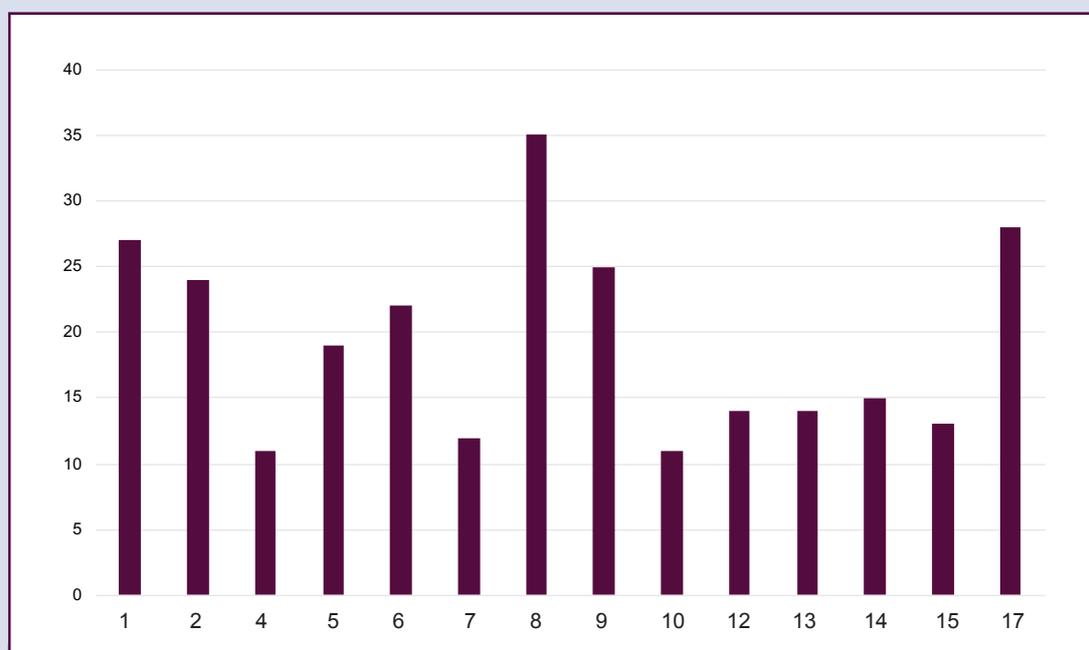


Fig 1: Areas identified through the consultation as 'really important' for improvement

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| 1. Bridge viewpoint and entry to riverside path | 10. Cemetery and walkers carpark              |
| 2. Riverside path                               | 11. Bench on Station Road *                   |
| 3. Seat by Ellan Bridge and access to river *   | 12. Path from War Memorial                    |
| 4. Entrance to cemetery - Station Road          | 13. Footpath from trekking to Urquharts Brae  |
| 5. Entrance to Ellan Woods - Village Hall       | 14. Community orchard (site undecided)        |
| 6. Entrance to Ellan Woods - Landmark           | 15. Undercover meeting space (site undecided) |
| 7. Entrance to Ellan Woods - Station Road       | 16. Path from Ellan Bridge to Bogroy *        |
| 8. Roadside path to Carr Plantation             | 17. New path from the station to Landmark     |
| 9. Snakey bridge in Carr Plantation             | * Removed from the consultation               |

## Phase 1

### Areas to be surveyed and scoped this summer based on the results of the consultation ...

- Roadside path to Carr Plantation
- New path from the station to Landmark
- Bridge viewpoint and entry to the riverside path
- Snakey bridge in Carr Plantation
- Riverside path
- Entrance to Ellan Woods - Landmark
- Entrance to Ellan Woods - Village Hall

## Phase 2

### Areas to be re-visited in 2022 ...

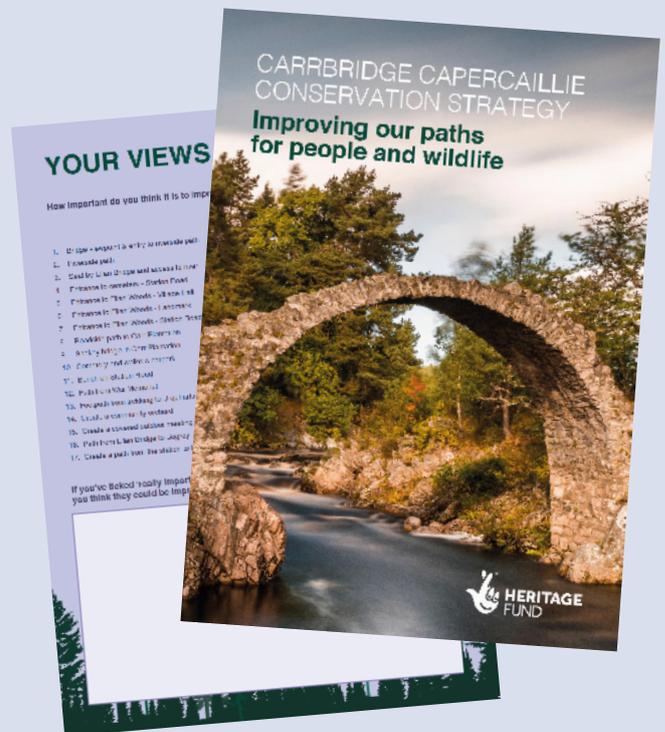
- Community orchard (site undecided)
- Path from War Memorial
- Footpath from trekking to Urquharts Brae
- Undercover meeting space (site undecided)
- Entrance to Ellan Woods - Station Road
- Entrance to cemetery - Station Road
- Cemetery and walkers carpark

## Contractor appointed

Philip Thompson Ltd, based in Inverness, won the competitive tender advertised on Public Contracts Scotland to survey and scope the areas now identified for Phase 1. Highly experienced and enthusiastic, Philip's previous work includes feasibility and design work for the Great Glen Way, South Loch Ness Trail, Aviemore-Glenmore cycle link and the Glenlivet mountain bike trails to name a few.

Once he's completed the survey and scoping work for Phase 1, Philip will produce a series of artist's impressions of what's possible in each area, and the outline costs and timescales for delivery. This will be shared with the community so the community can decide which options,

if any, to go ahead with. Subject to funding, the chosen options will then be delivered as soon as possible. Funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund for the Carrbridge Capercaillie Conservation Strategy will be used, but more funds will no doubt be needed, so fundraising will become a priority.



The consultation pack sent to all residents

## Benefits for all

Focusing on opportunities to enjoy the Carrbridge area and enable capercaillie to thrive has always been part of the Carrbridge Capercaillie Conservation Strategy.

Through these path improvements it's hoped that residents can continue to feel proud of Carrbridge, residents and visitors alike can enjoy an even better network of trails around the village, and capercaillie can thrive in areas away from those trails.

## Find out more

If you'd like to find out more about this work - if you have questions, concerns or ideas, please do get in touch. The Carrbridge Capercaillie Group are always keen to hear from residents. You can contact the group by emailing [capercaillie@cairngorms.co.uk](mailto:capercaillie@cairngorms.co.uk)