

# COLVEND & SOUTHWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL



**CEO's  
PRESENTATION  
2/5/25**





# BUILDING OUR RECREATION FIELD





# COLVEND RECREATION FIELD





# WHAT ELSE DO WE DO FOR OUR SCHOOL?



**Our LPP Surveys indicate that 87% of our residents who responded (166) “Wish Colvend School to remain as our main location for Primary Education”**







Children's races



Inter-Village  
Tug-of-War



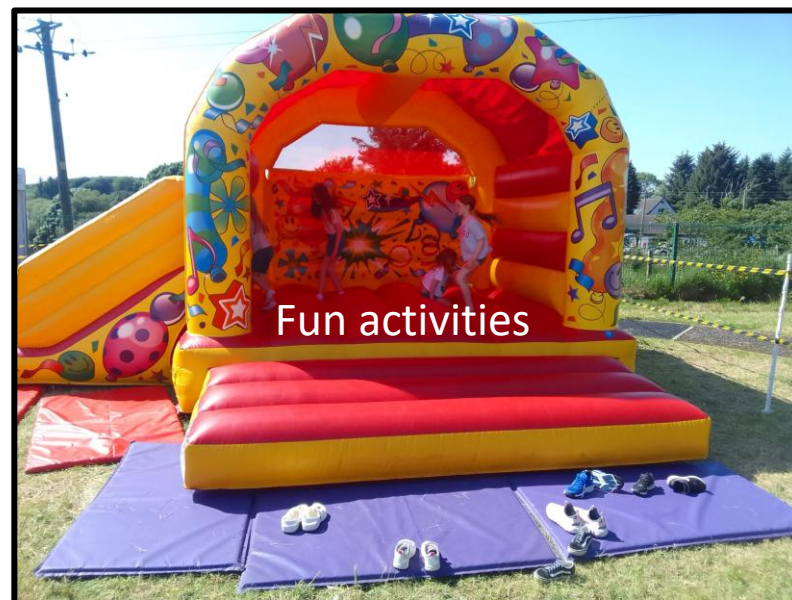
Coincident Spring Fling  
Artwork display with the Gala



# COLVEND FAMILY GALA



Coincident Colvend  
Market with the Gala



Fun activities



Partnering with  
Threave Bowmen





Weekly beach clean at Sandyhills

# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Knit & Natter Group



Winter Friday night talks



Colvend Indoor Sports Club



# TOURIST INFORMATION BOARDS



Colvend



Smugglers & Shipwreck's



Local Geology



Barnbarroch



Borean Crannog



Gutcher's Isle



Torrs Hill



Castle Point



Robin Rigg Windfarm





Replica of a crannog

# Barean Crannog

(The small wooded island in front of you)

A crannog is a type of ancient loch dwelling built as a partially or entirely artificial island. They were normally built in lakes and estuarine waters for security reasons and are found in Scotland, Wales, and Ireland. As can be seen in the reproduction of a crannog in the picture, the structure was made of timber, sometimes of stone, and were usually constructed on existing islets or in the shallows of a lake. The example here at Barean is in water of 3-5 metres depth and was constructed on large piles driven into the loch floor. Usually the shape of these island / structures is round. Most crannogs seem to have been built as individual homes to accommodate extended families but some larger examples are known as 'royal crannogs' because they were assumed to have been the homes of high status members of a group.

The crannog was found here at Barean Loch in 1865 during drainage work. Carbon dating shows that it was occupied sometime between 190BC – 670AD. The original crannog consisted of a circle of oak piles enclosing a wooden floor all located on a stony mound about 32 metres in diameter. Various timbers have been discovered during the original investigations and two subsequent archaeological surveys in 1989 and 2002. The remains of 10 piles were found still in position together with many other transverse timbers. On the east shore a loose oak plank was found with the remains of a mortice joint. This is thought to have been the remains of a boat noost where boats could moor on the island.



← 100 mms →

During the 1865 survey 2 bronze soldier's cooking pots were found dating from the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> century AD. The pots were of Roman design of a type used by soldiers. The remaining pot is held in the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh







Sandyhills – renovated



Southwick –  
Completely  
re-built



Rockcliffe  
– worked with Sustrans

# BUS SHELTERS

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& Galloway**



Portling  
- renovated





Robin Rigg  
Wind Farm  
information  
panel

## A Gem of a Coastal Footpath

Simon Pain, Colvend & Southwick Community Council

**PUBLICITY / COMMUNICATION  
IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF  
WHAT WE DO**

The Coastal Path between Rockcliffe and Sandyhills is one of the gems of the East Stewartry National Scenic Area and has been described as one of the best coastal walks in the UK. The path offers stunning unrestricted views towards the Lake District across the Solway Firth.

The Colvend & Southwick Community Council have been concerned for some time that the path had become uncared for and impassable in places. Complaints from members of the public prompted action, so that in 2019, Community Council volunteers undertook some path clearance work on

the section of the path between Rockcliffe and Port O'Warren, including the maintenance of the well-known "Nelson's Grave" which was the final resting place of a shipwrecked mariner lost on his passage from Whitehaven in January 1791. The poor state of the path and the scale of the task prompted the Community Council to approach Community Payback for help in clearing the pathways. Work was planned for summer 2020 but like so much else at the time, was hindered by the Covid pandemic. In 2021, a photographic record of the poor condition of the path

was shared with the Outdoor Access team of Dumfries & Galloway Council and resulted in contractors being appointed to clear the overgrown gorse on the worst section of the path and at the same time the easing of Covid restrictions allowed the Community Payback team to get to work between Rockcliffe and Port O'Warren.

As a result of the successful installation of a visitor interpretation board detailing the history of the crannog in Borean Loch at Colvend in 2021, the Community Council decided to pursue a project to install 5 more visitor interpretation boards along the coastal path. The boards cover the history of Smugglers & Shipwrecks, the history of the old Bastelle House at Low Glenstocken by Gutcher's Isle, information about species of flora & fauna, the story of the local geology and finally a board describing the operation of the Robin Rigg Windfarm. Generous funding was sought from Dumfries & Galloway Council, the Galloway Association of Glasgow and the Robin Rigg Community Fund for the manufacture and installation of the signs. Research into the topics and the design of the boards, together with obtaining landowner approvals was carried out by Community Council volunteers. Just as manufacturing was about to start, the supplier withdrew and a contract was signed with Border Signs & Graphics Ltd. for



Installing the new geology information panel

Port O'Warren bridge replacement



Gutcher's Isle information panel

Port O'Warren coast



The boards were finally fully installed in Summer 2022 and are attracting substantial visitor interest. One of the features of the boards is that they provide emergency location information to help the emergency services identify precise incident locations.

The partnership with the Dumfries & Galloway Outdoor Access team, continues to reap improvements to the Coastal Path. In summer 2022 at the request of the Community Council, the D&G Council undertook replacement of the boardwalk bridge at Port O'Warren and associated signage. The next phase of the improvement work on the path involves the Community Council seeking further grant funding to renovate the viewpoint signs at Castle Point and Torrs Hill that have been severely affected by the weather over the last 20 years.

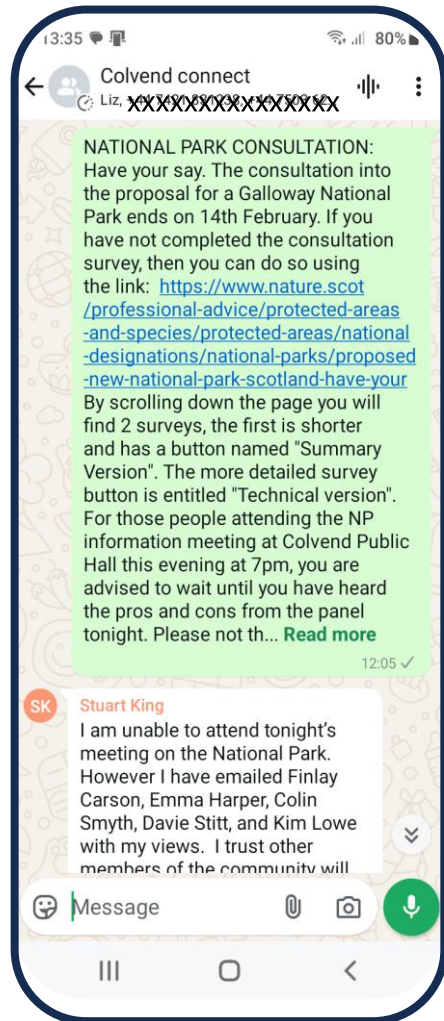
The Colvend & Southwick Community Council believe that the Rockcliffe to Sandyhills Coastal Path is one of the jewels in the crown of the north coast of the Solway and is doing everything it can to ensure that it remains that way.

Elbe Monument on  
the Colvend coast

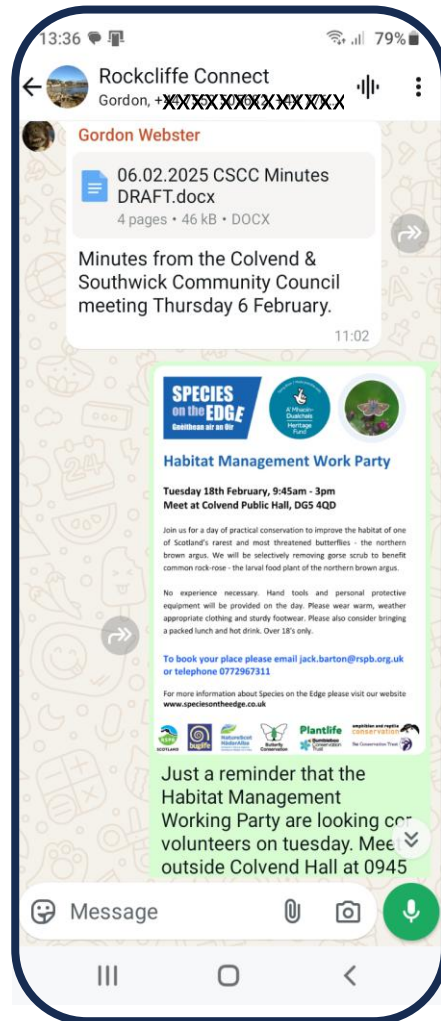


# THE VALUE OF OUR WHATSAPP GROUPS

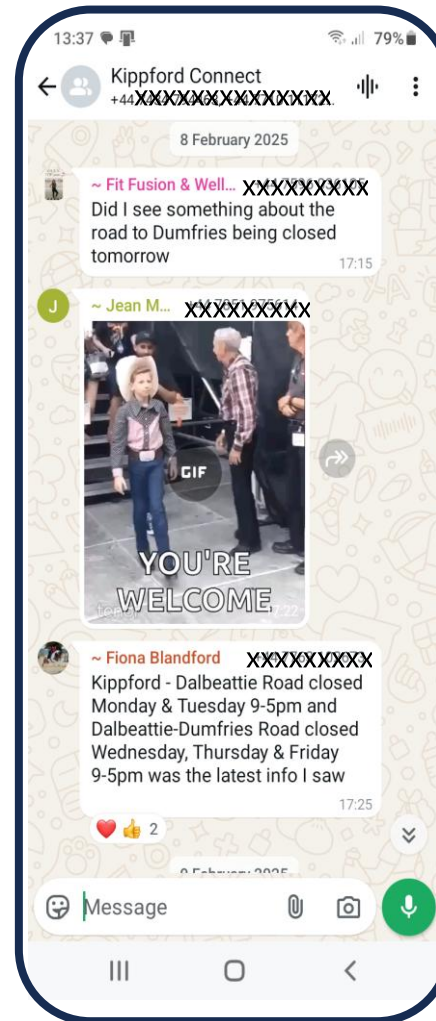
## COLVEND



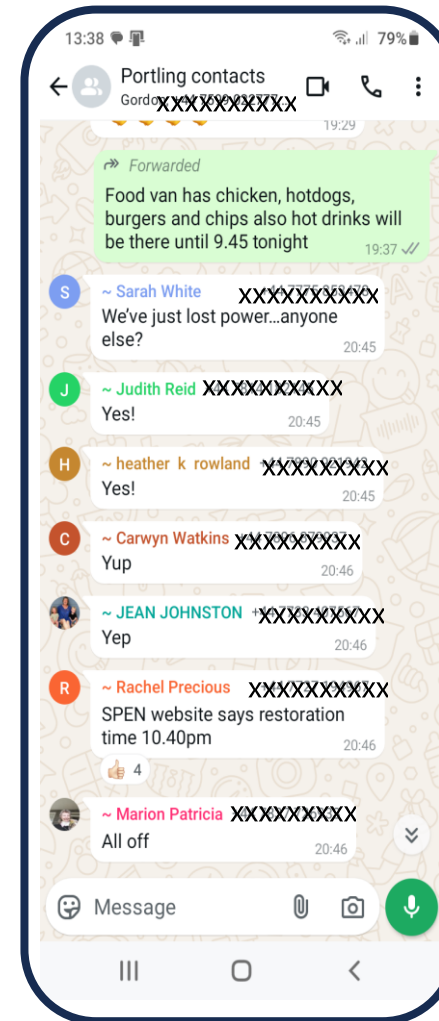
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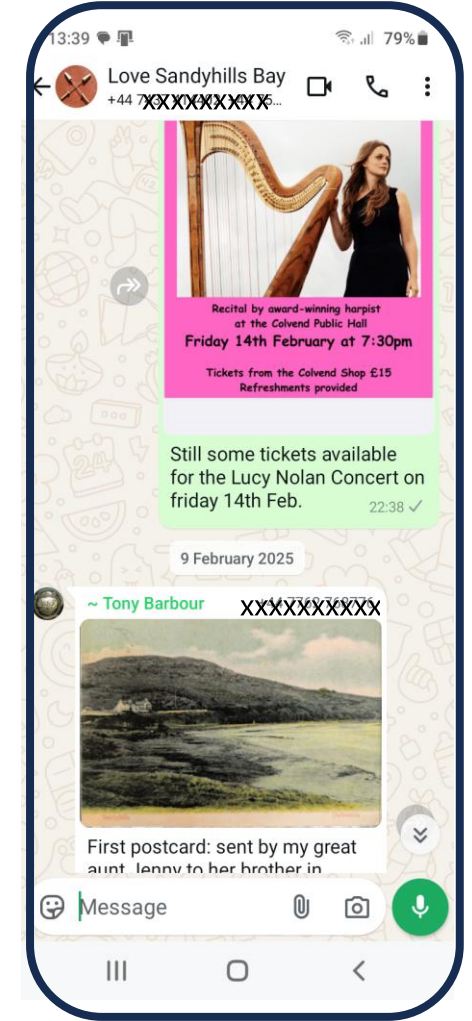
## KIPPFORD



## PORTLING



## SANDYHILLS







Core Path 20  
Cycle  
Emergency  
Repair box



8 defibrillators  
in our area



Defibrillator Training  
Kippford Village Hall

# EMERGENCY RESILIENCE

With a team of 30 Resilience Volunteers

## Being Prepared

In case of an emergency it is very useful to always keep available at home:

- > A battery radio
- > A battery torch
- > Candles and matches
- > A first Aid Kit
- > Bottled water and tinned food
- > A mobile phone

Keep a list of important numbers:

- > SP Energy Networks (Freephone 105)
- > Scottish Water (0800 0778 778)
- > Surgery (01556 610331)
- > Pharmacy (01556 610216)
- > Openreach -damage (0800 023 2023)
- > Local Radio Station wavelength

Please remember that if your landline phone has been converted from Analogue to Digital, your landline phone may not work in an emergency.  
Your service provider will supply & install a battery pack if you tell them that you are "Land Line Dependent"  
Please also be cautious about over use of mobile phone & computers. Once the battery is dead, they will no longer work.

Know your neighbours – it may be extremely useful to emergency services to call upon that local knowledge.

Colvend Public Hall has the facility to connect a mobile generator to create a warm place. If this facility is initiated, it will be communicated on the 5 WhatsApp groups

## In an Emergency

There are clearly a wide range of emergencies or major incidents which could occur, and the appropriate response may vary greatly. In some situations, such as an infectious disease, there will be some warning and time to prepare. In others such as a major power failure or heavy snowfall, there will be no time for preparation.

### In the event of a sudden emergency:

- Stay indoors until it safe to go out
- Call the emergency services if you think they may not be aware of what has happened or someone requires immediate assistance
- Tune in to local news where public information and advice will be broadcast
- Check on your neighbours (when it is safe to do so)

SP Energy Networks keep a Priority Services Register so that they can contact our most vulnerable customers if they do experience a power cut. It's free to join and there are no additional charges associated with this service.

To join the SPEN Priority Services Register:  
call **0330 10 10 444.**

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# Ready together

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Resilience Advice from  
Colvend & Southwick Community Council



# STORM EOWYN

6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> DAYS WITHOUT  
POWER / BROADBAND/LANDLINES



Colvend main transformer



A710 outside the Manse, Colvend



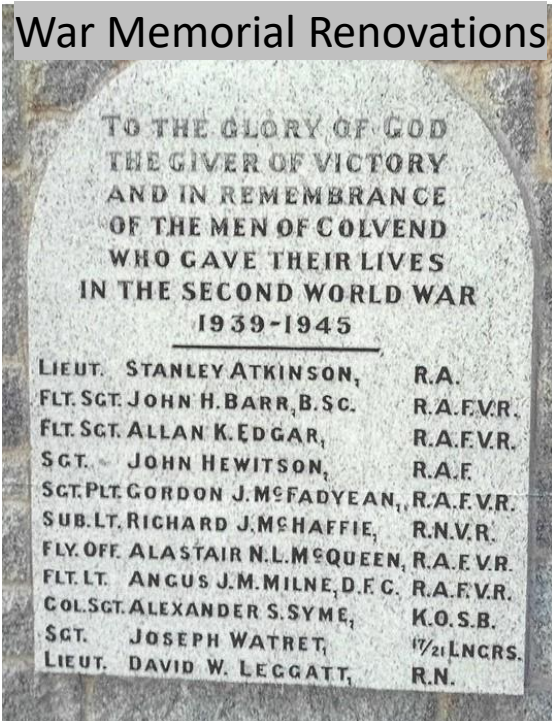
Quarry Road Kippford





Waste Compound enlargement

## War Memorial Renovations



## MINOR WORKS



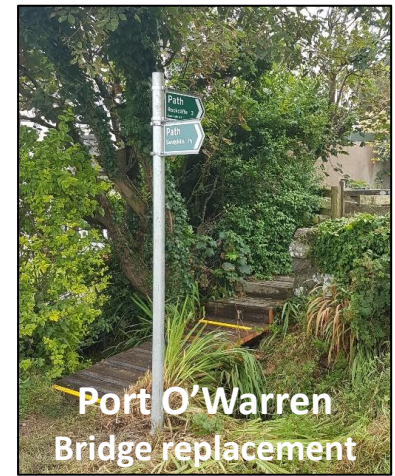
Rockcliffe Telescope



War Memorial Renovations



# FOOTPATHS



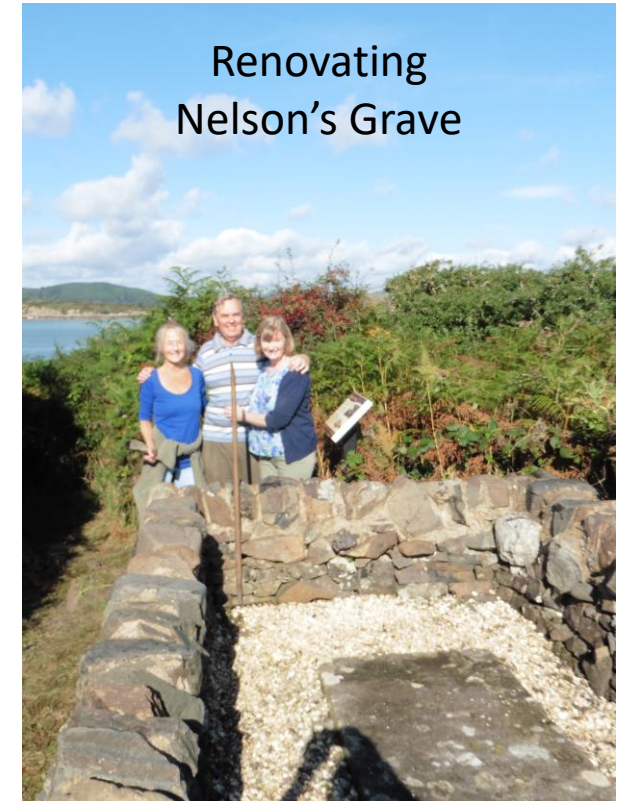
Port O'Warren  
Bridge replacement



Colvend to  
Church Footpath



Barnbarroch  
New Footpath



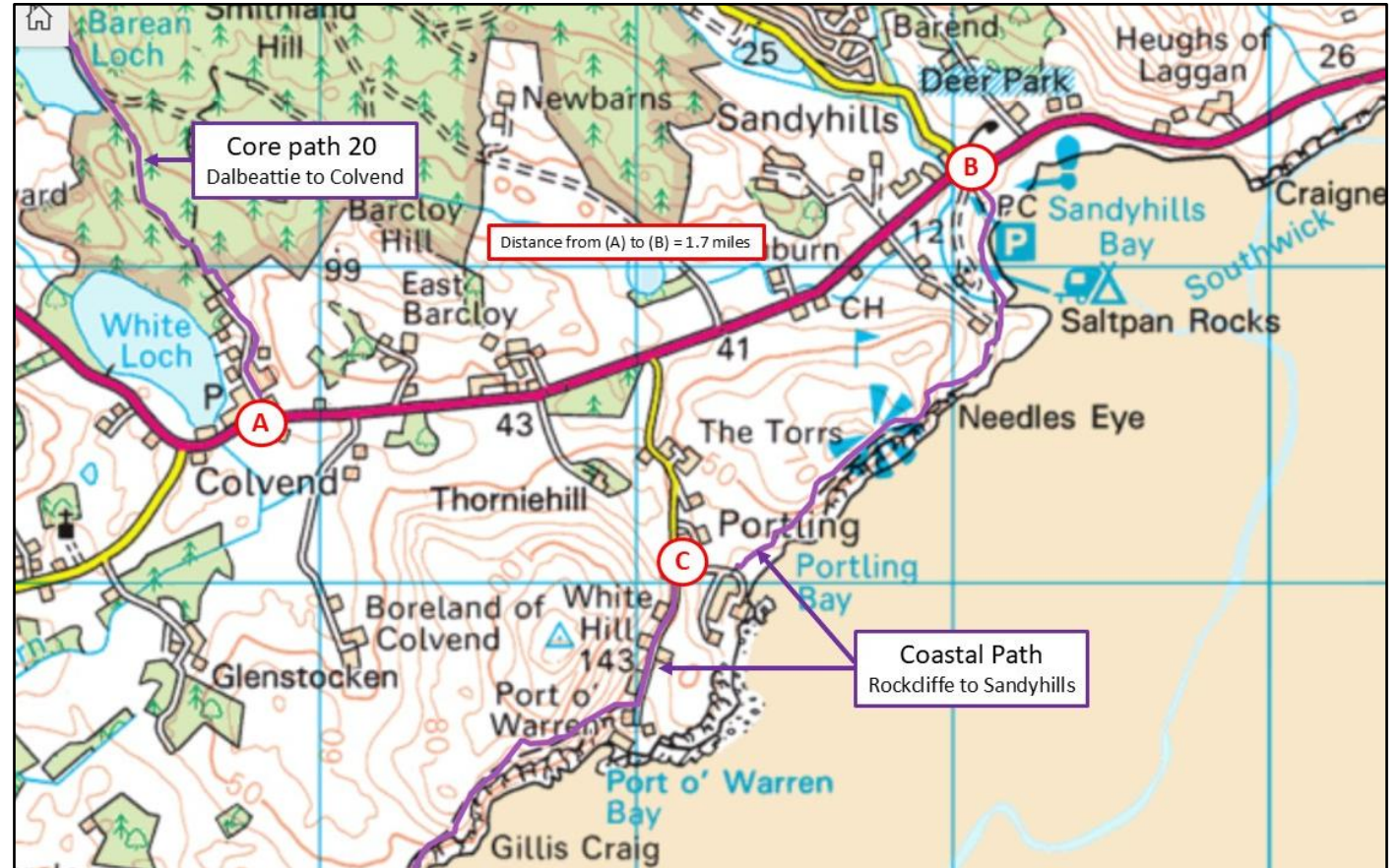
Renovating  
Nelson's Grave



The hazards for a Mum  
walking to school



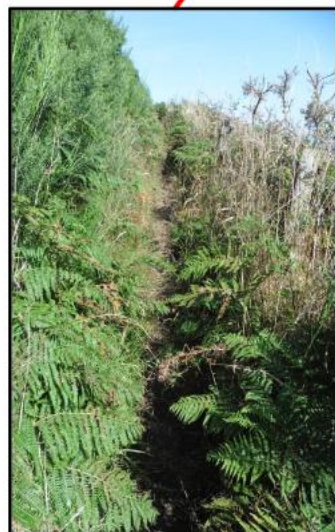
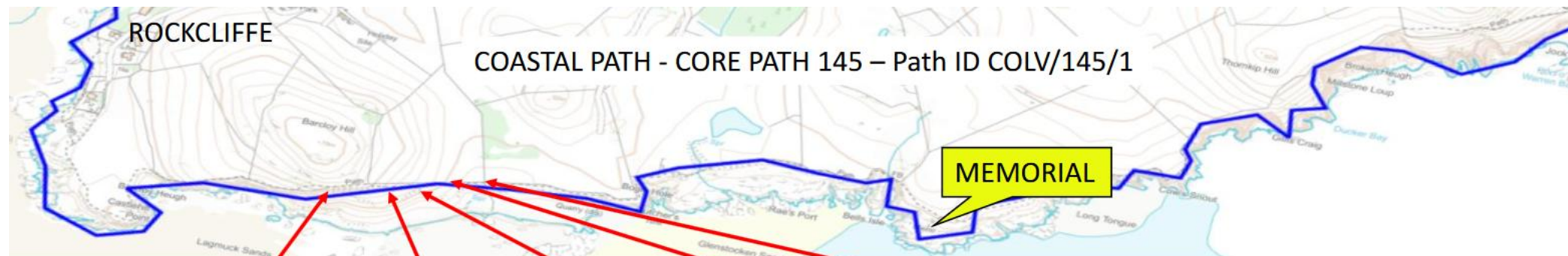
# ACTIVE TRAVEL PLANS



## FEASABILITY STUDY

- Link the Coastal Path with Core Path 20, making a circuitous route
- Safer travel for pedestrians, cyclists & horse riders on the A710





HOW WE HELP THE D&G OUTDOOR ACCESS TEAM MAINTAIN FOOTPATHS



# TREE PLANTING



In addition to these projects the C&SCC help resource NTS & RSPB working parties throughout the year



# COLVEND INFORMATION CENTRE

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# KIPPFORD MEMORIAL SHELTER

Memorial Shelter at the Kipp Nature Reserve  
In Memory of Derek Roan – previous C&SCC Chairman



NEXT MAJOR PROJECT  
RENOVATION OF THE “WEE PIER”  
AT KIPPFORD



Install Flood Gate



# KIPPFORD FLOOD RISK ROAD - DRAIN DISCHARGES







Awareness raising  
at Kippford



Colvend Gala LPP Display



## LOCAL PLACE PLAN

- 3 community consultation surveys
- 18 LPP Team minuted meetings
- Meetings with all key stakeholders:  
(Church, NTS, RSPB, SYC)
- Involvement of SoSCH
- 12 consultation display panels produced
- Each draft published on C&SCC website
- Consultation events at the Gala, & both village halls.
- 6 months consultation on final drafts