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The Scottish Rights of Way and Access Society (ScotWays) regularly seeks to appoint new members to its Board of Directors to replace retiring Directors' skills and knowledge and to broaden its base of director expertise. ScotWays' office is in central Edinburgh, but we welcome board members from across Scotland as it is possible to attend meetings remotely.

About ScotWays

Founded in 1845, ScotWays is an independent charity dedicated to upholding public access to land in Scotland. Recognised for our expertise on access law, we provide information on all aspects of access and associated amenity rights. We also undertake projects to improve and promote responsible access to land and water for walkers, cyclists, horse riders and others. ScotWays is the keeper of the National Catalogue of Rights of Way (CROW) and also of historic records on routes across Scotland. We defend access rights when they come under threat and provide information to others to enable them to do the same. We have been installing signs for 140 years. A large team of volunteers now help our staff manage and maintain over 3,500 green and white signs along paths and tracks across Scotland.

Currently, we have eight staff, four full-time and four part-time, working from the Edinburgh office and remotely.

Publications

ScotWays publishes guides to routes, as well as guidance to the law. In 2018, we published the *ScotWays Guide to The Law of Access to Land in Scotland* and an accompanying leaflet that summarises rights and responsibilities under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003. The 6th edition of *Scottish Hill Tracks*, a guide to 350 routes across Scotland was published in 2024. Individual directors played a key role in the development, research and editing of both these publications.

Path and bridge repair and maintenance

ScotWays sometimes provides grants to assist with repair and maintenance of paths and bridges. Our volunteers and directors occasionally carry out repairs themselves.

Heritage Paths

The Heritage Paths Project started in 2007 with three aims: to identify historic paths, to research their history and accessibility and to promote them. Although project funding ended some years ago, records of over 400 historic routes that criss-cross the Scottish landscape – including drove roads, coffin roads, Roman roads and military roads – can be found on our website. This is a wonderful resource which we would like to make more of in future.

The role of a director is set out in the Director Role Description and is also referred to in our Articles of Association, which give full details of the objectives and work of the Society.

Our Articles of Association can be found on our Governance page on www.scotways.com.

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