



About ScotWays

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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.

Volunteers

Our small team has long appreciated the significant contribution to its work from a large number of volunteers, working on site helping with signpost repair or path surveys, in the office working with records or from home.

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. Historical and route information for over 400 routes that criss-cross the Scottish landscape – including drove roads, coffin roads, Roman roads and military roads – can be found on our website. We have recently begun a project to update and upgrade this wonderful resource by: improving the website, resurveying routes, adding to historical information, editing mapping and installing/repairing signposts and historic information plaques.

The role of a director is set out in the [Director Role Description](#) and our Articles of Association can be found on our [Governance](#) page.

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