



# Habitats & Access

## What have we found out?

Access			Habitats		
Cumbernauld has a huge network of paths, but it is difficult to find out information about it	Feelings of safety is a key concern especially in overgrown wooded areas	If you are not a local resident good luck finding your way around!	Cumbernauld’s local history is very much part of the natural landscape		Some of Cumbernauld’s greenspaces are amazing but there is a lack of awareness of them
The new town vision of separating the road and path network means that the paths aren’t obvious		There are lots of issues across the access network and we will only be able to fix a small number of them	It is difficult to find good up-to-date relevant information about groups and the places they are involved with	There are less resources available to maintain greenspaces, so we need to think differently	Emerging pests and diseases and lack of maintenance are a threat to the habitat network
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## What are our ideas?

**Habitat and Access Network Plans** – A list of projects is being created to capture where the project can have the biggest impact on the habitat and access network. These projects can be seen on the project map that accompanies this board.

### Nature Ninjas

We plan to run regular weekly and monthly conservation volunteer days to help at sites across Cumbernauld. This crack squad of volunteers will be able to help other community groups for those jobs where many hands make light work.

- Digging ponds
- Planting trees
- (G)Litter picks
- Wildlife surveys
- Path maintenance
- Clearing scrub



### Community biodiversity projects

Small-scale projects can improve biodiversity in local neighbourhoods. We will support local community groups to deliver improvements in their areas depending on their needs.

- Wildflower pocket meadows
- Bat and swift boxes
- Heritage orchards
- Wildlife gardens
- Pond creation
- Hedge laying



### Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) removal

INNS are a major threat to Cumbernauld’s native wildlife and there is no point removing them unless you are going to do it properly. We need a coordinated removal campaign that spreads out from the most vulnerable sites.

- Training a network of volunteers to recognise and record INN species
- Mapping the infestations
- Working with landowners to remove the threat
- Monitoring the sites



### Other ideas

- Native Bluebell campaign
- Pollinator pledge
- Missing links – working with other land owners to manage land for wildlife and improved access
- Interpretation, flyers, leaflets and maps
- Accessibility app

Have your say:  
Do you like our ideas?  
What have we have missed?