

ENHANCING OUR CARE OF SCOTLAND'S NATIONAL SCENIC AREAS

Wednesday 3rd October
Oatridge College, Broxburn (West Lothian)
Chair: Andrew Campbell (SNH Board)

Seminar Objectives:

- 1) To share our vision for NSAs and to promote the refreshed approach to National Scenic Areas introduced by the legislation to key stakeholders, in particular local authorities
- 2) To provide an early opportunity for discussion amongst key stakeholders on the implications of the new statutory basis, and the respective roles of the Scottish Executive, Scottish Natural Heritage, local authorities and others
- 3) To discuss the guidance, resources and actions necessary to facilitate the new approach

PROGRAMME

The Scottish Government perspective	Sally Thomas (Rural Directorate – Head of Countryside Team, Landscape & Habitats Division)
The SNH perspective	John Thomson (SNH Director, Operations South)
Delivering the NSA programme	Bob McNeill (Rural Directorate – Countryside Team, Landscape & Habitats Division)
Workshop 1 – Possible contents of ministerial guidance <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Creating new NSAs and modifying existing NSAs2. The duties of planning authorities as regards NSAs3. National Parks and NSAs	
The experience of NSAs in Dumfries & Galloway	James Fenton (SNH – Policy & Advice Officer, Landscape) <i>on behalf of Anna Johnson (NSA Officer, Dumfries & Galloway Council)</i>
Supporting NSAs – the role of non-statutory guidance and management strategies	Simon Brooks (SNH – Policy & Advice Manager, Landscape)
Workshop 2 – Achieving better care <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Management strategies2. Raising awareness of NSAs	