



After years of deterioration on the paths / local walks around the local landmark of Binny Craig, the Ecclesmachan and Threemiletown Community Council embarked on a three year planning and fund-raising project to repair and upgrade the most important paths in this local rural network.

An initial survey and outline report was produced for discussion. From this information it was decided that most of the work was beyond the capability of volunteers and that a formal survey would have to take place, with a view to having contractors appointed to carry out the improvements.

Following the formal survey and preparation of a detailed specification of requirements, a local contractor was appointed and the work was completed in 2010.

The only path suitable for volunteers to work on, the Threemiletown to Philpstoun path, was overhauled in 2009 by a team from the Community Council and more work will take place on an ongoing process during 2010 and beyond.

Whilst the paths have been cleared and will mostly be self-maintained through increased use, any extra maintenance required will be carried out by members of the Community Council.

Whether you are a resident or a visitor to the area, we trust that you will enjoy these historic and wonderful local walks for many years to come.

The paths in this project

- 1 LW135 & 136
Uphall to Binny Craig
Length approx. 3km
- 2 LW138 & 139
Longmuir to Ecclesmachan
Length approx. 4km
- 3 LW185
Threemiletown to Philpstoun
Length approx. 1.5km



Scottish Outdoor Access Code

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Binny Craig is a prominent landmark in West Lothian. On a clear day a fantastic panorama can be viewed from its summit which rises to 220 Metres, making it worth the effort to walk to this viewpoint. Looking to the south, the Pentland Hills then in rotation Arthur's Seat, Berwick Law, the Forth Bridges, Hill of Beath, Ben More, Ben Ledi, Ben Lomond, Cairnpapple Hill, Tinto Hill and Culter Fell.

This natural land feature was carved by moving ice during the ice-age into a crag and tail formation, similar to those of Edinburgh and Stirling Castles. In past centuries it was this excellent visual position that led to it being used as one of the chains of eminencies for communications. In the days of threatened invasion from the Spanish Armada or the English Armies, Beacons or Bale Fires, warned the approach of the foe. The type or size of the fire conveyed different messages and the chain of these Beacons ran from Cheviot, Hume Castle, Eggerthorp near Lauder, Soutra Edge, Edinburgh Castle and Binny Craig.



Many species of plants and wildlife can be seen in this area including a wide variety of birds. Buzzards, Hobby, Kestrels, Merlin and Sparrowhawks are all sighted regularly.



The path from Threemiletown to Philpstoun (LW185) crosses the Union Canal at the side of Philpstoun Shale Bing. From here you can walk along the canal tow-path east to Edinburgh via Broxburn or west to Falkirk (and beyond) via Linlithgow.

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We would also like to acknowledge the co-operation of the various landowners involved.

Ecclesmachan, Threemiletown and Uphall, Countryside Path Improvement Project



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