Trail News and an Invitation.

A Note from the Team

It has been a huge year for the JOGT team here in the far North, not least because it marks our tenth anniversary as a charity, so we've been taking time to make plans to celebrate that with you all.

Alongside the celebrations, we've also been working hard behind the scenes on essential Trail maintenance as it's been our busiest walking year yet since the Trail began. As strimming season draws to a close, we're already turning our attention to future projects, essential Trail infrastructure, inc focus on the NCT and the Melvich Bridge project. We can't wait to share more on all of this with you soon.

Our staff team has grown too: we welcomed Sharon back in late spring, and in September we were delighted to welcome our third team member, Laura T who we introduce in more details below.

Alongside our small staff team of Laura G, Laura T and Sharon, we continue to be backed by our fantastic volunteer board and a dedicated team of wardens, who are out on the ground checking, maintaining and reporting on the Trails. We can't thank this community enough for all the support that keeps this wonderful Trail going.

There's plenty more to share from what's already been an exciting year so far..... read on!

🥾 10yrs on the Trail - Our Anniversary 🥾

We are so excited to share this invitation with you.

2026 marks TEN YEARS of the John o'Groats Trail! A decade of walking, building, collaborating and celebrating this incredible coastline here in the North of Scotland and now we want you to celebrate it with us!

📍 Waterlines, Lybster | 3pm–6.30pm

Join us for:

🎬 The premiere of our newly commissioned short film about the Trail (with Q&A) at 5pm

🗣️ Talks on the Trail's history and highlights from the last ten years

🚶 A local walk

🍕 Pizza Maria local homemade pizzas on site

🧩 Family-friendly activities

👣 We would especially love to invite local landowners / volunteers / local walkers and supporters along. Without your support the Trail would never have been possible.

Running alongside the open day, an exhibition titled "10 Years on the Trail" will be on display at Waterlines from **10th to 31st October**, featuring images and stories marking a decade of walking on the North Coast. The exhibition includes work from local photographer Ken Crossan, alongside images contributed by trail wardens and supporters, and by Tracey Fearnehough and Holger Mohaupt of Room8, who produced the anniversary film. The exhibition will also be supported by a film by local third-year film student at the University of the Highlands and Islands, Aaron Chisholm.

Come along and see photos and stories charting the Trail's first decade. Ten years in the making..... come and celebrate it with us!

🥾 Trail News from Laura G 🥾

JOGT infrastructure has been moving at a pace this year and includes (but is not limited to!) work that has been undertaken at Forse to upgrade the current bridge and an additional new walk way and fencing that has been moved in further... we are getting lots of really positive reports about this area for walking now.

Constructed a new bridge at Rockhead, continued work north of Keiss Castle, and moved fencing in south of Whaligoe (by at least 1.5m or more) which has improved

A huge thanks to our manager Laura G who has lead on this work and to our funders for these improvements who include (but not limited to) the North Highland Initiative and Dounreay Socio Economic Fund.

If you come across anything that needs sorting, you can drop us an email (walk@jogt.org.uk) or fill in this online reporting form.

All of this infrastructure building takes time and effort, but also... money.

Donations towards Trail infrastructure improvements are very much welcome, if you can spare a few pennies, then please donate towards trail improvements on the link below:

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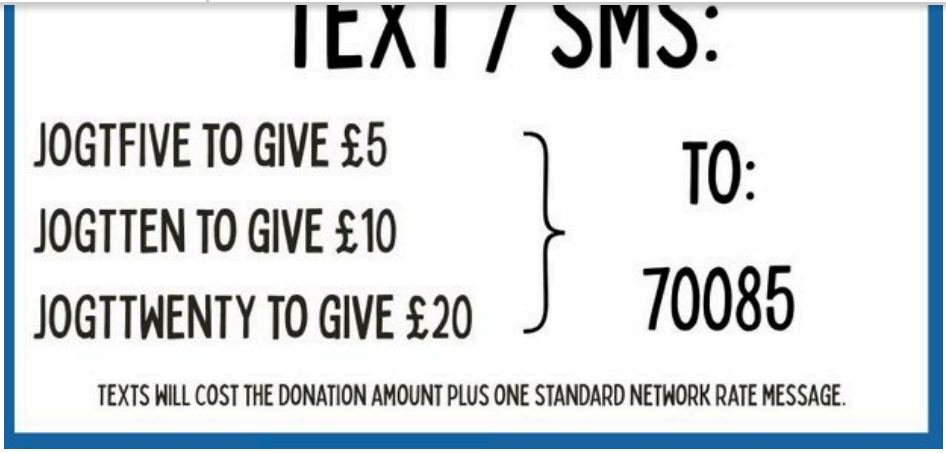
or take a moment to donate via our new “Text to Donate” options:



🥾 Welcome to the Team Laura T 🥾

We are delighted to welcome Laura T to the Team of ANTS.

Laura has joined us full time, and will be dividing her time between the JOGT and developing the NCT. Laura has extensive experience in path development and

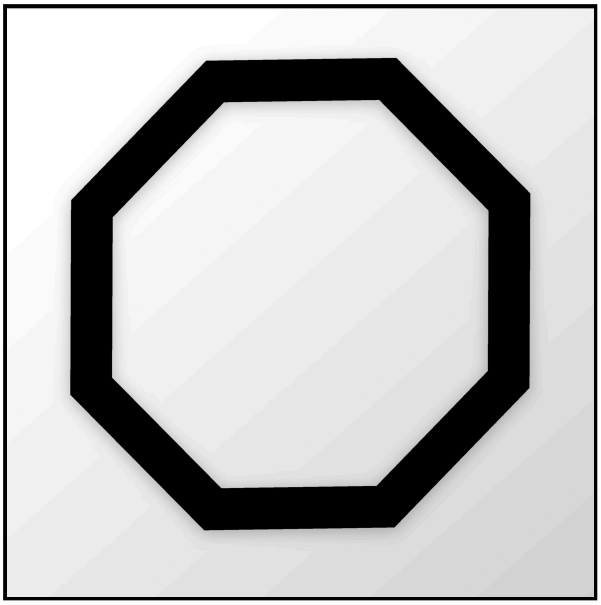
Updates on the Community Paths Projects

Sharon joined the team as a parttime staff member in the late Spring, and is dividing her time between the JOGT Trail team and the Halkirk / Scotscalder path projects.

With our new projects in the community, we are at an early stage of the work, prioritising working with landowners to agree on routes that work for everybody involved before we bring more information to the wider community.

We are making steady positive progress and appreciate the warm, supportive welcome from all stakeholders who remain open to discussion and supportive of the project. We look forward to bringing information to the wider community as soon as we have it and will have a dedicated newsletter available for these projects once we have more info to share. Watch this space..

Free App for Walking the Trail



Are you walking the Trail / a local supporter or thinking of walking next year? Download the app and help us by rating and contributing to the app as an official contributor (look under *settings / *our story) to contribute.. as these small things, help build the momentum and information available to future users. Each entry will be updated in the following app update, but overtime, this will grow the resource. A huge thank you to app developer Theo, who contributed to the app development.

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🎁 Membership and Merchandise 🎁

Memberships are crucial to the survival and sustainability of the Trail. It allows us to demonstrate support for the Trail to funders - and so it means our applications for larger pots of money are stronger! Your £10 a year can help us access £10,000! To join as a member just click on the link below.

Join as a member! Just visit our Membership Page and join for only £10 a year!

Our recently released line of t-shirts, designed exclusively for the trail by local designers, would be a great gift for someone who has completed the trail, has the ambition to, or even just enjoys what the coast has to offer. Walk 150 miles of smiles in style. Click below to see our range of designs available.

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