

Bennachie group charts the best path to summit

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WALKERS near Bennachie's Mither Tap peak could soon have two clearly-defined routes to follow to the top.

Members of the Bennachie working group decided this week to create two pathways to the top — one from the east and one from the west.

Group chairman James MacKay said there were many routes up to the level of the hill fort ruins.

“From there, there is no obvious way to the summit,” he said. “People just see the rocks and stones and don't know which way to go.”

There were so many routes

at present that his group wanted to rationalise the path network.

He said: “We've more or less identified the problem and more or less suggested a solution, but this will have to be done in conjunction with Historic Scotland, who are responsible for the hill fort, and in conjunction with the landowners in the area.”

Once this has been done, a plan of action for the work would be formulated.

The main problem is that the summit and hill fort are being subjected to heavy wear and tear because of the lack of defined routes for walkers.