

Communities

Objective	Objective	Significant Achievements against Objective, 2017 - 2022
C1	FLOOD RESILIENCE - Increase community resilience to flooding and severe weather events.	Improvements at Aviemore caravan park pumping station to reduce flooding issue. SEPA have improved flood alert system and flow monitoring. SCI liaison with Aviemore community via Scottish Flood Forum local group.
C2	ACCESS AND RECREATION - Promote responsible access along the catchment with a focus on maintaining and improving the experience and encouraging inactive people to become more active.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active travel now widely supported and promoted, eg Speyside Way upgrade, Places for Everyone project (Sustrans). • Speyside Way extended between Kincaig and Newtonmore. • MC encouraging the combination of green space play areas with drainage features for new large developments • SFB contribute to Spey Users Group alongside local authorities and Scottish Canoe Association, to facilitate and co-ordinate responsible access for all. • Health Walks run by LAs and CNPA utilise riverside paths. • NS supports access on farms via agri-environment funding, runs Natural and Cultural Heritage Fund which funds improvements in public facilities, and facilitates responsible access via campaigns, issue-specific guidance, and the National Access Forum. • Aviemore Spey Access Point project delivered by SCI 2019, providing improved facility for boat launching and public recreation. • New wader watching access and hide completed at Tomintoul (RSPB) https://www.tomintoul.glenlivet.com/peesie-project/ (photo)
C3	EDUCATION AND TRAINING - Increase knowledge and understanding of the natural river environment, building local skills and increasing volunteer participation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSPB engaged Kingussie High School as part of Peesie Project. • Salmon Go To School programme in 3 primary schools each year run by SFB. • Staff of many partners undertake CPD and also contribute to events and training at a national level, eg River Restoration Centre Conference, Freshwater Biological Assn training, Riverwoods. • Scottish Invasive Species Initiative has substantial volunteer task force. • On-going volunteer programmes offered by SFB, SCI and other partners. • Installation of interpretation boards at SCI project sites at Aviemore and Glenbanchor. • CNPA rangers and volunteer involvement including school and corporate groups. • Total of 1250 face to face engagement through variety of SCI-led events, site visits, presentations and volunteering opportunities.
C4	CULTURAL CONNECTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moray Council have installed new info boards on Speyside way section -Carron to Cragganmore.

	- Record and celebrate the natural and cultural significance of the River Spey to the communities of the catchment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCI and SFB contributed to Badenoch Storylands Festival 2022. • New display on the historical timber floating industry at Nethy Bridge Visitor Centre.
C5	RENEWABLE ENERGY - Promote opportunities for communities to develop and benefit from renewable power generation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some interest from communities in Tomintoul and Knockando.