

Waulkmill Farm Path

There has been a “waulk mill” on the Beltie for centuries, processing wool produced by local farmers. It was even mentioned in Government documents from 1746 as the home of a Jacobite on the run after Culloden. The waulk mill bridge is an old right of way, leading through the farm on the south side of the Beltie Burn. Today the bridge provides a convenient access for walkers and cyclists. However, after the bridge was refurbished by Aberdeenshire Council in 2017, it brought into sharp focus the need to provide an alternative safe route through the farm. As a working environment, with heavy machinery and livestock it was unacceptable that walkers were passing through in increasing numbers, and underfoot conditions were inevitably unpleasant for walking.

To overcome the problem, in March 2021 we completed a new 90 metre path with the assistance of the farmer. This secured the right of way while segregating walkers from the workings of the farm.

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