

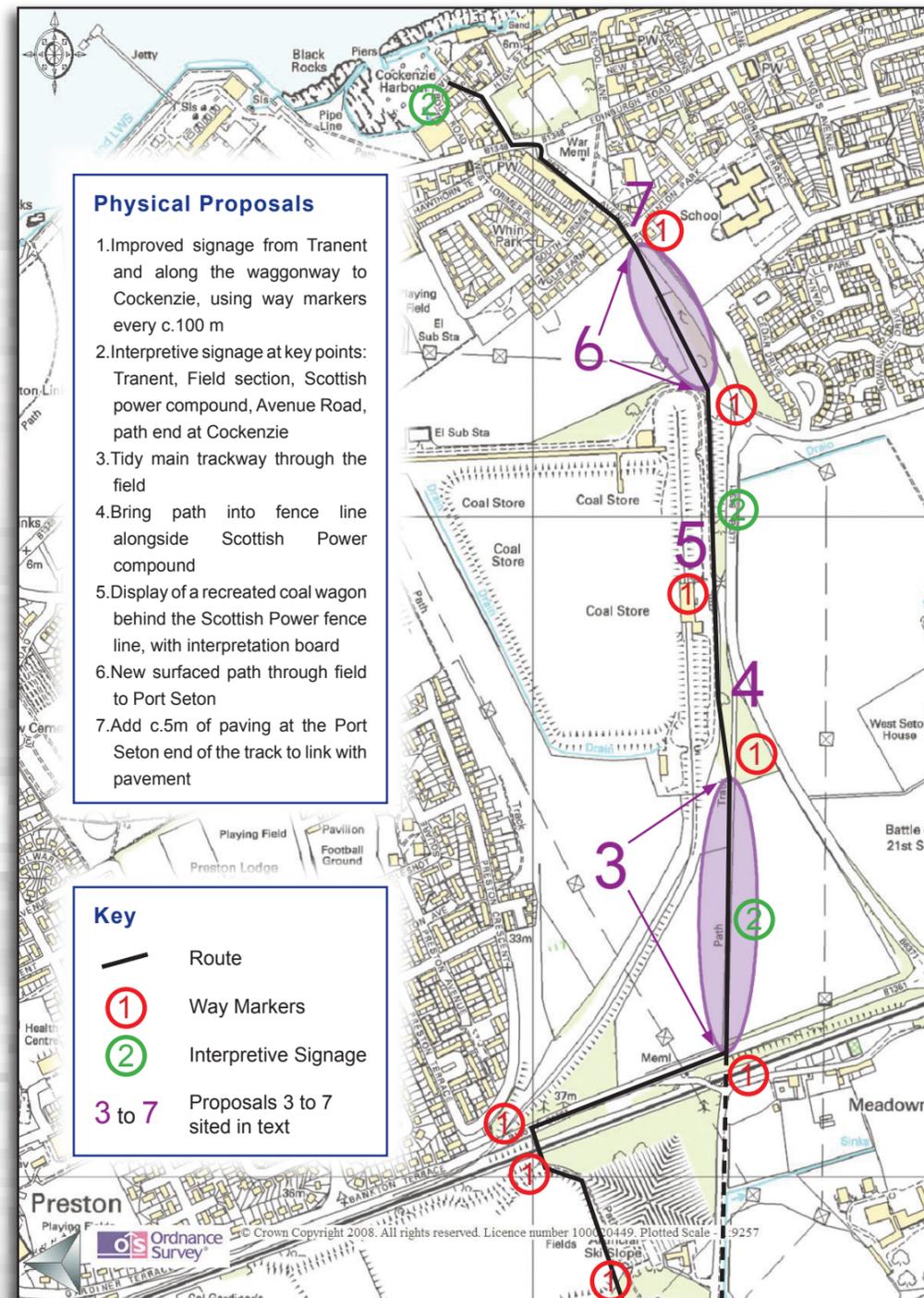
The Waggonway Project 'A Walk through Time'

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Introduction

You can feel history all around you as you walk the waggonway. It connects you with one of the most important historic landscapes in East Lothian and Scotland. This landscape has seen industrialization, the rise and fall of mining, the most significant victory of the Jacobite campaign, and the regeneration of a town in modern times. The waggonway will take you on a journey through this important history.

This project aims to re-vitalise the historic waggonway that runs from Tranent to Cockenzie as a key part of the cultural heritage offer. The waggonway is a pivotal part of the local heritage, explaining the industrial history of the area, as well as providing physical access from Tranent, via the Bing (Meadowmill) and through the field of the battle of Prestonpans, and finally ending up at Cockenzie harbor.



The waggonway also has importance in a modern context as it is a major right of way which meets the John Muir Way, and runs past the contemporary industrial site of Scottish Power. The waggonway therefore links the many elements of the area's past, and is an important part of telling the story of how the landscape of Prestonpans and Cockenzie has changed over the centuries. The project is a joint initiative between the Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust, East Lothian Council, and Scottish Power.



Key aims

- Create an important addition to the network of walking paths that interpret the cultural heritage of the area
- Recreate a small section of the waggonway in its historic form (following excavation with Dr Tony Pollard as part of a your Heritage Grant).
- Provide signage that identifies the waggonway as a heritage walk
- Use the waggonway as part of the interpretation of local industry by providing interpretation and sculpture

- Offer interpretation and identification of other sites of interest eg Cockenzie House
- Offer interpretation where the waggonway passes through the battlefield to enhance the experience of the user
- To alter the path direction before it reaches the Scottish Power site to make the route safer
- To provide a surfaced path from the Scottish Power site to Avenue Road

Caring for the Waggonway

The partners are committed to the long term stewardship of this important feature, and to that end 10 volunteers will be recruited, through the Trust and through Scottish Power employees to care for waggonway over time. This will be done through 6 task days a year for litter picking and general maintenance (eg removal of vegetation etc), and also provide training for two 'waggonway' guides. These guides will be trained to give guided walks along the waggonway, talking about industry, the battle, the changing landscape, flora and fauna.

Further work

- 1.Research into history
- 2.Six task days a year through an established volunteer programme
- 3.Training of two waggonway guides
- 4.Publicity about the waggonway available locally and in John Muir Trail literature
- 5.Walk leaflet created
- 6.Web information created
- 7.Local promotion via free guided walks

Funding the work

We intend to fund the work via the following funds as the project meets the core aims of the partner organizations and the funders identified:

- 1.Small grant from East Lothian Council
- 2.Contributions in kind from Scottish Power employees
- 3.Cash contribution from the Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust
- 4.Heritage Lottery Fund Your Heritage Grant

Capital Costs		
1	Improved signage from Tranent and along the waggonway to Cockenzie, using way markers every c.100m	3,600.00
2	Interpretive signage at key points: Tranent, Field section, Scottish power compound, Avenue Road, path end at Cockenzie	7,500.00
3	Tidy main trackway through the field	2,800.00
4	Bring path into fence line alongside Scottish Power compound	13,600.00
5	Display of a recreated coal wagon behind the Scottish Power fence line, with interpretation board	500.00
6	New loose surfaced path through field to Port Seton	within 4
7	Add c.5m of paving at the Port Seton end of the track to link with pavement	1,000.00
	sub	29,000.00

Revenue Costs		
1	Further Research	3,000.00
2	6 task days a year through an established volunteer programme (over 5 years)	6,000.00
3	Training of two waggonway guides (over 5 years)	2,000.00
4	Publicity about the waggonway available locally and in John Muir Trail literature	-
5	Walk leaflet available	1,500.00
6	Web information (create site, 5 years hosting)	3,250.00
7	Local promotion via free guided walks	-
	sub	15,750.00
	total	44,750.00