



ELLON HILLWALKING CLUB

Newsletter – January 2026

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Programme: Monday 12th January 2026 EHWC Annual General Meeting. Station Hotel Ellon 19:30	Sunday 18th January Bennachie Focal Point – Margaret Riverside Carpark – 08:00
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Bennachie OS Landranger 38 Margaret

Start/finish grid reference: to be confirmed

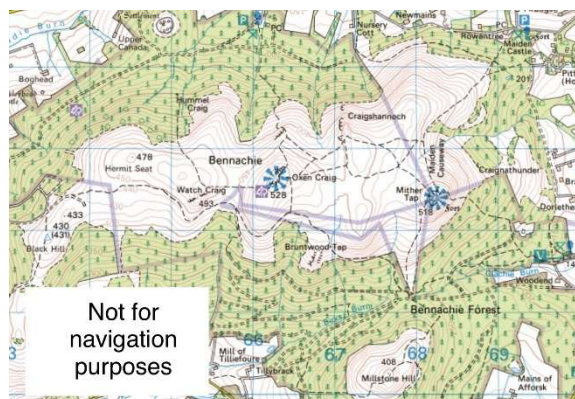
Terrain: * mainly good hill paths

(Source: *Walkhighlands)

We hope you can join us for our first walk of the new year - visiting our local hill, Bennachie. There are several route options - we may decide to climb to one or more of the tops, or do a low level woodland walk. The choice of route will depend on the weather conditions and the preferences of those attending on the day.

If you wish to join this walk then please contact Margaret by Thursday 15th January. If you already have Margaret's contact details then please text or email, otherwise email her at:

margaret8412759@gmail.com



Suggested Forthcoming Walks

February – Craigellachie Circular

March – Hill of Cat/Gannoch

Bunkhouse Weekends 2026 Ingrid

April 10-12 By the Way, Tyndrum

June 19-21 Skye

Sept 18–20 Corran Bunkhouse

Christmas Party

Fifteen members attended the Christmas party on 8th December at the Station Hotel. We had a lovely meal and a very enjoyable evening.



photo - Irene

Ellon Hillwalking Club Annual General Meeting. 12th January 2026

The 47th AGM of the Ellon Hillwalking Club will take place on Monday 12th January in the Station Hotel, Ellon at 19.30.

We welcome new members to the committee, nominations should be sent to the secretary.

This year's AGM will follow the pattern of previous years with the following agenda:

- 1)apologies for absence
- 2)minutes of previous AGM
- 3) matters arising from minutes
- 4) Chairman's report
- 5) Treasurer's report
- 6) election of officer bearers and committee members
- 7) election of auditor
- 8) annual subscription
- 9) consideration of matters from the floor
- 10) any other business
 - (i) cost to walkers for minibus
 - (ii) winner of membership card comp.
 - (iii)2026 draft programme
- 11)date of committee meeting

Correen Hills Alford. 14/12/2025 Irene

The forecast was good for the last walk of 2025 on the Correen Hills. Margaret parked on the large verge near Dubston Farm and we (Margaret, Fiona, Brian and I) set off in the sunshine, skirting the farm buildings and continuing on a good Landrover road towards the hill.

In the middle of another group of farm buildings to our right we noticed the now pink Terpersie Cattle . This mansion house was in the news a few years ago due to the elderly owner's 'battle' with Aberdeenshire Council who refused her planning permission to install a lift. The Honorable Kirstine Daranyi Forbes-Sempill was accustomed to living in castles so stuck to her guns, the Scottish Government eventually intervened and the council was overruled!

It was a steady climb up the Fouchie Shank and we stopped often to admire the wonderful clear views of nearby hills: Bennachie, The Buck, Tap o Noth and Morven and gradually over to the Cairngorms.

There was a surprising number of wild birds which included eagles and kites. Fiona was expecting this and came prepared with binoculars but many were close enough to be recognised without them. From the highest point of Arthur's Hill we continued on the clockwise circuit, leaving the path occasionally to cross the heather and 'bag' all the wee tops on the route - Edinbanchory Hill, Brux Hill and Badingair Hill. The path narrowed on the descent and was sometimes boggy but still quite easy walking.

We decided our last fuel stop would be the disused granite quarry so it was fortunate we reached there just as a shower threatened and were able to shelter in an old miner's hut. A log book testified more than a few other walkers had done the same. This section of our route is part of an old coffin road between Rhynie and Tullynessle.

The burn crossing was not a problem and we soon rejoined the original path back to the cars. It had been a very pleasant, relaxed day with plenty time to chat and enjoy the scenery. A lovely walk to end the year. Thanks Margaret for driving.



photo – Brian



photo - Fiona
