

## **North Skye Iconic Sites Group**

SkyeConnect provides a secretarial and coordination role for the development of key infrastructure, interpretation and environmental restoration work at 3 key locations in NorthSkye – The Fairy Pools, The Old Man of Storr and the Quiraing. The multi-agency group includes – SkyeConnect, NatureScot, SGRPID (Scottish Govt Rural Payments Inspection department) Highland Council, The Staffin Trust, OATS (Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland) and the Minginish Community Hall Association.

The group originally prepared a successful funding application for £1.2 million that was awarded in 2020. Legal delays meant that the final contract was not signed until 2021. Construction of a footpath and bridges at the Fairy pools required the development of a legal licence to cover footpath and bridge construction on Macleod Estate land (the ground covered by the Fairy Pools).

Interpretation work to be used across the project incorporating Gaelic culture, language, landscape and environmental information has been developed by Staffin Trust and the PR co. “Lateral North”.

It is hoped that the interpretation worth will set a standard and a brand that can be adopted in other locations across Skye.

The Project is evolving into a wider access and footpath project with additional routes at the Old Man of Storr, Brothers Point and Lealt Falls.

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