

## **Coastal Heritage Explored by Grampian Planners**

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On the crystal clear evening of June 25<sup>th</sup> some 15 members of the Grampian Chapter walked a small part of the North Sea Trail from Dunnottar to Stonehaven. Much of this dramatic cliff path, with Dunnottar Castle as a backcloth, has been repositioned following undermining by rabbits.

Proposals for a U.N. designated *Geopark* at Stonehaven based on the presence of the Highland fault line and the recent discovery of the world's oldest fossil were discussed. And down at Stonehaven harbour various improvements which had been undertaken as part of the Aberdeenshire Towns' programme to support tourism were explained.

The evening was concluded with a fish supper at an award winning chipper. Thanks go to Craig Stewart and David Potter of Aberdeenshire Council for providing their expertise on path design, project management and natural history.