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Picture of the week



This photograph of the River Deveron flowing on its way through the Hill of Haugh area was taken from beside Huntly Castle by Ian Rennie. Readers are encouraged to submit high resolution jpeg images to mail@huntlyexpress.co.uk

Bridge plan is a step too far

WITH reference to the Huntly Express of Friday, February 3, page 2, 'Anger over plan to take away bridge'. I am a former pupil of the Gordon Schools from the early 1960s. I used to do a lot of running while I trained for the school football team and competing for the school in athletics.

Part of my running route incorporated the footbridge referred to in the article. I feel that it is a shame that this bridge is under

threat. Had it been across the Dee it would have been repaired and upgraded.

I am sure if it was assessed, the cost of the repair to the bridge could be raised somehow.

Robbie Innes, 18 Gordon Street, Fochabers.

Help to save Bennachie

TRANSPORT Scotland has published the tender for the rerouting and dualling of the A96 Huntly to

Aberdeen section. The deadline for the return of tenders is March 2. The decision to award the contract will take up to 30 days, followed by a compulsory standby period of 10 days.

By mid-April the consultants should be in place with a two year, £50 million contract to have the full route option published by April 2019.

There will be opportunities for public consultation - a "Meet the Team" event will be held two to three months after the appointment.

There may be other opportunities to engage with the public depending on agreement between Transport

Scotland and the consultants. The presentation of the route to the public will take place in late 2018.

Save Bennachie is working to protect Bennachie from impact by two of the potential options, and to ensure a route is chosen which alleviates gridlock in Inverurie. To date we have spoken to all local MSPs and our MP. All are supportive of protecting Bennachie. You can keep up to date with developments by signing up to our website at www.savebennachie.com

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