The Highland Council

Lochaber Area Committee

Agenda 12 Report LA No 10/15

26 February 2015

Countryside Ranger Role

Report by Director of Development and Infrastructure

Summary

This paper summarises the events programme delivered by Council's Countryside Rangers during 2014/15 and the resources allocated to the activities. The paper also presents the activities proposed within the Lochaber Area for the financial year 2015/16. Members are invited to:

- (a) note the content of the report, including highlights of the work of the Countryside Rangers in Lochaber during 2014/15; and
- (b) note the proposed priorities and activities programme for the 2015-16 financial year.

1. Background

- 1.1 Countryside Rangers have been operating in Lochaber since 1979. This started with the appointment of a Ranger for the West Highland Way, followed by another to cover the Glen Nevis area. In the late 1990's further Ranger posts were created in Glen Nevis, West Lochaber and the Sound of Arisaig. The current staff complement in the area comprises:
 - Long Distance Routes 4.0 FTE based at Glen Nevis and Fort Augustus (Great Glen Way Rangers also operate in the Inverness Area) The Long Distance Route Ranger Team is ably supported by 3.0 FTE Maintenance Wardens
 - Glen Nevis 2.0 FTE based at Glen Nevis Visitor Centre
 - West Lochaber 1.0 FTE based at Strontian
 - Sound of Arisaig 1.0 FTE based at Mallaig
- 1.2 The Rangers deliver a wide-ranging service for local communities and visitors to the Highlands as well as fulfilling functions across the remit of the Highland Council, notably assisting in the delivery of the Council's duties relating to Access and Biodiversity and the management and maintenance of its countryside properties.
- 1.3 This report will highlight the key achievements over the past year and proposes an events programme for financial year 2015/16.

2. Activity delivered via the 2014/15 programme

2.1 Guided Walks and Events

The final figures for 2014/15 will not be available until the end of the financial year, so the following figures are for the last full year, 2013/14.

55 events attended by 600 people. The customer survey found that 98% said that the event met their expectations whilst 59% said it exceeded their expectations.

Large numbers attended the major events running during 2014, Easter Treasure Hunt, Halloween event and the Time Detectives event for the Highland Archaeology Festival.

2.2 School Visits

The final figures for 2014/15 will not be available until the end of the financial year, so the following figures are for the last full year, 2013/14.

104 school visits providing children with high quality outdoor learning in their local environment with the Countryside Rangers. Also continued involvement with local schools undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and retaining Eco-Schools status. A successful Teacher Training Day was run to highlight the activities the Rangers can provide. Very positive feedback from the teachers resulted in an increase in bookings for the rangers.

2.3 Highland Seashore Project

As part of the Council's Biodiversity commitments the Rangers delivered a Seashore day in Glenuig as part of Wild Lochaber Festival, a good example of partnership working.

2.4 Gaelic in the Environment

Two Gaelic medium groups in the last year, including a tree hunt at the Visitor Centre and have created a few Gaelic medium ID sheets to help run the activities. Currently developing more Gaelic resources for the rangers to undertake future events.

2.5 Countryside Properties

The Rangers continue to have the direct responsibility for the local management of the numerous Development and Infrastructure countryside properties in the area. This includes twice-yearly risk assessments, monitoring visits and either undertaking or enabling maintenance and upgrading works on these sites.

2.6 Countryside Access

The Council's Access Officers undertake the major role of delivering the Council's access duties under the Land Reform (Scotland) 2003 Act, but the Rangers continue to provide vital support to highlight potential problems, undertake maintenance work with local volunteers, assist the audit of Core Paths and have the main responsibility for promoting the Scottish Outdoor

Access Code.

2.7 <u>Income targets</u>

The Rangers currently charge for guided walks and events and this has contributed significantly towards the overall team's income targets.

3. Proposed priorities and programme for 2015-16

- 3.1 The priorities for the Ranger Service activities for 2015-16 are guided by the Single Outcome Agreement, the Programme of the Highland Council, 'Working together for the Highlands', and the Development and Infrastructure Service Plan 2012-2017.
- 3.2 The relevant Priority Themes are:
 - Cross-cutting themes Gaelic, Equalities and Climate Change
 - Working together for the economy
 - Working together for children and young people
 - Working together for better infrastructure
 - Working together to empower communities

Gaelic

Support to Gaelic and reflect the Gaelic culture in events and activities.

Climate change

Working with communities to raise awareness and contribute to activities that contribute to the Council's climate change targets.

Equalities

Delivering activities to as wide a range of groups and individuals as possible and where necessary target specific groups and individuals who have had little or no previous engagement.

Economy

Delivering events and activities and contribute to the countryside facilities enhancing the tourism product to attract and retain more visitors to the Highlands and contribute to the Council's Green Tourism and income generation targets.

Children and young people

Key contacts for Highland schools supporting the achievement and retention of Eco-school status; and supporting the outdoor learning element of the Curriculum for Excellence.

Infrastructure

Responsibility for the management of Development and Infrastructure properties, including risk assessments, monitoring and maintenance. Support provision via audit and maintenance of the Core Path Network and promotion of the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

Empowering communities

Assist communities with environmental and access projects, providing specialist advice and assisting their search for appropriate funds.

4 Events Programme for 2015-16

4.1 Appendix 1 shows the draft events programme for the Skye, Ross and Cromarty Area for 2015-16.

5. Implications

5.1 Resource

There are no additional resource implications arising from this report. Countryside Rangers are part of the Development and Infrastructure Service and are funded from existing resources.

5.2 Legal

There are no additional legal implications.

5.3 Equalities

There are no additional equalities implications arising from this report. Rangers undertake equalities training and ensure that this is a key element of their work.

5.4 <u>Climate Change/Carbon Clever</u>

No additional implications. Rangers encourage understanding and respect of the natural environment. Their work promotes the climate change/carbon clever agenda.

5.5 Risk

There are no additional risk implications arising from this report.

5.6 Gaelic

Rangers support the Gaelic language and culture and strive to include Gaelic in their activities.

5.7 Rural implications

There are no additional rural implications arising from this report. Rangers operate in the rural environment and contribute substantially to its enhancement.

Recommendation

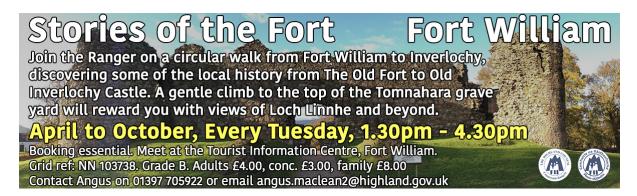
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Designation: Director of Development and Infrastructure

Date: 23 January 2015

Author: George Duff, Countryside Manager (Ext 2279)



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1pm - 3pm



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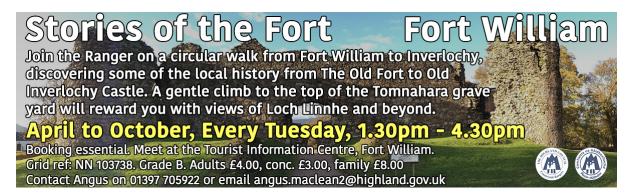
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Wednesday April 15, 2015

1pm - 3pm



Beautiful Butterfly Challenge, Glen Nevis

Butterfly themed challenge for children accompanied by an adult. Members of Girlguiding UK can gain the Butterfly Challenge badge at the event subject to availability.

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Wednesday May 06, 2015

1pm - 2pm



Share the Fun, Glen Nevis

Outdoor fun for pre-school children aged 1-5. All children must be accompanied by an adult.



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1.30pm - 4.30pm

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Monday May 18, 2015

6pm - 8pm



Dragons in the Quarry Evening Treasure Hunt, Ballachulish

Drop in for a family treasure hunt and discover the dragons in the quarry.

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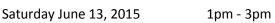
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Campfire Challenge, Glen Nevis

Bushcraft adventure for families - build your own shelter, make a fire and cook some food. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Tuesday June 16, 2015

1.30pm - 4.30pm



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1.30pm - 4.30pm



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Tuesday July 14, 2015

1pm - 4pm



I'm a Survivor Get me Out of Here, Ballachulish Quarry

Family survival challenge with a twist. Girlguiding UK members can gain the I'm a survivor Guide me out of here badge subject to availability.

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Thursday July 16, 2015

12pm - 4.30pm



Pirates over the Loch

Family journey over the loch to a secret beach where we'll set up a pirates camp, look for crabs and make a fire to cook s' mores.

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Tuesday August 11, 2015

1.30pm - 4.30pm



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Friday September 11, 2015

7pm - 10pm



Batty about Bats & Magnificent Moths, Glen Nevis

Family event to learn more about the bats and moths that can be found in the glen.



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Saturday September 26, 2015

10.00am - 4.00pm



Highland Natural Larder

Come and experience the Highlands that most people pass by without seeing: The treasures hidden under every leaf and around the next corner! Experience the culinary delights of The Highlands' natural larder. Discover how to find, harvest, prepare and cook wild foods and mushrooms.

Booking essential. Meeting place given out on booking. Grade B. Adults £8.00, conc. £4.00, family £20.00. Contact Clelland on 01320 366633 or clelland.mccallum@highland.gov.uk.



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1.30pm - 4.30pm

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Saturday October 10, 2015

1pm - 3pm



Time Travellers, Glen Nevis

A chance for the whole family to dig through history and have a go at activities from the distant past.

Meet at the Glen Nevis Visitor Centre. Grid ref: NN 124731. Grade A. Adults £4.00, conc. £3.00, family £11.00. Contact Eilidh-Ann on 01397 705922 or eilidh-ann.phillips@highland.gov.uk.



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Wednesday October 28, 2015

6pm - 8pm



Halloween in the Glen, Glen Nevis

Bring the whole family to Glen Nevis for a spooky evening of Halloween fun. Prizes for the best fancy dress and best decorated pumpkin. Please bring a torch as it will be dark!

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Saturday December 05, 2015

1pm - 3pm

Frozen Snow Challenge, Glen Nevis

Family snow challenge and Christmas crafts. Members of Girlguiding UK can complete a relevant challenge badge subject to availability.



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Wednesday April 15, 2015

1pm - 3pm



Beautiful Butterfly Challenge, Glen Nevis

Butterfly themed challenge for children accompanied by an adult. Members of Girlguiding UK can gain the Butterfly Challenge badge at the event subject to availability.

Meet at Glen Nevis Visitor Centre. Grid ref: NN 124731. Grade A. Adults £4.00, conc. £3.00, family £11.00. Contact Michelle on 01397 705922 or michelle.melville@highland.gov.uk.

Tuesday April 21, 2015

1.30pm - 4.30pm



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Tuesday April 28, 2015

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Tuesday May 05, 2015

1.30pm - 4.30pm



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Wednesday May 06, 2015

1pm - 2pm



Share the Fun, Glen Nevis

Outdoor fun for pre-school children aged 1-5. All children must be accompanied by an adult.



Tuesday May 12, 2015

1.30pm - 4.30pm

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Monday May 18, 2015

6pm - 8pm



Dragons in the Quarry Evening Treasure Hunt, Ballachulish

Drop in for a family treasure hunt and discover the dragons in the quarry.

Meet at Ballachulish Quarry. Grid ref: NN 085585. Grade A. Adults £4.00, conc. £3.00, family £11.00. Contact Michelle on 01397 705922 or michelle.melville@highland.gov.uk.

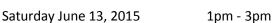
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Campfire Challenge, Glen Nevis

Bushcraft adventure for families - build your own shelter, make a fire and cook some food. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Tuesday June 16, 2015

1.30pm - 4.30pm



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Tuesday June 23, 2015

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Friday September 11, 2015

7pm - 10pm



Batty about Bats & Magnificent Moths, Glen Nevis

Family event to learn more about the bats and moths that can be found in the glen.



Tuesday September 29, 2015

1.30pm - 4.30pm

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Tuesday October 06, 2015

1.30pm - 4.30pm



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Saturday October 10, 2015

1pm - 3pm



Time Travellers, Glen Nevis

A chance for the whole family to dig through history and have a go at activities from the distant past.

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Tuesday October 13, 2015

1.30pm - 4.30pm

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Wednesday October 28, 2015

6pm - 8pm



Halloween in the Glen, Glen Nevis

Bring the whole family to Glen Nevis for a spooky evening of Halloween fun. Prizes for the best fancy dress and best decorated pumpkin. Please bring a torch as it will be dark!

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Saturday December 05, 2015

1pm - 3pm

Frozen Snow Challenge, Glen Nevis

Family snow challenge and Christmas crafts. Members of Girlguiding UK can complete a relevant challenge badge subject to availability.