

LBBTP 2005 UPDATE AND GRAPHS

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Objective 1 includes Speyside, Badenoch, Tomintoul and Glenlivet**

Expenditure

1. In 2004, a total of £95 615 was committed to the LBBTP, £73 175 (77%) of which was spent on training courses. 53% of this total figure was committed in the Objective 3 region of the National Park, with the balance of 47% spent in the Objective 1 region. In 2005, approximately £206 606 was committed to the LBBTP, 83% being directly committed to training costs. Interestingly, 57% of this amount was spent in the Objective 1 region, with the 43% balance being spent in the Objective 3 region. The amount spent in Objective 1 represents an increase of 160% on the 2004 spend, whilst the Objective 3 region spent almost 50% more than in 2004.
2. The European Social Fund contributed 50% of all the project costs, with LBBs contributing 50% towards the costs of the commercial training courses, and the CNPA contributing 50% towards the staffing costs, and the costs of the Public Benefit courses.

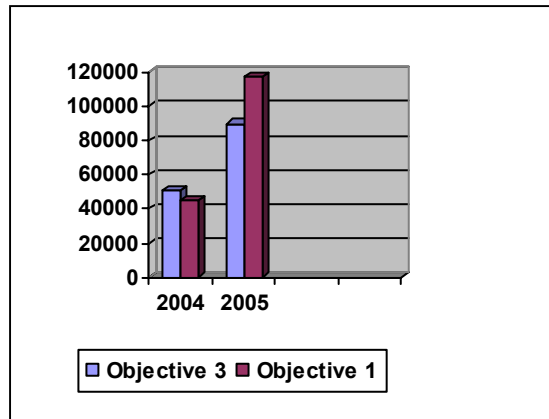
Outputs and Results

3. The total number of project beneficiaries in 2004 was 419, with 51% from the Objective 3 region and 49% from the Objective 1 region. In 2005, the beneficiary numbers were 680, with 55% from the Objective 1 area, and 45% from the objective 3 area. More significant are the beneficiary business figures. In 2004, 64 LBBs were supported through the project. In 2005, the project supported 125 businesses, representing a 195% increase on 2004. A number of these are small (1 – 5 staff) businesses, including crofts and self employed outdoor recreation providers, who simply could not access or fund the training without the project support.

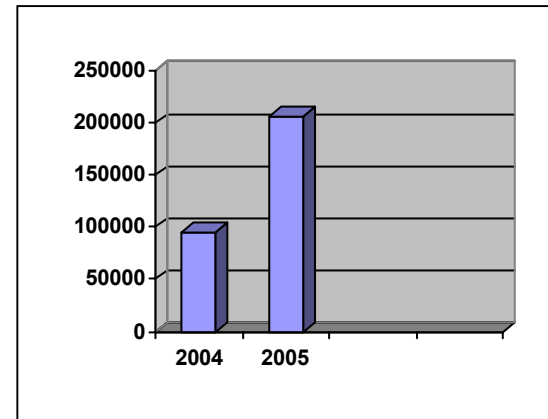
These figures are shown graphically as follows:

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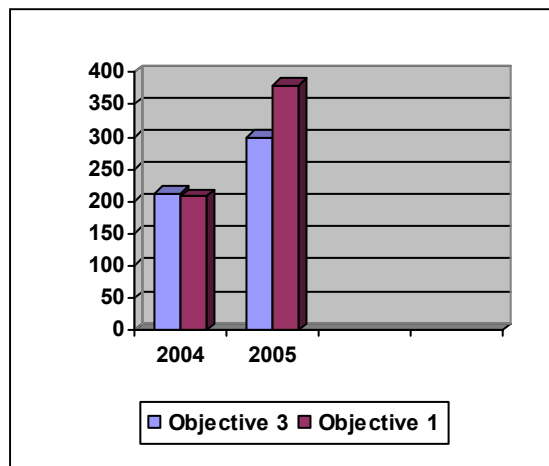
Graph 1: Expenditure per Region



Graph 2: Total Expenditure across both Regions



Graph 3: Beneficiaries supported Across Regions



Graph 4: Businesses Supported across Regions

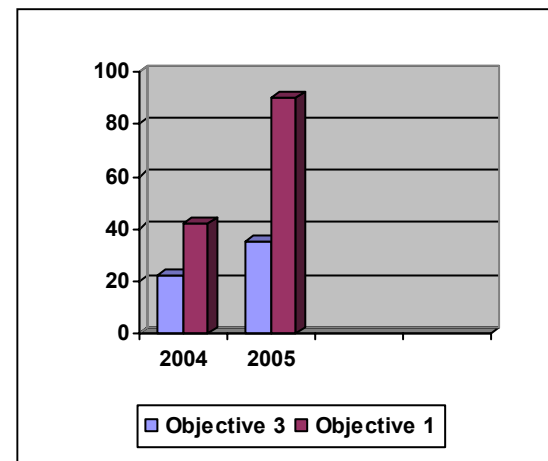


TABLE OF PUBLIC BENEFIT COURSES FUNDED/ARRANGED

The following courses were delivered in **2004**

Course	Total No. delegates	Evaluation Score	LBBTP organised *
1. Pearl Bordered Fritillary Butterfly Course	4	Average	N
2. Ecology of the Native Pinewood Conference	1	Above Average	N
3. Interpretive Planning by Sam Ham	21	Excellent	N
4. Continuous Cover Forestry Course	1	Above Average	N
5. Scots Pine Rural Development Conference	4	Above Average	N
6. Spotlight on Raptors	11	Average	N
7. Water Margin Management and Wildlife	33	Above Average	Y
8. SCAN conference - Managing Access Rights to Water	4	Excellent	N
9. 4PP – Diffuse Pollution	12	Excellent	Y

The following courses were delivered in **2005**

Course	Total No. delegates	Evaluation Score	LBBTP organised *
10. Disability Awareness	55	Excellent	Y
11. Is Biomass the Answer	8	Above Average	N
12. SOAC and Communication Skills	32	Above Average	Y
13. Field Surveying and Habitat Assessments for Bats	2	Excellent	N
14. Insects and their Bat Predators	1	Excellent	N
15. Cairngorms Wildlife - Identification and Interpretation - March 2005	35	Excellent	Y
16. Basic Wildfire Fighting	33	Above Average	Y
17. Countryside Risk Management Training - April 2005	29	Above Average	Y
18. Tick Control	78	Above Average	Y

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Course	Total No. delegates	Evaluation Score	LBBTP organised *
19. Pond creation and Management	12	Excellent	Y
20. Communication – the tools to Promote your Public Benefits	14	Above Average	Y
21. Wildfire Management for Supervisors	17	Above Average	Y
22. Countryside Risk Management for Farmers	11	Excellent	Y
23. Close Encounters with the Natural World	1	Above Average	N
24. Upland Paths – Facing the Future	1	Excellent	N
25. Creating New Birchwoods	3	Above Average	N
26. Wildlife and the Law	34	Above Average	Y
27. SOAC and Communication skill (repeat)	7	Above Average	Y
28. Cairngorms Wildlife - Identification and Interpretation (repeat)	12	Excellent	Y
29. Taking Strides with Access	22	Above Average	Y

Evaluation Score

Delegates were asked to evaluate various elements of the course on the levels;

Poor, Below Average, Average, Above Average, Excellent.

*** LBBTP Organised**

The LBBTP organises some PB courses, as indicated in the above table with a “**Y**”, others are sourced by individual beneficiaries and LBBs, and some are communicated to the LBBTP by the training providers for LBBTP to further communicate the details to all LBBs on the e-mailing list. These externally sourced courses are identified in the table above with an “**N**”

PB Courses in the future

Land based businesses are quieter in the first and last quarters. Realistically, public benefit courses should be delivered during these periods to ensure the accessibility of these courses to most workers within the sector. However, there is a danger of “overloading” businesses by aiming to deliver too many courses at one time. As such, the courses need to be suitably spaced out. With this in mind, a number of courses have already

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been identified as training needs in 2006 and beyond. In addition, many of the courses that have already been run need to be delivered in a similar but revised format at a later stage, e.g. SOAC and practical examples. It is also good practice to repeat courses to give new beneficiaries the opportunity to attend.

The table below lists new Public Benefit courses that have been identified as training needs. These courses are linked to the Park Plan’s priorities for action, primarily as these are the areas that the CNPA needs to focus its resources and effort over the next 5 years, over and above ongoing work. These courses have been identified through consultation with CNPA staff, as well as with land managers. The schedule below has been sent out to all the LBBs currently on the project, as well as to additional LBBs, to assess which courses are most in demand, and when these businesses are most likely to send staff on the courses. Following this consultation, a two year schedule of Public Benefit courses will be drafted, and communicated in advance to the LBBs. However, the schedule will not be cast in stone, and new, additional Public Benefit courses will be set up if there is a specific need/demand.

Public Benefit Course	Priority
1. Updates on the law about Waste disposal and Exploration of waste disposal alternatives and composting	Conserving and enhancing the Park’s Biodiversity and Landscapes
2. Interpreting the Historic Landscape	Conserving and enhancing the Park’s Biodiversity and Landscapes; Developing Awareness and Understanding of the Park
3. Butterfly Management	Conserving and enhancing the Park’s Biodiversity and Landscapes
4. Water Vole Conservation through Mink control	Conserving and enhancing the Park’s Biodiversity and Landscapes
5. Interpretation for land managers - how best to manage and deliver it	Providing High Quality Opportunities for Outdoor Access; Developing Awareness and Understanding of the Park; Making Business and Tourism more Sustainable
6. What does it mean to be a National Park (this will included at an international as well as a national level, and what we as the CNPA are trying to do with our NP by way of the Park Plan)	All priorities
7. Conserving the Cairngorms	Conserving and enhancing the Park’s Biodiversity and Landscapes; Developing Awareness and Understanding of the Park
8. Non-native Fish – implications and management	Conserving and enhancing the Park’s Biodiversity and Landscapes
9. Woodland Management for Biodiversity	Conserving and enhancing the Park’s Biodiversity and Landscapes
10. Woodland Grazing	Conserving and enhancing the Park’s Biodiversity and Landscapes; Supporting More Integrated Land Management

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Public Benefit Course	Priority
11. Wildflower Management	Conserving and enhancing the Park's Biodiversity and Landscapes; Supporting more Integrated Land Management
12. The Best use of signage to promote responsible Access	Providing High Quality Opportunities for Outdoor Access
13. Historic Land Assessment	Conserving and enhancing the Park's Biodiversity and Landscapes; Developing Awareness and Understanding of the Park
14. Giving outdoor recreation providers the necessary skills to enhance the availability of access to outdoor recreation for the disabled	Supporting High Quality Opportunities for Outdoor Access; Making Business and Tourism More Sustainable
15. The use of Wood fuel	Conserving and enhancing the Park's Biodiversity and Landscapes
16. Understanding Land Management Contracts	Making Business and Tourism more Sustainable
17. Participative Skills for rangers, keepers, land managers etc to engage with local communities	Developing Awareness and Understanding of the Park
18. Understanding the Planning System with regards to Land Management (eg agricultural tracks and sheds, estate tracks etc)	Conserving and enhancing the Park's Biodiversity and Landscapes Developing Awareness and Understanding of the Park
19. The Water Framework Directive and its implications for land based businesses	Conserving and enhancing the Park's Biodiversity and Landscapes
20. Environmental Impact Assessments – what to look for and where to go for help	Conserving and enhancing the Park's Biodiversity and Landscapes
21. Land Management Contracts	Supporting more integrated land management
22. Habitat monitoring/recording	Conserving and enhancing the Park's Biodiversity and Landscapes
23. What makes the Cairngorms special (looking at our unique moorland, aspen, waders etc)	Conserving and enhancing the Park's Biodiversity and Landscapes Developing Awareness and Understanding of the Park
24. How the countryside sector works (eg the co-dependencies of shooting, agriculture, outdoor recreation)	Conserving and enhancing the Park's Biodiversity and Landscapes Developing Awareness and Understanding of the Park
25. Wildfire Behaviour – understanding and interpreting it	Conserving and enhancing the Park's Biodiversity and Landscapes

Each of the three projects have strong links with Corporate Plan goals and themes, and play an essential role to deliver the priority actions for the Park Plan; -

LBBTP

The LBBTP links directly to several of the Corporate Plan Goals

- *“Public benefits which can be produced by land managers defined and supported through publicly funded integrated schemes”*
- *“Good communication and consultation by land managers on objective setting for public benefits”*
- *“Stronger and more diverse economic opportunities within the CNP area”*

And indirectly to others:

- *“Duties as the outdoor access authority effectively and efficiently delivered”*
- *“Arrangements in place to meet needs of visitors, land managers, and communities for information and management of access (i.e. equivalent of ranger functions)”*
- *Wide range of opportunities to experience the special qualities of the Park in a sustainable manner is available to all”*
- *“High levels of understanding and appreciation of the Park and of the role, of the CNPA and partners”*

It also has very clear direct links to two of the CNPA’s Corporate Plan Strategic Themes:

- **Theme 2:** To promote sustainable resource, land and water management; and to protect and enhance our wildlife and landscapes.
- **Theme 3:** To support and stimulate economic and social development within the Park that sustains and is sustained by its special natural and cultural qualities.

Public Benefit Training for All

The project links directly to several of the Corporate goals, including;

- *Arrangements in place to meet needs of visitors, land managers, and communities for information and management of access (i.e. equivalent of ranger functions)*
- *Residents, businesses, organisations and visitors contribute to protection and enhancement of wildlife, landscapes, cultural heritage and natural resources*
- *Improved Community capacity to help deliver 4 aims of the National Park*
- *High levels of understanding and appreciation of the Park and of the role, of the CNPA and partners*

The project also has very clear direct links to all the CNPA's Corporate Plan Strategic Themes, but particularly

Theme 1: "To enable current and future generations to understand and enjoy the special qualities of the Park in a way that fosters those qualities and supports the activities of other" and

Theme 2: "To promote sustainable resource, land and water management; and to protect and enhance our wildlife and landscapes".

Youth Training Project

The project will help to achieve the Corporate Plan goal "*Stronger and more diverse economic opportunities within the CNP area*".

The project links directly to the Corporate Plan's 3rd strategic aim "*To support and stimulate economic and social development within the Park that sustains and is sustained by its special natural and cultural qualities*".

In addition, the project meets the Park Plan's goal to develop and improve access to education and training.

The project will be one of the actions to overcome a major constraint to social inclusion "*Lack of opportunities in higher education, training and jobs*" as set out in "*Developing a Park for All – Social Inclusion*" board paper (August 2004).