The Cairngorms Trust

Extract of LEADER Quarterly Report

14/05/19



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LEADER Quarterly update Feb 19 to May 19

1) LEADER Project summary table

		This quarter 15/02/19 to 14/05/19	Programme to date
Enquiries	Received	9	247
Eol	Received	2	114
Applications	Under development	0	
	Submitted	0	40
	Approved by LAG		32
Not yet started		1	
Live		19	
Closed		3	12
Withdrawn		3	11

<u>Co-operation Projects – Cairngorms led</u>

The **EUROPARC Youth Manifesto** trans-national project is now working under the title 'Cairngorms National Park Youth Project'. The newly recruited young people joined some members from the original team to visit Keskipiste LEADER Finland and the Finnish young people will return to visit Glenmore in late May. This visit will include them leading a fringe event at the Strengthening Communities Conference Scotland in Aviemore.

TICK – Rural Transport in Cairngorms & Kilkenny is now live and awaiting the return of the co-operation agreement from Kilkenny LEADER partnership. Kilkenny LAG have recently agreed to bid for money to support the project financially within Kilkenny so the scope of the project will increase significantly if they are successful. (Ireland administers co-operation projects from a central fund.) A steering group is in process of being set up which will include CNPA, Cairngorms Trust, Voluntary Action Badenoch & Strathspey, Sustrans and Badenoch & Strathspey Community Transport Company. The first actions of this group will be to agree the brief for the transport consultant. An Offer of Grant from LEADER has been issued to the Cairngorms Trust.

<u>Co-operation Projects – non-Cairngorms led</u>

The co-operation project with North & South Aberdeenshire and Moray LAGs: 'Project Manager for the **NE Rural Food and Drink Tourism Programme**' has now been live since the 18th Feb 19.

The co-operation project with Highland LAG: **Multi Trails – sustainable construction, management & promotion of multi-user trails** has been live since 4th April 19. This is a £59.5k project with 9 milestones



to report against. Our allocation is £4,800 to support part of the project activity taking part in Laggan Forest.

The co-operation project with both North & South Aberdeenshire LAG's: **Mountain Bike Aberdeenshire's** project officer has provided an update on the last three months of project activity for the project (led by South Aberdeenshire LAG) which includes a presentation about MTB industry and 'Unauthorised Trails' to the Aberdeenshire Local Access Forum, continuing to represent MTB at Opportunity North East Forum meetings regarding developing Wild/Adventurous activities in NE Scotland particularly focusing on opportunities surrounding Ballater/Braemar. Additional co-ordinated work with Glen Tanar Estate Ranger Service, Scottish Land & Estates and Aberdeenshire Trail Association covering MTB use of the estate. Formally launched the promotional video 'Cairngorms are Calling' to improve the regions tourism reach in adventure cycling: https://vimeo.com/313332338/a014c98902

Closed project updates:

Three projects have completed in this quarter:

Community Orienteering & Protection of the Environment (COPE)'s excellent final report was completed.

Growing capacity in Social Enterprise in the Park: final report produced by the applicant is included as Appendix (3)

Spors Gaidhlig completed in Nov 18, however it has taken us some time to collate, check and agree the final claim.

Additional project updates:

Tullich Kirkyard – This project has suffered a series of setbacks due to rising costs of the agreed design and failure to procure a contractor to take on the work in mid-2018. It was agreed that the redesign would be submitted to a preferred contractor and a final cost has been agreed. They have recently produced a great newsletter which shows the revised design.

Rothiemurchus & Aviemore Tennis Club Facility has almost completed the build and are currently working on the landscaping around the building. The social media annex includes pictures of the almost finished product. The applicant managed the costs in order to include an electronic gate with keypad which will allow access out with normal hours thereby extending the offering which is an excellent result. The final claim for this project is due 15th May 19 and an in situ visit has been requested with the Applicant. Final completion of this project will be reported at the August LAG. We expect there to be some high-profile coverage of this project over the next few weeks as they open their doors.

Inverallan 20/20 has made its first claim and has submitted copies of the first reports on Inverallan Church. The first public community consultation since funding has been awarded took place on Thurs



25th April and a Survey Monkey survey was emailed to all interested parties and their congregation for completion by the newly appointed Development Consultant.

Howe of Torbeg project, which was only agreed at February's meeting, has already begun and submitted their first two claims. The first cabin shell is up and things are gaining pace. They have already filled one job role and are hopeful that the 2nd job role will also be filled as quickly. They appear to be doing an excellent job with their social media, posting a variety of pictures etc.

Cairngorm School of Dance has received an agreed start date of 29th April 19. We have confirmation from the applicant that the design is now agreed.

Community 1st at Grantown YMCA have a confirmed start date of 15th April 19.

Expressions of Interest to LEADER Analysis

We closed new EOIs as of 12th November 2018. Since that date we continue to receive and review enquiries into the office. We have 114 current or processed EOIs on our files. We have advised all potential applicants and enquiries that although the fund is closed at present we will re-contact everyone should further or different funding become available.

After a meeting within Grantown the Community Council expressed an interest in applying for LEADER funding to support the introduction of free and managed WiFi within the town and surrounding villages. The staff team did considerable work on the project to ascertain if this might be an opportunity for the Cairngorms LAG to bid to central LEADER for additional funding to meet our Broadband strand of Theme 4. However after lengthy discussions with all interested parties the applicant has withdrawn his application and is looking to re-assess the project aims.

Kingussie Shinty Club (who successfully ran Kingussie 2017) have contacted us with a new EOI to support further enhancement to the club grounds facilitating their holding cup finals as they have already done in 2018 and make areas of the surrounding ground available for wider use. If the LAG are receptive the staff team will attempt to draw together a full application to go before the consolidated national LEADER allocation post-June 2019. This would be our second project seeking national support; the first being the already agreed project from Equal Adventure.

LEADER Projects to Date

Application Number	Project Name	Applicant
3	Cairngorms National Park Volunteer Ranger Service	Cairngorms National Park Authority

Application Number	Project Name	Applicant
4	Kingussie 2017 (CLOSED)	Kingussie Camanachd Club
5	Tomintoul Discovery Centre (CLOSED)	Tomintoul & Glenlivet Development Trust
6	Building Stronger Communities Pilot (CLOSED)	CNPA
7	Cairngorms Important Plant Area	Plantlife Scotland
8	Braemar Mountain Sports Enhanced Accessibility (CLOSED)	Braemar Mountain Sports
9	Wigwam Holidays Glenlivet	Wigwam Holidays
10	Braemar Community Play Park (CLOSED)	Braemar Community Ltd
11	Braemar Castle Conservation Project Phase 1	Braemar Community Ltd
12	Wildlife ID & Guiding in the CNP (CLOSED)	Speyside Wildlife
13	Farmhouse Renovation (CLOSED)	Heather Rae (Farmer)
14	Community Orienteering and Protection of the Environment (CLOSED)	Scottish Orienteering Association
16	Outdoor Classroom (CLOSED)	Abernethy Primary Parent Council

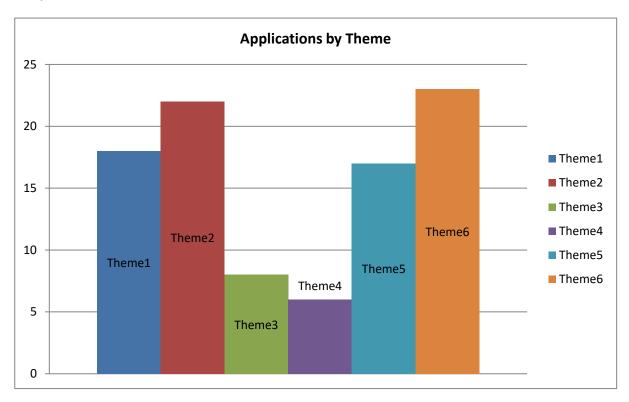
Application Number	Project Name	Applicant
17	Caberfeidh Horizons Transition and Training Project	Caberfeidh Horizons
18	Spòrs Gàidhlig (CLOSED)	Comunn na Gàidhlig
19	Growing Capacity in Social Enterprise in the Park (CLOSED)	Social Enterprise Academy
20	Rothiemurchus & Aviemore Tennis Club Facility Enhancement	Rothiemurchus & Aviemore Tennis Club
21	Laggan Glamping (CLOSED)	Tigh an Each Bed and Breakfast
22	The Cairngorms Nature Weekend	CNPA
23	Rare Invertebrates in the Cairngorms	RSPB
24	Siege works at Castle Roy	Castle Roy Trust
25	Old Manse of Blair (CLOSED)	Blair Ecosse Management Ltd
28	St Margaret's – Supporting community development in Braemar	Scottish Redundant Churches Trust
32	Carr-bridge Capercaillie Community Ranger Project	CNPA
35	Mountain Bike Aberdeenshire	Developing Mountain Biking in Scotland
33	Tullich Kirkyard	Aberdeenshire Council

Application Number	Project Name	Applicant		
36	EUROPARC Youth Manifesto	CNPA		
37	Project Mgr for NE Rural Food & Drink Tourism (Cooperation)	ONE		
38	Inverallan 20/20	Inverallan Parish Church		
43	Dwell @ Howe of Torbeg	Howe of Torbeg		
45	Community First	Grantown YMCA		
46	Cairngorm School of Dance Studio	Cairngorm School of Dance		
48	TICK – Rural transport Kilkenny & Cairngorms	Cairngorms Trust		
49	Paths & Trails	The Community Woodlands Association		



2) Applications to LAG Analysis

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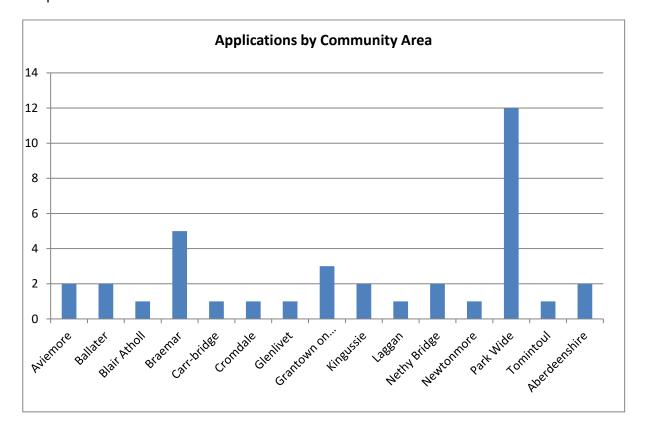
Themes:

- 1. Build community capacity
- 2. Grow economy of the Cairngorms National Park
- 3. Attract and retain young people
- 4. Improve transport, connectivity and services
- 5. Protect and enhance landscape and heritage
- 6. Excellence in tourism and recreation

All themes have been represented in approved applications. Themes 3 and 4 remain lower-represented across the LDS. Table on page 15 confirms actual or aimed-for delivery against themes and broken down by indicators.



Graph 2



There is now a good spread of projects across the Park. Areas not having a directly submitted project are covered by the Park-Wide projects in delivery.



Cairngorms Total Allocation	£ 2	,968,517.00		Programme Value 2016-2020)		
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Projects Allocation	£	2,226,387.75		Total Project Value	±	3,773,044.23	
Total LEADER Project funding committed	£	2,241,128.31	100.66%	Increase on LEADER Project cost		168%	
Remaining Project Allocation	-£	14,740.56	-0.66%	Total LEADER project funding paid out	£	1,552,158.31	
Remaining including under spend	-£	10,037.03		Project Underspend for Re-allocation	£	4,703.52	
LEADER Projects Commitment Brea	LEADER Projects Commitment Breakdown 2016-2020			Programme Value Breakdown 2010	6-20	020	
Total Main funding committed	£	1,409,453.46	47.48%	Total Main value	£	1,880,100.72	49.83%
Total Form Diversification funding committee	ı (177,824.08	5.99%	Total Farm Diversification value	£	315,277.58	8.36%
Total Farm Diversification funding committee	l E	1/7,824.08	3.93/0	Total Farm Diversification value	I	315,277.58	0.30/0
Total Enterprise funding committed	£	458,310.89	15.44%	Total Enterprise value	£	1,156,284.30	30.65%
Total Co-operation funding committed	£	190,836.35	6.43%	Total Co-operation value	£	421,381.63	11.17%

The Cairngorms LEADER programme currently has a financial commitment to approved projects of £2,241,128 or 100.66% of the total project allocation of £2,226,387.

This total commitment consists of £1,377,282 of general programme funding, £896,376 of the suballocation for investment in Farm Diversification and Enterprise projects combined (of a minimum investment of £593,704).

In terms of achieving targets in relation to the sub-allocations, our sub-allocations for Farm Diversification and Enterprise are amalgamated into one target of 20% covering both. Currently we are 21.43% of our total allocation.

In regard to the Cooperation sub-allocation this has now been reduced to 5% of total (minimum £149,479), our total Co-operation commitment at present is £190,836 or 6.43%.

There are currently no projects for decision at the May LAG meeting. Equal Adventure's Inspiring Inclusive Outdoor Activity was approved at the February LAG meeting and we will applying for the funding to support the project from the Scottish Government central LEADER pot in early July.

Underspend at present is £4,703 due to Spors Gaidhlig reporting an underspend against their agreed project costs at final claim stage. At present all current (known) underspend has been absorbed back in to the main fund for re-allocation.

Project finance review: This exercise will be continued as projects continue to complete their projects and reconcile their finances at final claim stage. We will continue to monitor ongoing projects to ensure that they stay on track to spend all funds allocated to them.



4) LEADER Commitments to date

LEADER interventions have ranged from 5% to 100% of total project costs.

Grant funding to projects has ranged from £3,300 to £189,000.

The total eligible project costs for all approved projects to date are approximately £3,773,038 with a total LEADER commitment of approximately £2,241,125 which accounts for 100.66% of the overall project allocation. To date the LEADER programme has paid out £1,552,158 to eligible claims. This differs from the total in the finance checker in the Finance section of the report as this is the actual sum paid out, whereas the Finance figure includes payments that have been approved but not yet defrayed.



	M&E Total target s	M&E achieved targets
Indicator	3	
No of projects that have developed as a result of networking or sharing good practice	47	24
No of individuals participating in community projects for the first time	38	157
No of hard to reach people who have begun an active role in community projects	49	<mark>79</mark>
No of career or personal development opportunities created	213	218
No of businesses set up	7	5
No of new jobs created	26.2	18.2
No of businesses supported to become more diverse through the development of new products	17	13
No of jobs created with wages on or above the living wage	15.7	9.7
No of people who have year round employment who previously worked seasonally	1	0
No of new learning, recreation and job opportunities in the Cairngorms National Park for	142	151
young people		
No of young participants living or working in the National Park, accessing training including Further and Higher Education through the removal of barriers	9	0
Number of local residents who have access to new or improved community-based services	50	0
No of new affordable transport options (routes, links and modes) that have been created	2	0
No of properties provided with access to next generation 24 meg plus broadband	0	0
No of beneficiaries of improvements in ICT and broadband infrastructure	0	0
No of participants in environment-focused or heritage-focused projects, events and initiatives	4833	2956
No of participants who have gained skills or knowledge relating to preserving and enhancing the CNP landscape, wildlife, local heritage and wider environment	1269	1097
No of participants making changes to the way they live to reduce carbon emissions	30	<mark>50</mark>
No of tourist opportunities which have extended their operating calendar year	5	2
No of initiatives to increase accessibility to tourist and recreation opportunities	25	<mark>31</mark>
No of tourism opportunities reporting higher levels of visitor satisfaction	5	4
No of project participants reporting improved wellbeing as a result of accessing recreation opportunities	113	Ō
No of new recreation opportunities for local people and for visitors	63	61

Items in yellow have exceeded targets, items in red are in danger of not being met.

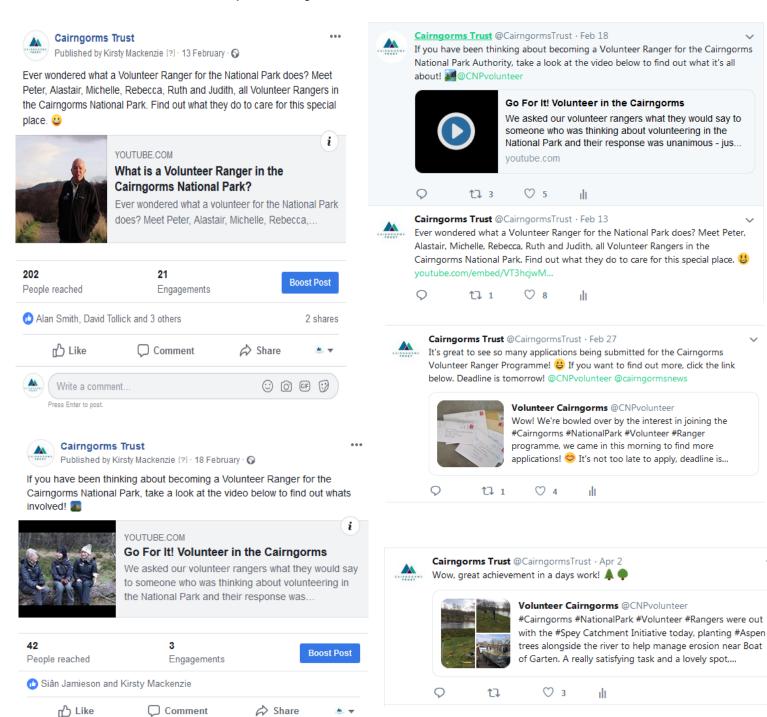
Themes $\,I-6\,$ are split by colour in descending order.



Social media Annex to quarterly report

Write a comment.

Social Media/Project Update



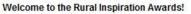


Cairngorms Trust shared a post.

Published by Kirsty Mackenzie [?] - 19 March at 14:24 - 6

Click below to give the Europarc Youth Manifesto Project your vote!! 😀 🏅







Welcome to the Rural Inspirati

29

People reached

Engagements

Boost Unavailable

Cairngorms Trust @CairngormsTrust · Apr 5

Some photos of one of our recently completed Farm Diversification projects. 4 pods were constructed in total, and to provide wider community and public benefit the pods will be offered to 2 local charities for 90 nights free of charge! 😃 🏠



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Cairngorms Trust shared a post Published by Kirsty Mackenzie [?] - 15 March - 6

The Europarc Youth Manifesto Project, a Transnational Co-operation project working with Finland & supported by Cairngorms LEADER is one of 25 projects across the EU that has been shortlisted for the Rural Inspiration Awards which takes place in a couple of weeks in Brussels! 😁 🏅 Click the link below to give them your vote!! ✓



11 March - Q

Rural Inspiration Awards 🏆 | Vote now for your favourite project in the category of popular vote. http://bit.ly/Vote4Rural 🏂 25 projects from across EU looking to win your vote!

Cairngorms Trust shared a video

Published by Kirsty Mackenzie [?] - 2 April at 11:39 - 6

There is just over a week left to give the Europarc Youth Manifesto Project your vote! 😀 🏅



European Network for Rural Development - ENRD

2 April at 09:57 · 6

#RuralInspirationAwards 🏆 | Vote for your favourite rural development project from the overall list of 25 nominees by midday 11 April 2019. 3 http://bit.ly/Vote4Rural

46 People reached 2 Engagements Boost Unavailable

Alan Smith and Kirsty Mackenzie

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Cairngorms Trust is in Kingussie.

Published by Kirsty Mackenzie [?] - 27 March at 11:28 - 6

One of our recently completed LEADER funded projects - Kingussie 2017 Dell Upgrade Project // SWIPE 1 to see more! #LEADER #cairngormstrust #localactiongroup #cairngormsnationalpark #kingussiecamanachdclub #shinty #community #development #newfacilities Kingussie Camanachd Club



Cairngorms Trust @CairngormsTrust · Mar 27

One of our recently completed LEADER funded projects - Kingussie 2017 Dell Upgrade Project 33 🔏 #LEADER #CairngormsTrust #community #development #shinty #camanachd @camanachd





Cairngorms Trust @CairngormsTrust · Mar 29

Ballinluig Farm House Renovation 🖀 as part of the community benefit for this project, the farm house will be offered to 3 three different respitality charities free of charge, for 12 weeks every year. 🎡 #LEADER #community #development #cairngormstrust @cairngormsnews



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Published by Kirsty Mackenzie [?] - 26 March at 10:03 - 6

Progressing well!



Rothiemurchus & Aviemore Tennis Club

24 March at 19:26 - 6

Nearly there!



Cairngorms Trust is at Ballinluig Croft House.

Published by cairngormstrust [?] - 29 March at 14:13 - Grantown on Spey - 6

Ballinluig Farm House Renovation 😚 as part of the community benefit for this project, the farm house will be offered to 3 three different respitality charities free of charge, for 12 weeks every year. 3

#cairngormsnationalpark #LEADER #cairngormstrust #community #development #renovation #farm #house #charity #respitality #localactiongroup @ Ballinluig Croft House





Cairngorms Trust @CairngormsTrust · Feb 27

Fantastic pictures of the Rothiemurchus & Aviemore Tennis Club Enhancement Facility. Great to see it progressing! 🕕



Doe Sport North Ltd @DoeSportNorth

Work progressing quickly on the new covered court by @DoeSportNorth for @RATennisClub with lights up and surfacing underway. @sportscotland @tennisscotland @JudyMurray @CairngormsTrust @SAPCA

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Cairngorms Trust shared a post.

Published by Kirsty Mackenzie [?] - 21 March at 14:38 - 6

Tullich Kirkyard - commencing in April 2019! # 3









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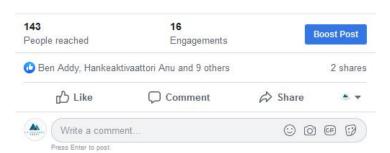
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Rothiemurchus & Aviemore Tennis Club's new indoor court is looking fantastic, part-funded by Cairngorms LEADER. 2 They are officially opening the court this Saturday 18th May at 1pm, and they have lots planned for the entire weekend! Check it out below. P2



CLUBSPARK.LTA.ORG.UK

Rothiemurchus and Aviemore Tennis Club / Rothiemurchus and Aviemore Tennis Club / Events







17 2



From #volunteering at a spectacular #geological site or constructing a #wildlife hide, to litterpicking in rural #Perthshire or finding out how just 1 minute of volunteering helps record #wildlife there's something for everyone in the #Cairngorms this May! mailchi.mp/aa08b1079d55/v...





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Published by Kirsty Mackenzie [?] - 12 February - 6

Below are some members of the Cairngorms Trust presenting the applicant with a plaque for the recently completed LEADER supported project at the Old Manse of Blair, near Blair Atholl.

The project involved the installation of an orangery, increasing capacity of the venue to 70. To provide wider public & community benefit the property will be offered to the agreed local community partnerships. ee 😭









Dridget Trussell, Cairngorms National Park and 4 others





Discover National Parks is the annual celebration of the UK's National Parks. It runs for two weeks which started on Saturday 6th April, with events and experiences running to inspire people of all ages to go outside and explore our special places.







This project is being part-financed by the Scottish Government and the European Community

(Cairngorms Local Action Group) LEADER 2014-2020 programme



application form.





We absolutely loved getting out with Plantlife Scotland on Friday, with this lovely bunch of Flora Guardians, to learn more about local flora and wildflowers at nearby Cambus O'May woods. We have some fab Plantlife & general wildflower spotting resources available in the office at Howe of Torbeg, some to borrow and some you can take away & keep, which you can use during your stay if you fancy having a go at spotting some Cairngorms flora









Tullich Kirkyard commencing April 2019! 🙎 🥄 #LEADER #community



We are SUPER excited to share the news that we are developing our site and facilities here at Howe of Torbeg, with the support of grant funding from Cairngorms LEADER @cairngormstrust

First up, we are installing a communal log cabin space, The Snug, which will offer a relaxed environment for a cuppa when the weather's not so great, a place to cook on a wood burning stove, or just to have a cosy seat & admire the views $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{S}}$

See more



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Wendy Rushton Congratulations on this new venture,. What a



#development

The Snug has electricity! Just need to finish fitting the wood burning oven and commission it and we'll be good to go 👍 😅 #cosysnug #happyglampers

Cairngorms Trust @CairngormsTrust · Mar 21







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WE ARE GROWING! We are growng our team here at Howe of Torbeg, and looking for some crucial support with Housekeeping and Operations, on a P/T, Permanent basis (year round).

We're looking for a Housekeeping & Operations Assistant who will provide essential support services throughout the year, helping us to make sure everything is in tip top condition for our new arrivals and existing guests.

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Howe of Torbeg - Ballater



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