

## **Community-owned or Managed Assets in the Park**

In recent years, communities throughout the Park have been taking ownership and management of a wide variety of assets that bring a range of benefits to their community, the local environment and visitors to the Park. There are over ninety assets located throughout the Park that are owned or managed by community organisations, with more in the pipeline.

Compiled with information provided by community organisations throughout the Park, this map celebrates the work undertaken so far and visually illustrates the vibrancy of activity within each community.

Interest in community asset ownership continues to develop, building community resilience, skills, aspiration, confidence and pride. This hard work invested by communities deserves to be celebrated.

### **Map Uses**

In addition to providing an accessible, informal list of community owned assets, the map will signpost residents, visitors and stakeholders to assets that can be booked, used, explored, enjoyed and supported. Each asset is identified by a location drop point on the map, when clicked, it provides a link to further information.

For any organisation thinking about community asset transfers, ownership or management, the map serves as a point of reference and access to communities who have developed skills, knowledge and expertise in community asset transfer/management and are willing to share their learning.

### **Help us keep the community asset map updated**

If you know of a community-owned or managed asset that is not listed on the map, and you think it should be, please contact [Tania Alliod](#), Rural Development Officer. Similarly, if there are any errors please email us with the correction.

From time to time, the CNPA will contact all asset owners listed to verify and update the map information.

## **Definitions: - Community Body, Community Assets**

To help identify what constitutes a community body and/or a community-owned or managed asset the following definitions are provided for guidance.

**Community Assets:** Land, buildings or other assets that are complete and owned or managed by local community bodies. This may include land, buildings, woodlands, paths, bridges, hydro schemes and leisure facilities managed for the benefit of the community under leases or tenure agreements.

- The asset map includes: community halls and centres (available for hire), hydro schemes, woodlands, gardens, camp sites, hostels, community managed paths, bridges, heritage buildings (museums and attractions), community gardens and allotments and sports facilities.
- The asset map excludes: Christmas lighting projects, community events and associated equipment, community storage facilities, memorials, land owned by public bodies (e.g. Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Forest and Land Scotland), common land, places of active worship and fishing rights.

Note on Sports and Leisure Facilities: shinty pitches, bowling greens, tennis courts, golf courses, bike tracks are included if they are owned and managed by organisations that are led by volunteer Boards or committees who do not receive any remuneration.

They provide a focus and hub for communities and offer wider community benefits. A test for considering sports facility inclusion: What would happen to the land if the organisation/club folded? Would it revert to some form of community ownership or to a similar organisation with similar constitutional objects? Only include facilities that would revert back to these options.

**Community Body:** Trustee/volunteer run “not for profit” organisations or groups that manage/operate fixed assets for the benefit of all and where any “profits” are reinvested into maintaining the facility or wider community. Examples include (but not limited to) community trusts, social enterprises, community limited companies, charities, community associations.

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