

Rewilding in Highland

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Background

- Highland Council declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency in 2019
- Net Zero 2045
- Net Zero Strategy published in September 2023
- Transformational change and embed in decision making process

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The Highland Council Area



Increasing Set Aside



Rewilding



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Field Voles



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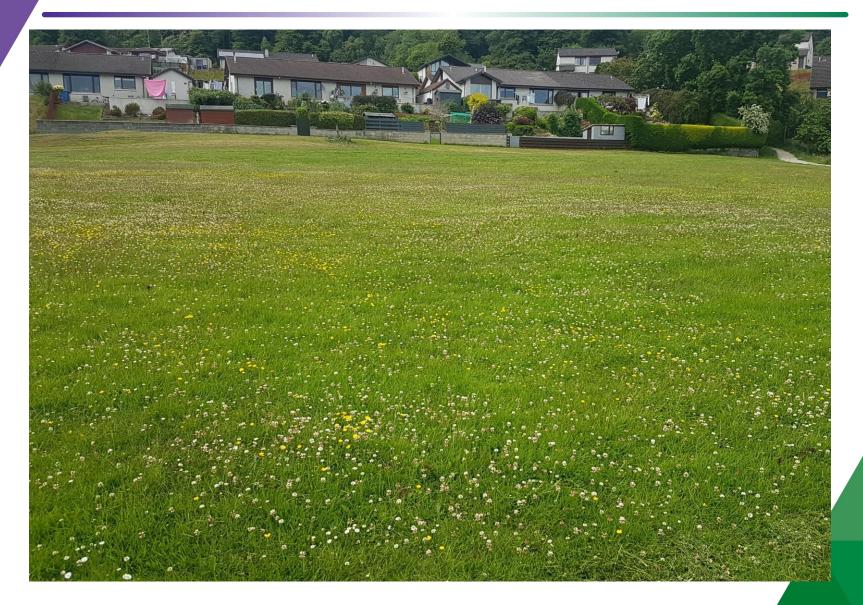


Orange Hawkweed & Cuckoo Flower





Wild Orchids



Signage

The Highland Council Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd

Stiùirichte 'son Fiadh-bheatha Managed for Wildlife

Àrainn nàdarra do phoileanadairean is fiadh-bheatha eile.

Natural habitat for pollinators and other wildlife.

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Wildflower Roundabouts



Outcomes



- Native species returning
- Reduced carbon emissions
- Move from petrol to battery operated kit
- Increased set aside 92,247m² in 2022 and 150,194m² in 2023

Next Steps

- Increase pollinators
- Daffodil/bulb plant areas
- Increase set aside area to 444,290m²
- Updated Biodiversity Action Plan
- Electric small plant investment



Thank You



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