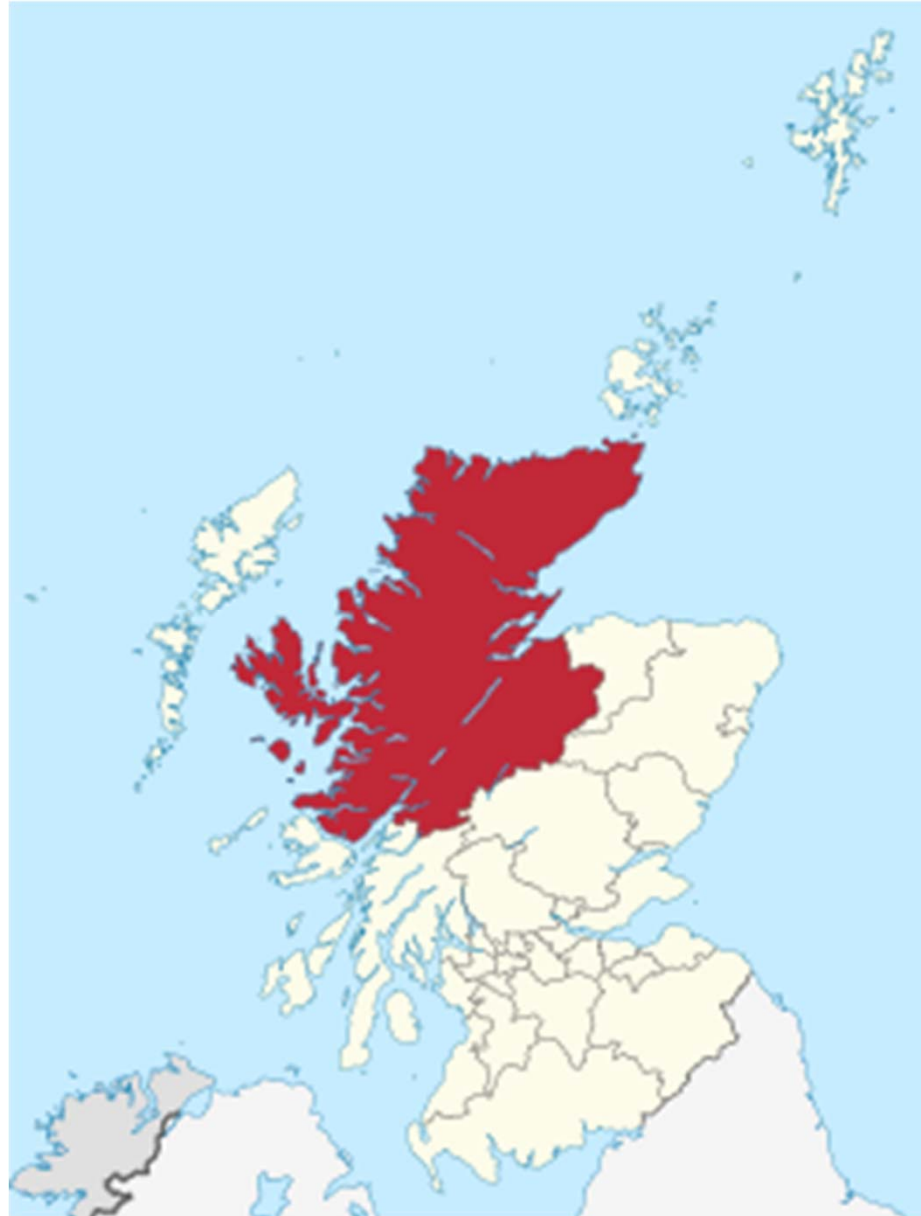


Grassland Management Approaches, Rewilding, and Improved Habitats

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Previous Operations

- Seasonal staff numbers
- Glyphosate partial ban
- Expectations



Net Zero

- 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



Identifying Changes



REDUCING CARBON
FOOTPRINT



INCREASING SET
ASIDE



IMPROVING
BIODIVERSITY

Output Specification



balance the workload with the available resources



reflect the priorities of local communities, using a place-based approach for engagement

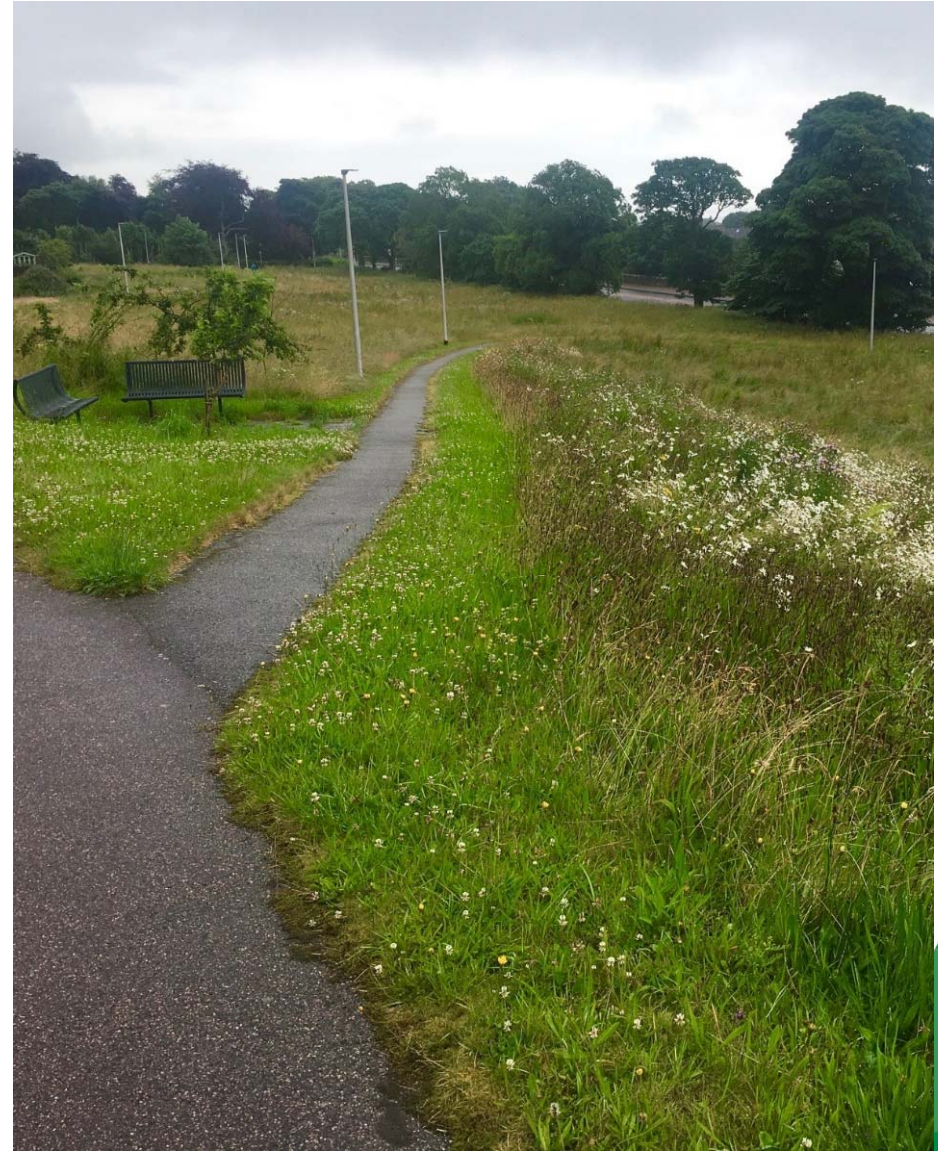


tackle the climate and ecological emergency by identifying and implementing areas of set aside and biodiversity

Rewilding



Increased Set Aside



Desire Lines



Biodiversity Benefits



Field Voles



Orange Hawkweed & Cuckoo Flower



Wild Orchids



Signage



Stiùirichte 'son Fiadh-bheatha Managed for Wildlife

**Àrainn nàdarra do phoileanadairean
is fiadh-bheatha eile.**

**Natural habitat for pollinators and
other wildlife.**



Wildflower Roundabouts



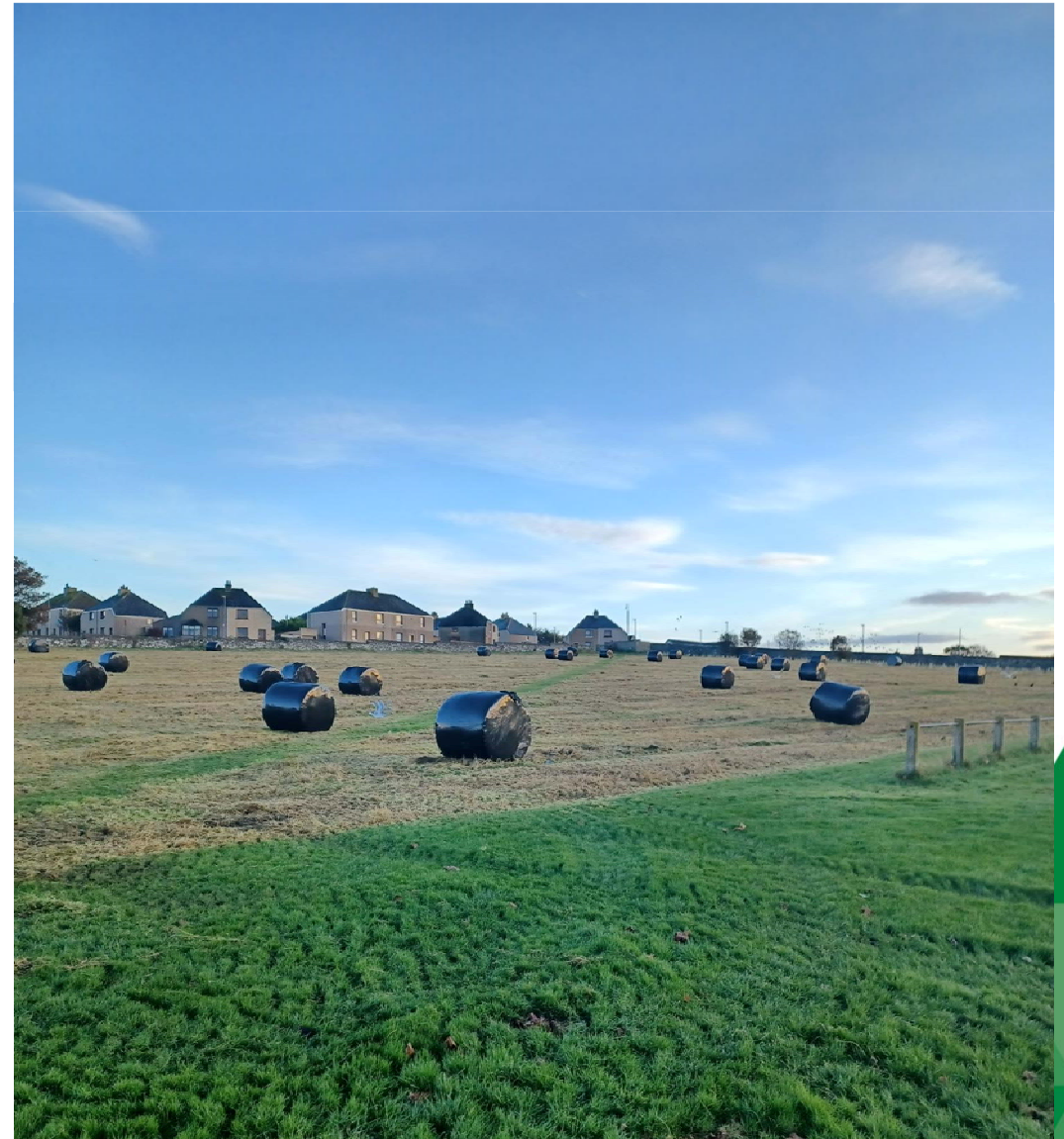
Benefits



- Native species returning
- Reduced carbon emissions
- Increased set aside
92,247m² in 2022,
150,194m² in 2023 and
444,290m² in 2024

Challenges

- Acceptance of change
- Identifying more areas
- Disposal of arisings



Next Steps

- Increase pollinators
- Daffodil/bulb plant areas
- Updated Biodiversity Action Plan
- Electric small plant investment



Thank You



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