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Sustainable territorial development and
improvement of services in mountain areas



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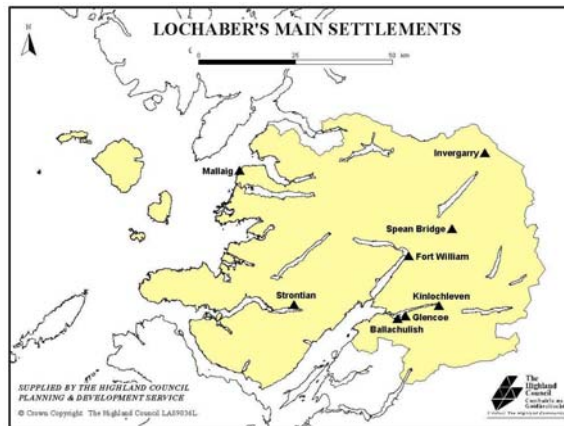
STUDY AREA – LOCHABER

Highland

The Highland Council covers an area of 10,000 square miles (larger than Belgium) and has a total population of around 210,000. The total annual budget for the provision of services in the Highlands is around £412 million.

Lochaber

Lochaber is one of the eight areas covered by The Highland Council. Lochaber has a population of around 18,740 spread over approximately 4,468km² - this figure has declined by around 3% since 1991. It is situated in the west of Scotland with the main town being Fort William (population 10,000), which sits at the foot of Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in Britain. Other main areas of population are Kinlochleven and Mallaig, each having around 1,000 inhabitants. The rest of the population is scattered throughout. The closest city, Inverness, is 64 miles away.



The most westerly area (Ardnamurchan) is very sparsely populated and has poor infrastructure in terms of roads and ICT. Glencoe and Fort William have very high numbers of tourists and have good road access and enjoy a good level of services.

The level of unemployment is very low (approximately 1.7%) but there are higher pockets of unemployment eg Ardnamurchan – 5% where there is less tourism and fewer business opportunities.

The largest employment sector is the “wholesale, hotels and restaurants” sector, followed by “public administration, education and health”.

Over 90% of businesses have fewer than 50 employees.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

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PO = population
POEN = population enfant
POPA = personnes âgées
POPD = personnes handicapés

T = touriste
E= émergence

P = payant
G = gratuit

D = disponible/existant

N = non
O = oui

Disponibilité sur zone – entire Locharber area

SOURCES

www.highland.gov.uk
www.scotland.gov.uk
www.bear.co.uk
www.hie.co.uk

TRANSPORT AND ICT INFRASTRUCTURE (Table 1)

Services infrastructurels	Titularité (resp. institutionnelle)			Gestion			Gestion opérative			Bénéficiaire (type, dimension, payant...)	Situation actuelle	Source de données	Disponibilité sur zone
	Pub	Pr	Mix	Pub	Pr	Mix	Pub	Pr	Mix				
National (trunk)	X					X			X	PO+T G	D	Scottish Executive/BEAR www.scotland.gov.uk	
Main roads	X			X					X	PO+T G	D	Highland Council www.highland.gov.uk	
Minor roads	X			X					X	PO+T G	D	Highland Council	
Route de campagne	X					X			X	PO+T G	D	Highland Council	
Chemin de fer			X			X			X	PO+T P	D	Network Rail	
Bus/autobus		X			X				X	PO+T P	D	Various	
Services pas viaires													
Hélicoptère (mountain rescue only)	X			X					X	E+T G	D	Royal Air Force	
Télécommunication													
Ligne téléphonique		X			X				X	PO+T P	D	Various	
ADSL		X			X				X	PO+T P		Various	
Broadband			X			X			X	PO+T P	D	Various	
Y-max			X			X			X	PO+T P	Planned	Highland Council	

CULTURAL AND LEISURE SERVICES (Table 2)

Services pour la culture et loisir	Titularité (resp institutionnelle)			Gestion			Gestion opérative			Bénéficiaire (type, dimension, payant...)	Situation actuelle	Source de données	Disponibilité sur zone
	Pub	Pr	Mix	Pub	Pr	Mix	Pub	Pr	Mix				
Sport													
Sports Centres	X			X			X			PO+T P	D	Highland Council	
Sports traditionnels		X			X			X		PO P	D	Highland Council	
Sport Hiver		X			X			X		PO+T P	D	Various	
Activités culturelles et traditionnelles													
Bibliothèque	X			X			X			PO+T G	D	Highland Council	
Cinéma		X			X			X		PO+T P	D	Private	
Visitor Centres			X			X			X	PO+T P	D	Council/Various	
Community schools	X			X			X			PO+T P/g	D	Highland Council	
Musées	X			X			X			PO+T P	D	Council/various	
Artisanat		X			X			X		PO+T P	D	Various	
Activités “a contatto” avec la nature													
Aire pique-nique	X			X			X			PO+T P/G	D	Highland Council	
Community woods			X			X			X	PO+T G	D	Various	

SERVICES POUR LA SANTE ET ASSISTANCE SOCIALE (Table 3)

Services pour la santé et assistance sociale	Titularité (resp institutionnelle)			Gestion			Gestion opérative			Bénéficiaire (type, dimension, payant...)	Situation actuelle	Source de données	Disponibilité sur zone
	Pub	Pr	Mix	Pub	Pr	Mix	Pub	Pr	Mix				
Assistance sanitaire primaire													
Pharmacies		X			X			X		PO+T P/G	D	Various	
Hôpital	X			X					X	PO+T P/G	D	NHS Highland	
Ambulatori-guardia medica	X			X					X	PO+T P/G	D	NHS Highland	
Services pour enfants													
Crèche			X			X			X	POEN P/G	D	Highland Council/various	
Gaelic schools	X			X						POEN G	D	Highland Council	
Services pour personne âgées													
Centri diurni	X			X				X		POPA, POPD G	D	Highland Council	
Residential Centres			X		X				X	POPA, POPD P/G	D	Highland Council/Health Trust	
Télé secours et téléassistance	X				X				X	POPA G	D	Highland Health Trust	
Assistance domiciliaire	X			X					X	POPA G	D	Highland Council	
Services pour disabili													
Transport	X			X				X		POPD G	D	Highland Council	

EUROMOUNTAINS.NET MACRO INDICATOR TABLE – THEME 1

Highlands and Islands

	1) Territoriality, relevance, local participation and control, and adaptation to local conditions	2) Integration / interaction	3) (efficiency) / cost (needs further definition)	4) Proximity/ accessibility	5) Continuity/sustainability in time	6) Innovativeness
Infrastructure services						
Roads	620km – local control 240km – Scottish Executive	Little integration	£1.5 million – per year £2 million – per year 20,000 population	Maximum 1.5 hours to reach main road – 50 miles	Road closures – average 5 days per year	Road clearance – priority based – salt spreading; engineering works to prevent landslips
Railway	200km – Firstrail No local control	Little integration	Unknown	Maximum 1.5 hours to reach railway station – 50 miles	Rail closures – 0-2 days per year	
Air	No Lochaber airlink Closest airports – Inverness and Glasgow	Little integration	Unknown	Maximum 4 hours to reach airport – 150 miles	Air service reliable but restricted	Trying to develop new airstrips

Telecommunications	12,000 internet users	Unknown	Unknown	5 ADSL points within Lochaber Maximum 50 miles to nearest	5 days average not working for Lochaber area	Approximate 10 community internet facilities Expanding ADSL from 5 to 21 locations Y Max wireless broadband being developed
Culture and recreation						
Sport	800 members	60	£15,000	Maximum 3.5 hours – 110 miles	310 days	40
Cultural and traditional activities	?	20	£195,000	Maximum 3.5 hours – 110 miles	283 days	150 using Internet 90% using e-mail 75% own website
Activities in contact with nature	6 mountain refuges 4 picnic areas managed by residents	50	£30,000	2-5 hrs to reach refuges	12 months	2 centres
Health and social assistance						
First sanitary assistance	30 doctors		£24 million	Max 3.5 hours	365 days (includes emergency service)	Not known
Under age services	£300,000		£200,000	Max 3.5 hours	365 days	Not known

<i>Old people services</i>	<i>£1.8 million</i>	<i>Not known</i>	<i>£1.8 million</i>	<i>Max 3.5 hours</i>	<i>350 days</i>
<i>Disabled services</i>	<i>£1.2 million</i>	<i>?</i>	<i>£1.2 million</i>	<i>Max 3.5 hours</i>	<i>350 days</i>

Population of Lochaber – 20,000