

## Cairngorms National Park

### Estate Management Statement

Name of Estate:	<b>ALLARGUE</b>
Area (ha):	2300 Ha
Location: e.g. Deeside, Strathspey.	Upper Donside
Ownership: e.g. family owned, Trust, NGO, etc.	Family Owned since 17 <sup>th</sup> C
Overall purpose of management: <i>Short statement about purpose/aims with links to online information where relevant.</i>	We see the management of the estate, the welfare of the community, the long term maintenance of the environment and the wildlife, and the upkeep of the built properties as a heritable responsibility. Every year we invest capital heavily to achieve this.
Overview of management: <i>Brief overview (e.g. bullet points) of the key activities and relative importance of each.</i>	<p>The estate is an accredited member of Wildlife Estates Scotland and aims to maintain these standards. Two generations of the family live on the estate and manage it.</p> <p>This is a sporting estate with most of the area open moorland at relatively high altitude (1300 – 3000 ft). Long, cold and snowy winters with strong winds discourage tree growth and easy access.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grouse management and shooting - 65% This involves heather burning, predator control, tick and disease control, careful grazing.</li> <li>• Red and Roe deer management - 5% As for grouse , but numbers controlled by stalking and presently limited by culling for tick reduction and plantation felling programme.</li> <li>• Hill Farming - 20% Improvement and maintenance of hill pasture for sheep grazing and silage. Flock in hand and seasonal grazing let.</li> <li>• Forestry - 5% Forest Plan reduces poor quality commercial plantings and restructures with environmentally friendly native species.</li> <li>• Tourism - 5% Holiday accommodation; Lecht Ski Co ( tenant ); and Country Hotel (tenant).</li> </ul>
Delivering the National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corgarff is a thinly populated and scattered community. The</li> </ul>

<p><b>Park Partnership Plan</b></p> <p><i>Brief overview (e.g. bullet points) of ways in which the estate helps deliver the NP Partnership Plan – e.g. participation in projects, ongoing conservation management, delivering visitor experience, delivering community action plans.</i></p>	<p>estate plays its part in the running of the Village Hall and Annual Highland Games including committee work. We employ a gamekeeper and train a gamekeeper student, as well as using local labour when possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are involved in Broadband planning.</li> <li>• We host several events a year for a trap shooting club.</li> <li>• We support a loss making pub and a struggling ski facility.</li> <li>• We maintain the standards required by WES, by SNH in including a part of the Ladder Hills SSSI and SAC.</li> <li>• We installed and operate a micro hydro scheme.</li> <li>• We provide a days grouse shooting and a days stalking to a conservation charity.</li> <li>• We host a trial for novice gundogs.</li> <li>• We have continuously been involved in committee work for the Cairngorms Partnership, then CNPA, Donside Community Council, and the Landowners' several organisations.</li> <li>• We have held positions in Upper Donside Parish.</li> <li>• We are heavily involved in the Lonach Society and in the Lonach Hall Community Association on Donside.</li> <li>• We assist with snow clearance when conditions require.</li> <li>• We allow several excellent viewpoint positions on the Lecht road.</li> <li>• We provide tracks and parking for the use of walkers.</li> </ul>
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