# Cairngorms National Park

## Estate Management Statement

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<th>Name of Estate:</th>
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<td><strong>Area (ha):</strong></td>
<td>2300 Ha</td>
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<td><strong>Location:</strong></td>
<td>Upper Donside</td>
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<td><strong>Ownership:</strong></td>
<td>Family Owned since 17th C</td>
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**Overall purpose of management:**

*Short statement about purpose/aims with links to online information where relevant.*

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:**

*Brief overview (e.g. bullet points) of the key activities and relative importance of each.*

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.

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.

**Objectives:**

- **Grouse management and shooting - 65%**
  This involves heather burning, predator control, tick and disease control, careful grazing.
- **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.
- **Hill Farming - 20%**
  Improvement and maintenance of hill pasture for sheep grazing and sileage. Flock in hand and seasonal grazing let.
- **Forestry - 5%**
  Forest Plan reduces poor quality commercial plantings and restructures with environmentally friendly native species.
- **Tourism - 5%**
  Holiday accommodation; Lecht Ski Co (tenant); and Country Hotel (tenant).

**Delivering the National**

- Corgarff is a thinly populated and scattered community. The
**Park Partnership Plan**

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.

- The 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.
- We are involved in Broadband planning.
- We host several events a year for a trap shooting club.
- We support a loss making pub and a struggling ski facility.
- We maintain the standards required by WES, by SNH in including a part of the Ladder Hills SSSI and SAC.
- We installed and operate a micro hydro scheme.
- We provide a days grouse shooting and a days stalking to a conservation charity.
- We host a trial for novice gundogs.
- We have continuously been involved in committee work for the Cairngorms Partnership, then CNPA, Donside Community Council, and the Landowners’ several organisations.
- We have held positions in Upper Donside Parish.
- We are heavily involved in the Lonach Society and in the Lonach Hall Community Association on Donside.
- We assist with snow clearance when conditions require.
- We allow several excellent viewpoint positions on the Lecht road.
- We provide tracks and parking for the use of walkers.

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