

## Privacy

### Description

#### **Data Protection and privacy statement (May 2018)**

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This personal information, which includes the IP address of your email, along with your comment is then held on the parkwatchscotland data base (which uses WordPress and is hosted by eHost). Only your name and content of your comment/post will appear publicly.

Parkwatchscotland may use your email address to contact you to discuss an issue raised in or by your comment or very occasionally, because someone else has asked to be put in contact with you

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If you are not a subscriber or an author, when you comment you should receive an email asking if you wish to subscribe to parkwatchscotland. There is no need for you to subscribe in order for your comment to be published. However, should you choose to do so, this will enable you to make comments on posts in future without further prior approval. (This is done through cookies which parkwatchscotland uses to identify subscribers who have had a comment approved previously).

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