

KYLE AND LOCHALSH COMMUNITY TRUST



22
vessel pontoon,
increased from 7
in Council Ownership

Refurbishment
of public toilets including
showers and a laundrette to
service visiting
sailing boats

100 acres
– management and
conservation to
provide access and
environmental education

4
new jobs
created

Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust (www.kyleandlochals.org.uk) was established in August 2012 and to instigate and deliver social, economic and environmental regeneration projects and local services. The Trust is fully focussed on improving the quality of life for the residents of Lochalsh and visitors to this spectacular location on the west coast of Scotland. The community, despite its magnificent geographic setting, has been identified as one of the most economically fragile in the Highlands.

The Trust was set up by local people to tackle key local issues and to improve the quality of life in the community and includes Balmacara, Dornie, Glenelg, Glenshiel, Plockton and Stromeferry.

In April 2014 the Trust took over ownership and management of pontoons from Highland Council and now provides berthing facilities for both visitors to Kyle and commercial boat operators in the centre of the village. At the same time they took on ownership of the public toilets which are critical to the success of the marine facilities.

In conjunction with the Hamilton Park Trust, KLCT has developed access and environmental improvements to the Plock of Kyle. The Hamilton Park Trustees hold the Plock of Kyle in trust for the people of Kyle of Lochalsh. The Plock is a large area of land, almost 100 acres, on the outskirts of the village at the access point to the Skye Bridge.

What have you achieved so far:

- Developed the pontoons to provide increased capacity; from 7 to between 20 and 22 vessels.
- Refurbishment of public toilets, located close to the pontoons in the main central car park.
- Improved facilities to include showers for sailors and other visitors.
- Self-service, laundrette facility offering a service to local residents and visitors.
- Brought The Plock, an area of 100 acres, back into use; providing a focus for Kyle Conversation.

What your plans for the future are:

- Future development and regeneration of the Plock will also provide a facility which can create ongoing opportunities to improve the village's attractions for inward investment and tourism.
- The Hamilton Park Trust and Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust are presently working on transferring the ownership of the Plock from HPT to KLCT.