

Rewilding in Highland

Debbie Sutton, Amenities Manager
The Highland Council

Background

- Highland Council declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency in 2019
- Net Zero 2045
- Net Zero Strategy published in September 2023
- Transformational change and embed in decision making process



The Highland Council Area



Increasing Set Aside



Rewilding



Desire Lines



Field Voles



Field Voles



Orange Hawkweed & Cuckoo Flower



Wild Orchids



Signage



Stiùirichte 'son Fiadh-bheatha Managed for Wildlife

Àrainn nàdarra do phoileanadairean
is fiadh-bheatha eile.

Natural habitat for pollinators and
other wildlife.

Wildflower Roundabouts



Outcomes



- Native species returning
- Reduced carbon emissions
- Move from petrol to battery operated kit
- Increased set aside 92,247m² in 2022 and 150,194m² in 2023

Next Steps

- Increase pollinators
- Daffodil/bulb plant areas
- Increase set aside area to 444,290m²
- Updated Biodiversity Action Plan
- Electric small plant investment



Thank You



Debbie Sutton
Amenities Manager
The Highland Council
94 Diriebught Road
Inverness

debbie.sutton@highland.gov.uk

07833 614 396