



SPRING NEWSLETTER

ESTATE MANAGEMENT

Angling

The 2026 Carloway River Angling Season was officially declared open by Hettie Knight on 8th May. Michael Hunter cast his first fly. Purchase your tickets and season passes. Available locally from the Estate Office, Carloway Shop or Go Fish in Stornoway



Goose Scheme

Successful administration of the Lewis and Harris Goose Scheme which this year ran from 2nd February to 4th May. We are currently collating returns, which are well up on last year. The Trust is currently considering how best to take things forward for next year as we would like to see more culling across the estate area.



Invasive Species

Once again this year we will be treating Gunnera throughout the district, please get in touch with us if you would like to report specific locations on info@carlowayestatetrust.co.uk.

We will also attempt to address patches of Knotweed which are becoming established in certain areas.

The tourist season is ramping up and we are responding where we can.

At the Broch

- Lining of coach parking bays in the existing car park,
- Creation of an overflow chipped car park for an additional eight vehicles.
- Path work in the vicinity of the broch to improve conditions underfoot, especially in the wet.
- New signage is on order for the visitor centre which will be installed alongside a general spruce up of the building.



Calanais II & III

Path improvements have been undertaken, drainage and the opening of an old culvert keeping feet dry!

Engagement with Historic Environment Scotland on the removal of the old broken and rotten boardwalk at the site which is a hazard. This should be undertaken in the next few weeks all being well. We are also considering new signage at the roadside interpretation panel which has seen better days!



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E - BIKES FOR SALE

Urras Oighreachd Chàrlabhaigh has a number of E-bikes for sale.

These were bought for a project that there is no longer the staff resource to cover.

For further information please contact: michael@carlowayestatetrust.co.uk

Research project

We recently assisted with a local research project seeking views from those living in rural locations.

Loughborough University were commissioned by four local authorities including Comhairle nan Eilean Siar to update the Minimum Income Standard for Remote and Rural Scotland that was first carried out in 2012. They were seeking views from people from different types of households across Argyll and Bute, Orkney, Outer Hebrides and Shetland on what would be required for an acceptable standard of living in 2026.

The research findings will be used by Comhairle nan Eilean Siar and other organisations to help make sure that people have enough to enable them to have an acceptable standard of living and to play a full part in today's society.

This was well received and attended, useful income for Trust and participants!

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STAFF

Michael Hunter, Development Manager



Michael deals with all elements of core estate business and project development. If you have any queries regarding membership, finances or crofting matters please let him know. These essential estate functions are now funded by Urras Oighreachd Chàrlabhaigh from core income. Michael also manages crofting administration and factoring which was previously managed by Anderson Macarthur. All croft enquiries should now go to Michael.

Michael currently works two days a week (Tuesday and Thursday) based in the Carloway Office. He can be contacted through the office phone number (01851643481) or by email to michael@carlowayestatetrust.co.uk.

Project Officer Peatland ACTION

Peatland Action Officer recruitment; recently unsuccessful in appointing to the position but hoping to be able to readvertise soon, hopefully for a post running until March 2028.

Caroline MacLennan, Administrator



Caroline joined the the team in 2023 as administrator. She supports the work of the Trust including the book-keeping and membership administration.

Caroline is based in the Trust Office, upstairs in Carloway Community Centre. She can be contacted on the office number (01851 643 481) or by email to finance@carlowayestatetrust.co.uk.

Our office is currently open Tuesday and Thursday.

We can be contacted by phone, email, via our website or on social media.

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