

Make a difference to your National Park



Get involved

Elections will be taking place this summer to find five locally elected members of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority Board. You can get involved by standing as a candidate or by casting your vote to help decide who makes the important decisions here in the Park.

Our National Park

Established in July 2002, Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park covers some 720 square miles and has some of the most spectacular scenery in the country. It is home to more than 15,000 people.



What does the Park Authority do?

Our mission is to be 'the vital force in protecting and enhancing Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park'. We want the National Park to be an internationally-renowned landscape where...



CONSERVATION & LAND MANAGEMENT

Nature, heritage and land are valuable assets, managed and enhanced to provide multiple benefits for all.



VISITOR EXPERIENCE

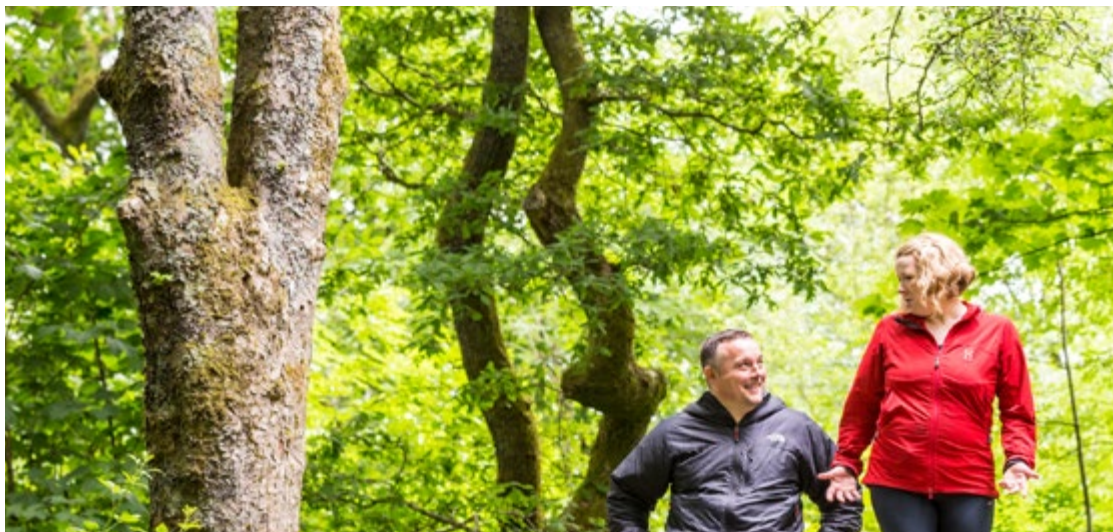
There is a high quality, authentic experience for people from all backgrounds. There are many opportunities to enjoy recreation activities and appreciate the area's outstanding natural and cultural heritage.



RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Businesses and communities thrive and people live and work sustainably in a high quality environment.





What are these elections for?

The elections taking place this summer will recruit five members to our Board, chosen by people who live in the National Park.



What does the Board do?

The Board meets regularly to make strategic decisions about how the National Park Authority delivers its aims. The role of the Board is to:

- Steer the strategic direction of the National Park Authority
- Help to set our vision and objectives through development of important strategies and plans
- Make key decisions on planning, access and other important matters
- Champion the National Park Authority externally and act as ambassadors for the National Park
- Oversee the financial, strategic and operational performance of the organisation

Who is on the Board?

The Board has 17 members. They are appointed in three different ways, each bringing unique skills:

LOCALLY ELECTED

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Five locally-elected members who bring to the Board the valuable understanding and perspective of the Park's residents, communities and businesses. These members will be appointed through these elections.

MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS

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Six board members are appointed by Scottish Government Ministers, bringing a national perspective to the board and specific expertise from a range of subjects.

LOCAL AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

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Six board members come from the four local authorities within the Park boundaries (Argyll and Bute, Stirling, West Dunbartonshire, and Perth and Kinross).



If elected how would I be contributing?

Board members' tasks vary but generally Board members are expected to commit three days a month to carry out National Park duties. These include:

- Participating in Board, Committee and other events and engaging with the Community Councils in your Ward
- Working closely with other organisations and groups with an interest in the National Park
- Monitoring our budgets and progress towards achieving our priorities and plans

Most Park Authority meetings take place between 10am and 4pm. Community engagement events tend to involve evening or weekend commitments.

Board meetings are normally held quarterly at the National Park headquarters in Balloch, West Dunbartonshire. The building is accessible and offers parking and good public transport links.

In return for their time, our Board members receive £199.35 per day for three days a month. Other expenses are also reimbursed, including reasonable travel, subsistence, dependent carer or child care expenses.

It is important to us that our Board membership reflects Scottish society. We welcome candidates that would contribute to the diversity of our Board. The term of office is until 6 July 2022.

If you are interested in standing for election you should satisfy yourself that you have no interests that would impact on the public's confidence in the decisions taken by the Board. You should also be satisfied that you would not be required to declare interests frequently at meetings. Our Code of Conduct for Board Members can be found on our website.



How do I get involved?

Become a candidate

Use your local knowledge to help influence priorities and decisions to support the delivery of Scottish Government national outcomes. If you are over 21 years old, you can stand as a candidate to become a Board member. What to do:



Download a nomination pack from www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/elections or pick it up from one of the local offices from **10 May 2018**.



Complete your nomination pack (including your nomination statement and the names and details of 10 people who live in the National Park who support your nomination) and return it by **4pm on 31 May 2018**.



Want some help finding out more about the role of the Board or filling in your nomination pack? You can contact us on: elections@lochlomond-trossachs.org and we'll be happy to provide whatever support we can.



Cast your vote

If you are over 16 years old and live in the Park you can vote in this election. What to do:



Make sure that you are registered to vote before **8 June 2018**. Check you are registered to vote by contacting your local Electoral Registration Office.



Look out for your ballot paper arriving by post on or around **14 June 2018** (if more than one candidate stands for election in your Ward).



Return your ballot paper via post by **4pm on 5 July 2018** in the pre-paid envelope provided.

We will keep our webpage:
www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/elections
up to date with any information on the elections

Where can I pick up a nomination pack?

Download your nomination pack at www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/elections or from the following locations:

ALL WARDS

Stirling Council Election
Office, Old Viewforth,
Stirling, FK8 2ET

National Park
Headquarters,
Carrochan, Carrochan
Road, Balloch, G83 8EG

WARD 1

Argyll & Bute Council,
Customer Services,
22 Hill Street, Dunoon,
PA23 7AP

Argyll & Bute Council,
The Civic Centre,
38 East Clyde Street,
Helensburgh, G84 7PG

WARD 2

Killin Library, the Primary
School, Killin, FK21 8UW

WARD 2 & 3

National Park Callander
Office, (VisitScotland)
52 – 54 Main Street,
Callander, FK17 8BD

WARD 4

Drymen Library,
The Square,
Drymen, G63 0BL

