



Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority
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23rd September 2021

REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

We refer to your request for information, received by email on 3rd September 2021. Your specific requests and the Park Authority's response are provided below.

“Please provide the following data throughout the period of 2016/17 to 2020/21, breaking the results for each question down by year.”

1. **“How many Full Time Equivalent (FTE) access officer your local authority employed”**

Year	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
No. of FTE Access officers employed	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

2. **“How many FTE non-seasonal rangers you employed.”**

Year	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
No. of FTE non-seasonal rangers employed	28.80	21.60	20.47	20.00	19.60

3. **“How many seasonal rangers you employed. If possible, please list this as an FTE figure. If not possible, please provide what detail you are able to.”**

Year	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
No. of FTE seasonal rangers employed	24.11	24.62	16.80	16.28	14.24

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4. “How many times your Local Access Forum met.”

Year	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
No. of Local Access Forum meetings	4	3	3	3	0

The Local Access Forum meet twice a year, and schedule additional meetings when required. Informal meetings have been held with the Forum since the first lockdown came into force, keeping in touch while normal meetings have not been possible, due to other pressures and restrictions arising from the pandemic.

Information about Local Access Forum meetings is available on our website at: <https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/our-board-committees/meetings/>

5. “The total length (in km) of core paths in each financial year.”

Our current core paths plan (CPP2010) has changed very little over the years from 2010 until now. There have been a couple of minor path amendments and some work to align the data with updated base maps. We currently have 726km of Core Paths as plotted against OS 1:25,000 scale raster data.

6. “The total Section 11 orders issued to exempt land from access rights for less than 6 days.”

Year	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Section 11 orders issued to exempt land from access rights for less than 6 days	1	2	4	# 7	0

- Five of the seven applications in 2019/20 were for a weekend event involving multiple routes which required multiple applications.

7. “The total Section 11 orders to exempt land from access rights for 6 days or more with confirmation by Scottish Ministers.”

There have been no requests received for an exemption for 6 days or more. Accordingly, we have to advise you under section 17(1)(b) of the Act, that this information is not held.

8. “The total Section 14 notices issued to a land owner requiring obstructions to be removed.”

There were no Section 14 notices issued over the specified time period, all cases were resolved through mediation. Accordingly, we have to advise you under section 17(1)(b) of the Act, that this information is not held.

9. “The number of times the landowner complied and did not comply with Section 14 notices.”

As stated above there were no Section 14 notices issued over the specified time period, all cases were resolved through mediation. Accordingly, we have to advise you under section 17(1)(b) of the Act, that this information is not held.

10.”The number of Section 21 path agreements issued.”

The Park Authority has entered into three path agreements in the specified timescale.

11. “Total access authority capital expenditure on paths.”

Year	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Capital expenditure on paths.	524,425	621,534	474,210	53,927	77,936

12. “Total matched capital funding for paths.”

While we can confirm that the Park Authority does match capital funding for paths, we do not record this information in the requested format. Please see the answer to question 13 for funding secured.

13. “Capital funding from other sources related to paths.”

Year	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Total capital funding from other sources related to paths.	372,066	516,533	340,620	22, 949	68,624

Please note that all of our capital funding, including Sustrans grants is recorded as capital funding from other sources. The figures in the above table include:

- All Sustrans grants in and out.
- Grant expenditure on paths in 20/21. Information is not available for previous years (however previous grant schemes were less focused on access and paths).
- The Mountains and the People project contributions (£105k p.a. 16/17, 17/18 and 18/19).

14. “Maintenance expenditure on core paths.”

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Our maintenance expenditure is not separated between core and non-core paths or between work carried out in our capacity as landowner/land manager or as an Access Authority. We do not record the information in this way in our finance system, we are therefore unable to provide this information.

15. “Maintenance expenditure on non-core paths.”

Our maintenance expenditure is not separated between core and non-core paths or between work carried out in our capacity as landowner/land manager or as an Access Authority. We do not record the information in this way in our finance system, we are therefore unable to provide this information.

In our capacity as landowner/land manager, our Land Operations Team carry out maintenance on Park Authority owned/formally managed land, which includes parts of both core and non-core paths. In our capacity as Access Authority, the Land Operations Team also carry out some maintenance on other land, including parts of core and non-core paths. We do not record or split out staff time spent by the Land Operations Team on these range of tasks.

Yours sincerely

Information Management Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority

Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, or the way in which the Authority has dealt with your request, you are entitled to require the Authority to review its decision. Please note that in order for a review to take place you are required to:

- Send your request for review in writing, setting out in full the reasons why you are requesting a review.
- Submit your review request within 40 working days of either the date on which you received a response from the Authority or the date by which you should have received a response under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, whichever is the later.
- address your review request to:

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The review will be handled by staff who were not involved in the original decision. You will

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receive notice of the result of your review within 20 working days.

If you are not satisfied with the response to your request for review, you can contact the Scottish Information Commissioner, the independent body which oversees the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, at:

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