

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority
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Dear

REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

Thank you for your email of 05 June 2024, in which you have requested access to information held by the National Park Authority. Please find our response further below.

Your Request

Can I please request, in the form of a spreadsheet such as Excel or CSV file, information on all fines/action taken in relation to breaches of the Camping Management Zones/camping byelaws at Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park. For the period - since the byelaw began to the present day - I would like monthly and annual figures showing the information below. I would also like the information broken down by tents and motorhomes/campervans and by location within the national park.

- 1. Number of warnings issued (verbal or written)
- 2. Number of fines issued
- 3. Total amount made from fines (£)
- 4. Total number of warnings and fines issued (please include a country level breakdown of where the warning/fine was sent)
- 5. Number of permits issued
- 6. Amount of money made from permits being issued (£)
- 7. Number of fines challenged/appealed
- 8. Number of fines successfully appealed

Our Response

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1. Number of warnings issued (verbal or written)

We can confirm that the National Park Authority does hold this information. However, we require some additional time to ensure that the information is accurate. We will provide this information to you no later than 17 July 2024. We apologise for any inconvenience this delay may cause.

2. Number of fines issued

The National Park Authority does not issue fines under the Camping Management Byelaws, as there is no provision within the legislation for us to do so. Contraventions under the Camping Management Byelaws are reported to the Procurator Fiscal for its consideration. We therefore advise you under section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) that the requested information is not held by the National Park Authority.

In line with our duty to provide you with advice and assistance, under section 15 of FOISA, we suggest that you may wish to contact the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service who may be able to provide information that is relevant to your request. You can write to them at the following address:

Information Governance Unit Policy Division 25 Chambers Street Edinburgh EH1 1LA

Email: FOI@copfs.gov.uk

3. Total amount made from fines (£)

Not applicable (see our answer to part 2)

4. Total number of warnings and fines issued (please include a country level breakdown of where the warning/fine was sent)

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5. Number of permits issued

The requested information is provided in the attached Excel spreadsheet (File 2).

6. Amount of money made from permits being issued (£)

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7. Number of fines challenged/appealed

Not applicable (see our answer to part 2)

8. Number of fines successfully appealed

Not applicable (see our answer to part 2)

Further Information

As stated above, you will hear from us again no later than the 17 of July 2024. However, if you are unhappy with the way that your request has been handled so far, you do have the right to request a review or appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. Please see the attached sheet for further information on the review and appeals process.

Yours sincerely

Information Management Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority 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:

Information Manager
Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority
National Park Headquarters
Carrochan
Carrochan Road
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E-mail: info@lochlomond-trossachs.org

You will 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:

Scottish Information Commissioner Kinburn Castle Doubledykes Road St Andrews Fife KY16 9DS

Tel: 01334 464610

Website: www.itspublicknowledge.info E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info