

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Rural Policy

DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)

3rd October 2012

DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

12 November 2013

GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.

Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.

- 3rd October 2012: **Who and what is rural for in the 21st Century?** (Attendance: 45, including 7 MSPs)
- 4th December 2012: **Rural Housing** (Attendance: 25, including 6 MSPs)
- 5th February 2013: **Rebalancing the Supply Chain** (Attendance: 31, including 6 MSPs)
- 27th March 2013: **Community Ownership of Assets** (Attendance: 49, including 5 MSPs)
- 22nd May 2013: **Rural Transport** (Attendance: 37, including 6 MSPs)

More information is available about each meeting, including a note describing the key issues discussed, via the **Group's website** (http://www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120331/group_meetings_2012-13) or via the specific meeting links above.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names of all MSP members of the Group. Note that only names need to be provided, no party designation or other information is required.

Alex Fergusson
Aileen McLeod
Claire Baker
Graeme Dey
Jamie McGrigor
Jim Hume
Joan McAlpine
Elaine Murray
Jean Urquhart
Mike MacKenzie
Richard Simpson
Tavish Scott
Annabelle Ewing
Alison Johnstone
Rhoda Grant
David Stewart
Maureen Watt
Jackie Baillie

NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals

Iain Bolland
Maurice Gray
Vanessa Halhead
Drew Ratter
Patricia Neeson

Organisations

Aberdeen University
Age Scotland
Archaeology Scotland
Argyll and Bute Council
BIG Lottery
Buccleuch Estates
Buchan Dial-a-Community Bus
Built Environment Forum Scotland
Cairngorms National Park
Carnegie Trust UK

Borders Foundation for Rural Sustainability
Land Reform Review Group
Berwickshire Housing Association
Scottish Churches Housing Action
Coalfields Regeneration Trust
Community Land Scotland
Development Trusts Association Scotland
Consumer Focus Scotland
Community Retailing Network
Crichton Institute
Crown Estate Scotland
D&G Small Communities Housing Trust
Development Trusts Association Scotland
High Life Highland
Scottish Countryside Alliance
Dumfries and Galloway Council
Dumfries and Galloway LEADER
East Lothian Council
Energy4all
European Commission
Forestry Commission
Glasgow University
Halmyre Community Company
QMS
Highlands and Islands Enterprise
Highland Council
James Hutton Institute
Lamancha Community Association
Cairngorms National Park Authority
Landmaps Ltd
Lets Live Local
Lantra
NFUS
North Highland Initiative
Nourish Scotland
OECD
Plunkett Foundation
Plunkett Foundation Scotland
Engender
Eco-Schools Scotland
Newcastle University
RSPB
Rural Development Council
Rural Housing Service
Rural Innovation
SRUC
SAOS
Scottish Borders Council
Scottish Churches Rural Group
Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations

	Scottish Countryside Alliance Scottish Crofting Federation Scottish Enterprise Scottish Environment Protection Agency Scottish Government Scottish Land and Estates Scottish Natural Heritage SPICe Scottish Wildlife Trust Soil Association SRUC The Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust Thirdwave Thrive for Business Tods Murray LLP Soirbheas Ltd University of Highlands & Islands University of St Andrews University of Stirling University of the West of Scotland Upper Quartile Whitehill Design Studios Whitmuir Community Farm Ltd Whitmuir Organics Limited Woodland Trust Scotland
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GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Co-conveners	Alex Fergusson MSP Graeme Dey MSP Claire Baker MSP Jim Hume MSP
Secretariat	Rural Policy Centre, SRUC

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

Staff time for SAC staff (Jane Atterton, Siân Ringrose and Sarah Skerratt): £6,000.00

Refreshments for participants at CPG meetings: £925.54

Speakers' expenses (including hospitality after meetings and travel/accommodation): £1,586.46

Other misc expenses (equipment, taxi fare and car parking): £8.00

Total Group expenses 2012-13: £8,520.00

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

Not applicable

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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