

HUMAN DIMENSIONS IN CAPERCAILLIE CONSERVATION

WORKSHOP 3

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Location: Carrbridge, Scotland

Summary report prepared by Dr. Alistair Bath on behalf of the workshop participants.

Introduction: On Sunday, November 24th, 2019 and Monday, November 25th, 2019, the Carrbridge Capercaillie Group gathered for two full days to further their understanding of, and continue to address, the key issues facing capercaillie and capercaillie management. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Alistair Bath from Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada.

Format of the workshop day: As in all previous workshops no formal agenda was sent to participants prior to the workshop by Dr. Alistair Bath, so to encourage participants to discuss the issues that need to be discussed. The workshop focused on continuing to explore the detail behind the obstacles and opportunities identified by the group in previous workshops, but particularly the first workshops in September when wide ranging conversations were facilitated by Dr Bath to enable the group to get to the root of some issues so as to inform actions and activities in the Carrbridge Capercaillie Conservation Strategy. The group focused on working through a number of activities central to the strategy guided by data from the residents' questionnaire, which the group spent some time revisiting.

Key communications: The group agreed to share an initial version of the Carrbridge Capercaillie Conservation Strategy in the new year and that the community should be made aware of this via the newsletter. This was actioned in the December newsletter. The group also agreed to provide a wider overview of the project's activities in the newsletter to help provide greater context to the work in Carrbridge. This again was action promptly after the workshop.