Green Visitor Charter

Strathnaver Museum is committed to safeguarding both the historic and natural environment of our museum and promoting an understanding and enjoyment of their unique significance to all our visitors. In undertaking this work we have a responsibility to ensure that we tackle sustainability issues as an organisation and to minimise the impact of our day-to-day work on the natural environment. We recognise that our visitors' assistance is fundamental in making this possible. Here are some small steps that you can take to help us achieve our green goals:

Looking after both our Natural and Built Heritage

- The Church building which houses our main collection is B listed while the Farr Stone which sits at our western gable is a scheduled ancient monument. It is vitally important to look after our historic buildings for future generations and to uphold the integrity of our cultural heritage. Please respect the fragility of the historic fabric, and the sensitivity of the graveyard in which we are located, and behave appropriately.

- Our staff are on hand to help answer any questions that you may have about the site and its heritage. Please adhere to our advice and requests for your safety and enjoyment of the site. Please also pay attention to our signage on site.

- All work we carry out considers the biodiversity around our site and we encourage its conservation. The Farr Glebe Bumblebee Meadow can be found to the north of the graveyard but do stay on paths where they are provided and do not disturb wildlife.

Transport

- Public transport is limited in our area but where possible please consider using public transport to minimise carbon emissions. For details on how to get here on foot, bike or bus, please call us on 01641 521 418 or check out our website for details of public transport options that can help you plan your visit: www.strathnavermuseum.org.uk/museum/visit-us/.

- There is an electric charging point in the car park in the village (as you travel west) opposite the Bettyhill Hotel.

- Cycling is an ideal way of visiting Strathnaver Museum - we are on the Sustrans: Inverness to John O'Groats route. We provide cycle racks on site for our visitors and staff use.

Conserving Energy & Water

- Within parts of the main building we use light sensors to conserve energy.

- Help us conserve water by ensuring that you fully turn off the taps in the toilets after use.

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

- Say no to a carrier bag in our shop if you can, but if you do need a bag, rest assured our bags are 100% recyclable paper. We also sell a variety of re-usable cotton shopping bags in our shop so you can have a souvenir of your visit and help the environment!

- Please use our clearly labelled recycling bins around the site for your cans, plastic bottles, glass, cardboard and paper waste.

- Our site is the home to a huge variety of wildlife including the Great Yellow Bumblebee - please help us protect their habitat by not dropping litter.

Shop Local

- Local products give you a flavour of the area and help support our community - please look out for local arts and crafts items in our museum shop and local food products in Clachan Cafe.

- Bettyhill hosts monthly local craft fairs during the summer - keep an eye on our website for further details and join us to discover some unique gifts, toys and food produce.

Support Green Businesses and Events

- Whilst visiting Strathnaver Museum we encourage you to support local businesses in Mackay Country such as small shops and produce markets - check our leaflet racks or ask our staff for further details.

- Strathnaver Museum is awaiting grading from Green Tourism Scheme. Please also consider other members of the Green Tourism Business Scheme when looking for accommodation or somewhere else to go in the area. A list can be found in the green visitor folder or by checking www.green-business.co.uk

- Strathnaver Museum has an array of exciting and interactive events and exhibitions for you to experience, many of which have green and sustainable themes. Our events programme is packed full of different ideas for young and old, giving a unique balance of enjoyment through learning. We regularly work in partnership with other local organisations to deliver exciting opportunities from arts & crafts to community conversations around Climate and Land Use. Ask a member of staff for details or check our website for upcoming events and exhibitions.

- We hope that your visit is an enjoyable and memorable one. We hope that by respecting our built heritage and natural environment your experience will be enhanced. By visiting our Museum you have contributed to the ongoing conservation of this site for the enjoyment of future generations.