



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE NORTH HARRIS TRUST

AND

THE JOHN MUIR TRUST

2019 – 2023

Introduction

The John Muir Trust is a membership based wildland and conservation charity dedicated to the protection and experience of wild places. We undertake our work in partnership with others and seek to work with local people. The Trust was founded in 1983 and was inspired by the life and works of John Muir (1838-1914), the Scots-born founding father of modern conservation and the inspiration behind national parks. We are Scottish based and operate across the UK as the guardians of some of the finest wild places, including Ben Nevis, Helvellyn and Schiehallion.

The North Harris Trust is a community land organisation that owns and manages some 25,000 ha, covering the whole of the island of Harris north of Tarbert. At the end of 2013, the Trust also took on ownership of the island of Scalpay, which is connected by a bridge to the eastern part of the estate. The Trust is open to all residents and is run by a board of locally elected volunteer directors. The area owned and managed by the Trust contains a magnificent combination of mountains, coastline and crofting townships. It includes some of the finest wild land in Scotland and is internationally important for both its upland habitats and golden eagles.

The North Harris Trust aims to reverse the area's population decline, increase employment opportunities, address local housing needs, and protect and enhance the estate's outstanding cultural and natural heritage.

Purpose of the Partnership

The purpose of this Memorandum is to allow the John Muir Trust to support the North Harris Trust in its conservation management of the North Harris Estate and for the North Harris Trust to support the John Muir Trust in developing policy and management practices through sharing experiences gained in community-led conservation management.

Signed.....
(for the John Muir Trust)

Date..... 19th June 2019

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