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2050 Glenlivet Estate

# Glenlivet Estate 2050 - year one review

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**Glenlivet Estate 2050 launched in December 2025 and one year on, in this first annual report, we set out what has been achieved by Crown Estate Scotland in this time and what the priorities are for the next 12 months.**



## Our vision for 2050

Our vision for Glenlivet Estate is of a place where people and the environment thrive together through effective collaboration and sustainable management, supporting:

- a diversified estate with a vibrant community, where people of all ages are able to live, work and spend their leisure time
- a balanced use of land and buildings that meets the needs of businesses, communities, visitors and nature
- a reduction in emissions, while managing natural resources in a sustainable way

## Background and action plan

The Glenlivet Estate 2050 Vision and Action Plan was developed through a collaborative process, exploring how the Estate could best adapt for the future in a way that:

- supports local jobs and investment
- attracts the next generation
- improves the environment
- helps to address the challenges of the climate emergency and nature crisis

Members of the community, tenant farmers, local businesses, children and young people and partner organisations helped to co-create the shared vision for the long-term future of the Tomintoul and Glenlivet area, alongside a set of priorities and opportunities for the Estate. The outputs of the development phase were a Land Use Strategy, Vision Document and Action Plan.

The Action Plan sets out work to be delivered by Crown Estate Scotland and partners, including the Cairngorms National Park Authority, Moray Council, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Tomintoul & Glenlivet Development Trust (TGDT), Kirkmichael and Tomintoul Community Association (KaTCa) Glenlivet & Inveravon Community Association (GICA), and the local community.

## Year one highlights

### Natural capital baselining

This project is establishing a baseline of the Estate's natural assets. This will help inform future decisions on land management, nature restoration priorities, climate adaptation and other investments. The first stage of the project will be completed in early 2027.

### Working in partnership

Crown Estate Scotland and the James Hutton Institute are developing a programme of research, advice and guidance on water security, deer management, and peatland restoration to strengthen tenant resilience. Work is expected to begin in late 2026 with estate managers and tenants.



Tomintoul Primary School pupils officially opened the planet trail in June 2026

## Peatland restoration and forestry management

Peatland restoration work continued at Glenmullie and Faemussach. This helps maintain wet peatland habitats and support their long-term role in carbon storage, biodiversity and water management. Forestry management continued across the estate to restock harvested areas, improve woodland condition and long-term resilience.

## Investing in farm and estate Infrastructure

Maintenance work was carried out over the last year to maintain the 68 private springs which supply over 40 farms, 47 estate houses and 77 private houses. We have also invested in fencing, improving tracks, housing improvements and farm buildings across the estate.

## Investing in visitor experience and community assets

**Glenlivet planet trail:** A new 6km Planet Trail was installed within Glenmullie Forest. The trail provides a scale model of the solar system and builds on the area's reputation as an internationally recognised Dark Sky destination.

**Tomintoul wildflower meadow:** A new bench was installed within the meadow, celebrating the work of local volunteers and the importance of nature recovery and pollinators. The meadow provides a valuable habitat for a range of wildlife - spaces like these are critical to support nature recovery.

**Public realm improvements:** A new sculpture was installed in Tomintoul Square in collaboration with the Tomintoul 250 Group, alongside ongoing path improvements and maintenance across the estate.

## Planning for the future

Further work completed during the year included:

- a submission to the Moray Council Local Development Plan process
- steps taken to explore renewable energy opportunities and constraints across the estate
- feasibility work exploring future options for the Glenlivet Estate Visitor Centre

## Priorities for the next 12 months

Over the coming year, Crown Estate Scotland will focus on:

- continuing field surveys and analysis as part of the natural capital baselining work
- working with the James Hutton Institute, tenants and partners to test and develop approaches to water management, peatland restoration and deer management
- planting an 80-tree community orchard on the edge of Tomintoul, in collaboration with the Tomintoul 250 group
- working with communities, tenants and stakeholders to help shape future projects and priorities
- engagement and feasibility work to understand how a stronger Estate brand and destination plan can support tourism, local business and place-making