

Feasibility Study : Proposed Community Purchase Of Land In And Around Wanlockhead

Tourism

The opportunity to increase tourism has been recognised by many local people. Visitors come for the Southern Upland Way and the Mennock Pass, the Lead Mining Museum, for skiing and for other pursuits. Extension of the narrow gauge Railway to Wanlockhead has now begun.

The previous community consultation recognised potential benefits from further tourism development focused on the area's natural environment and historical heritage, bringing increased local employment. However, some issues, such as a need for improved management of camping at the Mennock Pass, were also raised.

Mountain resort activities such as curling, mountain biking, zip-lining and dry slope skiing (along with expansion of Ski Club activity) emerged in the consultation responses. Activity could be extended across the whole year with better walks and other ideas suggested for Forestry and Conservation (see other sheet) - these might include wildlife watching, photography and other outdoor activities.

It's likely that growing tourism would require more visitor accommodation and other options for food and drink, again potentially increasing local employment.

What tourism potential do YOU see for Wanlockhead and the surrounding land?



Mountain bike trails at Tomintoul - another of Scotland's high villages



Lowther Hill and the ski area looking to the village

Tell us how YOU think tourism could develop in the village and on the surrounding land :