



Field Sports Welcome scheme

Visitors with an interest in shooting have been considered by VisitScotland in our development of the Field Sports Welcome scheme which recognises the special efforts made by operators to provide for them, and to help them choose suitable accommodation.

FIELD SPORTS WELCOME SCHEME

Scotland is widely recognised as the birthplace of many of the world's premier country sports, which are an integral part of Scotland's national culture.

The value of shooting in Scotland is estimated by the industry to be over £240m per annum. Those with an interest in field sports also take part in other sports and activities whilst visiting Scotland, spending on retail, golf and eating out to name but a few.

The Field Sports Welcome scheme covers a wide range of shooting markets from game, wildfowl and rough shooting to deer stalking. Each sector has slightly different service requirements and different facility needs.

Shotguns and rifles are often much valued personal firearms, which need proper maintenance to ensure optimum performance in the field, and secure storage.

Those wishing to apply for the Field Sports Welcome scheme should display a positive attitude and a genuine desire to meet and anticipate their visitors' needs.

You can choose to become a participant of the Field Sports Welcome Scheme. To participate, you must be a member of the VisitScotland Quality Assurance Scheme, and you must provide the following. Your Quality Advisor will verify that the required facilities exist when they visit.

FIELD SPORTS WELCOME SCHEME FOR SERVICED ACCOMMODATION

- 1 An early or late breakfast should be offered – or for very early leavers a tray the night before.
- 2 You should be able to offer a packed lunch or filled flask if required.
- 3 You should be able to offer an early or late evening meal if there are no other meal providers within one mile. A late night snack should be available after dinner service.
- 4 Information on location and opening times of nearest local late-opening eating establishments (and directions), if meals are not provided
- 5 A separate space should be available for drying outdoor clothing and footwear at an ambient temperature so clothes can dry overnight.
- 6 Game hanging or storage facilities should be available if needed.

- 7 You should provide a facility for the cleaning, oiling and maintenance of guns.
- 8 Information on location/opening times of the nearest gunsmiths or supplier of ammunition (and directions).
- 9 You should provide secure, legal storage for guests' guns and ammunition or alternatively be able to organise safe storage nearby via a third party.
- 10 Information on local agents, estates or organisations providing opportunities to shoot should be available.
- 11 Daily Met Office information, or similar, to be provided.
- 12 Gun dogs should be accommodated in the bedroom or in separate kennels, either on the premises or at a registered boarding kennel in the local area, if required.

FIELD SPORTS WELCOME SCHEME FOR SELF CATERING ACCOMMODATION

- 1 Information on location and opening times of nearest local late-opening eating establishments and grocery shops, including directions.
- 2 A separate space should be available for drying outdoor clothing and footwear at an ambient temperature, so clothes can dry overnight.
- 3 Game hanging or storage facilities should be available if needed.
- 4 You should provide a facility for the cleaning, oiling and maintenance of guns.
- 5 Information on location/opening times of the nearest gunsmith or ammunition supplier (and directions).
- 6 You should provide secure legal storage area for guests' firearms and ammunition, or alternatively be able to organise safe storage nearby via a third party.
- 7 Information on local agents, estates or organisations providing opportunities to shoot should be available.
- 8 Daily and weekly Met Office information, or similar, to be provided.
- 9 Gun dogs should be accommodated in the unit or in separate kennels within the grounds of the property.
- 10 Clothes washing facilities or location of nearest laundrette facility.

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To apply please complete this portion and return to the Quality & Standards Department, address below.

I would like to apply to become a member of the Field Sports Welcome scheme.

Address of establishment:

I undertake to supply all the required facilities and services to visitors

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Name of Establishment: _____

Members of the Scheme(s) receive a window sticker. Your award may be displayed in certain VisitScotland and Network literature as appropriate.