

Visitors with an interest in field sports have been considered by VisitScotland in the development of the Field Sports Welcome scheme which recognises the special efforts made by businesses 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 field sports 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.

To become a member you must provide the following and your VisitScotland Quality and Tourism Advisor will verify what the required facilities exist when they visit or for non Quality Assured customers a representative from VisitScotland will arrange to come along and verify.

### FIELD SPORTS WELCOME SCHEME FOR SERVICED ACCOMMODATION

1. A separate space should be available for drying outdoor clothing and footwear at an ambient temperature of approx. 30°C, so clothes can dry overnight. Dehumidifier can be used.
2. Early breakfast option from 7am, or for very early leavers a tray the night before.
3. You should be able to offer a packed lunch or filled flask if required. Recyclable packaging should be encouraged.
4. You should be able to offer a late evening meal (available until 8pm) if there are no other meal providers within one mile. A late

night snack should be offered after 8pm.

5. Information on the location and opening times of the nearest shops and late opening eating establishments (and directions).
6. Game hanging or storage facilities should be available if required. You should provide a facility for the cleaning, oiling and maintenance of guns.
7. Information on location and opening times of the nearest gunsmiths or supplier of ammunition (and directions).
8. Information on local agents, estates or organisations providing opportunities to shoot should be available.
9. Daily weather forecast available.
10. Gun dogs should be accommodated in a utility area, in separate kennels, either on the premises or at a registered boarding kennel in the local area, if required. Food bowls could be provided.
11. Free unrestricted WiFi available.

### FIELD SPORTS WELCOME SCHEME FOR SELF CATERING ACCOMMODATION

1. A separate space should be available for drying outdoor clothing and footwear at an ambient temperature of approx. 30°C, so clothes can dry overnight. Dehumidifier can be used.
2. Information on the location and opening times of the nearest shops and late opening eating establishments (and directions).
3. Game hanging or storage facilities should be available if required.
4. You should provide a facility for the cleaning, oiling and maintenance of guns.
5. Information on location and opening times of the nearest gunsmith or ammunition supplier (and directions).
6. Information on local agents, estates or organisations providing opportunities to shoot should be available.
7. Daily weather forecast available.
8. Gun dogs should be accommodated in the unit in a utility area or in separate kennels within the grounds of the property. Food bowls could be provided.
9. Free unrestricted Wifi available.