

Scotland's Landscape Charter 5 Year Action Plan: 2026-2031

The action plan themes

The SLA works within the remit of its vision and three objectives. The themes, each with a short description, are set out below under each of the SLA Objectives.

| Themes | | |
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| <i>Obj 1: An updated regulatory and policy framework that is joined up in its approach, ensuring the potential of landscape and place to deliver multi-functional benefits to people and our ecosystems, across every area of public policy.</i> | | |
| 1 | Connected, multifunctional & changing landscapes | All landscapes matter – they reflect how we live and work in and on the land. Actions here aim to support coordinated policy and practice to ensure we take a landscape-focused approach through continuity and change. |
| <i>Obj 2: Increased understanding and heightened awareness with stakeholders and the public of the values and challenges facing Scotland's landscapes.</i> | | |
| 2 | A clear narrative | Our landscapes are integral to our identity, reflecting our shared past and our connection to the land. These actions will help us to raise the importance of landscape and the role of the SLA with all stakeholders and share the many stories of Scotland's people in their place, now and for the future. |
| 3 | Community participation and agency | People live in and with landscapes. These steps will help communities to take action for their place and celebrate the excellence in the everyday. |
| <i>Obj 3: A reinvigorated and connected landscape community acting as a landscape forum able to offer expertise and skills to support positive action on landscape matters.</i> | | |
| 4 | Collaboration and connections | By acting as a convenor, connect stakeholders (including all organisations & communities that impact on or engage with landscape at a local, regional and national scale) and develop shared approaches to landscape-thinking. Actions here will inspire collaboration, build connected stakeholder networks & support best practice. |
| 5 | Training and skills | These actions will support good planning, thoughtful design and the skills to make lasting change in our landscapes. |
| 6 | Data & monitoring | Evidence is critical to the process – helping us to understand what is working well and where we need to take action. These actions cut across the five themes and help to underpin and embed success. |
| 7 | Resources | We can all take action. Success depends on people giving what time they can, but it can also be secured through contributions of other resources, which can be financial or in-kind. |