

ASSESSORS MEASADAIREAN

The Crofting Commission has a network of Assessors who act as the main point of contact for crofting communities.

An Assessor is a person appointed by the Crofting Commission with knowledge on crofting, living in a crofting area and assisting the Commission on matters relating to crofting in that area. An Assessor is also a point of contact for crofters in their area to provide advice and guidance on crofting matters.

Details of all the Assessors can be found on our website: www.crofting.scotland.gov.uk/assessors

How are Assessors appointed?

When the Assessor's term of appointment finishes, the Commission holds local meetings to give an overview of what is required of anyone interested in becoming an Assessor. Individuals can then send us an application form detailing their relevant experience and skills to carry out the role of an Assessor.

How long are Assessors appointed for?

Assessors are appointed for a period of 5 years. The last appointments were made in 2018. Once appointed, Assessors must adhere to the Code of Conduct governing their role. Details of the Code of Conduct can also be found on our website: www.crofting.scotland.gov.uk.



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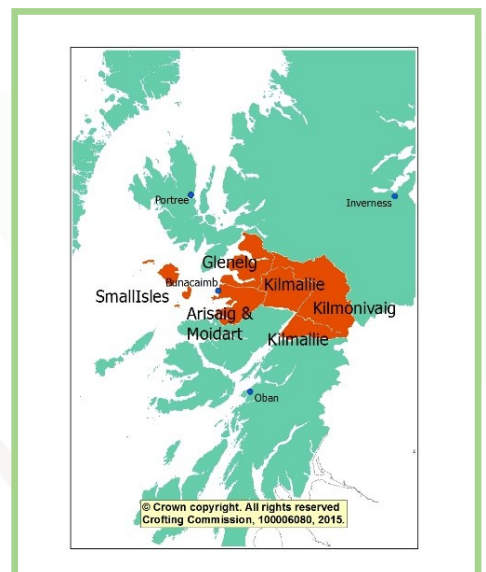
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So what does it take to be an Assessor?

Joyce Wilkinson is the Assessor for Kilmonivaig, Kilmallie, Arisaig & Moidart, North Morar, District of Glenelg and the Small Isles.

Joyce lives on a 9 hectare croft which is one of several small crofts in the township of Bunnacaimb in Arisaig. The croft also has shares in the common grazing.

The croft has been in Joyce's late father's family for over 250 years and her Mum, Beatrice lives next door in the original croft house. The croft consists of machair soil running down to the beach and back onto a common grazing of peat and heather. Joyce keeps five registered Luing cows that calve to the Simmental bull.



Joyce said "I also have a small 18 pitch caravan site and two self-catering cottages that are very busy throughout the season. The caravan site shop sells local meat, eggs and home-made tablet. The meat is mostly from Highland bullocks that I buy in, store, take them through to finishing and take to the nearest abattoir on Mull. I stay on the croft with my daughter Roslin, who is 14 and my 24 year old son Calum is studying in Glasgow.

When I am not looking after the cows and caravan site, I also keep a small breeding herd of Highland ponies and like to get away to shows now and then.

As an Area Assessor, I enjoy being able to meet local crofters and help them with some of the complexities of croft regulation, from croft registration to filling in the new crofting census. Assessors have a role to play in helping active crofting continue."

Joyce is also a Grazing Clerk and a Director of the Scottish Crofting Federation and of the local Community Trust.