

Dè bu choir croitear a dhèanamh mura h-eil iad a' gèilleadh do an dleastanasan?

Mura h-eil croitearan comasach air gèilleadh do an dleastanasan, tha àireamh de roghainnean air am faodar beachdachadh, leithid:

Roghainnean gearr-amail

- Cuir tagradh gun Choimisean airson gabhail na croite fho-leigeil air màl no a thaobh croit-seilbhe a gheàrr-leigeil air màl.
- Cuir tagradh gun Choimisean airson cead a bhith às-làthair bhon chroit.

Roghainnean fad-amail

- A bhith a' còmhnaidh gu h-àbhaisteach air no taobh a-staigh 32km den chroit.
- A' chroit àiteach 's a chumail suas no a cur gu feum gnothaicheil eile.
- Gabhail na croite a shònrachadh no sealbhadaireachd na croite aiseag.

Faodaidh buill de choimhearsnachdan croitearachd aithris air croitearan a tha iad a' creidsinn nach eil a' gèilleadh do an dleastanasan leis a' Choimisean. Tadhaillibh air www.crofting.gov.scot airson tuilleadh fiosrachaidh.

Who can help?

The Crofting Commission is on hand to advise crofters of the options available to them.

The Crofting Commission also has a network of Assessors who act as a point of contact for crofters, providing information on crofting and/or signposting to other organisations that can help if relevant. Visit www.crofting.scotland.gov.uk/assessors.asp to find out more.

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DUTIES OF A CROFTER

Securing the future of crofting



Crofts are a valuable resource that should be available both now and in the future for existing crofters and new entrants to crofting to use productively.

The Commission encourages crofters to understand their responsibilities and to self-regulate.

Self-regulation means crofters stay in control over what happens to their croft, choosing options so they can contribute to the future of the croft, township and to the whole system of crofting.

All crofters, both tenant and owner-occupiers, are required to comply with a number of statutory duties relating to residency and management of their crofts.

What are the duties of a crofter?

- A duty to be ordinarily resident on, or within 32km of, their croft
- A duty to cultivate and maintain their croft or put it to another purposeful use
- A duty not to misuse or neglect their croft

Where a crofter fails to comply with their duties the Commission can investigate the breach of duty and take action if necessary.

What does 'cultivate' mean?

'Cultivate' includes keeping livestock, poultry or bees, growing fruit and vegetables, planting of trees, cropping and conservation activity. A croft can also be put to another purposeful use, with the consent of the landlord or Crofting Commission, such as a camping site, golf course or equestrian centre, but which will not prevent the croft from being used for cultivation in the future.

What should a crofter do if they are not complying with their duties?

If crofters are unable to comply with their duties there are a number of options that can be considered such as:

Short term options

- Apply to the Commission to sublet the tenancy of the croft or, if an owner-occupier crofter, short term let of the croft
- Apply to the Commission for consent to be absent from the croft. Consent to be absent is a short term measure intended for those crofters who have firm plans and a reasonable timescale for becoming ordinarily resident on their croft.

Please note that an application for consent to be absent only addresses the duty of being ordinarily resident on, or within 32km of, the croft. If a crofter is unable to comply with their other duties, an application to sublet (tenant) or a short term let (owner-occupier crofter) to a person who is able to comply with the duties would be more appropriate.

Long term options

- Become ordinarily resident on, or within 32km of, the croft
- Cultivate and maintain the croft or put it to another purposeful use
- Assign the tenancy of the croft, or, if an owner-occupier crofter, transfer ownership of the croft.

Members of crofting communities, Grazings Committees/Constables and Assessors can report crofters who they consider are not complying with their duties to the Commission.

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