

BRAEMAR SCOTLAND UK

A remote Highland community of 400 people

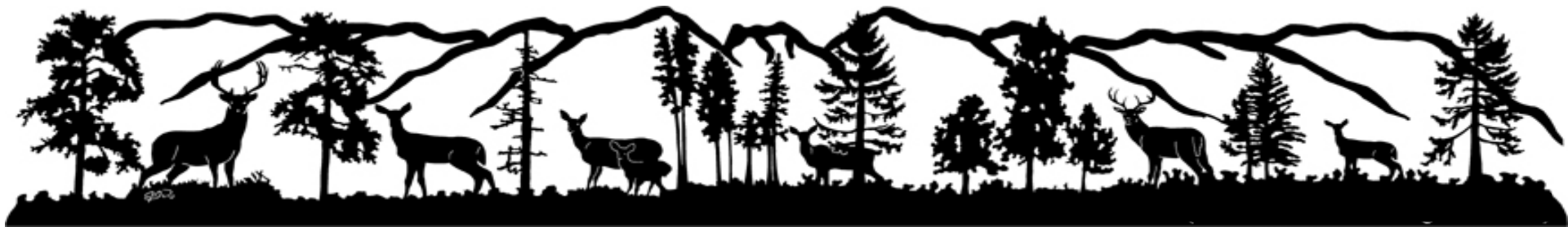
So Where are we?



Braemar Community Ltd



- Bottom up projects
- 15 years ago set up Braemar Community Ltd a charity to deliver local projects by volunteers
- Car park, trails, play park, tourism, tennis, winter festival, arts venue, history group etc
- Braemar Castle is run by the community for the community



Braemar Castle - A Community Castle



Braemar Community Hydro



- Community Benefit Scheme £800,000 share offer 200 shareholders
- Year one 270,000 KWhr 75% of forecast due to lack of rain
- Interpretation, landscaping, monitoring and maintenance ongoing
- Next task dividend to shareholders and community fund



Community Hydro Scheme



Braemar Care Initiative



- Local community and Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care partnership have identified significant unmet care needs in Braemar through a community action plan in process.
- BCI aim to meet these needs by providing Braemar carers for people in the area along with additional volunteer support to prevent hospital admission
- BCI utilising SDS option one, working with AHSCP Care Management and Cornerstone to enable the individual to employ carers directly
- Working towards a sustainable model, with baseline review and evaluation, which might be replicated by other rural communities.



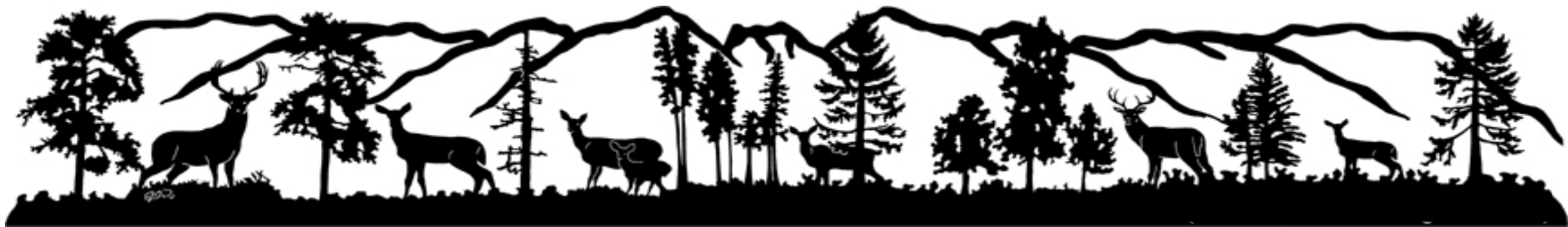
Vulnerable Local People



Challenges



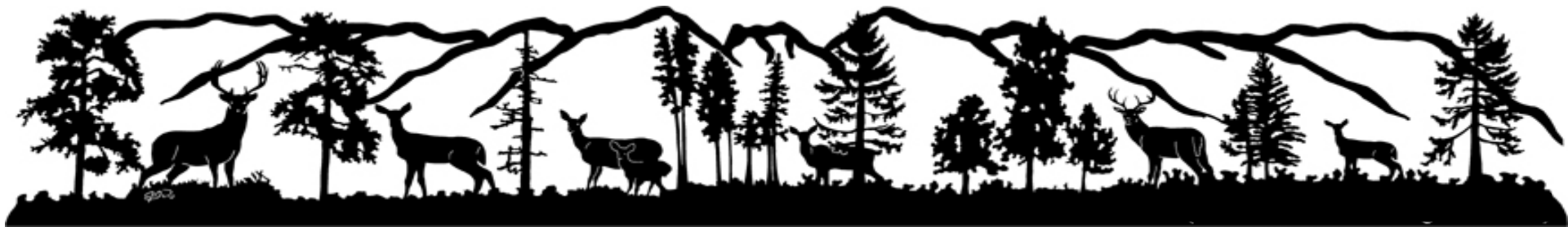
- Bureaucracy/red tape/official rules
- Funding
- We are remote from centres
- Volunteer fatigue



Opportunities



- We are already pretty Smart!
- We have motivated and skilled volunteers
- We have good will
- We are in a National Park
- Officials want to help even if they are constrained
- Our landscape and environment is world class!



Thank You!



Thank you for inviting me to tell you some of our story

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