



Cumbræ Loo Trail

About the Project

Cumbræ Community Development Company took over the running of the public toilet blocks on the island from North Ayrshire Council in April 2017 after financial constraints meant that North Ayrshire were unable to assign funds and maintain facilities throughout North Ayrshire. The company aims to work for and with the people of the Island of Cumbræ to continue to operate and maintain these facilities for our community and visitors alike.

The Island has a reputation as an attractive visitor destination. Around one in four jobs are directly in tourism-related sectors. It is popular with cyclists, particularly for the ten-mile circular loop around the island. But also, golfers, nature and wildlife lovers and walkers. So, access to public toilets is an essential service not only for locals but also visitors.

The public toilet blocks are located at Cumbræ Ferry Slip, Fintry Bay (currently closed), West Bay Football Field, Garrison House "Bomb Shelter" and by the famous Crocodile Rock.

Cumbræ Community Development Company offer collection tins at various businesses on the island to help generate funds and through funding awarded, initially through a Calor Gas Campaign which raised over £10,000 and then further funding secured

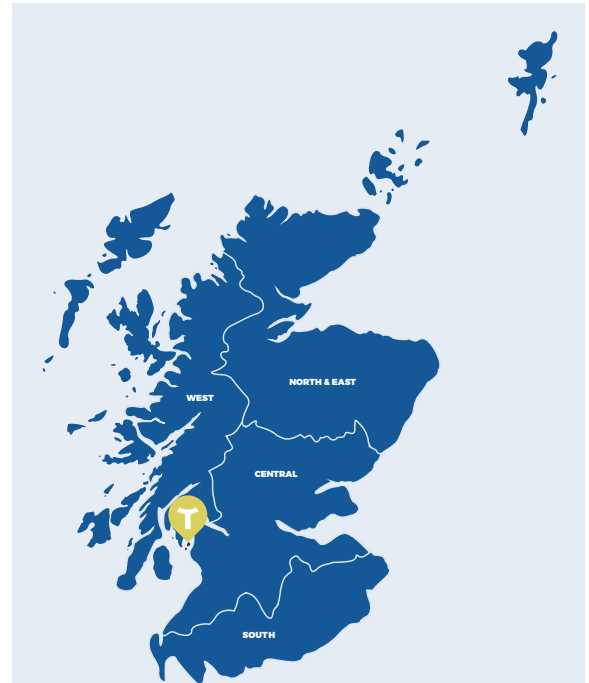
through Highland & Island Enterprise and North Ayrshire Council. We have installed coin and card pay facilities so far at three of our blocks to assist with operational costs and updated facilities at Croc Rock.

In addition to this, the development company also secured funding through the Landfill Trust in 2018, to upgrade the sewerage system at Cumbræ Slip Public Toilets and install larger septic tanks at Fintry Bay Toilet Block.

The toilets are open 7 days a week with the Cumbræ Slip facilities being open from 7 am to 8.30 pm and the Crocodile Rock and the Bomb Shelter blocks open from 8 am to 8 pm. Those at West Bay are open from Easter until the end of the school October holiday, annually.

"Cumbræ and our town of Millport depend so heavily on tourism, and we must ensure that we are in the position to continue offering these amenities. We want to continue to welcome all, to share what our community already knows is an amazingly beautiful island that offers so much for everyone."

**Deborah Ferris,
Chair Cumbræ Community
Development Company**



Location: North Ayrshire

Type: Find

When Set Up: 2017

How Funded: Highland and Islands Enterprise and North Ayrshire Council, fundraising on an annual basis and entrance fees.

Beneficiaries: Visitors to the islands especially those either cycling or walking the circular route with the 6-toilet trail and the local community.

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