



Isle of Eigg Camping Pods

About the Project

In 1997, the Isle of Eigg became one of Scotland's first community buyouts, meaning the island was transferred from private into community ownership. It is now owned by the Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust, who manage the island on behalf of its community.

The Trust's trading subsidiary Eigg Trading operates three cosy camping pods situated just above the island's main pier and overlooking Galmisdale Bay. Close to Eigg's main community facilities, the pods offer basic, comfortable, heated accommodation for up to four people. Each pod has a campfire, and the two larger pods share a cooking shelter.

All the profit from the pods is ploughed back into the infrastructure and facilities on the island, helping to ensure Eigg is a great place to live and to visit. The pods are close to An Laimhrig, the community-owned building housing Eigg's well-stocked shop, Galmisdale Bay Café and Bar, Eigg Craft Shop, and Eigg Adventures bike and kayak hire.

An Laimhrig was extended and improved in 2022 to create a much larger and more energy efficient building offering better facilities for all. Heating and hot water for An Laimhrig and Taigh Nighe, the new shower and toilet block adjacent, is provided by a super-efficient biomass boiler using wood grown and processed on the island. Eigg is not connected to the national grid. Electricity for the pods, An Laimhrig and all homes and businesses on Eigg is provided by Eigg Electric, another trading subsidiary of the Trust which generates power from wind, hydro and solar.

Eigg's history is inscribed in its legends and landscape, its geology and natural habitats are world renowned. With bountiful wildlife, spectacular beaches, woodlands, and coastline, Eigg's dramatic past stretches from the Vikings, Picts, and early Christianity, to pioneering community ownership and renewable energy. But for all that, it's the feeling of welcome that visitors remember most.

Eigg welcomes around 12,000 people each year, some coming just for the day by CalMac from Mallaig or on Arisaig Marine's Sheerwater from Arisaig. Many visitors choose to come for longer, taking time to explore Eigg and discover what it feels like to be a part of community with a fascinating past and an ambitious future.

Eigg is steeped in stories held in trust by islanders who live and look after it today. Eigg folk are resilient and resourceful. They're working together to create new homes, protect the island's biodiversity, and secure Eigg's carbon zero future. The Eiggich love their island and work hard to make it a place people want to visit and to call home. Fàilte. You're welcome!"

Lucy Conway, Isle of Eigg



Location: Highland, Lochaber

Type: Stay, Do, Enjoy

When Set Up: Island 1997 / An Laimhrig 1998 / Eigg Electric 2008 / Pods 2016

How Funded: The pods are self-funding, with profit after their management, cleaning and marketing being reinvested in projects that benefit the community and visitors to Eigg

Beneficiaries: Eigg residents and visitors to the island

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