

LTMC Meet Report: Lochbroom 2025

Dates:- Friday 12th September - Monday 15th September

Meet Co-ordinator:- Robert Williamson

Accommodation:- Forest Way Bunkhouse

On the meet were Rob and Frances Williamson, Sue Davidson, Anne Lyall, Anne Moss and Ron Loan. The bunkhouse accommodates 8 people in total and all 8 places had been booked, but unfortunately Chris and Janet Hodgson had to pull out due to health issues.

Despite a rather dubious forecast on the days leading up to the meet, the weather was very kind to us on both the Saturday and the Sunday. The intrepid Ron and Anne climbed Beinn Liath Mhor a Ghiuvhais Li on the Saturday and Beinn Ghobhlach on the Sunday. Meanwhile Sue, Frances and Rob opted for a modest dander in the Corrieshalloch Gorge on the Saturday (many thanks to Dot for reminding us to take midge nets) then on the Sunday headed towards Achiltibue and a stroll along the beach. Anne Lyall, the only one in the group still working, stayed with friends en route on Friday night and climbed part of the way up Ben Wyvis on the Saturday. Then on the Sunday did a boat trip from Ullapool around the Summer Isles, followed by Meall Mor.

As the nearest places to eat out are about 10 miles past the bunkhouse in Ullapool we all opted to cook and eat in on Friday evening. On Saturday we had a communal meal of chicken curry, vegetable curry and all the trimmings, followed by Anne Moss's delicious Polenta and Almond Cake with spiced plums and cream (recipe provided on request). Special thanks to Janet who made us the veggie curry despite not coming on the meet.

When I spoke to Iain (the custodian/owner of Forest Way Bunkhouse) he was reluctant to recommend a place for us to eat out, but we did want to do this on the Sunday - not least because we had been told, that we would be sharing our cooking/eating facilities with two other people that night. We opted for The Ceilidh Place in Ullapool - friendly staff, good service and most people were reasonably happy with their meal.

The facilities in the bunkhouse consisted of two en suite rooms, each with two bunk beds. Duvets and pillows were provided (plus towels for a fee if required) and the top and bottom bunks both had plenty of headroom. The showers were good, but the storage space was limited and the bathroom doors did not provide much privacy. Eight people eating together at the table would have been a bit of a tight squeeze, and the cooking facilities could have been better; no big saucepans and a paucity of cutlery and crockery, especially teaspoons and plates without cracks.

The weather started to break on the Monday and we all had the misfortune to get caught up in a huge tailback and massive diversion on the A9 as a fatal accident had

closed the road. With a break for some lunch at the Watermill in Blair Atholl, it took us almost 7 hours to get home.

Despite this we had a great weekend. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Rob & Frances Williamson