

If you are concerned by
**THE ONGOING LOSS OF THE OPEN MOORS AND HILLS
OF SCOTLAND**
Please sign this Charter



Looking over open moorland on Skye to the Cuillin Mountains

"We, the undersigned, request that the Scottish Government takes steps to retain the remaining areas of open hill in Scotland through the identification of the key areas to be safeguarded for future generations."

**Charter
for the
Open Hill**

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THE CHARTER FOR THE OPEN HILL

Protecting the hills and moors of the Scottish uplands

The landscape of Scotland, particularly of the Highlands, is renowned for the beauty of its scenery: mountains rising out of stark windswept moorland; the moorland itself changing to a glorious shade of purple when the heather is in flower in late summer; steep streams falling down the mountains in times of spate; glens with meandering rivers and small woods nestled on their slopes; long straight lochs deepened by ice in the distant past; lochs open to the sea, often reaching far inland; an island-studded coast of cliffs, headlands, rocky shores, and sandy bays; a human imprint of ruined castles, ancient fields and white-painted houses.

A key quality of these landscapes is that they are easily visible: the treeless moors and hillsides allow for distant vistas, often of wild land without a structure or building in site. Where else can you see this in Europe? The open hill of mountain and moorland has not been created by the cutting down ancient forests, but has developed naturally over the millennia: there is an unbroken ecological link back to the Ice Age – a situation now rare in Europe. This makes it a very special landscape.

But we are losing these grand vistas: windfarms are breaking-up the skyline, trees are being planted on the windswept moorland, forest plantations of non-native trees spring-up everywhere, and roads often hide their views behind a belt of trees.

The stunning views which draw people to the area are disappearing

And nothing is being done about it!

Would you still visit the
Highlands and Islands
if all you saw were trees and
windfarms?

The Charter of the Open Hill aims to persuade the Scottish Government to have policies which safeguard the iconic views of moorland and mountain which so characterise our uplands

Worried by the loss
of our open hills
and moorlands?



Sign the 'Charter
for the Open Hill'
today.



We're losing iconic
landscapes

Help us to keep them

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