



SCOTTISH LAND & ESTATES STRESSES COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP NOT ONLY OPTION

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Following the release of an SAC research report looking at community land ownership and community resilience, Luke Borwick, Chairman of Scottish Land & Estates, has stressed that community ownership is only one of the solutions for developing vibrant communities.

Mr Borwick commented:

"We are not opposed to community ownership, and agree that for some communities it has provided enormous benefits. However, there is a definite need to progress to a more mature debate that moves away from reinforcing the division between community and private landowner, to continue to view them as two very different animals is not conducive to us achieving our shared vision for Scotland. In addition, we would argue that in a time of limited funding, the reintroduction of the Scottish Land Fund is not the best use of public monies.

"We are delighted that SAC is to carry out similar research into the benefits of private land ownership in rural Scotland as the significant contribution of Scotland's estates needs to be highlighted."

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