

Vintage Sports Car Club Carbon Emissions Initiative

Delivered via the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs' Partnership with Tree-V

Peatland Restoration Project

Project type: Peatland restoration covering 48.3 hectares of degraded bog habitat. Validated by the Peatland Code.

Target: The VSCC's annual cumulative contribution to this project from its Emissions Recovery Scheme is the capture of 70 tonnes of CO₂. This is in addition to the 70 tonnes of CO₂ captured through UK tree planting and the 140 tonnes offset internationally.

Location: Gameshope Loch - Restoring degraded bog habitat in the Scottish Borders



United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Alignment



Project Highlights

- Increased local resilience from extreme dry or wet weather
- Supporting bog biodiversity

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- Part of national ambition to restore degraded UK peatlands



Further Information

The peatland restoration at Gameshope Loch is part of a wider, multi-site project to tackle degraded peatlands across the Talla and Gameshope estate. This land is owned and managed by Borders Forest Trust, who are committed to restoring it for nature by planting trees and scrub and helping blanket bogs to recover.

A combination of bare peat re-vegetation, hagg re-profiling and gully blocking will allow the water table to rise and peat forming plant species to re-colonise the area. These plants sequester carbon while they are alive and the waterlogged habitat prevents them from decomposing when they die, resulting in their carbon being stored as layers of peat.

By restoring the peatland, this project will not only reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the degraded habitat, but will also allow the landscape to store more water and support a greater diversity of wildlife, including iconic species like red grouse and hen harrier.

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