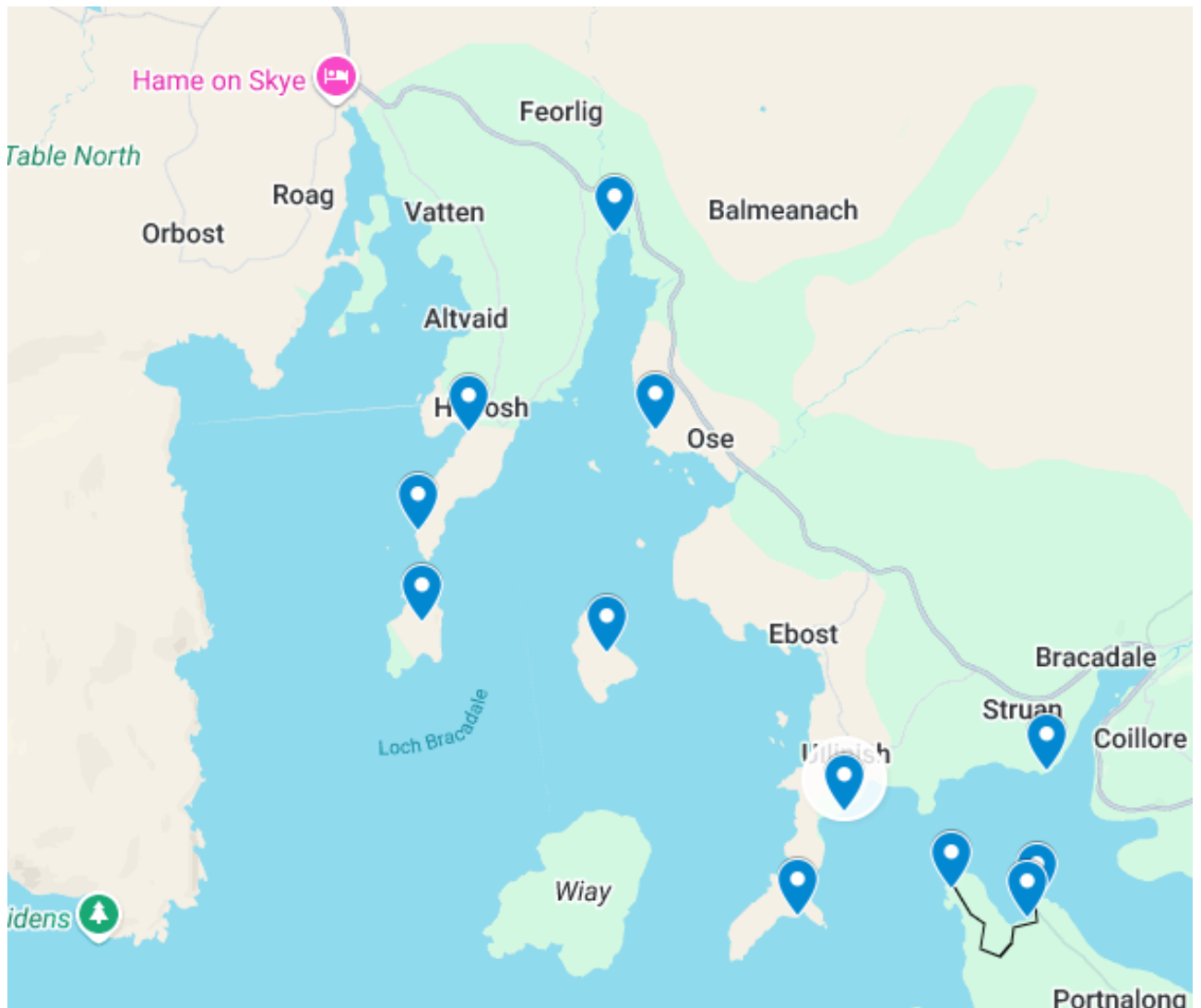


Loch Bracadale Beach Blitz - 2025 Report



From May 9th to May 11th, 2025, a successful collaborative effort took place to remove marine litter and debris from various beaches around Loch Bracadale. Volunteers, along with partner organisations, focused on cleaning remote and inaccessible areas along the coastline.

A local drone pilot assisted in surveying the area prior to the exercise, while community members and local fishermen provided insights on locations with significant litter deposits. Over the three-day event, approximately 5 tonnes of marine plastic contamination were cleared from seven beaches.

The partnerships that made this event possible include a team from the Scottish Coastal Clean Up project together with their boat, the Curlew; Neil Hembrow from Keep Britain Tidy; volunteers from the Scottish Islands Federation, Skye Beach Cleans, and local communities. For a full list of supporting organisations, please see page 3. Overall, the event showcased a strong community spirit and commitment to improving coastal health through concerted efforts.

Sites Cleaned

Total number of sites: **7**

Quantity of debris: 15 boat loads, approximately 5 tonnes between two skips and half a van full of recycling. Harlosh Skip – 1640kg. Mowi Skip – 11 boat loads, weighing 2.64 tonnes. Plus a significant amount of black plastic feed pipe at Ose Point which has been reported to Salmon Scotland for removal by one of their member organisations.



Volunteers

Number of volunteers: **24**

Total number of volunteer hours: **362.5**

Scottish Coastal Clean Up: 216

Skye Beach Cleans & Local Volunteers: 105.5

Ocean Recovery Project & MyGroup: 14

Scottish Island Federation MLWG: 27



Locations

Camus Ban (Harlosh), Dunvegan

Caroy, Struan

Ose Point, Struan

Oronsay, Struan

Ullinish, Struan

Struanmore, Struan

Ardtrek, Minginish

Eynort, Minginish

Recycling Uplift

From the combined recycling uplift of Tiree, NW Highlands, Isle of Eigg and Skye, Neil from the Ocean Recovery Project delivered:

- 520kgs of plastic to MYGroup
- 170kgs of net to Milspeed
- a bulk bag of fish boxes to be given to Ocean Plastic Pots for recycling
- a bag of rope was given to Rebecca from Shore to Floor for repurposing



Supporting Organisations

Scottish Coastal Clean Up (SCCU): Kerrie and her team of volunteers brought their boat, The Curlew, to help tackle more remote and inaccessible beaches, ferrying bags of debris to skips for collection.

Scottish Islands Federation (SIF): Vicki Last, the Western Isles project officer for SIF's Marine Litter Working Group (MLWG), coordinated the recycling collection as part of a wider project across the west coast and collaborative artwork to highlight the shared issues of marine litter across the Scottish islands.

Ocean Recovery Project: Neil Hembrow of Keep Britain Tidy's Ocean Recovery Project is responsible for collecting hard plastics and netting to be recycled.

Skye Beach Cleans: This group managed the logistics and organised an open day to share information about marine litter and how to address it with the community.

Highlands and Islands Climate Hub: Provided support with the planning and advertising of the event.

MyGroup: The waste management team responsible for transforming our litter into usable materials. MyGroup sent two volunteers, Amiee and Dani to assist with the recycling collection.

The Scottish Entanglement Alliance/Scottish Marine Animal Stranding Scheme: sent Ellie, who showed us examples of marine litter that threatens our cetaceans.

Floor to Shore: Rebecca conducted a demonstration on how to create mats by recycling rope found on our beaches.

Mowi: Allowed us to use their pontoon and industrial skip for litter disposal and provided assistance with boat operations at Portnalong

Highland Council: Continues to support our initiatives by providing a skip free of charge, specifically for the debris we collect.

D J Morrison for boat support.

James MacQueen (Building Contractors) for builders bags.

