

Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere

Scotland's **First**

Biosphere Partnership: Joint Partner Statement.

“The Biosphere Charter is a public declaration of the commitment by the Partners to make a difference. Our simple, yet powerful, vision for Galloway and Southern Ayrshire is to make life in the Biosphere better, while caring for nature. We believe that our lives, lifestyles and livelihoods depend on a healthy flourishing environment. We recognise the great mutual benefit to people and nature that comes from our greater understanding and care for our environment. We know that our area has a wealth of natural assets, cultural heritage and talented and skilled people and communities who live and work here. We also know that we can and want to do better. Cherishing our landscapes, nature and heritage through improved stewardship creates a sure foundation for long term sustainable development, improved prosperity, wellbeing and pride. The decision by UNESCO to award the Biosphere accolade to Galloway and Southern Ayrshire – the first in Scotland - is recognition of the shared aspiration that communities, businesses, councils and government agencies have to make this part of south west Scotland a ‘World Class Place’ for people and nature. Biosphere status focuses a global spotlight on us which will act as a catalyst, opening up new opportunities for the future development of the area and the realisation of community aspirations.”



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