

European Geoparks Week 2013

Report

Name of Geopark: **North West Highlands Geopark**

Dates of EGN week: 16 – 23 May

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Special motto of geoparks week: Interpreting Old and New

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during geoparks week .5...
- number of press releases announcing geoparks week events 20....
- number of printed copies for program flyer/brochure/posters 50....
- number of printed articles on EGN week activities 10....
- total number of visitors/participants 396....

2. Highlight most successful activities of your Geoparks Week 2012:

On 16th May, Knockan Crag National Nature Reserve Interpretation Centre was re-opened to the public. It is "home" to the 19th Century geologists, Ben Peach and John Horne. The event included the launch of our new 100 mile Rock Route, where bilingual interpretation panels had been upgraded at a combined cost of £400,000. A guided walk also took place on 18th May by Geopark Director and Ullapool High School Rector, Peter Harrison. Donald Fisher, our Geoscientist, inaugurated our new GeoSails project in Loch Glencoul.

A public seminar in Ullapool High School, broadcaster Professor Iain Stewart gave a spirited talk valuing Geoparks in furthering understanding and interest in plate tectonics to all interested public. Highland Council, signed the Scottish Geodiversity Charter in front of an audience of 120. Signing the Charter were the Chair of the Scottish Geodiversity Forum and the Vice Chair of Highland Council Planning, Environment and Development Committee.