

# Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust

## Established 2011



Development Trust



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## Aims:

- ▶ To achieve long-term, sustainable benefits throughout the community
- ▶ To oversee the implementation of the Local Development Plan
- ▶ To best utilise the funding streams available to the community
- ▶ Increase the level of leisure and outdoor activities for residents & visitors
- ▶ Create employment opportunities
- ▶ Develop projects which make a difference to the lives of local people
- ▶ Support other local organisations with their projects



# Current Projects

- Keep Active Together
- The Community Food Stop
- Bonar Bridge Post Office
- Superfast Broadband



# Current Projects

- ▶ The Energy Advice Service
- ▶ Sutherland Community Engagement
- ▶ The Ardgay Regeneration Project

The  
Energy  
Advice  
Service



# Falls of Shin Visitor Attraction



RICS Awards  
**2018**  
Winner



- Job creation
- Local tourism trade for local business
- Financial income for the local economy
- Free to use site for local people and visitors alike



# Impact of KoSDT Actions

- ▶ **£5.5 million of inward investment since 2014**
- ▶ 17 new jobs created at the Trust – 11 full time and 6 part time
- ▶ Over £350,000 annually of salaries into the Highland economy
- ▶ Falls of Shin Visitor Attraction – operator has created 18 new jobs
- ▶ Over 400 households received energy efficiency advice to assist them out of fuel poverty
- ▶ Over 160 fuel poverty awards made to households which cannot afford to heat their homes efficiently
- ▶ Over 3,000 meals provided for people at the community café, evening café, delivered to homes or emergency food parcels annually
- ▶ 2,500 people attending health and wellbeing activities annually
- ▶ Awards: HTSI Third Sector Organisation of the Year 2018
- ▶ The Future?

