



Annual Library Profile 2026-27

Alness Library



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Introduction

Library Profiles are prepared annually for each library within the Highland Libraries network as part of our commitment to service improvement, and to engage with our communities. They serve three main purposes:

- To assist local staff to evaluate the performance of their library in relation to their local community.
- To assist managers to monitor performance and plan service improvements across the wider network.
- To provide a concise document that can be offered to any person or organisation seeking information about a library.

Each library reflects its specific local community, making it unique. Any comparison of statistics such as issue figures must be made cautiously.

Performance and community information is based on library statistics, ward statistics or where available data relating to specific Integrated Learning Communities (Secondary school catchment areas) *. Ward or census information can be found at: <https://www.highland.gov.uk/planning-area/highland-profile-key-facts-figures>

Summary of library and services available

Branch: Alness Library and Leisure Centre

Address: Averon Centre,
High St,
Alness
IV17 0QB

Telephone No: 01349 781751

Email address: alness.library@highlifehighland.com

Web Address: <https://www.highlifehighland.com/libraries/alness-library>

Associated School Group: Alness High School

Ward: 6 Cromarty Firth

Accommodation

Alness Library is a spacious, purpose-built facility integrated with the Averon Leisure Centre. The library features an open-plan layout and shares a front desk with the leisure centre. Six public access computers are available for use, offering colour printing services.

Opening hours

Monday	08:00 – 22:00
Tuesday	08:00 – 22:00
Wednesday	08:00 – 22:00
Thursday	08:00 – 22:00
Friday	08:00 – 21:00
Saturday	09:00 – 14:00
Sunday	09:00 – 15:00

Accessibility

Car parking:

Parking is available in the Leisure Centre car park, with an additional car park located across the main High Street. Pedestrian access is provided via a zebra crossing, and on-street parking is also available nearby.

Public transport:

Frequent bus services operate in the area, with a bus stop located directly outside the library. The railway station is situated approximately half a mile away.

Additional information

The building is equipped with semi-automatic doors operated by push pads. An induction loop system is available, and there is level access throughout the premises.

Activities

Regular children's activities

Regular Bookbug sessions bringing families together to enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes with babies, toddlers, and pre-school children.

The Summer Reading Challenge aimed at children from 4-11 years.

LEGO Club where children develop skills through collaboration and building.

Please check the library website for up-to-date events information.

Regular adult events:

You Time offering a variety of enjoyable activities such as talks, fitness classes, and history sessions, designed to improve health, stimulate the mind, and provide fun for adults of all fitness levels.

Collect and return service

For customers who do not wish to browse our shelves in the library, we provide a Collect and Return service. By phoning or emailing your local library, a member of staff will select books for your chosen genre and arrange a convenient time for you to collect them.

How are we performing?

Alness Library

	2025-26
Visits	87,185
Event Attendance	1,470
Issues	4,069
Events	177
Computer Sessions	1,579

Reference and local history collections

(Please tick)	Basic collection	Collection of area significance	Collection of Highland significance	Collection of national significance
Reference collection		✓	✓	✓
Local history		✓	✓	✓

Please visit our website for more information: <https://www.highlifehighland.com>

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