



Annual Library Profile 2026-27

Helmsdale 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: Helmsdale Library

Address: Community Centre
Dunrobin Street
Helmsdale
KW8 6JX

Telephone No: 01431 821690

Email address: helmsdale.library@highlifehighland.com

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

Associated School Group: Golspie High School

Ward: 4 East Sutherland and Edderton

Accommodation

Helmsdale Library, situated within Helmsdale Community Centre, lies at the heart of the village. It provides a wide range of services for the local community as well as visitors to the North Highland area.

Monday	10:00 – 12:00; 15:00 – 17:00; 18:00 – 22:00
Tuesday	10:00 – 12:30
Wednesday	10:00 – 12:30
Thursday	10:00 – 12:30
Friday	10:00 – 12:00; 15:00 – 17:00
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

Accessibility

Car parking:

There is a small car park located behind the Community Centre. Additional parking is available on Dunrobin Street, opposite the building. Please note that Dunrobin Street is a main access route for vehicles, so extra care is needed when parking or crossing.

Public transport:

Helmsdale is served by regular A9 bus services running daily between Wick and Inverness, stopping in the village. The railway station is also nearby for convenient train travel. In addition, a local bus operates three times a day, connecting Helmsdale with Golspie, Brora, and surrounding areas.

Additional information

A lift is available from the rear car park to the library level. The main entrance to the library is located on Dunrobin Street.

Activities

Regular children's activities:

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:

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?

Helmsdale Library

	2024-25
Visits	10,872
Event Attendance	1,803
Issues	2,728
Events	361
Computer Sessions	347

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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