



Annual Library Profile 2026-27

Inshes Community 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: Inshes Community Library

Address: Inshes Road,
Inverness
IV2 3RF

Telephone No: 01463 725928

Email address: inshes.library@highlifehighland.com

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

Associated School Group: Inverness Royal Academy

Ward: 19 Inverness South

Accommodation

Inshes Community Library is based within Inshes Primary School and welcomes both the public and the school community.

Opening hours

School holiday opening hours

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| Monday | 15:15 – 20:00 | Monday | 14:30 – 20:00 |
| Tuesday | 15:15 – 20:00 | Tuesday | 14:30 – 20:00 |
| Wednesday | 15:15 – 18:00 | Wednesday | 14:30 – 18:00 |
| Thursday | 15:15 – 20:00 | Thursday | 14:30 – 20:00 |
| Friday | 15:15 – 18:00 | Friday | 14:30 – 18:00 |
| Saturday | 10:00 – 13:00 | Saturday | 10:00 – 13:00 |
| Sunday | Closed | Sunday | Closed |

Accessibility

Car parking:

Car and bicycle parking available on site for visitors located within Inshes Primary School carpark.

If the on-site spaces are full, nearby options include Inshes Park car parks on Stevenson Road, which offer additional parking and include wheelchair-accessible bays.

Public transport:

Regular Stagecoach buses run from Inverness city centre (Falcon Square) to Wester Inshes Crescent, which is close to Inshes Primary School.

Additional local routes serving Inshes include stop near Inshes Primary School and Inshes Retail Park.

The Highland Council provides off-peak bus connections between the city centre, Raigmore Hospital, Inshes Retail Park, Stevenson Road, and UHI Campus, with three journeys each way per weekday.

Additional information

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:

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?

Inshes Community Library

| | 2024-25 |
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| Visits | 30,505 |
| Event Attendance | 18,968 |
| Issues | 26,564 |
| Events | 1,043 |
| Computer Sessions | 386 |

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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