

MUNRO MATTERS 2023

by Alison Coull (Clerk of the List)

This report covers 1 January to 31 December 2023. The eight columns below give number, name and year of Completion of Munros, Tops & Furths, Corbetts, Grahams & Donalds as appropriate. \*SMC member, \*\*LSCC member.

MUNRO COMPLEATIONS

<i>No</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>D</i>
7386	Tim Nuttall	2019					
7387	Jinty Nelson	2022					
7388	Mick Fox	2022	2022	1989			
7389	Alec Wright	2022					
7390	A. N. Other	2022					
7391	Liz Proudlock	2023					
7392	Megan Moss	2023					
7393	Paul Green	2023					
7394	Gordon Finnie	2022					
7395	Craig Finnie	2022					
7396	Harry Colston	2022					
7397	Glen Cousquer	2023					
7398	Richard McKinney	2023					
7399	Philip Palmer	2022					
7400	Graeme Robert Welsh	2023					
7401	Stuart Seggie	2023					
7402	Lukasz Kaczmaryn	2023					
7403	Peter Swales	2023					
7404	Clara-Jane Irvine	2023					
7405	Harry Bloomfield	2023					
7406	Tracy Moffitt	2023					
7407	Peter Braidwood	2023					
7408	Perry Gourley	2023					
7409	Andy Hamilton	2008			2023		2014
7410	Lynda Hepburn	2023					
7411	Erich Zwyszig	2023					
7412	Colin Scotchford	2023					
7413	Clive Coffey	2023					
7414	Katie Wilson	2022					
7415	James Gibson	2023					
7416	James Moreland	2023					
7417	Jane Meek	2023					
7418	Olena Finlay	2023					
7419	Stephen Bicknell	2023					
7420	Ken Nicholson	2023					
7421	Iain Alasdair McLeish	2023					
7422	Philip Petrie	2023					
7423	Dave Seaman	2023					
7424	Pete Withington	2023					

7425	Laura Baillie	2023					
7426	Stephen J. C. Yates	2023			2023		
7427	Mike Brooks	2022					
7428	Adam Sawyer	2023					
7429	Paul Stevenson	2023					
7430	Lindsey Spiers	2023					
7431	Christopher Clegg	2023					
7432	Richard Sheldrake	2023					
7433	Peter Chapman	2023					
7434	Iain Brooker*	2023					
7435	Jonathan Mercer	2023					
7436	Helen Cassidy	2023					
7437	Pawel Powszek	2023					
7438	Jenny Lyons	2023					
7439	Stephanie Middleton	2023					
7440	Craig Allardyce	2023					
7441	Hamish A. Brown	2023					
7442	Nils Kronenberg	2023					
7443	Trevor Ramsay	2023					
7444	Vicki Deritis	2023					
7445	John Tollitt	2023					
7446	Gregor Abel	2023					
7447	Anne Davie	2023					
7448	James McGroarty	2023					
7449	Hollie Jenkins	2023					
7450	Linda Ferris	2023					
7451	Alan R. Hill	2023					
7452	Alison Whyteside	2023					
7453	Kenny Boyle	2023					
7454	Jason Macready	2019					
7455	Evgenia Baillie	2023					
7456	Nick Tranmer	2023					
7457	Dave Macdonald	1994					
7458	Steve Donnelly	2023					
7459	Simon Miller	2023					
7460	Greg McShane	2023					
7461	Roger Coombs	2023					
7462	Ewan MacDonald	2023					
7463	Alan Tomkinson	2023					
7464	Dave Douglas	2023					
7465	Susan Lynne Howie	2023					
7466	Ronald Howie	2023					
7467	Paul Jarvis	2023					
7468	Zayneb Al-Adhami	2023					
7469	Martyn Headley	2022					
7470	Craig Andrew	2023					
7471	Brian Smetham	2023					
7472	Cameron Spooner	2023					
7473	Karen Henderson	2023					
7474	Rhys Gwynllwy	2023					
7475	Laura McConnell	2023					

7476	Christopher Van Der Merwe	2023					
7477	Donald Shaw	2023					
7478	David Blighford	2023					
7479	Ian Kirby	2023					
7480	Lucy Tollinton	2023					
7481	David McMillan	2023					
7482	David Alexander	2023					
7483	Nick Waddell	2023					
7484	Nigel Carrick	2023					
7485	Janice McKinlay	2022					
7486	Martin Lyde	2023					
7487	Pete Turnbull	2023					
7488	Tim Rosie	2023					
7489	Paul Julian	2023					
7490	Kenneth Gregor	2023					
7491	Alun John Pugh	2023					
7492	Mike Barras	2023					
7493	Ewan McFarlane	2023					
7494	Graham Derbyshire	2023					
7495	Paul Hoffman	2023					
7496	John William Nicol	2023					
7497	Stuart Wilkinson	2023					
7498	Janet McDowell	2023					
7499	Pete Mayhew*	2023					
7500	Joanne Leigh Bullen	2023					
7501	Elizabeth Wallace	2023					
7502	Melanie Jackson	2023					
7503	Graham Charles Bullen	2023					
7504	Geoff Waterston	2023					
7505	Pam Norris	2023					
7506	Sophie McTaggart	2023					
7507	Graham Cumming	2023					
7508	Rebecca McCuaig	2023					
7509	Roy Colin Henderson	2023					
7510	Harry Ewen	2023					
7511	Nicola Jane Parry	2023					
7512	John Taylor	2023					
7513	Lorna Jane Tripney	2023					
7514	David James Tripney	2023					
7515	Campbell James Waugh	2023					
7516	Dawn Spence	2023					
7517	Jonathan Ballard	2023					
7518	Frederick John Barber	2023					
7519	Colin Edward Thompson	2023					
7520	Eric John McWilliam	2023					
7521	Stephen Edward Browne	2023					
7522	Richard Leonard Tucker	2023					
7523	Marijke (Mick) Tucker	2023					
7524	Matthew Brown	2023					
7525	Chris Gledhill	2023					
7526	Ian Watson	2023					

7527	Jean Law	2023					
7528	Kevin Taylor	2023					
7529	Alice McInnes	2022					
7530	Bill Guariento	2023					
7531	Andrew McNicoll	2023					
7532	David Sinclair	2023					2024
7533	Eamonn John Boyle	2023					
7534	Skye McDonald	2023					
7535	Kevin Burn	2023					
7536	Euan Patrick Temporal	2023					
7537	Jim Hutcheson	2023					2023
7538	Fraser King	2023					
7539	Chris Eggar	2023					
7540	Thea Gibbs	2023					
7541	Andrew Gibbs	2012					
7542	Ronald Christopher Davidson	2023					
7543	Vicky Herbert	2023					
7544	Elaine Stockdale	2023					
7545	Michael Cook	2023					
7546	Gordon Meiklejohn	2023					
7547	Richard Stockdale	2023					
7548	Clare Luise Jarvis	2023					
7549	Malcolm Nash	2023					
7550	John Stenhouse	2023					
7551	Calum Fletcher Melrose	2023					
7552	David Symon	2023					
7553	Vicky Gorn	2023					
7554	Gillian Watson	2023					
7555	Andy Wilkins	2023					
7556	James Wilkins	2023					
7557	Laura Wilkins	2023					
7558	Samuel Alexander Morris	2023					
7559	Richard Leslie	2023					
7560	Corran McArthur	2023					
7561	Barry Forrest	2023					
7562	Matthew Steven Thornton	2023					
7563	Angus Carmichael	2023					
7564	Ian Williamson	2023					
7565	Thomas Edward Green	2023					
7566	Garnet Sinclair	2023					
7567	Simon Paul Nicholson	2023					
7568	Jon Green	2023					
7569	Stuart William Duncan	2023					
7570	Thomas Ralston	2023					
7571	Jinty Smart	2023					
7572	Andrew John Bewick	2023					
7573	Ross MacRae	2023					
7574	George Peter Howe	2023					
7575	Gill Tindal	2023					
7576	Andrew Tindal	2023					
7577	Lucy McPhee	2023					

7578	Graeme McPhee	2023					
7579	Louise Cascarino	2023					
7580	Naomi Jayne Clarke	2023					
7581	Craig Brian Smith	2023					
7582	Caroline Jane Donald	2023					
7583	Murray Watson	2023					
7584	Jane Naismith*	2022					
7585	John Irvine	2023					
7586	Philip Harrison	2023					
7587	Sarah M. Welch	2023					
7588	Tommy Dallmeyer	2019					
7589	Nicola Jane Angus	2023					
7590	Anna Guy	2023					
7591	William Fredrick Goldthorp	2023					
7592	Ross Gregor Spalding	2023					
7593	Kirsty Brown	2023					
7594	William Bishop	2023					
7595	Ann Peat	2023					
7596	Alison Findlay	2023					
7597	Colin MacDonald	2023					
7598	Robin Saxby	2023			2023		
7599	Richard Bott*	2023			2023		
7600	Heather Whitford	2023					
7601	Colin Wilson	2021					
7602	Steven Richardson	2023					
7603	Matthew Smith	2022					
7604	Shaun David Kerr	2023					
7605	John McClelland Bromley	2023					
7606	Thomas Priestley	2023					
7607	Patrick Cairns	2023					
7608	Robyn Huggins	2023					
7609	Gavin McWhinnie	2023					
7610	Stephen Green	2023					
7611	Rosemary Wright	2023					
7612	Laura Murray	2022	2022				
7613	Adam J. G. Jackson	2022	2022				
7614	Paul Harris	2020					
7615	David Gordon Allison	2023					
7616	Colin Urquhart	2023					
7617	Euan James Grant	2023					
7618	Joyce Paul	2023					
7619	Craig Harvey	2023					
7620	Alexander John Haddow	2023					
7621	Lara Campana	2023					
7622	Emma Jade Harrison	2023					
7623	Oliver Harrison	2023					
7624	Magnus Johnson	2023					
7625	Ella Thomson	2023					
7626	David Hutchison	2023					
7627	Stephen Andrew Sandilands	2023					
7628	Anne-Marie Roberts	2023					

7629	Allan Devine	2023						
7631	Lynsey MacDonald	2023						
7632	Bill Paul	2023						
7633	Isabelle Law	2023						
7634	Michael Hamment	2023						
7635	William T. Green	2011						
7636	Graeme Galloway	2023						
7637	Sam Piercey	2022						
7638	John Kay	2023						
7639	Ray Butler	2023						

### Statistics

Comparing this year's data with last year (in parenthesis), we have the following statistics: new Munroists totalled 251(287), so down a bit on last year; females comprised 28% (25%); the average age was 53(53), and the average completion time was 22 years (25 years); there were 17(21) Golden Munroists – those whose collecting took at least 50 years; and 67% of Munroists lived in Scotland at the time of completion.

This year's Golden Munroists (with their number of years to completion) were Gordon Finnie (7394, 51), Lynda Hepburn (7410, 50), Ken Nicholson (7420, 50), Dave Seaman (7423, 55), Greg McShane (7460, 50), Roger Coombs (7461, 52), Ian Kirby (7479, 53), Mike Barras (7492, 51), Geoff Waterston (7504, 54), Skye McDonald (7534, 52), Angus Carmichael (7563, 58), Jane Naismith\* (7584, 50), Richard Bott\* (7599, 55), Steven Richardson (7602, 56), John McClelland (7605, 60), Bill Paul (7632, 50) and William T. Green (7635, 58).

The most popular finishing Munros were Ben More on Mull (17) and Beinn na Lap (17) followed by Ben Lomond (9), Meall Buidhe (9) and Ladhar Bheinn (8). The most popular first Munros were Ben Lomond (40) and Ben Nevis (39). Schiehallion and Lochnagar were also popular first Munros.

### Online Munro Registration

Last year a great deal of time was spent getting a new online registration system up and running. This is a very significant change. In the past it was necessary to write a letter to the Clerk to notify a completion. E-mail correspondence was introduced in 2019 and proved to be a very popular way to notify completions, but it still entailed the Clerk inputting all relevant data and creating e-mail or hard-copy responses using a template letter. With around 400 registrations each year this was not going to be a sustainable system in the long term and was also quite prone to human (Clerk) error. It was also extremely time-consuming to produce data for the Journal and other purposes.

The idea of an online system had been discussed since 2019 when I wrote an early specification of what this might entail, but it was only in early 2023 that it became a possibility with the help of Nevil Hewitt, who built the system, and Bob Duncan, the Convener of the SMC IT Sub-Committee. Fiona Reid and Mike Watson helped to refine the specification. Creating the new system was relatively complex as it needed to accommodate the existing database and take account of a number of different completion scenarios including amendments to the list. After many, many hours of work and the help of a number of compleators to test the system, online Munro registration finally went live in August 2023. There were inevitably a number of teething troubles that had to be addressed. Many thanks to compleators for flagging up glitches and things that didn't work



*A guard of honour on Càrn Mòr Dearg for Jinty Smart (7571), whose father Iain was the SMC's President & Honorary President.*

properly. Most of the problems have now been resolved, although there remain a number of areas where additional functionality is still needed. Online registration will be a process not an event and will need to be flexible and to adapt.

One unforeseen issue is that compleators can make duplicate submissions and these are not easy to spot if the interval is long. One or two compleators have therefore been registered twice. This is not unique to the online system as there were already quite a few duplicates in the list. Like life, Munro registration can never be perfect.

The SMC likes to keep a record of compleators who are members of the SMC or LSCC, and accordingly the new system has a box for the compleator to tick. Unfortunately many compleators have confused SMC membership with membership of Mountaineering Scotland. (This is not of course an issue that is unique to Munro registration.) The form now specifically states 'not Mountaineering Scotland,' which has helped to some extent.

The new system means that the compleator enters their data using an online form which is then stored for the Clerk to approve. On approval the system

generates a letter or e-mail to the compleator that is automatically filled out with their details together with Munroist number and list of amendments.

A big advantage of the new system is that compleators can now attach photographs of their compleation when registering. As far as I can see the vast majority of compleators are taking the opportunity to do this, and as Clerk I very much appreciate seeing these. Previously it was necessary to wait until you were registered before a photograph could be included, and again the inclusion of a photograph was a time-consuming manual process.

A further advantage of the new system is that fields have been created for information such as age of compleator and last Munro. Most of the fields are not compulsory but where they are completed they make it easy to create spreadsheets of statistics in relation to Munro compleation and other compleations.

It is still possible to add information about Munro journeys as part of a narrative or to provide me with extra information by e-mail. I hope that the online system will not mean that we lose the richness of the stories from the compleators of the Munros and our other hill-lists.

### **Great British Railways**

Another interesting experience this year was your Clerk's participation in the 15th series of the BBC's *Great British Railway Journeys*, contributing to a short segment about Munro-bagging by train. I have written about that on p. 289 of this year's *Journal*.

### **New Munroists**

This year there seemed to be lots of couples or families compleating. Couples included Laura Murray and Adam J.G. Jackson (7612 & 7613), Karen Henderson and Rhys Gwynllyw (7473 & 7474), Susan and Ronald Howie (7465 & 7466), Vicki Deritis and John Tollitt (7444 & 7445), Lynda Hepburn and Erich Zwysig (7410 & 7411), Clara-Jane Irvine and Harry Bloomfield (7404 & 7405), Gill



*Lynsey MacDonald (7631) with her daughter on her final Munro, Schiehallion.*



Tindal and Andrew Tindal (7575 & 7576), Anna Guy (7590) and Patrick Cairns (7607), Emma J. Harrison and Oliver Harrison (7622 & 7623), Thea and Andrew Gibbs (7540 & 7541), Joanne L. Bullen and Graham C. Bullen (7500 & 7501), Richard and Marijke Tucker (7522 & 7534), and Lorna J. Tripney and David J. Tripney (7513 & 7514).

Father and son Gordon and Craig Finnie (7394 & 7395) compleated together on Blåbheinn. Olena Finlay (7418) compleated with her husband Derek Finlay (968) who was finishing his second round on the same day; Olena is Ukranian and started climbing Munros in 2018. Cameron Spooner (7472) joins his father Paul Spooner (6158) and looks forward to motivating the next generation. Peter Chapman (7433) joined his early-compleator wife Cherie Chapman (699) at the age of 76.

Andy and Laura Wilkins (7555 and 7557) made it a family occasion on Stob na Bròige by compleating with their youngest son James Wilkins (7556). Clive Coffey (7413) and Helen Cassidy (7436) along with Helen's husband compleated on Beinn Sgritheall after kayaking from Kinloch Hourn and camping on the summit.

Although Richard W. McKinney (7398) did not compleat with his wife he had had a Munro journey that involved meeting her on Beinn Chabhair and getting engaged on Beinn Narnain. Nils Kronenberg (7442) impressively travelled from Cologne in Germany by train and bus to Skye and then hiked from Sligachan to Glen Brittle campsite to finish on Sgùrr Dubh Mòr.

Sometimes it takes a while to get going. Harry Colston (7396), did his first Munro in 1991. His second Munro was not done until he retired in 2015, and he then finished in 2022.

Naomi Jayne Clarke (7580) compleated on Càrn Mòr Dearg before carrying on to Ben Nevis, which had been her first Munro. She said there were cheers, applause and champagne and much hilarity at the Wonder Woman costume she had been given to wear on the day. Euan J. Grant (7617) compleated in a single self-propelled traverse in 89 days, while Christopher Van Der Merwe (7476) also compleated a continuous round over 77 days with car.

SMC compleators included Richard Bott (7599), who had done his penultimate Munro in 1994 but decided to combine his last Munro and Corbett, finishing on Beinn Sgritheall and Beinn na h-Eaglaise. Richard celebrated with a fine Balvenie 12-year-old double oak malt and was presented with a banner made by his three-year old granddaughter. Jane Naismith (7584) finished on Mullach Clach a' Bhlaìr after 50 years, having preferred either to climb or to go up hills for enjoyment for most of that time. Pete Mayhew (499) compleated after 49 years, also citing too much climbing in between the hill-days.

On a political theme (and see also amendments for Alan Haworth) Alun John Pugh (7491) compleated on Beinn Dòrain with a party at the Bridge of Orchy hotel that included a piper, haggis and speeches. Alun was elected to the National Assembly in Wales in 1999 and spent eight years holding public office as a Member of the Welsh Assembly including four years as Minister for Culture, the Welsh Language and Sport. Former Scottish parliamentary bill drafter Colin Wilson (7601) registered his 2021 compleation and joined fellow Scottish parliament bill drafters Michael Anderson (5447) and Alison Carlyle (7265).

Peter Braidwood (7407) had Outward Bound to thank for his Munro journey. He was on his way to a job interview and thought he had better try a Scottish mountain before the interview. David Sinclair (7532) had an early introduction



*SMC Vice-President Jane Naismith (7584, seventh from left) celebrating with family and friends on her last Munro, Mullach Clach a' Bhlaìr.*

to the Munros by his father Colin Sinclair (1520), who took him along the Aonach Eagach aged five (without his mother, Linda Sinclair's (4456) permission).

It's never too late to register. William Green (7635) completed in 2011 and was registered by his daughter for his 85th birthday.

### Clubs

The tradition of climbing Munros with clubs remains strong. Mountaineering clubs mentioned by our compleators were Am Binnein Hillwalking Club (Kilmarnock), Edinburgh MC, Stirling University MC, Edinburgh University MC, St Andrews University MC, Gryffe Hillwalking Club, Perth Hillwalking Club, Edinburgh JMCS, Jacobites MC, Grampian Club, Austrian Alpine Club, Polmont Hillwalking Club, Blackrock MC, Blantyre Hillwalking Club, Glasgow Walking and Hillwalking Club, Scottish Activities & Hill Walking Club, HF Walking Club, Ferranti Mountaineering Club, Fell & Rock Climbing Club, Forfar & District Hillwalking Club and Northhants Walking Group.

Edinburgh Mountaineering Club had three compleators to add to their four from last year: Tim Nuttall (7386), Perry Gourley (7408) and Steven Richardson (7602).

### Why?

Our Munroists often reflect on what the hills have meant to them. For example:

'Munro bagging has been a great excuse for coming to Scotland several times a year, and the country holds a special place in my heart for so many reasons, with my key life events having taken place here. The adventures I've had with friends have been incredible, and I cherish every moment.'

'Without question, the hill days in Scotland have given me the most formative and treasured memories of my life.'

‘Munros have been connecting friends and family my entire adult life – long may that continue.’

‘We do find ourselves drawn back to the Munros, though, and trying to recapture the joyous, life-affirming family experiences of Round 1.’

‘The Munros have been my constant over the last 25 years and I’m sad it’s over in a lot of ways. I have learnt so much in the hills about myself and it has shaped the person I am now.’

‘The last ten years have been my happiest, my regret being that I was so late in starting the journey.’

‘The Munro experience encompasses our whole life together.’

‘The hills acted as a place of self-learning and development. Over the years, hillwalking offered a solace to realign thoughts of the busy working week, and completion marks the determination that the hills were given.’

On a slightly less positive – and it would have to be said very unusual – note, one Munroist told me that ‘A long and tedious journey finally came to an end.’

## AMENDMENTS

<i>No</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>D</i>
290	Kenneth J. MacIver	1982		2002			
		2000		2023			
		2009					
		2015					
474	Stephen Stobie	1986					2023
		1989					
613	Andrew Tibbs*	1988					
		2016					
		2023					
675	Geoff Skeaping	1988	1993		2021		
		1997					
		2023					
742	Kenneth Pierce	1990	1990		2018		
		2023					
786	Jonathan de Ferranti	1990			2023	2023	
944	John Starbuck	1991	1991		2001	2018	2023
954	Robert B. Gunn	1991	1991	2000	2014	2023	2023
959	Mike Dixon*	1991	2008	2000	1996	2002	2005
		2009		2011			
		2020		2023			
968	Derek Finlay	1991	1991				
		2023					
1079	Patrick J. Temporal	1992	1992				
		2023					
1231	James A.D. Convery	1993		2023	1997	2004	2008
1256	Keith Yates	1993	1997		2022		
		1998					
		2004					

		2008					
		2018					
1257	David A. Cryle	1993	1997	1993			
1258	Michael Hanlin	1993	1998	2013	2019		2008
		2023					
1308	Audrey Litterick	1994	2009		2002	2012	2005
		2013					
		2019					
		2023					
1327	Ian J. Brownell	1994			2023		
		2014					
1331	John Mackay	1994	1994	1997	2002	2006	2002
		2011	2011				2011
							2019
1503	Malcolm M. MacRae	1995			2023		
1807	Alan J. Black	1997			2013	2023	2016
1874	Bryan Rynne	1997	1997	1997	2009	2016	2009
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2009	Alan Dawson	1998	1998	1987	2006	2008	2001
						2023	
2014	David Kirk*	1998			2022		
2067	Julie A. Brown	1999			2017	2023	
2078	Marek Wilkojc	1999			2021		2017
2079	Grant Wilson	1999			2023		2017
2132	Steven Bell	1999		2023	2012	2017	2017
2259	James Anderson	1999	2023	2023			2023
2267	Norman Shand	1999			2008		
		2021					
2268	Susan Henderson	1999	2014	2005	2004	2010	2010
		2014			2023		
		2019					
2269	George Henderson	1999	2014	2005	2004	2010	2010
		2014			2023		
		2019					
2270	Anthony Key	1999			2009	2020	2023
2433	Alan Rowan	2000	2019	2011	2009	2019	2019
		2011					
		2015					
		2023					
2474	Gordon Stewart	1988	2000	1995	2000	2023	2009
		2000					
		2009					
2535	William H. Ramsden	2001		2023	2017	2023	
2555	Alan Dick	2001					
		2023					
2625	Alan Haworth	2001	2023	2008			
2727	Colin H. Campbell	2002	2002	2003	2023		
2777	Andy Scott	2002		1997	2023		
2824	David Tolmie	2002			2023		

2828	Susan Mossman	2002			2016		
2829	Alan Mossman	2002			2016		
2978	Andy Gray	2003			2023		2022
2989	George Smart	2003	2016		2016		
		2016					
		2021					
3103	Michael McCartney	2003					
		2010					
		2014					
		2018					
		2023					
3135	Margaret Tees	2004			2023		
3195	Richard Tait	2004	2008	2005	2023		
		2023					
3208	Colin Robertson	2004			2022		
3209	Glenda Robertson	2004			2022		
3362	David Hallam	2005			2023		
		2017					
3366	Anne Butler	2005	2017	2017	2010	2018	2017
		2010	2023	2023	2021	2023	2022
		2011					
		2012					
		2014					
3472	Guy Froud	2005	2023		2018		
		2021					
3481	Rick Salter	2005	2023	2007	2013	2016	2021
3493	Andrew Lawson	2005		2015	2011	2018	2014
		2023					
3523	Jenny Hatfield	2005	2023	2007	2013	2016	2021
3627	Colin Donald Walter	2006	2006		2019		
		2011	2011				
		2019	2019				
		2023					
3688	Alan Watt	2006					
		2023					
3714	John Ambrose	2006					
		2023					
3908	Laurence Kelly	2007			2023		
3942	John Swanson	2007			2023		
4141	Catherine Gemmell	2008			2022		
4179	Craig Thomas Dunderdale	2008			2017	2022	2023
4194	Chris Rogers	2008					2023
4210	Sandra Taylor	2008			2022		
4227	Graham Gammie	2008		2023	2018		
4328	Dorothy Stirling	2009	2019	2019	2010	2016	2014
		2011	2023				
		2012					
		2014					
		2018					
		2021					
		2023					

4343	Roy R. Smart	2009			2023		2021
4358	Peter Ditchburn	2009			2023		
4384	Brian Tucker	2008	2023	2009			
4397	Robin Jeffries	2009	2023		2021		
4451	David Thomson	2009					2023
4460	Christopher J. Smythe	2009	2012	2012	2015	2023	
4531	Howard Beanland	2010		2023			
4564	James A. Anderson	2010	2022		2012	2016	2023
4599	Roddy J. Murray	2010		2023			
4614	Richard J. Cockburn	2010			2023		
4805	Shona Jackson	2011			2022		
4806	Fraser Jackson	2011			2022		
4959	Allison Mackay	2009			2020	2023	
4960	James Mackay	2009			2020	2023	
5033	Susan Walker	2012			2023		
5037	Iain Gilbert	2012	2023		2023	2023	2023
5066	Blair Cunningham	2012	2023	2018			2017
5100	Michael Field	2012					2023
5108	Terry Bradley	2012				2020	2023
5225	Sandy Reid	2013	2013		2022		2023
5252	Michael J. Harris	2013	2023				
		2023					
5361	Fiona Clark	2013	2021	2015	2019		2023
		2017					
5362	Stuart Clark	2013	2021	2015	2019		2023
		2017					
5400	Robin Forrest	2013		2023			
5408	John King	2013					
		2019					
		2023					
5454	Mark Dawson	2014			2023		
5480	Kenny Gaittens	2014					
		2023					
5506	Alistair Deering	2014	2015	2017	2015	2017	2016
		2018			2019	2023	2018
5618	Paul Eastwood	2013		2013	2023		
5791	Colin Fridge	2015			2023		
5878	Sandy Scott	2015			2023		
5928	Kevin Joss	2013			2023		
6166	David Armin	2017			2023		
6245	Claire Gordon	2017		2017	2023		
6246	Daniel Beckett	2017			2023		
6275	Sunny He Huang	2017	2022	2021	2022	2022	2021
		2020		2023			
		2023					
6360	Margaret Saul	2018		2023			
6361	Michael Saul	2018		2023			
6379	Mark Peel	2018			2023		
6383	Tony Bent	2018		2023			
6386	Jennifer A. West	2018		2023			
6387	Alan West	2018		2023			

6406	David L. Barrett	2018		2023			
6426	Barry J. Homer	2018			2023		
6433	Doreen Wilson	2018			2023		
6718	John Thorndycraft	2019		2023			
6738	Elizabeth Kennedy	2009			2019		
		2023					
6752	Peter Camm	2019					2023
6840	Ilona Turnbull	2020			2023		
6959	Alasdair Anderson	2021		2023			
6972	Donald P. Ramsay	2018					2018
		2023					
7130	Shona Marshall	2022	2023				
7146	Dougie McDonald	2022					2023
7233	Alex McBride	2022					2023
7261	Fergus Carlyle	2022					2023
7364	Peter Armstrong	2022		2023			2022
7382	Scott Wigmore	2022		2023			2022
NYC	Natalie Minnis						2022
NYC	Sue Kitchin						2023
NYC	Nicola A. Hughes				2023		
NYC	Fiona Manson				2023		
NYC	Gayle Tighe						2023
NYC	Cornel Brozio						2021

(Entries marked 'NYC' are individuals who have not yet registered a Munro Completion so do not have a Munroist number.)

With last year's figures in parenthesis, in 2023 there was quite an increase in the number of people adding to their hills lists. I heard from 129(97) people requesting amendments, as follows: New Munro Rounds 28(21), Tops 16(7), Furths, 24(9), Corbetts, 47(30) Grahams 16(16), Donalds 28(20), and Full House 5(6).

Notable multiple Munro completions included Dorothy Stirling (4328) with a seventh round of Munros along with a second round of Munro Tops. Audrey Litterick (1308) registered a fourth Munro round. Patrick J. Temporal (1079) completed a second round of Munros on Ben Hope, with his son Euan completing his first round the same day.

Jamie Aarons (5446), registered her second round of Munros from 2020, and she wrote that she was then planning to do a continuous self-propelled Munro round, '... possibly achieving a record in the process.' Jamie did indeed break the self-propelled record on 26 June 2023, finishing in just 31 days 10 hours and 27 minutes. A fantastic achievement, and there will be more about this in Munro Matters for 2024.

Iain Gilbert (5037) completed rounds of Munro Tops, Corbetts, Grahams and Donalds in 2023.

Alan Haworth (2625) climbed his final Munro Top on July 2023. Alan told me that he completed the Munros on 28 September 2001, which was the centenary of Rev. A.E. Robertson's completion in 1901. His tops were completed on the centenary of Rev. Ronnie Burns's completion in 1923. Alan was a life peer in

*Audrey Litterick (1308) finishing a fourth round of the Munros on An Socach (Mullardoch) on a sparkling December day.*



the House of Lords and had been Secretary of the Parliamentary Labour Party from 1992 to 2004. Sad to say, Alan died just over a month after his tops completion.

Kevin Joss (5928) compleated his Corbetts on Leum Uilleim under the threat of train strikes. Covid had also impacted on his round, with two bookings at the bunkhouse in Rum being postponed in 2020. It was third time lucky in May 2021, when he had to have five nights on his own because of the rules on different groups being allowed to stay in communal accommodation.

Fiona Manson and Nicola A. Hughes are rare examples of Corbett compleators achieving this before a Munro completion. By contrast Keith Yates (1256) compleated the Corbetts after five previous Munro rounds. Keith noted that his party had notched up 14 Munro completions and five Corbett completions in total among them.

Peter Ditchburn (4358) compleated the Corbetts with a gap of 59 years between his first and last Corbett.

Colin and Glenda Robertson (3208 & 3209) compleated their Corbetts together, waiting seven years to do their last one so that their granddaughter could join them. Claire Gordon (6245) and Daniel Beckett (6246) were another couple to compleat their Corbetts, as were Susan and Alan Mossman (2828 & 2829) and Shona and Fraser Jackson (4805 & 4806). Full Housers Susan and George Henderson (2268 & 2269) registered a second round of Corbetts.



Catherine Gemmell (4141) and Sandra Taylor (4210) finished their Corbetts together. They had started with two other friends until Covid restrictions split their group. On the final Corbett they were pleased to meet Theo J.M. Beunen (5313) from the Netherlands to share in the excitement and take their photos. When they got back to their bikes Theo had left them wild flowers in their cycling helmets. Allison and James Mackay (4959 & 4960) registered a round of Grahams together, while Jennifer and Alan West (6386 & 6387) completed the Furths together, as did Margaret and Michael Saul (6360 & 6361). Fiona and Stuart Clark (5361 & 5362) each registered a Donald round.

A question sometimes asked is whether further completions of hills can only be counted from the end of the previous completion. There are no rules and it is up to each individual to take a view. It would be fair to say that most folk are 'bankers' rather than purist 'golfers', although Colin D. Walter (3627) did three 'golfer' rounds of the Munros. For the fourth round he had 'banked' the Cuillin but now plans to turn it into a 'golfer' round.

Bryan Rynne (1874) demonstrated the banking approach by registering Rounds 2 to 4 of the Donalds in 2023, Round 1 having been done decades previously. Bryan said he was in two minds about registering what sounded like a Herculean feat and also perhaps a rather Quixotic one. As with some other Donald rounds, Covid was the main reason. When the pandemic struck, Bryan had done most of a second round in random Borders walks over various winters except for the Galloway hills, which he had omitted owing to distance and lack of interest. It was possible to do most of the Donalds in single days from Edinburgh when Covid restrictions allowed but when one did not really want to stay away. So Bryan finished Round 2 in August 2021 and Round 3 in August 2022.

Then he discovered in 2023 that Dugland had been reinstated as a Donald Top. As that was before he had 'finished' Rounds 2 & 3 he took the view that he had to go and do Dugland, which he did on 22 and 24 March 2023, noting that with hindsight it would have been quite easy to do it twice in a day on a bike from the south-east. He then finished Round 4 on 25 May 2023, this time on Cairnsmore of Fleet. Covid restrictions had disappeared by then but he decided he might as well finish that round as well. Bryan says he does not intend to start another Donald round (or perhaps that should be 'finish', assuming some fifth-round Donalds have already been banked).

Fergus Carlyle (7261) is another compleator who began to climb Donalds during Covid and as a chance to meet up in person with his son Ruari, with whom he completed on Cairnsmore of Fleet.

The merits of the Donalds continue to divide opinion. Robert B. Gunn (954) (whom I bumped into on a Munro completion in September) said that whilst his fondest memories were of walking the Munros and Tops, his greatest surprise was the sheer pleasure of walking the grassy ridges of the southern Donalds.

SMC and LSCC members with amendments to the list were Andrew Tibbs\* (613, Corbetts), Mike Dixon\* (959, Furths) and David Kirk\* (2014, Corbetts).

## FULL HOUSES

The total number of Full Housers (by our SMC criteria) is now 84 (up from 79 in 2022). New Full Houses this year were Anne Butler (3366 – second Full House), Robert B. Gunn (954), Jenny Hatfield (3523), Rick Salter (3481) and Gordon Stewart (2474). Four people have now done two Full Houses, with Anne being the first female to do this. Bert Barnett has done three.

The table shows Full Houses in order, with reference to the year of completion rather than the year of registration.

<i>FH</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>D</i>
1=	763	Brian D. Curle	1990	1991	1991	1992	2000	1994
1=	1298	Graham T. Illing	1994	1997	1996	1998	2000	2000
1=	319	Ken P. Whyte (FH1)	1984	1987	1987	2000	2000	2000
1=	816	Rob H. Woodall	1990	1995	1990	1995	2000	1992
5	1452	Eddie B. Dealtry	1995	1995	1994	2001	2001	1997
6=	452	Ann Bowker	1986	1986	1983	1992	1999	2002
6=	1196	Alan H. Holmes	1993	1993	1993	1997	2002	1997
6=	1197	George W. Morl	1993	1993	1993	1997	2002	1997
6=	121	Don Smithies	1973	2001	1998	1996	2000	2002
10	2494	Rhona B.I. Fraser**	1984	1995	1997	1990	2003	2000
11	678	Stuart Benn	1989	1989	1990	1996	2000	2004
12=	2606	Colin Crawford	2001	2006	2001	2006	2006	1996
12=	1331	John Mackay	1994	1994	1997	2002	2006	2002
14	5896	Iain Thow*	1984	2004	1994	2004	2007	2004
15=	2009	Alan Dawson	1998	1998	1987	2006	2008	2001
15=	959	Mike Dixon*	1991	2008	2000	1996	2002	2005
17=	387	Richard Fuller	1984	1984	1985	2001	2009	2009
17=	1311	Terry A. Fuller	1994	1994	1994	2002	2009	2009
17=	276	Gerry Knight	1982	1982	1983	1997	2009	1986
17=	327	R. Stewart Logan	1981	1981	1981	1984	2009	1987
17=	1432	Karl Nelson (FH1)	1995	1995	1996	2009	2009	2009
22	539	Diana J. Harkins	1986	2010	1989	2009	2009	2009
23	4691	Frank Baillie	1997	1999	2011	2009	2010	2008
24=	3112	Bert Barnett (FH1)	2001	2002	2002	1998	2000	2012
24=	1711	Stewart Newman	1997	1998	1998	2006	2011	2012
24=	319	Ken P. Whyte (FH2)	2010	2011	2011	2012	2012	2012
27=	3112	Bert Barnett (FH2)	2001	2009	2007	2007	2009	2013
27=	256	Hugh F. Barron*	1981	1997	1988	2002	2013	2010
27=	225	Alan L. Brook	1980	1980	1978	2004	2013	2010
27=	62	Hamish M. Brown*	1965	1965	1967	1976	2013	1982
27=	4305	Michael Earnshaw	2009	2013	2010	2011	2012	2011
27=	2291	Neil Sandilands	1999	2013	2004	2006	2009	2008
33=	4483	William A. Forbes*	1986	1995	2002	2002	2006	2014
33=	2268	Susan Henderson	1999	2014	2005	2004	2010	2010
33=	2269	George Henderson	1999	2014	2005	2004	2010	2010
33=	23	Miles Hutchinson*	1955	1955	1970	1992	2009	2014
33=	1933	Dave Irons	1998	2005	2005	2010	2013	2014
33=	1746	James King	1997	1997	2014	2003	2014	2014
39=	1911	Martin J. Almond	1997	1997	2014	2012	2015	2013
39=	3885	David S. Battv	1994	2011	2013	2014	2015	2014
39=	1169	Garth B. Fenton	1993	2014	1994	2010	2015	2013
39=	1170	Elaine S. Fenton	1993	2014	1994	2010	2015	2015
39=	2003	Bob MacDonald	1998	2006	2006	2006	2015	2014
44=	2346	David Allison	2000	2003	2002	2008	2016	2011
44=	1806	Ross Jervis	1997	2012	2011	2010	2016	2011
44=	1874	Bryan Rynne	1997	1997	1997	2009	2016	2009
44=	114	Donald Smith	1973	1982	1982	1997	2015	2016

48=	5506	Alistair Deering	2014	2015	2017	2015	2017	2016
48=	2991	Ewan J. Lyons	2003	2009	2012	2009	2016	2017
48=	4006	Chris Pine	2007	2017	2015	2012	2013	2014
48=	4151	Norman Wares	2008	2010	2011	2014	2017	2015
52=	3112	Bert Barnett (FH3)	2009	2015	2015	2013	2018	2017
52=	3366	Anne Butler (FH1)	2005	2017	2017	2010	2018	2017
52=	480	Andrew Finnimore	1986	1986	1986	2003	2013	2018
52=	2795	Maria R. Hybszer	2002	2018	2013	2006	2012	2012
52=	4033	Donald F. Irvine	2002	2002	2008	2015	2018	2016
52=	1279	Nigel P. Morters	1994	2009	2016	1999	2015	2018
52=	1432	Karl Nelson (FH2)	2009	2009	2010	2018	2018	2018
52=	6749	Kenny Robb*	1980	1982	2018	1990	2015	2018
52=	5505	Allison Robertson	2014	2018	2017	2015	2017	2017
52=	1635	Eric Young	1996	2018	2006	2001	2005	2010
62=	6740	Alison Coull*	2000	2018	2019	2008	2015	2018
62=	3990	Christine Gordon	1998	2000	2007	2017	2019	2013
62=	798	Margaret Graham**	1990	2013	2019	2004	2014	2019
62=	1891	Dave Marshall	1993	2015	2018	2014	2018	2019
62=	5057	Robert Phillips	2012	2019	2017	2013	2014	2015
62=	2433	Alan Rowan	2000	2019	2011	2009	2019	2019
62=	2610	Tony Smith	2001	2001	2001	2010	2016	2019
62=	4328	Dorothy Stirling	2009	2019	2019	2010	2016	2014
70=	6755	Peter G. C. Ellis	2005	2017	2015	2018	2020	2020
70=	4120	Frank Johnstone	2003	2019	2016	2011	2020	2019
70=	2345	Graham Phillips	2000	2000	2001	2013	2019	2020
70=	455	A. Laurence Rudkin	1986	1991	1989	1995	2005	2020
70=	1798	Colin P. Watts	1997	2020	2003	2007	2012	2018
70=	2579	Isabel M. G. Watts	2001	2020	2003	2007	2012	2018
76=	4396	Mark Gibson	2009	2013	2016	2015	2021	2021
76=	2871	Peter Hamilton	1992	2017	2002	1997	2019	2021
78=	1853	Anne J. Bunn	1997	2022	2000	2015	2015	2002
78=	191	Phil Cooper	1979	1979	1976	1984	2022	1979
78=	6275	Sunny He Huang	2017	2022	2021	2022	2022	2021
78=	3987	Colin Lees	2004	2012	2013	2019	2022	2021
78=	4081	Fiona Reid*	2008	2018	2022	2013	2022	2020
78=	4082	Michael Watson*	2008	2018	2022	2013	2022	2020
84=	3366	Anne Butler (FH2)	2010	2023	2023	2021	2023	2022
84=	954	Robert B. Gunn	1991	1991	2000	2014	2023	2023
84=	3523	Jenny Hatfield	2005	2023	2007	2013	2016	2021
84=	3481	Rick Salter	2005	2023	2007	2013	2016	2021
84=	2474	Gordon Stewart	1988	2000	1995	2000	2023	2009

## Errata

Apologies to Stuart F. Davidson, whose name was accidentally omitted in the 2023 *Journal* against his list of amendments. Apologies also to Moira Broadhead, whose entry therefore appeared to incorporate Stuart's amendments. These two entries should have been listed as follows.

1381	Moira Broadhead**	1994			2010	2019	
1424	Stuart F. Davidson	1995			2022		2022

Apologies also for not acknowledging John Allen\* (7147) as an SMC member.

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Alison Coull (Clerk of the List)