

EDITORIAL

The last 2 years have seen significant turmoil in the UK and beyond. Perhaps this goes some way to explain some of the recurring themes in this issue of the Journal. Firstly, we have members' rich and varied accounts of getting away from the grind and concerns of everyday life into the landscape and the sustaining pleasures to be had from Club walking, climbing and social activities. Another theme concerns the underlying concern that we all share for the health of these cherished landscapes and the inter-related and complex issues of climate change, biodiversity and habitat loss. I greatly appreciate the generous contributions from experts describing the projects afoot in the Cairngorms to understand and reverse change. The passion individuals reveal for the detail of our ecological systems, be it fungal, peatland or bee communities and the many species recorded in our own Glen Ey woods is inspiring and instils hope and optimism. As a fact of life, the present becomes the past as represented by a number of historical items.

As we continue to be fortified by our walking and climbing exploits, we might perhaps consider what we can do individually or together to look after and protect the landscapes we all cherish.

Jean Robinson, January 2024.



Beinn Eighe from the summit of Sgurr Dubh