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CUPAR TOWN CENTRE HERITAGE PROJECT WANTS YOUR FEEDBACK



The five-year Cupar Conservation Area Regeneration/Townscape Heritage Initiative project will end in March 2019. This project has seen approximately £7m invested in Cupar's historic properties and streets to support the town's future. This has included the redevelopment of the Burgh Chambers and parts of the County Buildings, as well as improvements to Speedie's and Steele's Closes. A wide range of training and heritage related activities have also been delivered and private sector owners have benefited from grant assistance to improve their properties. The project is funded by Historic Environment Scotland (£1m via its Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme) and the

Heritage Lottery Fund (£550,000 via its Townscape Heritage Initiative). Private owners have also invested and Fife Council has provided funding.

As part of the overall evaluation of the project, Fife Council and Fife Historic Buildings Trust would very much welcome feedback from local people, and local businesses.

Surveys can be accessed on-line until 25th February 2019.

Community: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CuparCARSTHICommunity>

Business: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CuparCARSTHIBusiness>

If you would prefer a hard copy or would like to know more about the surveys then please contact Sandra Macrae, of Campbell Macrae Associates on 01259 781384, who is undertaking the evaluation of Cupar CARS/THI Project.

Notes to editors

- Cupar Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) and Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) is operated by Fife Council and Fife Historic Buildings Trust, and core funded jointly by Historic Environment Scotland, the Heritage Lottery Fund, and Fife Council. The five-year CARS/THI programme, which runs until March 2019, has delivered a number of elements: priority building projects including the Cupar Burgh Chambers, a building repair grant scheme, public realm improvements to Cupar streets and closes, and training, apprenticeships and community engagement. www.fifehistoricbuildings.org.uk
- Using money raised through the National Lottery, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) sustains and transforms a wide range of heritage for present and future generations to take part in, learn from and enjoy. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions, it invests in every part of our diverse heritage. To date it has invested over £588million in Scotland's heritage. www.hlf.org.uk; @heritagelottery
- HLF's Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) encourages partnerships of local organisations to carry out repairs and other works to a number of historic buildings, structures or spaces. Grants range from £500,000 to £2m. To date, HLF has invested over £214m regenerating towns that have suffered serious social and economic decline.
- Historic Environment Scotland's Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) provides financial assistance, over a five year period, for Conservation Area based regeneration and conservation initiatives undertaken

by Local and National Park Authorities, community groups and other 3rd sector organisations experienced in delivering multi-funded projects. Since 2005, there have been seven CARS application rounds awarding £41.5m of Scottish Government investment.



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