

CUPAR CONSERVATION AREA REGENERATION SCHEME & TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE

Celebrating Cupar's Built Heritage

Fife Council, Fife Historic Buildings Trust and local groups worked together to deliver this five year programme to breathe new life into Cupar's historic town centre.

The aim of the programme was to improve the physical condition of the town centre and safeguard the things that make it special and unique, so that people will continue to enjoy visiting, living and working in Cupar.

The project was generously funded by Historic Environment Scotland and the Heritage Lottery Fund, and in total around £7 million has been invested in Cupar's superb architectural heritage.



Highlights include:

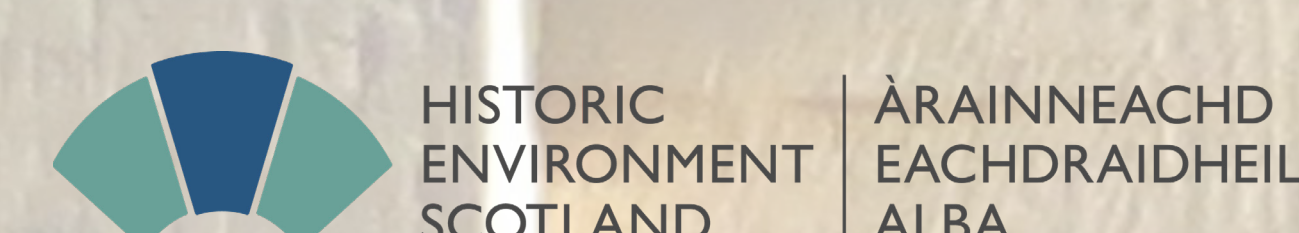
- A Building Repair Grant Scheme has helped property owners to repair and conserve the historic fabric and traditional appearance of their buildings. 21 privately-owned historic buildings received grants for repairs and 3 shopfronts were improved.

- Site visits and hands-on training in stonemasonry, lime pointing, slating and joinery for contractors, professionals, pupils from Bell Baxter High School, and the wider community
- A community archaeology excavation at Moat Hill – with very exciting Bronze Age finds!

- Part of the County Buildings was refurbished and converted into social housing
- An energy efficiency advice service for older and traditionally built buildings in Cupar
- A stone and slate survey for Cupar to help inform repair works

Key Repair Project

The Burgh Chambers has now been repaired and converted into a beautiful holiday let apartment, a sustainable new use that will add value to the local economy. The building works included repairs to the stone façade and the slate roof, the restoration of the dome and clock tower, and repairs to the original timber windows and the decorative plaster cornicing.



Training in Traditional Building Skills

Traditional buildings skills are essential to help us look after our built heritage for the future. An ambitious training scheme underpinned the whole programme to promote good practice in looking after historic properties, focusing on traditional skills training for contractors, apprentices, young people and local residents. Over 1500 people took part in events and training!

For more information please visit the Fife Historic Buildings Trust website.

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Conservation Projects

Cupar has a great network of narrow closes and wynds. Public realm works were carried out at Steele's Close and Speedie's Close to enhance their historic character. These can be used as templates for repairs and improvements to other Cupar closes in the future.

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