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Bonnygate Gap Site Development

A redevelopment of the gap site left by the demolition of 26 - 32 Bonnygate which fits in with the historic character of Cupar will be sought. Funding to help retain the historic character of the street will be considered.

Information and Guidance for the Community

Throughout the CARS and THI programme information will be made available through the local press, exhibitions and online to provide news of progress. Building owners will have access to specific advice on looking after historic properties through leaflets and online information.



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CARS and THI 2014-2019



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HERITAGE AND RESTORATION PROJECT

Visitors to Cupar find it attractive and appreciate its historic character. Maintaining the buildings and the charm of Cupar is therefore vital to the success of the town. The historic importance of Cupar town centre is recognised in its designation as a Conservation Area.

Fife Council is working with Fife Historic Buildings Trust and local groups to invest in Cupar's historic properties and streets to support the town's future.

Cupar CARS and THI is funded by Historic Scotland (£1m via its Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme) and the Heritage Lottery Fund (£550,000 via its Townscape Heritage Initiative). In total, at the end of the five-year programme approximately £7 million will be invested in Cupar's historic buildings.

The programme has a number of elements:

Priority Building Projects

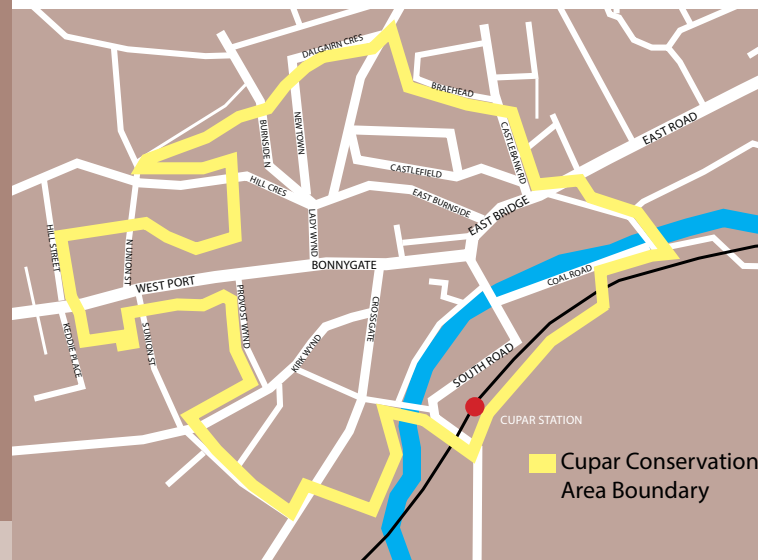
The Burgh Chambers will be renovated and a new use will be found for it, building on the consultation carried out to date. The scheme will also support Fife Council's conversion of parts of County Buildings offices into housing. Along with additional new housing to the rear of County Buildings this will increase town centre living options for Cupar.

Small Grants Scheme

Private owners of traditional properties will be eligible to apply for grants to carry out repairs or improvements to their properties. Details will be announced early in 2015.

Cupar Streets and Closes

Fife Council has already invested in a new road scheme to reduce congestion and has repaved St Catherine Street and parts of Crossgate and Eastbridge. There are plans to follow this up with renovation of two or three of Cupar's historic closes, enhancing these important features of Cupar's historic streetscape.



Training and Apprenticeships

A key part of the Cupar CARS/THI programme will be to promote good practice in looking after historic properties. An ambitious and innovative training scheme underpins the whole programme, focussing on contractors, apprentices and local residents.

Training will be available for existing tradesmen to enhance their traditional building skills. Support will be provided for businesses to recruit specialist apprentices who, through training and "hands on" experience, will become skilled in conservation building techniques.

Apprentices will also be supported by one-to-one mentoring from skilled tradesmen. This might involve an apprentice working with another company gaining experience of traditional methods not regularly carried out by their own employer.

There will also be specialist information and advice on looking after historic properties at sessions for business people and property owners to attend. Property owners can tap into an energy efficiency advice service for older and traditionally built buildings in the CARS/THI area – with training available for residents and in schools.