



# News Release

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**Fife Council is working with Fife Historic Buildings Trust and local groups to improve the energy efficiency of traditionally built properties in Cupar, and are looking for volunteers to help with this.**

From Early 2015, Cupar Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) will be offering advice on ways to:

- improve the energy efficiency of traditionally built properties, while maintaining their character
- reducing the heating costs of older properties, such as draught proofing and the reinstatement of shutters
- Offering free energy audits to anyone who lives within the conservation area

Organised local events will also be held, with presentations from Historic Scotland aimed at helping homeowners reduce their heating costs in older buildings etc.

As part of the project, Gregor Stewart, CARS Energy Officer, will be available at the County Buildings in Cupar to offer advice and to arrange energy audits. Gregor added: "To help deliver this service, we are looking for volunteers to work as Energy Champions. This role will be to assist with the audits and provide appropriate information to the owners of the properties.

"Free training will be given through organisations such as Historic Scotland, and will be provided locally to anyone wishing to volunteer.

"If you have an interest in maintaining and improving the historic character of Cupar and have a few hours a week to spare, please email me at [bss.cars@fife.gov.uk](mailto:bss.cars@fife.gov.uk)

Cupar Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) and Town Heritage Initiative (THI) are funded by Historic Scotland and the Heritage Lottery Fund. At the end of the five-year programme which began in 2014, approximately £7 million will be invested in Cupar's historic buildings.

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