



# *News Release*

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## **FREE SEMINAR ON CONSERVING CUPAR'S HISTORIC BUILDINGS**

### **Stone and Slate Survey Conserves Cupar's Historic Buildings**

Fife Council and Fife Historic Buildings Trust are pleased that the Scottish Lime Centre Trust has completed stone and slate building research of the historic centre of Cupar. Local people, contractors and professionals are invited to a free seminar on Monday 10 April 2017, 9.30am - 12.30pm at the County Buildings, to find out more about the survey and the importance of stone and mortar matching when undertaking building repairs.

The survey report outlines the condition and conservation needs of Cupar's significant architectural heritage and identifies suitable matching stone and slate for use in repairs. As part of the survey, individual mini-surveys of the majority of the buildings in the town centre were also prepared. Building owners can request a copy free of charge from Fife Historic Buildings Trust.

Speakers at the seminar will include Marcus Paine of Hutton Stone on dimensional stone quarrying and Tony Carter from Keim Paints talking about possible solutions for Cupar's painted stone facades. The Scottish Lime Centre Trust's Building Surveyor, Stacey Rowntree, will cover the key points of the survey and how these issues can be resolved through repairs and maintenance. Dr Callum Graham, Building Materials Analyst, will discuss the importance of stone matching and physical tests for good stone compatibility as well mortar analysis and the findings in Cupar. To book your place on this seminar, please email [admin@scotlime.org](mailto:admin@scotlime.org)

Fiona Stenke, Project Officer at Fife Historic Buildings Trust, said: "This stone survey has been a really useful exercise for Cupar, and we hope that the report and the seminar on 10 April will benefit a wide range of people, from homeowners wishing to understand the repair needs of their building, to contractors and professionals looking for detailed technical information. The full report is free to access on our website at [fifehistoricbuildings.org.uk/cupar-cars](http://fifehistoricbuildings.org.uk/cupar-cars)".

Roz Artis, the Scottish Lime Centre Trust's Director, added: "Our multi-disciplinary survey team comprised of building surveyors, a stonemason, geologist and an architectural historian to give the most comprehensive understanding and analysis of the building fabric of Cupar".

The stone survey and seminar are funded by Historic Environment Scotland and the Heritage Lottery Fund through the Cupar Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) and Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) programme.

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- 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.
- 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 six CARS application rounds awarding £33m of Scottish Government investment.

### Further information

- Heritage Lottery Fund: Website [www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk) Twitter: @heritagelottery
- Fife Historic Buildings Trust: Website [www.fifehistoricbuildings.org.uk](http://www.fifehistoricbuildings.org.uk)

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