



News Release

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TRADITIONAL SKILLS TRAINING IN CUPAR

A scheme designed to support and promote the regeneration of Cupar's historic townscape is seeking to rally more residents and local businesses to the local conservation cause.

Fife Council is holding a traditional building advice and information day for property owners and landlords on Thursday 2 June 2016, at County Hall, County Buildings, Cupar, from 9.00am to 3.30pm.

Moses Jenkins, from Historic Environment Scotland, will deliver the training event on maintenance techniques and energy efficiency improvements. The free event is one of a series of workshops for homeowners, building professionals and contractors who are interested in learning more about the historic environment and use of traditional materials.

Part of the Cupar Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) and Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) run by Fife Council and Fife Historic Buildings Trust, the information day is part of a drive to restore and repair historic landmarks.

Fiona Stenke, Project Officer for Fife Historic Buildings Trust, said: "This event, which is set to provide advice about repairs, maintenance and common repairs, is for anyone involved in the conservation or repair of historic and traditional buildings."

Cllr Lesley Laird, Fife Council's Depute Leader, said: "Traditional materials and techniques are important in the effective repair and maintenance of historic and traditional buildings to ensure that their character is maintained. Preserving the buildings that provide Cupar's unique architectural townscape is central to regeneration and economic growth."

"We are proud of the way that the Cupar CARS/THI grant funding is helping to make the area a better place for local people and visitors alike. It is a tangible investment in the town's heritage and its future, and I urge local residents and business people to support the scheme's aims and come along to the information day."

Topics will be relevant to the repair and maintenance of traditional buildings, and include building defects and maintenance, lime pointing and stonework repairs, timber, metalwork, slating, roof and window repairs, and energy efficiency improvements. The afternoon session will focus on common repairs, title deeds and owners' responsibilities.

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

Places are limited so book early by email – BSS.cars@fife.gov.uk or by phoning 03451 555 555 Ext. 456743 (Sharon Morrison).

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Did you know?

- 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, will deliver a number of elements: priority building projects, a building repair grant scheme, public realm improvements to Cupar streets and closes, and training, apprenticeships and community engagement.
- 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.

