



December 2019 Newsletter

Dear All,

Welcome to the first Inverkeithing Heritage Regeneration newsletter!

After many years of planning and development, Fife Council and Fife Historic Buildings Trust were delighted to announce **two major funding awards** for the Inverkeithing Heritage Regeneration scheme earlier this year – £1 million from Historic Environment Scotland and £1.2 million from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Since then, the project team has been busy setting things up and the programme is now gathering steam.

One of the key projects is the repair and redevelopment of the **Town House** to create an accessible community hub. Fife Historic Buildings Trust is working with conservation-accredited Arc Architects, Community Enterprise and local community groups to map out how the building will work and finalise the designs.

Mid 19th Century painting of Inverkeithing Town House:



We are delighted to welcome our new **Training and Development Officer**, Emma Griffiths, who will be joining us in January. Emma will be delivering an exciting activity programme to raise awareness of Inverkeithing's rich history and promote good practice in looking after traditional buildings, and she will soon become a familiar face in Inverkeithing.

Inverkeithing High School pupils try their hand at traditional building skills at an event at the Scottish Parliament in May:



The Scottish Lime Centre Trust is carrying out a **stone and slate survey** of the historic centre of Inverkeithing. This will give a better understanding of the condition and conservation needs of

Inverkeithing's significant architectural heritage and will identify suitable matching stone and slate for use in repairs. The results of the survey will be presented in a report which will be made freely available, and a seminar will be held next year to explain the findings of the survey and the importance of stone and mortar matching in repairs.

Another exciting project is the **Burgh Survey**, which will be led by Northlight Heritage. This will include standing building surveys of the Town House and the Friary (to find out more about their history and development), archaeological digs, and an oral history project. We're looking for volunteers to take part in all of these activities (training will be provided), and a launch event will be held in the new year – details to be confirmed.

A major uplift to the **High Street and the Market Square** will include new paving and street furniture and the restoration of historic features. The Mercat Cross will be moved from its current location in Bank Street to the heart of the town. Designs are at an early stage, with works expected to take place in 2021.

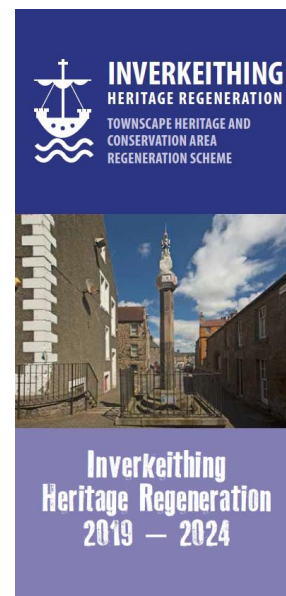
The **Building Repair Grant Scheme** will help private owners in the High Street area to repair or improve their properties using traditional materials and skills. Owners can also get advice on how to look after their historic property and improve energy efficiency. We will be launching the grant scheme in the new

year and will be in touch again soon with more information on this.

Information about the Inverkeithing Heritage Regeneration scheme is now available on our website and we will continue to add to it as the project progresses:

www.fifehistoricbuildings.org.uk/inverkeithing

A range of project leaflets will soon be back from the printers, so do keep an eye out for these:



If you have any questions or would like to find out more or get involved, please email inverkeithing@fifehistoricbuildings.org.uk or call 01592 890060.

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