



August 2020 Newsletter

Dear All,

We are now well into the second year of the Inverkeithing Heritage Regeneration project, and there's lots to update you on!

The planning and listed building consent applications for the repair and conversion of the **Town House** have now been submitted. This is an exciting milestone towards creating a vibrant, accessible and attractive space that celebrates the history of the building and Inverkeithing. A big thanks to everyone in the town for your support – especially those of you who have met with the project team each month to shape the proposals to meet local needs.

The community group which will run the building once the works are complete is looking for more local volunteers with a passion for the town to join the team - training will be provided. Please do get in touch if you think this is for you.

Sketch proposal for Inverkeithing Town House:



We've been using digital technologies to keep the **heritage activity programme** going in Inverkeithing since the lockdown began in March. Events and training have taken place online, including a talk on maintaining traditional garden walls, delivered with the Scottish Lime Centre Trust. We'll soon be launching a series of ten short podcasts covering a range of fascinating topics linked to Inverkeithing's history – pirates, witches, plagues, saints and lots more ...

A small working group has been set up to decide on the locations and content of new **interpretation** boards throughout the conservation area, to highlight the town's rich history.

Inverkeithing Arts is working with local artists to create a new motif to represent Inverkeithing's diverse heritage. The motif will then be incorporated into some of the interpretation, and the High Street improvement works.

The deadline for Expressions of Interest for the first round of **Building Repair Grants** is coming up soon – please do get in touch to discuss your project, and you can read more about the grant scheme on our website. We know that this is an uncertain time for many people, so don't worry if you don't feel ready to apply for a grant just yet – we will be running a second round of grants next year as well.

There are lots of **free online resources** to help you understand your traditional building's repair needs, and get you thinking about regular maintenance:

- The Edinburgh Traditional Building Festival has moved online this year, with a range of events:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/8th-annual-edinburgh-traditional-building-festival-tickets-114523444706?aff=ETBF

- The Engine Shed in Stirling is Scotland's dedicated building conservation centre:

<https://blog.engineshed.scot/2020/07/08/how-to-maintain-traditional-tenement/> and www.engineshed.scot/building-advice/

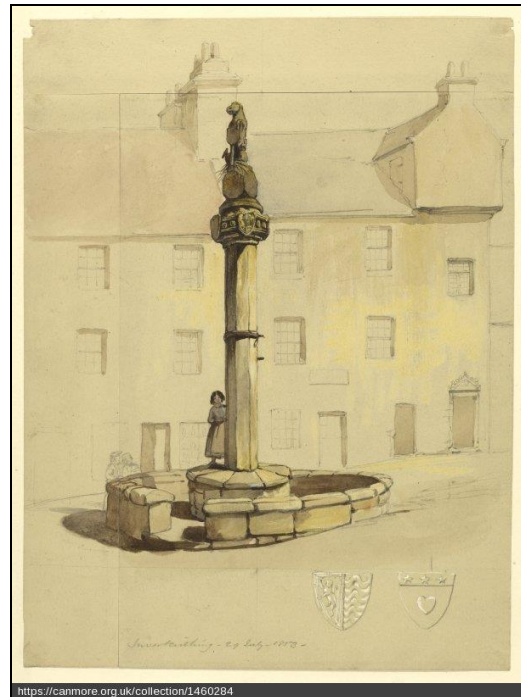
- Impartial advice on repairs and maintenance for flat owners in Scotland can be found at www.underoneroof.scot

The first phase of the **High Street improvement works** for the area outside the Civic Centre will be starting in the autumn, and Fife Council is working to finalise the plans for the main improvement works, which are due on site next summer. Thank you to all who have taken part in the public consultations over the last few months, it's been great to get your ideas and aspirations for the town centre.

Fife Council is proposing to move the location of the new South Gateway feature, which will mark the entrance to the conservation area, to Queen Street to

be closer to the historic Friary and the Civic Centre. You can view the latest drawings on our website, and your feedback is welcomed.

19th century watercolour of the Mercat Cross, which will be moved from its current location in Bank Street to the heart of the town:



Fife Council and Business Gateway Fife have launched a **Covid Safety Grant** for small businesses in town centres such as Inverkeithing, to help with the cost of Covid-19 public health measures: <https://www.businessgatewayfife.com/covid-safety-grant>

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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