

Dear All,

The Inverkeithing Heritage Regeneration scheme is now in its third year!

The Inverkeithing Heritage: Stitches in Time community project is underway to create a textile artwork that will tell stories of Inverkeithing's rich past through individual stitched panels. The finished artwork will be displayed in the refurbished Town House.

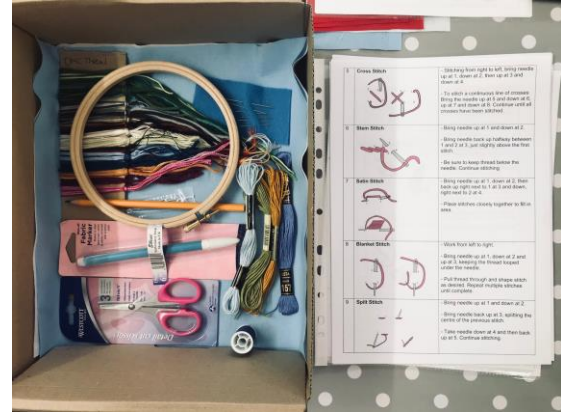
International textile artist, Nikkita Morgan, is leading the project. She hopes the project will attract people with the commitment and passion to help make a wonderful artistic legacy together.

Textile artist Nikkita Morgan at work in her studio:



Covid-safe workshops and remote options to learn stitching techniques will be starting this week, and participants will receive their own box of materials. All are welcome – to learn skills, stitch history, and create a legacy together!

Embroidery kit for participants:



Bespoke business support and mentoring will soon be available in Inverkeithing. Consultant John Allan, a specialist in business growth and development from The Social Economy Ltd, will begin visiting local businesses offering tailored support and training. Get in touch to find out more.

The seminar on the Scottish Lime Centre's findings of the Inverkeithing Stone and Slate survey, delivered in March, was a great success. For those who missed out, the seminar will run again on 18th June and we are reserving a significant number of the available places for people in Inverkeithing.

The seminar will give a better understanding of the condition and conservation needs of Inverkeithing's buildings and will identify the types of stone and roof coverings historically used in Inverkeithing. It is aimed at:

- Traditional property owners

- Those responsible for or interested in traditional building maintenance
- Contractors
- Building professionals
- Planners and others in local authorities
- Guidance teachers and pupils interested in careers in construction

We now have planning and listed building consent for the Town House refurbishment project and we're working with Clyde Archaeology to plan the work required in the graveyard behind the building. Work will be on site later this year.

A fantastic group of local people continues to meet monthly on Zoom, supported by Community Enterprise, to help plan the project and to support a smaller group who are forming the organisation that will manage the revitalised Town House. If you have time and skills to offer – in events, marketing, facilities management, governance etc., please do come along and find out more. We're also working with artist Catherine Lindow to develop a brand and logo.

The proposals for the main phase of the High Street improvement works, which are due on site in 2022, have now received planning permission and are available to view on the Inverkeithing project webpage.

The deadline for Expressions of Interest for the next round of building repair grants is coming up soon – please get in touch to discuss your project, and you can

read more about the grant scheme on the project webpage.

Inverkeithing Heritage Regeneration can fund training in traditional skills (the skills needed to repair and maintain buildings built before 1919) for the construction sector. This could include training in traditional masonry techniques, slating and leadwork for traditional roofs, or traditional joinery skills.

We can also help with funding for apprenticeships. Funds can cover half of the wages costs of a young person beginning a traditional skills apprenticeship, for their first year. If you know a traditional construction sector business in Fife that might be interested, please do get in touch.

Funding is available for traditional skills apprenticeships:



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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