

Grants Awarded - Delegated Decisions meeting of 15 and 28 February 2008

Number of awards - 9. Total value of awards - £348,400.

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Local Authority	Project Title	Description	Award / Grant Programme
Argyll and Bute			
	Dunollie	<p>The MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust has been awarded a Project Planning Grant to complete planning work at Dunollie Castle and Dunollie House. Dunollie Castle is A-listed and a Scheduled Ancient Monument dating from the 14th century. Dunollie House is B-listed and the earliest parts of the house are believed to date to 1611. The house contains the MacDougall collection which includes objects relating to folk-life.</p> <p>The grant will fund a physical survey of Dunollie Castle, leading to costed conservation and consolidation proposals. A Management Plan, Conservation Management Plan, Access and Audience Development Plan and an Education Plan will also be produced. This planning work will inform a future project to conserve and consolidate the remains of Dunollie Castle. It is also proposed that Dunollie House will be repaired and converted into a museum and visitor centre. This will interpret the Clan MacDougall collection through guided tours and formal displays.</p>	<p>£35,500</p> <p>Project Planning Grant</p>
East Lothian			
	Aberlady Heritage Project	<p>Aberlady Conservation Society has been awarded a grant of £50,000 towards a series of archaeological investigations in Aberlady. The village is recognised as being rich in archaeology and there is evidence of occupation since pre-historic times. A concentration of Anglo-Saxon metallic remains have been found in the area, although at present only limited research has taken place.</p>	<p>£50,000</p> <p>Your Heritage</p>

		The grant will be used towards a series of archaeological investigations of three sites, which will be undertaken by volunteers with professional guidance. Access to the sites will be improved as part of the project and the conservation society will work with the local primary school to develop an education pack. Panels, leaflets and maps will also be produced to increase understanding about the site.	
	John Gray Centre	<p>East Lothian Council has been awarded a grant of £1,390,000 towards the creation of the John Gray Centre in Haddington town centre. Named after the local 17th century scholar and linguist, this new facility will provide a sustainable reuse for four listed buildings in the town centre and will house the region's archives, including items to be returned from the National Archive for Scotland. Two new museum spaces will also be created. One will house a permanent exhibition and the other will be used for temporary displays developed by local interest groups,</p> <p>The buildings to be restored and adapted include No 52 High Street (the City Bank building), No 53 High Street, No 54 High Street (the Seed Merchant's Building) and the Grain Store. To complement this capital development, the Council is also proposing an exciting programme of interpretation, education, outreach and community involvement activities focused on archives, museum collections, archaeology, natural heritage and local history.</p>	<p>£1,390,000</p> <p>Heritage Grants</p>
	The Battle of Prestonpans	<p>The Battle of Prestonpans Heritage Trust has been awarded a grant of £49,300 towards a project to increase information about the victory gained by Bonnie Prince Charlie on 21 September 1745 at Prestonpans. The project hopes to engage the interest of local people in their heritage through various activities including opportunities for people to research and debate the battle. New interpretation about the battle will also be produced for the Trust's newly opened visitor centre.</p> <p>The project aims to combine historical research with archaeological fieldwork which will involve trained professionals and local volunteers. Approximately 60 volunteers from local schools, community groups and local history societies will be involved in the fieldwork. A further 15 volunteers will be trained as guides and around 200 people will take part in a</p>	<p>£49,300</p> <p>Your Heritage</p>

		<p>symposium which will encourage debate relating to the battle. Local artists will also be engaged in a competition to create the interpretative artwork for the project and an audio visual project will also take place, which will encourage young people to be involved and create a DVD showcasing the project's work.</p>	
Edinburgh			
	<p>Bird Friendly Schools</p>	<p>The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Scotland has been awarded a grant of £192,500 towards a three year natural heritage education programme. The aim is to run educational workshops in around 600 primary schools across lowland Scotland. RSPB Scotland is concerned that the future custodianship of Scotland's natural heritage is in jeopardy owing to a lack of knowledge and awareness of biodiversity and sustainable development. As future guardians of the heritage, it is essential that the younger generation is informed about the importance of Scotland's natural heritage and is encouraged to get involved in caring for it. Birds are an accessible and very visible part of our natural heritage; they are also a gateway to learning about broader environmental issues.</p> <p>The grant will be used to appoint 14 part-time staff across four geographical areas to deliver the project for its three year duration. It will also be used to produce resource materials to support project-related educational activities. In addition, the project will help to increase the population of once common urban and garden birds such as the starling and song thrush by increasing available food and nesting areas. These birds have faced a rapid decline in the breeding population of more than 50% over the last 25 years and are now <i>red-listed</i> species (indigenous species or subspecies considered to be extirpated, endangered, or threatened in their locale).</p>	<p>£192,500</p> <p>Heritage Grants</p>
	<p>Mountains for People</p>	<p>The National Trust for Scotland (NTS) has been awarded a grant of £304,000 towards a five year programme of path repairs on Glencoe, Torridon and Goatfell, three of Scotland's finest mountain ranges. The project will restore the damaged ground surrounding paths on all three mountains, leaving a sustainable path network. This work will herald the completion of a 20 year campaign to tackle mountain path erosion and restore fragile and damaged landscapes on NTS properties.</p>	<p>£304,000</p> <p>Heritage Grants</p>

		Mountains are a key element of Scotland's heritage, culture and character. The NTS allows free public access onto their mountain properties, however when visitors wander from designated paths, this can cause damage which can lead to widespread erosion of sensitive soils and vegetation complexes. The quality of physical access to the heritage will be improved, with a particular focus on peripheral routes, to encourage use by a broader range of visitors. A programme of education and interpretation will be developed to improve intellectual access. Approximately 400 volunteers will be given the opportunity to become actively involved in the project, receiving training from NTS rangers and project staff.	
Fife			
	The Ghost Show – Travelling Showpeople and Scotland's Moving Image Heritage	<p>MiMAC (Moving Image Media Access Centre) has been awarded a grant of £38,800 towards a project focusing on Scotland's travelling showpeople and the early development of cinema. Travellers established the mass appeal of film by showing films at fairground booths during the 1890s and early 1900s.</p> <p>The Centre will work with travellers who are currently based in the East End of Glasgow. An archive of oral history interviews will be produced, which will provide context for the film footage, already in existing archives. MiMAC will then use this collected information to run an outreach programme for schools, college students and adults in Glasgow and Fife.</p>	<p>£38,800</p> <p>Your Heritage</p>
Glasgow			
	Tall Ship Tales	<p>Toonspeak Young People's Theatre Company has been awarded a grant of £24,900 towards a project focusing on the history of the Tall Ship, S.V. Glenlee. Young people discover what life was like at the turn of the century, during this time the ship circumnavigated the globe four times.</p> <p>The project will run in partnership with the education team at the Tall Ship Glenlee. The project will culminate in 6 performances of the devised piece, on a purpose built stage on a piece of waste ground in North Glasgow, in August 2008. Rehearsals will take place on the Tall Ship S.V.Glenlee which will encourage the young people to interact with their heritage in an informal manner. A DVD of the production will also be produced. The applicant</p>	<p>£24,900</p> <p>Young Roots</p>

		intends to use an organisation which involves young people in the creation of their DVDs, with whom they have worked in the past.	
Highland			
	Eyes to the Skies I – Red Kite tracking and Education in North Scotland	<p>RSPB Scotland has been awarded a grant of £34,700 towards a project to engage and educate people about red kites in north Scotland. The red kite was persecuted nearly to extinction in Scotland and England during the 19th century and only a few remained in Wales. In 1989 a UK wide recovery programme was implemented and the red kite was successfully reintroduced to eight UK locations, including the north of Scotland. However, the red kite population in Scotland is still much smaller and more vulnerable than at UK sites. The RSPB hopes this project will help them to understand why the species is still facing difficulties and to raise the profile of the birds within the local community in an attempt to increase awareness and understanding of birds of prey and wider nature conservation issues.</p> <p>The project will attach GPS transmitters to seven young birds a year to record their daily travels and the information received from the satellite data will be available on a specifically produced website. An education programme will be developed and five new primary schools a year will adopt a kite. The RSPB will also train volunteers and involve them in practical conservation and education support work.</p>	<p>£34,700</p> <p>Your Heritage</p>
	Our Viking and Norse Heritage	<p>Castletown Heritage Society has been awarded a grant of £50,000 for a community-led archaeology project exploring the Norse and Viking Heritage in Caithness. At present, few written records exist on the Viking arrival and subsequent Norse settlements in North West Scotland.</p> <p>The project will focus on Dunnet Bay where two sites are known to exist, but have not been accurately located or excavated. Interpretation for these sites will be produced together with new information leaflets which will be available from the Tourist Office and Heritage Centre. All reports will be made available on the internet and stored with the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS).</p>	<p>£50,000</p> <p>Your Heritage</p>

Midlothian			
	Dalkeith Hammermen Society Banner	<p>St Nicholas Buccleuch Parish Church has been awarded a grant of £16,000 towards the restoration of an eighteenth century banner, which is situated in the church. The banner is the last remaining example of its kind depicting the trades that were carried out in Dalkeith at the time of its creation. The banner is currently in a poor condition and in need of urgent repair.</p> <p>The grant will go towards the restoration of the banner and the production of new interpretation, as once restored it will be re-hung in the church in a more prominent position. All the members of Dalkeith community will be invited to participate in educational activities, including art competitions and story and poetry writing competitions, based around the history of the banner and how it relates to the heritage of the town. The art and literature produced will be featured in the local press and in a special thanksgiving service to be held in the church.</p>	<p>£16,000</p> <p>Your Heritage</p>
Moray			
	Knockando Woolmill	<p>The Knockando Woolmill Trust has been awarded a grant of £1,300,000 (with Development Funding of £120,000) for work relating to a group of listed buildings in Moray which have operated as a small scale woollen mill since 1784. The buildings are the last remains of the history of Scotland's textile industry, where cloth has been manufactured continuously on site since 1784.</p> <p>The woolmill is currently in the ownership of the miller and the Trust will take ownership of the site and manage the project during and after completion of the capital works. The restored mill will be used for textile production and the restoration of the machinery and a new build conservation skills workshop will enable people to be trained in traditional engineering and textile craft skills, using traditional methods to ensure their survival.</p> <p>The A-listed Knockando Woolmill is a very rare example of small-scale industry in harmony with its rural setting. The site is now in a very poor state of repair and most of the buildings on the site are in imminent danger of collapse. The principal aim of the project is to conserve the buildings on the site and provide improved public access to both the built</p>	<p>£1,420,000</p> <p>Heritage Grants</p>

		and industrial heritage. It is proposed that through this project the machinery and buildings will be repaired and restored allowing production to continue and providing visitor facilities. Education, outreach and interpretation provision will encourage a greater understanding of and involvement with the woolmill and the traditions of textile production.	
North Ayrshire			
	Eglinton Country Park, Kilwinning, Tournament Bridge	<p>North Ayrshire Council has been awarded a grant of £345,000 towards the repair of the B-Listed Tournament Bridge in Eglinton Country Park. The Bridge was built as a point of access for the last great medieval tournament in Britain in 1839 which was held within the grounds. It is a gothic two span bridge with cast iron features and adornments dating from around 1805 and is among the earliest examples of cast iron bridges in Scotland. The bridge is currently in a dilapidated condition, rapidly deteriorating and at risk of loss.</p> <p>In addition to repair work, the project will include new interpretation next to the bridge therefore allowing more park visitors to be aware of the historical associations. The project will actively engage community and school groups in North Ayrshire, in learning about and enjoying their local and unique heritage. They will be involved in researching and creating interpretation. In addition, a range of activities will be organised for local people including an exhibition, guided tours, walks and a grand opening event based on the original Tournament event of 1839.</p>	<p>£345,000</p> <p>Heritage Grants</p>
Perth and Kinross			
	Bridging the Past: General Wade in Perthshire	<p>Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust has been awarded a grant of £145,500 towards a programme of conservation works and associated education and outreach initiatives relating to the network of bridges and roads constructed by General Wade in Perth and Kinross. The network was built by General Wade in response to the 1715 rebellion and the climate of general unrest that followed the Act of Union in 1707.</p> <p>The grant will enable the Trust to deliver conservation repairs to seven of the bridges in the network and associated volunteer-led clearance and drainage improvements. Interpretation will be provided at 24 bridges along with free leaflets, a series of guided walks and an extensive programme of formal and informal education activities. The public will be</p>	<p>£145,500</p> <p>Heritage Grants</p>

		encouraged to participate in a series of walks throughout Perth and Kinross and to learn more about this important aspect of the heritage.	
Shetland Islands			
	Sumburgh Head Restoration & Development	<p>The Shetland Amenity Trust has been awarded a Stage I pass* of £683,000 (with development funding of £37,000) towards the restoration of A-listed buildings at Sumburgh Head. The facility was designed and built by Robert Stevenson, with one of the first British radar stations being added to the site during World War Two. The principal aim of the project is to conserve the buildings on the site (which are closed to the public due to their current condition) and improve access to the site. Sumburgh Head is on a popular visitor circuit at the southern tip of Shetland which includes the 4,000 year old site at Jarlshof and the Iron Age village at Old Scatness. The Trust proposes to develop high-quality visitor accommodation and an RSPB office in two of the three main buildings at the site to generate income to help maintain the buildings and convert the third into an interpretation facility over two floors looking at the natural heritage of Sumburgh Head. In addition, the existing engine room will be refurbished and used to interpret the story of the Lighthouse and the radar huts will be opened up and interpreted to tell visitors about the role the area played in the Second World War.</p> <p>Sumburgh Head Lighthouse is the first building seen by visitors approaching Shetland by sea or air. Located at the southern tip of Shetland Mainland and completed in 1821, the Lighthouse is described as one of Scotland's finest surviving examples of early 19th century lighthouse architecture. Later buildings at the site, such as the 1905 foghorn and Cane Home Low Radar Station dating back to WWII, are included in the A-listing. Sumburgh Head is also an important natural heritage asset, due to the large number of breeding seabirds including, fulmar, guillemot, kittiwake, puffin, razorbill and shag.</p>	£720,000 Heritage Grants
	Bronze Age Bressay	The Scape Trust has been awarded a grant to aid in the excavation and re-construction of Cruester Burnt Mound, a prehistoric Bronze Age site at risk from coastal erosion on Bressay. The site's original purpose is debatable but it is believed to be where heated stones were used to boil water in a stone tank – possibly for the purposes of producing steam for a sauna.	£49,200 Your Heritage

		As well as excavation work, the project will provide opportunities for the involvement of the local community and schools in archaeological activities. The project will also work to enhance the interpretation and produce a permanent exhibition which will be displayed at Bressay Heritage Centre.	
South Lanarkshire			
	Lanark Memorial Hall	<p>South Lanarkshire Council has been awarded a grant of £199,000 towards a project to refurbish and improve access to Lanark Memorial Hall. This Grade B listed building now requires complete restoration and upgrading to secure its future. The HLF grant will be used for repairs to the masonry, roofing, stained glass windows and flooring. The grant will also enable the creation of a new exhibition space and improve access to the War Memorial.</p> <p>Lanark Memorial Hall was built in 1926 in memory of the 232 men belonging to Lanark and District who lost their lives in WWI. The building is well used as a community hall and performance space and welcomes a wide range of events and activities. Currently no interpretation exists relating to the Halls and the heritage of the building is all but forgotten, with the Memorial Halls only being used for Remembrance days. Once complete, the refurbished hall is expected to attract even more organisations than it currently does. As a performance venue and community hub, it will be able to accommodate larger productions and improve the cultural life of South Lanarkshire.</p>	<p>£199,000</p> <p>Heritage Grants</p>

Repair Grants for Places of Worship Scheme

The purpose of this scheme is to fund emergency high level repairs to listed places of worship to ensure that they are wind and watertight. The scheme is run in partnership with Historic Scotland. Nine churches were awarded a Stage One Pass* at the Committee for Scotland meeting of 26 February 2008:

9 awards totalling £901,100

- EU Congregational Church, Ardrossan - £25,000
- Falkirk Old and St Modan's Parish Church, Falkirk- £62,000
- Townkirk of Stranraer - £120,000
- St Andrew's, Ayr - £128,100
- St Geraldine's High Church, Lossiemouth - £60,900
- St Michael's & All Angels Church, Helensburgh - £114,500
- St Thomas Junction Road Parish Church, Edinburgh - £137,211
- St John's Church, Dunoon - £148,000
- Yester Parish Church, East Lothian - £117,600

* A 'Stage One Pass' means that money has been earmarked by the Heritage Lottery Fund for the project in question. Competition at this stage is tough, and while a Stage One Pass does not guarantee funding, it is an indication of positive support, and money for the scheme is set aside. The applicant can then progress to Stage Two and submit a further, fully developed application to secure the full grant.

Awards for All, February 2008

Grants Awarded – Committee date of 19 February 2008

Number of awards - 9. Total value of awards - £61,282

Local Authority	Project Title	Description	Award / grant Programme
Angus			
	Dunnichen Heritage Society	This new group aims to explore and record the history of the Dunnichen area. The grant will be used to fund a geophysical survey to confirm research that shows the area was used as a burial site. This will allow the group to update local history records.	£1,691 Awards for All
Dumfries and Galloway			
	Gatehouse of Fleet Community Council	Gatehouse of Fleet Community Council has been awarded a grant to restore eight chairs and a table dating from the 1840s, previously situated in the old town hall before it was demolished. The restored furniture will be on public view in the Mill on the Fleet, an old cotton mill, restored as a tourist attraction. The furniture will help create a themed room of local historical interest to the community and to tourists.	£2,830 Awards for All
East Ayrshire			
	Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership	Irvine Valley Regeneration Partnership promotes the regeneration of the Irvine Valley area in order to improve the quality of life for current and future generations. This grant will fund the group to undertake conservation work on a local cairn, allowing the site to be enjoyed by future generations.	£7,425 Awards for All
Fife			
	Dog Tag Productions	This new group provides training and support in video production to armed forces' veterans. The award will fund the start-up of the group, allowing them to purchase a laptop with editing system, adobe editing software, HD camera, memory cards, lenses, microphone and tripod. The group will deliver video production workshops and aim to document the experience of veterans of various conflicts since 1945.	£8,700 Awards for All
	Rosyth Garden City Association	Rosyth Garden City Association provides educational and social opportunities for local people. They have been awarded a grant towards a week long heritage event based around Rosyth Castle, which has been newly opened to the public. The award will fund marquee hire, lighting and audio hire, publicity costs, insurance costs, performer's fees and costume & prop costs. The event will provide an educational experience of life in the 15th/16th centuries through storytelling, drama, dancing and falconry.	£5,900 Awards for All
Highland			
	Nigg Old Trust	Nigg Old Trust looks after the historic artefacts of Nigg Old Church. This award will enable the group to commission a feasibility study into the sympathetic restoration, conservation and display of the Nigg cross slab, which is of significant importance to the local community. The study will concentrate on the best way to display and provide access to the artefact for the benefit of the community. This project will provide a common interest throughout the community and will help promote the research of the community's rural history.	£6,326 Awards for All
Renfrewshire			
	The Sma' Shot Celebration Group	This group promotes the history and culture of Paisley, with a particular focus on the Sma' Shot Day celebrations. The award will fund materials and food to enable participation in the Sma' Shot annual parade as well as the creation of a website about the history of the group to encourage awareness of its existence.	£7,760 Awards for All

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