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Hello,

As you know, the Scottish Community Heritage Alliance was formed in 2020, following series of twelve regional workshops organised by a partnership between the University of St Andrews, the National Library and Ergadia. Almost immediately, however, we were hit by the pandemic. SCHA did what we could while working digitally - working to keep everyone informed of national initiatives and sources of emergency support, and we were instrumental in persuading MHS to widen the scope of its funding (for the first time) to non-accredited museums.

Since then, we have been awarded funding from NLHF to take on temporary member of staff to help us increase our membership and work on ways to involve and energise the community heritage groups who do such good work across Scotland. We will continue to promote community heritage across the country through networking, advocacy and research.

Regards

Nicola McHendry

Membership Secretary
Scottish Community Heritage Alliance

MEMBERSHIP

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JOIN US
Add your voice

Why join SCHA?

Many individuals and groups feel that the big players claim to speak on behalf of the grassroots organisations, though without adequately canvassing their views, or understanding of regional differences. SCHA will represent these views, and advocate for change.

As a member you will have a direct input into priorities and ways of working. We hope to hold regional meetings and outreach, with a mixture of online and in person.

Whether you are part of an existing group which would like to affiliate, or an individual, we want to hear from you.

Benefits

- Free Membership
- Networking opportunities
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Expand your online reach
- Support and advice

Join [here](#) and become part of the new community heritage support movement in Scotland.

MEET THE TEAM



Nicola McHendry - Membership Secretary and your main contact at SCHA

Nicola is a freelance heritage consultant based in central Scotland but with family links in the Highlands. Specialising in community engagement, she has developed a passion for engaging people from all walks of life in their community history; developing programs which provide a level of access and participation which reflects the rich diversity of our population. She is an advocate for the social role of heritage sites in bolstering community pride and shaping how local areas are understood and appreciated.

NETWORKING



Metal detecting finds from across Scotland were showcased during Highland Heritage Day in Dingwall.

Our new membership secretary has been hard at work spreading the word about SCHA at events including ICOM's National Conference, Highland Heritage Day and at the Scottish Local History Forum's conference. These events are a great way to network with other individuals and organisations in the sector and we would encourage you to attend upcoming events in your area. In the future, SCHA hopes to recreate the success of Highland Heritage Day in other areas, showcasing all the incredible scope of Community Heritage in Scotland.

MEMBER'S SPOTLIGHT



Friends of Kilbride

Friends of Kilbride (SCO46175) exists to maintain, preserve and promote the ruins of an eighteenth century prayer house, historic churchyard and Memorial Burial Aisle for Clan MacDougall all situated on a secluded and scenic Glen two miles south of Oban (which was the centre of population in this part of Lorn until the Victorian age). All of these structures were built in the environs of a Holy Well (dedicated to St Brigid, the Virgin of Lorn), and was until the Reformation the site of a substantial medieval church. The churchyard has been professionally catalogued so that visitors can easily locate memorials to their ancestors, plus the Memorial Aisle brings vividly to life the transition of Clan MacDougall from Jacobite rebels to scions of the establishment and Empire. Friends of Kilbride are close to completing the final stage of their renovation and preservation programme, which has been running for five years at a total cost of £150K.

UPCOMING EVENTS

St Andrews & Empire

May 20 to Oct 1, 12pm - 4pm

St Andrews Heritage Museum & Garden, 12 North Street, St Andrews

An exhibition showcasing a selection of local history objects from our collection with links to the British Empire.

www.standrewsmuseum.com

Highland Games and Country Fair

May 21, 10am - 5pm

Gordon Castle Walled Garden, Fochabers

Invergordon Museum Art Exhibition

May 25 to 28

Invergordon Naval Museum and Heritage Centre, High Street, Invergordon, IV18 0AE

A display of art from throughout Scotland, in particular the Highlands.

www.invergordonmuseum.co.uk

What Scots Hae: Intangible Cultural Heritage in Scotland- Traditional Music Forum

May 26, 9.30am - 6pm

Birnam Arts, Station Road, Birnam PH8 0DS

A conference to take stock of where we are with Intangible Cultural Heritage in Scotland and to look ahead to where we might be.

Ar Daimhean is Dualchas / Our Relationships and Heritage

June 1, 10.30am - 2.30pm

Seallam! Visitor Centre, Harris

An interactive workshop to explore how we can improve the ways we work together to protect and promote local heritage practices.

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June 31, 10.30am - 2.30pm

Museum & Tasglann nan Eilean, Lews Castle Grounds, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis

The Outer Hebrides has a rich resource of intangible cultural heritage including language, traditions, rituals, songs, crafts and much more. This living heritage might not have a fixed shape, but is vital to understanding our places and making sense of who we are.

Farming Heritage Show and Annual Rally

June 4, 11am to 6pm

Kilmaron School, Balgarvie Road, Cupar, Fife

Vintage Agricultural Machinery Club rally

Heritage in Action Day

July 6

Highland Folk Museum Aultlarie Croft, Kingussie Road, Newtonmore

Heritage in Action Days offer the chance to see and take part in a range of activities across the museum. There will be demonstrations of traditional skills including rope making, spinning, waulking the cloth and lots more.

To Archive or not to Archive in the Digital Age

September 5, 10.30am

Cramond Heritage Trust - Lauriston Castle, 2 Cramond Road S, Edinburgh

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October 2 & 3

The Engine Shed. Forthside Way, Stirling

WHUK's 2023 Annual Conference will be held at Stirling, Scotland, at Historic Environment Scotland's Engine Shed. The conference's theme will be 'World Heritage for All', exploring inclusivity and diversity.

Highland Archaeology Festival; Celebrating Highland Archaeology, History and Heritage

September 23 to October 14

The festival is provided by the Highland Council and runs over three weeks each late September/October to celebrate the heritage of the Highlands from earliest settlers to modern times, below ground and above. Whether you are a seasoned archaeologist or a complete beginner, the festival will let you explore an amazing range of places and collections. There's something to suit everyone and many of the events are free!

[Scottish Archaeology month](#)

October 7 & 8

If you would like an upcoming event at your site featured here please email: fiona@letspromoteonline.co.uk

HAVE YOUR SAY

What would you like to see in our next newsletter? How can SCHA help you? Would you like to get involved at board level? Whatever your thoughts are, we want to hear from you. Get in touch [here](#).

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