



A ROOM WITH A VIEW



Work on the construction site is going very well. It's hard to believe that, tucked away behind the Carnegie Library, almost three quarters of the new build is now complete!

The children's library, café and museum spaces are really taking shape, with internal walls and ceilings being fitted, electrics and heating installed. The top level of the museum spaces boast fantastic panoramic views to the south as well as fabulous views of the Abbey, City Chambers and Abbot House. *(continues on page 2)*



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Final details are being put together for the plans of the garden areas to the west of the building, including a labyrinth, sunken lawn and statues of two Robert Burns characters.

The construction work is due to finish later this year and focus will then shift to fitting out the museum displays. By the end of the year we should also see work beginning on installation of the museum objects – all in time for an opening in spring 2017!

Educational Resources



Two work placement students – history graduates, Tracy Lee and Sally Chalmers, have helped develop educational resources for the new Museum. After consultation with a forum of 11 teachers from local primary and secondary schools, they've created prototype loan boxes and downloadable materials which they are testing now at McLean, Townhill, Lynburn and Duloch Primary Schools. The museum team have also been having a go as they are great fun!



Youth Volunteers

Teenage volunteers include the Air Cadets of 1145 (Dunfermline) Squadron, with their World War One Research Project. Senior history students at Queen Anne High School attended an Interpretive Writing Course and have taken up the challenge of creating exhibition panels for display at school and in our opening exhibition, working title "We Made It!". We've been so impressed with the young volunteers' commitment and enthusiasm.

Museum Design

We've been excited to see some of the graphics and interactives coming to fruition from our multimedia contractors, *Centre Screen*. They're bringing to life museum objects and 'Dunfermline of Old' through games, videos and fun interactive activities.

We can't wait for you to see and experience them in the new museum.



Object measuring

Some of our volunteers recently helped us measure objects and check their conservation status for the new museum. This is an important job: we need to identify what needs 'fixing' before the objects go on display (hopefully very little!). Many objects will have tailor-made mounts upon which they'll be displayed; we need accurate measurements in order for these to be made. Thanks to our dedicated and meticulous volunteers for helping us out.

Scotland's Heritage Angels Awards

The Dean of Guild Court Plans Volunteers were shortlisted from 90 applications in the category of Investigating & Recording. The film that was made about the project and shown at the event hosted by Sally Magnusson at the Royal Lyceum Theatre in Edinburgh gives an insight into the engagement and commitment that the Dunfermline project has engendered in our volunteers.



Watch the film here:

<http://www.scottishheritageangelawards.org.uk/awards/a-dean-of-guild-court-plans-volunteer-group/>

Local Studies Library

Hello, I am **Sara Ann Kelly**, the new Local Studies Officer based in St Margaret's House in Dunfermline until we return to the beautiful new building next door. I am delighted to be looking after such an interesting and wide ranging collection and to be working with such a lovely bunch of people. My main task is to make sure that all of the Local Studies items are accessible, well looked after, and that we offer an even better service in our new home. If you haven't met me yet please introduce yourself, I look forward to working with you.



Dunfermline Local Studies library is currently operating in the ground floor of St Margaret's House and offers a very friendly welcome to all those wishing to find out about the local area or study their own family history. We have a fantastic collection of photographs for you to browse through as well as maps, census records, parish records and of course free access to the Ancestry database, not to mention the impressive book stock which is available for reference by request. Come and visit us from Monday to Saturday from 9.30 until 5pm. Late nights are on Thursday until 7pm

Give us a ring on 01383 602365 or email us directly at LocalStudies.Dunfermline@onfife.com

Get involved... find out more

There will be lots of ways that you can help make the new Dunfermline Museum into something to be proud of. More information will be issued in our newsletters which you can download from the website or receive by post if you send in a request to join a newsletter mailing list. Send an email to libraries.museums@onfife.com or ask in one of our libraries.

You are also welcome to contact The Museum Project Team
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