

Royal Dunfermline - A Story to Weave

New Museum & Art Gallery

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Oh Yay! Oh Yeah! Museum & Art Gallery will go ahead



On Monday 4th February the Heritage Lottery Fund announced its support for the project to the tune of a £2.8 million grant. Fife Council has allocated £6.8 million from its capital budget for the project together with capital support from the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust.

To mark the occasion representatives from Fife Council, Fife Cultural Trust, and the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust joined the Town Crier and local drummer to pose with the Dunfermline town drum. The 200 year old drum is one of the objects that will feature in the new museum. In centuries past it was played round the town to mark the time and draw attention to the council's proclamations in the days before printed notices.

Lisa Meikle is a drummer with the Dunfermline District & Scottish Transport Regiment Pipe Band. Adam Drew, whose hobby is historical re-enactment, played the role of the bellman who often accompanied the town drummer.

Also in the photograph, from left to right, are Robin Watson, Chair of Carnegie Dunfermline Trust, Councillor Bob Young, and Stuart Cross, Chair of Fife Cultural Trust.

The first stage in the plans will be to gather the Design Team together to begin the detailed work

which will bring the building alive and ready for business in 2016. Also on the immediate agenda is a full archaeological dig on the car parks behind the library and former bank. Given the location within the ancient Abbey grounds, and with the recent discovery of the remains of King Richard III in a car park in England, we are wondering just what we might find.



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ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

September 2011's trial excavation, which revealed wall footings and foundations, will be used to inform a full archaeological dig of the car parks behind the Library and behind 5-7 Abbot Street, starting in May this year. We're hoping to expand and enhance our understanding of Dunfermline's earliest medieval origins and the layout of its once great royal abbey. The dig will be run by a professional archaeology company and will provide a rare opportunity for volunteers to help uncover the past.

Contact Lesley Botten at Dunfermline Carnegie Library for more information on volunteering.



Get involved ... Find out more

For the next 3 years 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 quarterly newsletters which you can download from the website or receive by post if you send in a request to join a newsletter mailing list. Email libraries.museums@fife.gov.uk or pick up a mailing list request form at a Dunfermline library, or go to:

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Funded by Fife Council, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and The Carnegie Dunfermline Trust, Royal Dunfermline – A Story to Weave will develop a new and accessible museum and art gallery in the heart of Dunfermline's heritage quarter, adjacent to and integrating with the world's first Carnegie Library.



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