

TOMINTOUL AND GLENLIVET LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP

The aim of the Landscape Partnership project is to use the rich heritage of the area to promote rural regeneration. The vision is for the communities of Tomintoul and Glenlivet to share and celebrate the hidden heritage of the area, enhancing the landscape, heritage, skills and development opportunities in the long term.

We* are currently in the **Development Phase** of the Landscape Partnership. We have funding from Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) (£172K), Cairngorms National Park Authority (£50K), Highlands & Islands Enterprise (£50K), Crown Estate (£40K) and Chivas Brothers (£5K) to cover the costs of this Phase.

The purpose of the Development Phase is to put together detailed plans for a number of projects that have already been approved by HLF. This includes having things like planning permission or licenses in place where required. All of the projects will at different stages need input, views, ideas and the involvement of the community. The projects are briefly summarised below with the lead organisation also shown.

At the end of the Development Phase (May 2016) we must submit a full Landscape Conservation Action Plan to HLF in order to secure the full funding package for the **Delivery Phase**. It's a lengthy process that will involve a lot of people from within the community and a wide range of organisations.

For further general information, contact the Landscape Partnership Development Officer, Marion McDonald who is in post to co-ordinate everything leading to the 'second-round' funding submission to HLF. marionmcdonald@cairngorms.co.uk. 07590 230161

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF PROJECTS:

WETLANDS AND WADERS (RSPB)

- Working with land managers to create and manage habitat for wading birds, such as lapwing and snipe
- Constructing a bird hide to enable viewing and use for education programmes
- Providing training opportunities for volunteers

WATER ENVIRONMENT (Spey Catchment Initiative)

- Restoring and enhancing rivers and burns as part of wider Spey Catchment Initiative
- Taking action to stabilise river banks, tackle pollution and slow the flow of water
- Training available for volunteers

ACCESS (Cairngorms National Park Authority)

- Upgrade the Speyside Way spur (5km) to encourage more walkers to visit the area
- 2km of new low level paths
- Path construction and maintenance training for volunteers

BLAIRFINDY CASTLE (Crown Estate)

- Stabilise the structure of Blairfindy Castle
- Create public access for visitors, signage, waymarking.
- Training in traditional building and conservation skills available for volunteers

SCALAN (Crown Estate)

- Conserve Scalan mill buildings and improve access
- Conserve the graffiti and agricultural implements collection
- Offer demonstrations in traditional crafts and skills

COMMUNITY HERITAGE (CNPA/RCAHMS)

- Identify opportunities for conservation and nature related projects
- Support volunteers to undertake a community landscapes archaeology project
- Identify and check existing archaeological data and prioritise sites for further investigation

ORAL HISTORY (Tomintoul & Glenlivet Developemnt Trust)

- Gather memories and stories about life in the Tomintoul and Glenlivet area
- Support individuals as volunteers to conduct the interviews
- Record a snapshot of young people's perceptions of Tomintoul and Glenlivet now

TOMINTOUL MUSEUM (Tomintoul & Glenlivet Developemnt Trust)

- Preserve the local heritage and culture of Tomintoul and Glenlivet
- Develop interactive displays and interpretation to enhance the visitor experience
- Create a hub for all visitors to the area, showcasing our rich heritage and sites of importance

INTERPRETATION (Cairngorms National Park Authority)

- Create a visitor profile, audit of existing interpretation, interpretive plan, interpretive strategy
- Investigate digital technology to improve interpretation for visitors
- Create a website and web based resources to share information and experiences of the other projects

TRAINING (Cairngorms Learning Partnership)

- Identify training needs for tourism and land based businesses
- Help businesses to better understand the heritage around them in Tomintoul and Glenlivet
- Develop a learning hub in Tomintoul to deliver direct and remote training for businesses and residents

EDUCATION (Cairngorms National Park Authority)

- Run Junior Ranger programme with Speyside HS and deliver elements of Rural Skills Programme
- Create educational resources specific to the cultural and natural heritage of Tomintoul & Glenlivet
- Help young people from deprived areas connect with the rural landscape using the John Muir Award

MAPPING (Crown Estate)

- Bring different sets of geographic data together into one mapping system
- Use new system to improve modelling of impact on habitats and species
- Use new Mapping system to improve decision making across multiple organisations

CELEBRATION (Tomintoul & Glenlivet Developemnt Trust)

- Celebrate the landscape, heritage and culture of Tomintoul and Glenlivet through a series of events
- Showcase to visitors about what makes our area so special and unique
- Provide opportunities for visitors and residents to engage with and celebrate our landscape

* Who are we? It is a partnership consisting of, in no specific order: Tomintoul & Glenlivet Development Trust, Crown Estate, CNPA, Royal Commission on the Ancient & Historic Monuments of Scotland, Kirkmichael & Tomintoul Community Association, Glenlivet & Inveravon Community Association, Scottish Natural Heritage, RSPB, Spey Catchment Initiative, Highlands & Islands Enterprise, SEPA, Cairngorms Learning Partnership, Chivas Bros, Moray Council, Cairngorms Outdoor Access Trust, Forestry Commission Scotland.