

# Farming & Crofting Heritage

Cairngorms Crofters & Farmers Community  
Produced October 2025



CCFC was formed in 2024 to bring crofters and farmers together to share knowledge, promote the value of local agriculture, celebrate traditions, and find practical solutions to modern challenges.

## Key outcomes / achievements

- Crofter / farmer skill and knowledge share.
- Promotion of local food and nature.
- Events / peer support for wellbeing and reduced isolation
- Access to funding, training and advice.
- Shared and recorded stories and traditions.
- A unified voice for crofters and farmers in local and national policy.
- Promotion of the value of local agriculture

## Our focus:

Our work focuses on working with our members and partners to sustain rural livelihoods, protect the environment, and strengthening the social fabric of our communities for the present and future.

## Our vision:

A future where agriculture maintains financial and environmental sustainability within a thriving rural community in and around the Cairngorms with a sense of pride in our culture heritage and our natural capital, while creating great local food and providing our children with a sustainable future in farming and crofting.



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# Clan Macpherson Museum Newtonmore

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Experience the story of high resolve, patriotism, loyalty and the Jacobite cause at the Clan Macpherson Museum.

## The Clan, the land, the history

The Clan Macpherson Museum first opened its doors in 1952 to house treasures already in the hands of individuals. Over the years it has grown considerably in both size and stature and now boasts a large collection of artefacts and other objects of historical importance. The collections are significant to the Highlands of Scotland and to members of the Macpherson Clan in particular.



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# Dark Skies

## Tomintoul & Glenlivet

### Cairngorms Dark Sky Park

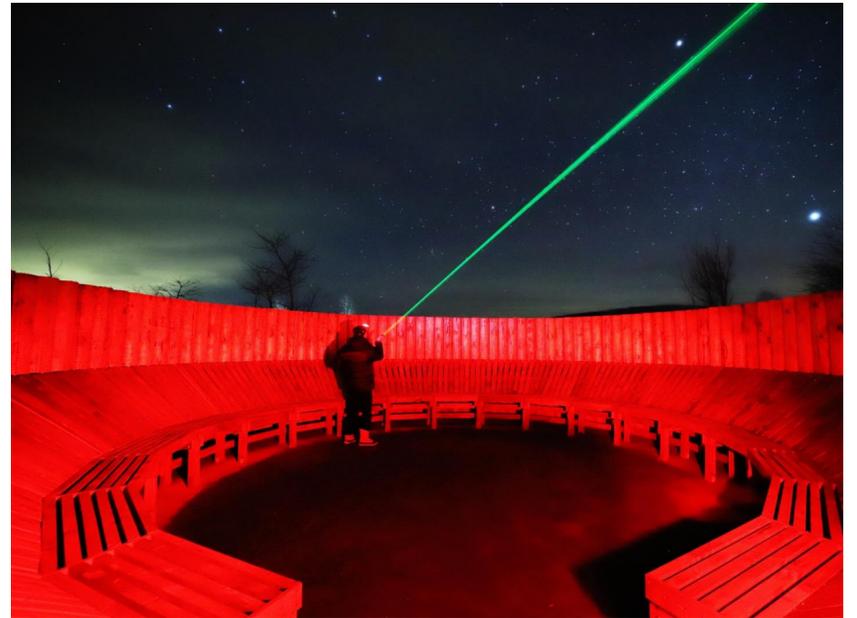
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The Glenlivet and Tomintoul area is one of the best places in the Cairngorms National Park to discover the wonders of the night sky.

#### Get closer to the stars!

- Stargazing sessions
- Night walks
- Custom small group tours
- Telescope sessions
- Aurora borealis
- Meteor showers
- Moon in the Square



“A big thank you for our guided tour last night. We are still buzzing this morning. It was a special experience we shall be talking about for many years to come.”

Nigel, stargazing participant

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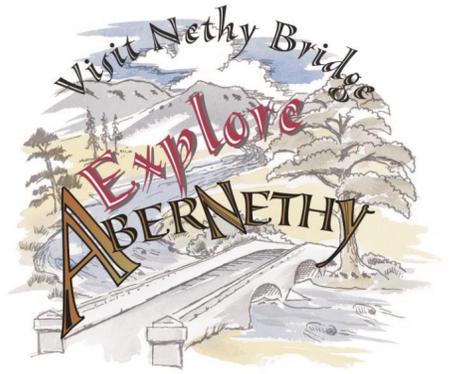
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# Explore Abernethy

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Explore Abernethy manages the community path network and Visitor Centre in Nethy Bridge, promoting the cultural and natural heritage of Abernethy.

## Key outcomes / achievements

- Riverside and woodland trails through Abernethy forest
- Visitor Centre with displays on local history and wildlife
- Exhibition on historic timber floating
- History walks with RSPB archaeologist
- Evening talks on local history and Gaelic place names
- Local volunteers manage and maintain visitor centre
- Community ranger and volunteers look after paths



This has been a successful enterprise, continuing over nearly 30 years. Maintaining the path network, appreciated by both locals and visitors, remains our greatest challenge.

Jane Lilley  
Explore  
Abernethy



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# First People of the Spey

Grantown Museum 2024  
Inveraven Church 2025



Exhibition, associated book, ancient places tours , iron age encampment, schools learning pack

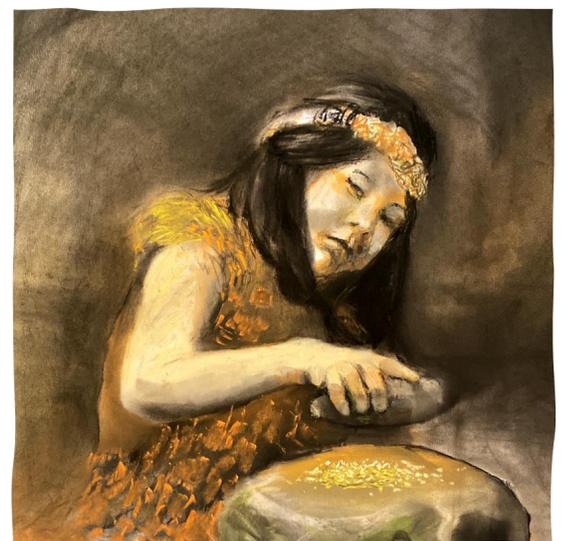
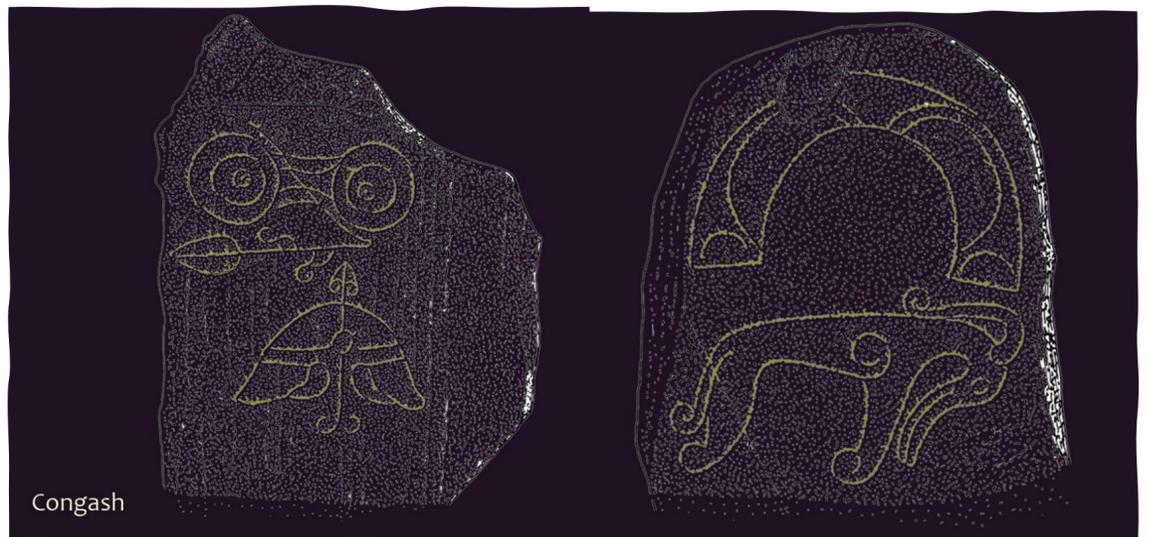
## Key outcomes / achievements

- Ancient Archaeology of the Spey display
- Loans from National Museum and Inverness Museum
- Discovery tours of ancient sites in the Strath
- A weekend iron age encampment
- High level school's engagement
- Handling box and digital learning pack
- Exhibition now on tour in Inveraven church



The project created so much learning about our ancient past – there are some amazing sites to visit all around us.

Dan Cottam  
Grantown Museum



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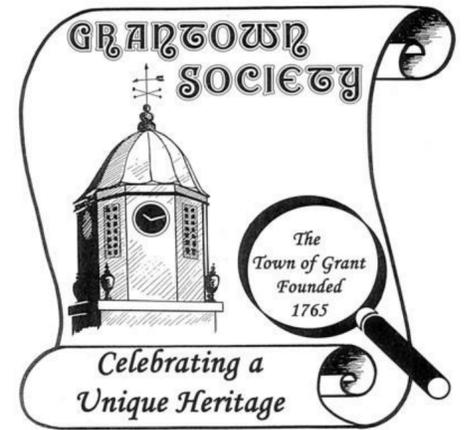
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# The Grantown Society

The Grantown Hub, 2 High Street,  
Grantown-on-Spey



The GRANTOWN HUB is the home of The Grantown Society; community-led and volunteer-managed; celebrating and sustaining, signposting, promoting and developing Grantown's unique:

-  Culture
-  Community
-  Enterprise
-  Heritage
-  Health & Welfare



“A wonderful space, with lovely people and a warm welcome- fantastic community space – area for locals to feel connected – both digitally and socially. We are proud to support such an important hub.”

Jeff McKenzie  
Highland Broadband

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# Laggan Church Partnership

A SCIO set up to own and manage the church in Laggan



**Laggan Church**  
weddings | funerals | exhibitions | special events

Laggan Church Partnership is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) established in 2024.

Having purchased Laggan Church for the community, we hope to plan its future use to promote the heritage and community of Laggan, while also providing a venue for arts and music events.

We are at the stage of seeking professional advice to help us develop a range of options, which we will then present to the community to gauge opinion.

The present Kirk was built in 1785. The ten pine pillars which support the roof were felled in local forests and are reputed to be unique. The high Pulpit is also a notable feature. The height of the Pulpit was calculated so that the Minister would neither look up to nor down on the Lairds sitting in the Gallery.



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# Laggan Heritage

We are a community organisation,  
formed in 2000



Our group formed from a community initiative to create a large quilt for the millennium, depicting the variety of activities undertaken in the parish of Laggan.

We have published several books

**Laggan** - covers a wide spectrum, from archaeology, geology, history, agriculture, to folklore and even treasure-hunting

**Laggan's Legacy** – a personal history of a highland community, written by its people

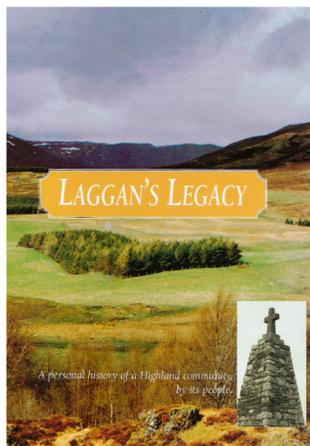
**Stells, Stools and Strupachd** – a personal reminiscence of sheep, shepherding, farming and the social activities of a Highland Parish

**Laggan Remembers** - a tribute to the young men of Laggan who gave their lives in two World Wars.

These have helped record some of the old ways of Laggan and provide us with a small income

There is a grandeur and wild originality in the scenes around Laggan which elevates the mind and fills it with solumn pleasure

Mrs Anne Grant of Laggan



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# Community Memory Days

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As part of the Tomintoul & Glenlivet Landscape Partnership, we held four volunteer-run 'Memory Days' in the area – free events for people to share memories and photos, over tea and cakes. These Memory Days proved very popular and were copied by other heritage projects in the area.

Volunteers scanned in the old photographs and also made oral history recordings of local people's memories of our area. These records were then key-worded by volunteers and now form a Digital Archive, to be shared online. The system continues to be developed and grown.

...sharing memories....



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