

Our Heritage, Our Future

Community Heritage Climate Action Plan Programme



Community Heritage Climate Action Plans

We support communities to explore, record and protect their heritage through the creation of a bespoke Community Heritage Climate Action Plan.

We look at the buildings, places and traditions that are important to the community and consider future threats and opportunities, including the impacts of climate change.

We facilitate a series of workshops and activities which generate the contents of the action plan, then continue to support your community as you add to, update and implement the plan over time.



Workshops and activities can include:



Exploring local heritage

We facilitate public workshops for communities to explore local built, cultural and natural heritage, and discuss what is important to them.



Exploring your place

We support conversations which explore the connections between people, place and our built, natural and cultural heritage. This can help to pinpoint the assets of a place and spark ideas for action.



Impacts of climate change on heritage

Learn about the climate emergency, look at how heritage is affected by climate change locally, regionally and on a global scale and think about how heritage can be preserved.



Identifying actions

We will guide community groups through a range of climate and heritage actions to include in their plans, discuss practical applications, and schedule them in the short, medium and long term.



Sharing with the community

Once the set of actions has been identified, we will invite the wider community to hear about progress so far and encourage them to contribute their own thoughts and ideas. Working together we'll organise the actions into a prioritised list, and actively seek opportunities to collaborate on the implementation phase.

Who is it for?

Community groups with an interest in exploring, recording and protecting the heritage of their local area. Your group doesn't need to have an existing heritage focus to take part.

What do you get?

Throughout the process, you will have access to:

- A dedicated Our Heritage, Our Future project officer.
- A network of like-minded communities and individuals across Scotland.
- Support to engage the wider community.
- Signposting to funding opportunities and resources.

Our project team will collate the information gathered across the workshops into a bespoke Community Heritage Climate Action Plan for your community.

How much does it cost?

This is a completely **FREE** service, made possible by Historic Environment Scotland and The National Lottery Heritage Fund, with thanks to The National Lottery players.

How do we get involved?

Send a paragraph detailing the need for a Community Heritage Climate Action Plan in your area to: communities@keepscotlandbeautiful.org

We will review and get in touch to discuss if an action plan is right for you.

Please include the following:

- Organisation / group name
- Operating postcode
- Tell us about your group's set-up and core aims
- Tell us about your community e.g. urban/coastal/rural, specific barriers faced
- Is there some specific heritage that your community is keen to preserve e.g. buildings at risk/green spaces/culture and traditions

Here's what some of the communities we have worked with had to say about their Community Heritage Climate Action Plan:

St Fillans

"Group members have benefitted from the expertise of the Our Heritage, Our Future staff in many ways. Guidance on accessing funding, researching our areas of interest and archiving existing archives has been invaluable."



St Peter in Chains

"Our Heritage, Our Future has breathed new life into our funding hopes, brought excitement to our heritage engagement plans, and replaced fear with purpose as we face the challenges of climate change."

Scottish Maritime Museum

"The Our Heritage, Our Future team not only helped the group expand their understanding of climate issues, but they also provided training for the whole museum team, including staff, volunteers and members of the board. Their support has also been influential in making sure climate and environmental sustainability has been included in the Scottish Maritime Museum's mid-term business strategy update."



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