



QUEENSFERRY HERITAGE TRUST - NOTES OF AGM HELD 27 APRIL 2017

28 Members attended the meeting with 11 Apologies

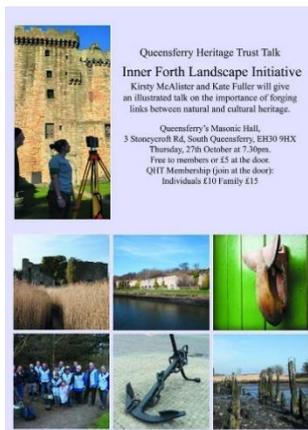
Queensferry Heritage Trust 2016-17

Broadening horizons

Queensferry Heritage Trust has completed its second year with an increased membership and horizons broadened.

Activities – Talks, Visits & Doors Open Day

Our chair, John Murphy, reported on the year's activities. These included a programme of seven talks on topics that ranged from witches to the River Forth in World War I, from Dundas Castle to Queensferry Harbour, from lime and limestone to life and landscape of the Forth, with a talk highlighting the realities and practicalities of decay and conservation.



Queensferry Heritage Trust Talk
Inner Forth Landscape Initiative
 Kirsty McAlister and Kate Fuller will give an illustrated talk on the importance of forging links between natural and cultural heritage.
 Queensferry's Masonic Hall,
 3 Stonecroft Rd, South Queensferry, EH30 9HX
 Thursday, 27th October at 7.30pm.
 Free to members or £5 at the door.
 QHT Membership (one at the door):
 Individuals £10 Family £15

The topics reflect a focus not just on Queensferry but also on the wider history and heritage that have affected life and work in this community.

The final event in the programme was a visit in March organised by Clare Meredith to General Register House where the group had the opportunity to gain insights into Queensferry's multi-layered past through examining archival material assembled by Register House staff. A follow-up visit is being planned.

As well as talks, the Trust organised, with the help of Allan Smith of The Forts, a highly successful event for Doors Open Day in September, which attracted 500 visitors of all ages. We are very grateful to Allan and his son, and to the volunteers from the Trust and the History Group, who were all vital to the day's success.



Community Groups - Joining up the dots

Trust committee members continue to contribute to the many organisations that have a bearing on community life. Eleanor Sneddon, QHT secretary, serves on the Queensferry and District Community Council. John attends meetings of the World Heritage Business and Tourism Group convened by Fife Council, which aims to develop a strategy for business and tourism relating to the rail bridge. Clare Meredith is a member of the Forth Rail Bridge World Heritage Management Group, and Clare and John are both Rail Bridge Ambassadors. Several committee members contributed

to the Queensferry History Group's exhibition on Queensferry and World War, which focused on 1916 and the Battle of the Somme. The exhibition is being augmented this year to include key events of 1917.

Draft 2017-18 Programme...and Beyond

Plans for the coming year are taking shape, beginning in the autumn with another Doors Open Day event, on 24 September, this time based at St Margaret's Lodge and the Vennel Churchyard, and a one-day seminar on the theme 'A Sense of Place' which will focus on Queensferry's historic character and development, its present potential, and how local residents can help to shape its future.

In the longer term, a celebration of Queensferry and the Forth's literary past and present is being discussed, with the working title 'FORTHwrite'.

Your suggestions on our future programme are welcome

At the AGM, suggestions were invited for the next programme of talks, which included the following: the rail link to Dalmeny, islands in the Forth, shale mining, Queensferry and women's suffrage (next year marks the centenary of women gaining the vote), brewing in the ferry, Pilgrim Trails (in relation to the possibility of restoring the Pilgrim's Cross on Hawes Brae), the story of the Dalmeny Estate, fauna and flora around the Forth, and Queensferry's place on historic maps. So no shortage of ideas, but the QHT committee would be very happy to hear from you if you have other suggestions. Please visit our website for more information www.queensferryheritagetrust.org.uk and you can contact us at: mail@queensferryheritage.org.uk.

Finally, thank you for your support over the year and do not miss the additional meeting we have planned to hear about the plans for the Forth Bridge experience – see details below.

Eleanor Sneddon,

Secretary, Queensferry Heritage Trust



THE FORTH BRIDGE
EXPERIENCE

The
proposed Forth Bridge Visitor Centre

PUBLIC MEETING

An illustrated talk by Craig Bowman,
Senior Communications Manager,
Network Rail.

Thursday 25th May 2017. 7.30pm.
Priory Church.

All Welcome

