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HISTORIC ASSET MANAGEMENT PROJECT

The Historic Asset Management Project is run by the Environment Team within the Planning and Building Standards Service of Aberdeenshire Council and manages the repair and maintenance of over 500 historic assets in Council ownership.

Local Authorities have a duty of care to the public to ensure structures in its ownership are safe, but also a duty to protect, maintain and safeguard historic assets for future generations to enjoy. The Historic Asset Management Project (HAMP) brings together these two important statutory obligations.

Historic assets are part of Aberdeenshire's heritage; its history and its people. The assets are predominantly listed buildings and Scheduled Ancient Monuments and include for example; historic graveyards and kirks, Pictish stones, war memorials, castles, historic monuments, fountains, pill boxes, commemorative structures and bridges.

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Old Parish Church Auchterless



The Old Parish Church, Auchterless, is Category B listed and dates from 1780. The gable, and two rear sections of wall, have for a number of decades been covered in extensive ivy growth.

Phase 1 of the works removed ivy from the walls due to the fear that the weight of the branches was causing damage to the structure by opening joints between the stonework and causing the soft sandstone to crack and become loose. The removal of the ivy uncovered the bellcote and bell dated 1644.

Removal of the ivy uncovered further structural problems with the bellcote; two finials were completely loose, whilst others were cracked. Ivy branches had gone through mortar joints and split and lifted pieces of stone damaging the steel brackets holding the bell.



Phase 2 involved the repair of the bellcote, where possible and replaced on a like for like basis where it could not be salvaged. There are a number of church ruins in Aberdeenshire which have a similar problem with extensive ivy growth and Auchterless was chosen as the pilot on which future projects will be based.



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Biggar Fountain, Banff



The Biggar Fountain, Banff holds a Category B listing and dates from 1878. Over a number of years the fountain had suffered degradation from biological growth, erosion, inappropriate repairs and weathering. This resulted in detailing being lost and areas where mortar was missing allowing rainwater to enter the stonework. Cracks were beginning to appear due to the use of inappropriate materials.

Works were carried out to replace all the mortar joints with suitable materials for the type of stone. A new piece of stonework was carved to replicate that of an area which had been cracked. The whole fountain was cleaned using water and a brush to remove all the biological growth from it.





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New Pitsligo War Memorial



The New Pitsligo War Memorial is a granite blockwork structure which in the past has had repairs carried out in cement to the mortar. This was causing water to be trapped within the memorial and causing the stonework to be very wet. The dampness was then causing algae and moss growth and the bronze feather, which was staining the stonework.

Works were carried out to remove all the cement from the monument and replace it with a lime based alternative which will allow moisture to evaporate from the structure. The memorial was also cleaned with water and a brush to remove the staining.





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Inverbervie Market Cross



Inverbervie Market Cross holds a Category B listing and dates from 1737. Previous repairs had seen the Market Cross covered in a cement based render which was causing the soft sandstone to deteriorate underneath. The render was also cracked and failing in places. Vegetation growth had occurred in the joints of the steps and rainwater was pooling in areas.

Works were carried out to remove the cement based render and replace with a lime based alternative that would protect the sandstone rather than cause further deterioration. The joints of the steps were raked out and replaced with lime and indents were inserted to the steps in the worst areas to encourage run off of water.





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Rev Dr George Skene Keith Memorial – Monkeigie Burial Ground, Keith Hall



Monkeigie Burial Ground, also known as Keithall Old Parish Church, is set within the policies of Keith Hall. It is now a closed graveyard within a secluded woodland. The memorial of Rev Dr George Skene Keith is built within the boundary wall towering significantly higher. The monument was in a poor state with a large amount of the granite blockwork backing having had fallen away, leaving the memorial in a precarious position.

Works were carried out to reinforce the memorial by rebuilding the granite backing and by securing any loose stonework and using a lime based mortar





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Tarland Old Parish Church



Tarland Old Parish Church is a Category B listed building dating from 1762. Surveys highlighted that the bellcote was in a fragile condition. There was a number of open joints and movement being caused by vegetation growth and a loss of mortar. The metal work for a bell had become corroded and had expanded, causing the stonework to burst and crack. This was considered a high health and safety priority and when a closer inspection was carried out it was found that the bellcote was unstable and needed to be removed. During its removal, many layers of the granite disintegrated and are unsalvageable. The remains of the bellcote are currently in storage in the Mintlaw Materials Store, although the stones are all in a very poor condition.





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Duff House Mausoleum



Duff House Mausoleum is a Category A listed building situated within the policies of Duff House. The Mausoleum had been subject to vandalism where a tracery window at the rear had been broken. The decorative gate had been patch repaired numerous times and the tomb was suffering from moisture ingress resulting in excessive moss growth.



The gate was removed and taken away to the contractor's workshop where it was blasted, refurbished and repainted.

The tomb was repointed in lime, with the top slabs being removed and any voids being filled, with indents attached where the stone had deteriorated. The tomb was then cleaned using water to remove the staining.





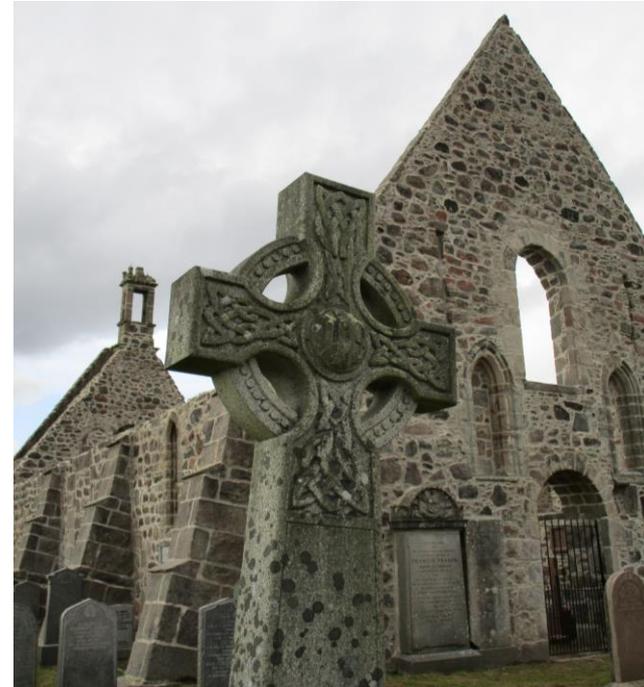
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Kincardine O'Neil Old Church



Kincardine O'Neil Old Church is a Scheduled Monument which is a prominent landmark within the village. Surveys highlighted that the cement pointing was failing in a number of areas, resulting in loose masonry and voids in the walls. Cement is also seen as an inappropriate material for historic structures. Works were carried out to remove the cement with hand tools, and to replace it with an appropriate lime mortar. Rough capping was introduced to the wall heads to encourage rainwater to run away from the building rather pooling and deteriorating the mortar as it had previously.



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Fife Gates – Duff House



The Fife Gates are Category B listed and situated within the policies of Duff House. They had suffered from a lack of repair and maintenance and ineffective repairs in the past.

The gate was removed and taken away to the contractor's workshop where it was blasted to remove the rust and original paint, repaired with new inserts of grey iron and repainted. They were then returned and reattached to the gate piers.

