

Badenoch Heritage, Historic Environment Scotland
and Archaeology Scotland
present

Heritage Happening

by children, with children, for children

Friday 10th and Saturday 11th May 2019
10.00 am to 4.00pm
Village Hall, Newtonmore
&
Talla nan Ros, Kingussie



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Welcome to Heritage Happening 2019!

Badenoch Heritage have joined up with **young people** in Badenoch, **Historic Environment Scotland** and **Archaeology Scotland** to welcome young people and their families to explore the history and heritage of the area in this two-day event.

Join us at Newtonmore Village Hall and Kingussie's Talla nan Ros, where stonemasons, surveyors and archaeologists invite you to try your hand at some of the most exciting parts of their day-to-day jobs.

On Friday afternoon pupils from Newtonmore and Kingussie Primary Schools will be exploring local tales and legends in performances devised by the young people themselves. Come and **be thrilled** by a play about a bewitched mill in Newtonmore, or enjoy storytelling and song in Kingussie! Details of these and other events on the next pages.

Be a Heritage Hero! Every young visitor can collect a special **PastPort**, which you can fill with stickers that you will earn for trying out different activities. Collect four stickers and you will be awarded your special **Heritage Hero Explorer Certificate!**

Remember: All events are free! And there's no need to book – just turn up!

Remember too: The Clan Macpherson Museum is open on the Friday, 10am to 5pm!

*This **Heritage Happening** is brought to you as part of Historic Environment Scotland's Celebrating Speyside project. Since last October the project has helped schoolchildren living the length of the River Spey to discover and explore their history and heritage in ways that bring the past alive for them, and all of the projects activities have been suggested and developed by the young people themselves. Kingussie and Newtonmore Primary Schools have played a big role in this celebration, and we would like to thank the children, their parents and the staff of these and all the other schools involved for being such a pleasure to work with.*

Thanks are also due to:

Angus Macpherson at the Clan Macpherson Museum;

Alison Shaw, Caberfeidh Horizons, Kingussie;

Chris Fleet at the National Library of Scotland;

Liz Henderson, Cairngorms National Park Authority;

and to the volunteers in Kingussie and Newtonmore, and colleagues in Historic Environment Scotland and Archaeology Scotland, whose hard work has made this Happening possible!

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Programme

Friday 10th May

Kingussie – Talla nan Ros

10am – 4pm *Badenoch – Our Heritage - an Exhibition by Kingussie Primary School*

Drop into Talla nan Ros to discover how our young people view their local heritage.

11.45 – 12.15 *Retelling the legends of Badenoch – Storytelling from Kingussie Primary School*

Come and listen to Kingussie Primary Class P6/7 share their take on local legends.

With stories chosen and re-interpreted by the class, this will show you new approaches to telling old tales. The class will also be joined by the rest of the school for a performance of their song about emigration from Badenoch that was such a hit at last year's Kingussie Heritage Festival!

Newtonmore – Village Hall

1.15 – 2pm *The Cursed Bread – a drama by Newtonmore Primary School*

Based on the local legend of the Bewitched Mill of Glen Banchor, the P6/7 pupils of Newtonmore Primary School have written and produced this delightful and often very funny exploration of superstition and the supernatural in an 18th-century Highland township. (And, oh yes – there is a witch!)

*(Ask at the door for a map showing where you can explore the ruins of the mill for yourself – but **do not go alone!**)*

10am – 5pm *Step back in time at the Clan Macpherson Museum*

Have you ever wondered what you would have looked like if you would have lived in the past? Come to the Clan Macpherson Museum and find out using the costumes from their fun Dressing-up Box.

10am – 4pm *Become a stonemason for a day*

Try your hand at stone carving, guided by our expert Historic Environment Scotland stonemasons from Fort George. Learn about their role in preserving our heritage and watch them demonstrate their skills. If you prefer, you can also practice your new carving skills on bars of soap. Protective gear provided.

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10am – 4pm So you want to be an archaeologist?

Archaeology Scotland will be here to introduce you to the wonders of archaeological discovery.

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10am – 4pm Become an Architectural Technician for a day

Enjoy some hands-on experience as an architectural technician with an architectural technician from Fort George. Try your hand at traditional surveying techniques for measuring and templating stone work. Then, take the opportunity to see the technology used today in action.

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10am – 4pm Become a surveyor for a day and record a building with us

Join us to have a closer look at the buildings of Newtonmore and think about the materials that were used to build them, their previous uses and other fascinating details. (Equipment provided).

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