

Dunfermline Heritage Community Projects.

DHCP is a voluntary organisation which aims to promote interest in all aspects of Dunfermline's heritage. It's origins go back to the Dunfermline Burgh Survey of 2005-7.

This was run as a voluntary community project which obtained Lottery funding and researched for two years resulting in the publication of "*Historic Dunfermline*" by Dr Pat Dennison and Simon Stronach. The volunteers from this project went on to form DHCP in order to continue researching and promoting the history of Dunfermline. DHCP has incorporated a number of local history and heritage societies during its existence and now has a variety of Project Groups.

DHCP also has a remit to create and maintain links with the local history & heritage community and with Fife Council and local business organisations. This process is carried out by all Project Groups through general networking in the community. Much of the information gleaned is posted on our website www.dunfermlineheritage.org

DHCP Project Groups:

Currently we have 8 active project groups and are always willing to start new groups for any activity that meets our goals, as set out overleaf.

Our publication group is known as DoubleBridge Press and its logo is derived from the double bridge located in the Pittencrief Park.



Local History Group: A discussion group that meets monthly and studies a wide range of local heritage subjects. Members with active projects are encouraged to share their findings with the group and also share best practices.

Dunfermline Abbey Graveyard Survey:

Recording and charting the Abbey's 800-plus gravestones and monuments. In due course the results will be posted on the DHCP website for family history researchers worldwide .

Hinterland Group: Formed to work with the RCAHMS initiative 'Scotland's Rural Past' in the Dunfermline area, tracing and investigating abandoned agricultural and other rural sites which have included Green Nap at Craigluscar. Currently keeping close alignment with SCHARP (Scotland's Coastal Heritage at Risk Project) and SUP "Scotland's Urban Past" projects.

Local Conservation Group: Monitors sensitive and 'at risk' sites in the City Conservation Area. It is currently pursuing efforts to preserve St Catherine's Chapel and the Heugh Mills .

Conference Group: Aims to run a bi-annual local conference on Dunfermline historical and heritage topics. Our last conference in May 2015 was classed as excellent. Feedback has provided numerous suggestions for the next conference scheduled for May 2017.

Dunfermline & West Fife Family History

Group: Holds regular meetings and outings, and provides help and resources for members to trace their family roots. This group uses facebook to keep their membership up to date with all local activities.

www.facebook.com/dunfermlineWestFifeHistoryGroup

Dunfermline Archives Group: A catalogue of the items now stored at Markinch is available on our website.

Publications Group:

Some of the publications are listed below:

Historic Dunfermline (2007) by Dr Pat Dennison is the latest and best modern history of Dunfermline, covering pre-history to modern times.

John Orrason (2010) is a historical fiction paperback which originally appeared as a newspaper serial by Daniel Thomson in the Dunfermline Press in 1897 .

Jhone Angus, (2011) Monk of Dunfermline, and Scottish Reformation Music. Lavishly illustrated in colour with pages from the 16th century 'part books' of Thomas Wode.

Sir Patric Spens (2014) retells the famous ballad as depicted by the artist Robert Burns in monastic calligraphy and images. Six experts discuss the ballad and the artist.

Fire, Foe and Finance (2015) tells the story of life, love and survival of ordinary Dunfermline people in the 17th century .

The Shorter Poems of Robert Henryson.(2016) In the older Scottish Tongue with translation.

DHCP Goals:

The aim of the DHCP organisation, as set out in its constitution, is to promote interest in and understanding of Dunfermline's history, heritage and archaeology by the following means:

- Publishing researched material generally related to the History, Heritage and Archaeology of Dunfermline.
- Creating, maintaining and developing a website to act as a reference source for the people of Dunfermline as well as people from out with the Burgh who are interested in, or wish to further their knowledge of the burgh.
- Maintaining a team of member volunteers to research and produce new material related to Dunfermline's history and heritage
- Maintaining an archive of material related to Dunfermline's history, heritage and archaeology. NB. our collection is currently located at Markinch, Fife and a catalogue of this collection is available on our website.
- Liaising with other similar groups and organisations in the Dunfermline area to encourage awareness of Dunfermline's history, heritage and archaeology.



Membership of DHCP:

DHCP membership allows members to participate in as many project activities as they wish. If there is any project you are interested in joining, please contact the project leader. Contact details are shown below:

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