North Queensferry Heritage Trust
Autmun Newsletter 2026

Chairman's message...

Welcome to this edition of our autumn newsletters which is full of information on everything with which the Heritage Trust is involved from our 2 museums, the Village Show and the various events that we organise.

Many thanks to Arabella Weir for presenting the prizes and everyone who entered the Village Show,and all visitors who came to the show.



Many thanks to everyone who won a trophy and for all who entered their work. The proceeds as usual goes to good causes in the village, and in particular this year for a large donation to the ***Cambodia Trio*** for their trip next year. This promises to be a trip of a lifetime for the 3 local teenagers who are all working hard for their trip by volunteering all round the village. The Trust looks forward to their promised talk when they return from Cambodia.
If there is any project or matter with which you think the Heritage Trust could help with, please let us know using the contact details below.
Thank you all again for your support.
James Lawson - Chairman

Another successful Village Show

Saturday 29th August

The afternoon on Saturday 29th August was bright and sunny with local residents coming in force to view and enjoy the exhibits that were on show in the Community Complex. The Heritage Trust's ***Ladies Group*** who organised the show along with other helpers have met over the past few months, and have worked tirelessly on the Friday and Saturday to ensure everything was in place. Many thanks again to our ***Cambodia Trio*** for their contribution of setting up and tearing down the show.

Wonderful arts and craftwork from both adults and children were much in evidence as were the floral arrangements, vegetables and children's paintings. The show's theme of Scarecrows was well adopted and the top scarecrows were shown on a large poster, and note that the poster is still on display at the Station Gallery!



Our celebrity guest, Arabella Weir arrived straight from her stage performance at the Edinburgh Festival. She is a personal friend and supporter of Sarah Brown's children charities. After a tour of the show she commented on how impressed she was with the quality and ingenuity of the exhibits in both halls, and how honoured she was to be presenting the prizes.



As usual, home baking and afternoon teas were on offer with considerable interest this year in the high value raffle prizes. Many thanks again to local resident Ivy Partridge who arranged the ukulele quintet. Ivy will no doubt pass our thanks on to the other musicians.

Prize giving was next and this year saw an increase in donated cups. The new cups for children's photography were bequeathed by John Done, a founding member of the Trust who passed away earlier in the year. The usual cups were presented by Arabella for the most points in the various categories. Each of the categories were judged by the judges - a big thank you to the judges too! All points won across entries and categories were then calculated by our computer records to identify the winners. This year the points were very close so the calculations were double checked for accuracy!



The Scarecrow prize of a ***Lenovo Tablet*** was won by the Gordon family for

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such authentic scarecrows stuffed with straw - just like Wallace & Gromit!

There was a tie for the ***Jubilee Trophy***, won for the most points in the children's groups. It was won by siblings Robbie & Eleanor Wallace. Sandra Hood won the ***Bob Cubin Trophy*** for most points for the many lovely entries she worked hard at nurturing and showing. Sandra also won the John Clemmen's ***Innovation Award*** for her unique, wonderful, innovative structure! ***Eileen Donaldson*** was the winner of The Connie Dennison crystal vase for pot plants. Another deserving winner of the ***Maureen Trotter Cup*** and ***SWRI Cup*** was Pam Bell for her baking. A special thanks to Sandra Hood for her flower presentation workshop.

The Trust also donated a Lenovo tablet for the winner of the Scarecrow competition, and would wish to thank all those who generously donated the prizes. Dave Dempsey (Deputy Provost of Dunfermline), auctioned off the donated entries of vegetables, baking, and plants.

This was followed by the much anticipated raffle prize draw that included: a voucher for a light lunch at the ***Wee Restaurant***; Afternoon Tea for 4 at the ***Doubletree Hilton***; A family ticket from ***Deep Sea World***; camping chairs; Afternoon Tea on the ***Fingal***; Free passes to the ***Britannia***; Bottles of Wine; Cruises on the Forth from ***Maid of the Forth*** and ***Forth Tours***; and a memorable visit to the top of the ***Forth Bridge*** arranged by the Heritage Trust.

The ***Ladies Group*** and other helpers including the ***Cambodia Trio*** cleared the hall, knowing that we just had another successful village show, and a job well done.

A ***short reminder to everyone who won a cup or trophy to return it to the Trust by May 1, 2027***. If it is allowed to engrave them with the winners name, please do so before returning it, If unsure, please get in touch by emailing info@nqht.org**,** or call Pam on 01383 419211.

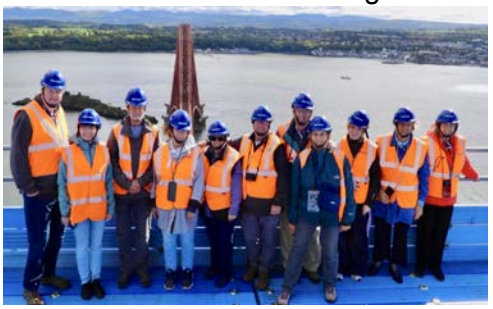
Sarah Brown on "Life after #10"

First thank you to Sarah for a most interesting and enlightening talk. There was a great turnout in the Church, and we were all struck by her passion, and in particular her achievements at a global level with her charity ***TheirWorld***, which she chairs. We wish her every success for next year's Early Years Summit in 2027 that aims to raise over $1billion for investment in pre-school children. TheirWorld also sends us thanks for the generous spontaneous donations we received.

As we heard, Sarah is also the Chair of the Brown Archive Trust which is assembling the papers and records from her and Gordon's time in public office.

Forth Bridge Visit - 15 September, 2026

The raffle prize of a visit for 4 to the ***Forth Bridge,*** was won and then kindly offered to the Community Trust. We had a dozen delighted "winners", and although a wee bit windy, the weather was kind to us. It was clear that everyone enjoyed this special visit.



OCTOBER TALK: Thursday 29th October

Forthviewchurch Church at 7PM

Over & Under the Forth

By Deep Sea Diver Lloyd Blyth

After Sarah Brown's successful talk last month in the Church where we had a good turnout, this talk may well prove to be as popular!



Fancy working under the sea? Have a passion for above the sea? Well, our next guest speaker, Lloyd fits that bill. He will be taking us deep into the North Sea and sharing his passion as head of e-Foil Scotland above the sea. Many may have seen his social meda posts of his exploits in the Forth.

The talk 'over and under the sea' will be 'riveting' as he shows his encounters with Derek the dolphin under the Forth Bridge!

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