

The Heritage of St. Fillans

Dear fellow villagers

During and after the bicentenary exhibition in the Sandison Hall in 2017, many villagers commented that the exhibition was so interesting that the village should have a dedicated place where it could be kept on display for the public to see. To date I have been grateful to the church for allowing me to store and display many of these exhibits in the church annex rent free. I am however acutely aware that this situation cannot go on indefinitely, and I am seeking assistance from residents to set up a community led group to preserve the records and hopefully add to them for future generations.

My own research into the records available has been very rewarding, but there is still much more to be found out. Where are the minute books of the now defunct St. Fillans curling club and the fishing club? There were three-line kilns - are the other two still hidden in the hillside? When did the school open at the west end of the village and where was it before? - To name but a few.

Places like The Dundurn Chapel & Burial Ground are now under threat given that maintenance has been abandoned by P&K, and according to The Director of Perth Heritage Trust David Strachan “will soon resort to small woodland and the building walls and contents rapidly decline”.

If you think you can help – or would like to get involved – whither you only want to know a little bit more about the people who lived in your house before you – or can assist in a bit of physical maintenance – please get in touch.

Regards
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White Cottage

I have also looked at the Killin Heritage Groups website and noted their aims and objectives: - These could be adapted to suit our own needs as below.

- i) to undertake to preserve the history of St Fillans and district, to monitor changes in the environment of Dundurn Parish.
 -) To protest or support any action which may be deemed to harm or enhance the ecological environments.
- i) To undertake to make available to the general public all findings, artefacts and general information as may be deemed practical and suitable by the membership.
- ii) To undertake to study, collate and where necessary, conserve the history and the environment around Dundurn Parish and district for the benefit of the local residents.
- iii) To hold meetings, lectures, film shows, exhibitions and other similar activities on subjects of local historical and environmental interest to which members of the general public will be freely admitted.
- iv) To act in such a manner as may be deemed to be to the benefit of the association and the above-mentioned aims.

Listed Buildings in St Fillans

From West to East

Ault-an-Fhionn: railway viaduct	Category B
Fortrenn: with retaining wall & summerhouse	Category C
Wellandura: including outbuildings and boundary wall built about 1872	Category C
Rose Cottage: including boundary wall and gate-piers	Category C
Ardchoille: including cottage, boundary walls & gate-piers	Category C
Dundurn Parish Church	Category C
Drummond Arms Hotel: including outbuildings	Category C
Free Church: including steps & boundary wall	Category C
Railway Station: with signal box, waiting room & retaining walls	Category B
Bridge over the river Earn:	Category B
Chapel & Burial Ground:	Category B

(Looking around the village many more properties could and should be added to the above list)