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‘S i a’ Ghàidhlig an cànan labhairteach as aosta a th’ ann an Alba agus tha i co-cheangailte ri cultar beairteach, eadar-dhealaichte. Aig aon àm b’ i prìomh chànan na dùthcha, ach on uair sin tha geur-leanmhainn is dearmad air buaidh a thoirt oirre aig amannan. Gu h-iongantach, tha a’ Ghàidhlig air mairsinn beò a-steach dhan 21mh linn, còrr air 1500 bliadhna bho chaidh a stèidheachadh ann an Alba, agus a-nis thathas a’ strì gus dèanamh cinnteach gum bithear ga cleachdadh airson linnntean ri teachd.

Tha Fòram Taighean-tasgaidh na Gàidhealtachd is nan Eilean air feuchainn, cho fad’s a ghabhas, ri teacsa dà-chànanach a thabhann. Tha HIMF an comain Comunn na Gàidhlig airson seirbheisean eadar-theangachaidh.

Gaelic is Scotland’s oldest spoken language and is associated with a rich and varied culture. At one time Gaelic was the main language of the nation, but since then it has been subject to periods of persecution and neglect. Remarkably, Gaelic has survived into the 21st century, more than 1500 years since it was first established in Scotland, and now strenuous efforts are being made to ensure that the language continues to be used for generations to come.

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RO-RÀDH 'GAD CHUIMHNEACHADH'

Cuimhnich air na h-àiteachan, na daoine, ath-thadhail an t-àm a dh'fhalbh. Thoir mòmaidean beò a-rithist, rach air ais air tursan, coilean sealladh ùr, cruthaich do thasglann phearsanta fhèin mu linn a dh'fhalbh.

Tha na taighean-tasgaidh san leabhran seo nam prìomh àitean glèidhteachais de dhualchas nan coimhearsnachdan; ulaidhean làn nithean àrsaidh is prìseil, do-bheantainneach is fìor. Tha iad nan iuchraichean don àm a dh'fhalbh; nan geataichean a tha toirt ceanglaichean beò agus a tha a' ceangal daoine ri eachdraidh, an eachdraidh fhèin.

Chaidh a' Ghàidhealtachd a chumadh is a snaidheadh le saothair nan daoine a dh'fhalbh. Dh'fhaodadh gun robh iad a' strì an aghaidh cruaidh-chàs, mar a tha eachdraidh ag innse, ach tha i cuideachd a' comharrachadh daoine aig an robh an dìonghaltas, an innleachd, am miann adhartais is a' ghaisge a thabhainn cothroman is brosnachadh an dèidh amannan èiginneach.

Tha na sgeulachdan a chluinnear sna taighean-tasgaidh mu dhaoine leithid sin, a' comharrachadh na tha muinntir na dùthcha seo air a dhèanamh anns gach àite don deach iad.

Tha a' Ghàidhealtachd air a brecadh le taighean-tasgaidh ionadail a' riochdachadh nan

sgeulachdan sin; firinn is uirsgeul air am filleadh còmhla gus gach àite a shònrachadh. Tha na taighean-tasgaidh sin a' speisealachadh ann a bhith a' toirt mìneachadh brioghmhor dhan àm a dh'fhalbh.

Airson a thighinn dhachaigh feumaidh tu falbh – biodh sin corra mhìle no mìltean mhiltean. Tha sinn misneachail gum faigh na thilleas an t-eòlas a tha a dhìth orra ann an taighean-tasgaidh na Gàidhealtachd. Tha sinn a' cur ìmpidh oirbh ur tilleadh dhachaigh a chomharrachadh am-bliadhna agus gach bliadhna na dèidh.

Tha buill Fòram Taighean-tasgaidh na Gàidhealtachd is nan Eilean air an leabhar-iùil seo a dheasachadh. Tha sinn an dòchas gun cuidich e le comharrachadh nan goireasan a tha air Ghàidhealtachd agus le adhartachadh taisbeanaidhean is tachartasan sònraichte Tighinn Dhachaigh.

Bu mhath le HIMF taing a thoirt airson na taic is a' chuideachaidh a fhuair e bho Oifigear Taic Neo-eisimeileach Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd, Maoin Dileib na Gàidhealtachd, Taighean-tasgaidh is Gailearaidhean na h-Alba, Pòl Basu, Comunn na Gàidhlig airson an eadar-theangachaidh agus luchd-obrach is saor-thoilich bho na taighean-tasgaidh buntainneach, airson na rinn iad gus an leabhran seo a dheasachadh.

INTRODUCTION 'REMEMBERING YOU'

Remember the places, the people; revisit the past. Relive moments, retrace journeys, realise new insight; create your own personal archive of a bye-gone age.

The museums within this booklet play pivotal roles as strongholds of heritage for the communities in which they sit; caches full of the ancient and precious, intangible and real. These museums are keys to the past; the portals through which connections are made alive and real people connect with real history, their history.

The Highlands have been shaped and carved by the efforts of those who have gone before. These people may well have struggled against adversity, as history testifies, but it also highlights the people whose determination, ingenuity, ambition and bravery brought opportunity and inspiration in the wake of the most gruelling times.

The many stories which resonate throughout the museums feature such people, shining the spotlight on the contributions the people of this nation have made wherever they have gone.

The Highlands are dotted with local history museums representing the stories; the facts and

the fiction which when woven together create the fabric which defines each place. Interpreting the past in a meaningful way is what these museums specialise in.

To come home you have to go away - be this a few miles or thousands. We are confident that whoever returns will find the experiences they yearn for within the museums of the Highlands. We urge you to celebrate your homecoming this year and every year beyond.

The members of the Highlands and Islands Museum Forum have worked together to produce this guide. We hope it will serve to highlight the many resources available in the Highlands and in particular hope to promote the many exhibitions and events happening specifically for Homecoming.

HIMF would like to acknowledge the support and assistance we have received from The Highland Council's Independent Museums Support Officer, The Highland Legacy Fund, Museums and Galleries Scotland, Paul Basu, Comunn na Gàidhlig for Gaelic translation and all the staff and volunteers from the museums involved, for their parts in making this booklet happen.

FACAL TÒISEACHAIDH LE PÒL BASU

'Tha an t-àm a dh'fhalbh na dhùthaich chèin '...sin mar a thuir L.P. Hartley aig toiseach an nobhail, *The Go Between*. Tha an abairt sin air a chleachdadh ro thrìc ann an sgrùdadh dualchais, agus a dh'aindeoin sin dha àireamh dhaoinè – gu h-àraidh dhan fheadhainn le sinnsearan bho Ghàidhealtachd is Eileanan na h-Alba - 's i abairt fhìor a th'inn. Dhan neach-turais dualchasach tha an t-àm a dh'fhalbh dha-rìribh freumhaichte an àiteigin eile, ann an dùthaich 'eile'.

O chionn grunn bhliadhnaichean, air bruaichean Uisge Dùn Beithe ann an Gallaidh, bha mi fortanach crìoch turais fhaicinn, is thug e uimhir a bhuaidh orm 's gun chuir mi seachd na bliadhnaichean às a dhèidh a' feuchainn ri thuigsinn. Bha càraid à Arizona air lorg gun robh meur den teaghlach co-cheangailte ris an àite is a-nise bhathas gan toirt timcheall air an tuineachadh fàs far an robh an sinnsearan air a bhith a' fuireach is ag obair. A' glanadh ceum tron luachair is tron fheur, thàinig an càraid gu tobar na coimhearsnachd agus choimhead mi fhad 's a lùb iad a dh'òl is a lion iad am flasgaichean leis an uisge shoilleir. Ar leamsa

gun robh e na bu coltaiche ri taistealachd na ri turasachd, agus an dèidh tursan eile den t-seòrsa sin fhaicinn on uair sin, tha mi air ionnsachadh gur e suidheachaidhean fìor fhaireachail a th' ann. Tha mòran a' toirt cunntas air na tursan sin mar coileanadh cearcaill, tilleadh gu fearann sinnsearail – tighinn dhachaigh.

Rud eile a dh'fhàs soilleir dhomh fhad 's a choimhead mi is a ghabh mi pàirt ann an àireamh mheudachail de na tillidhean sin b' e an dreuchd riatanach a tha aig taighean-tasgaidh ionadail is ionadan dualchais, a' ceangal daoine is coimhearsnachdan a tha sgapte tron t-saoghal ach aig a bheil co-dhualchas.

Chan urrainn dha rannsachadh sloinnteachail ach na uimhir a dhèanamh – 's e a tha cunntadh aig a' cheann thall ach eòlas ionadail, feadhainn aig a bheil 'an eachdraidh air am bilean'. 'S e an aoigheachd is an dàimh a tha luchd-obrach taighean-tasgaidh is ionadan dualchais a' toirt dhaibh as motha air a bheil an luchd-turais a' cur luach. 'S e na h-àiteachan beaga sin a tha a' tabhann ceanglaichean deatamach eadar an 'dùthaich sgapte' is an 't-seann dùthaich': 's iad ambasaidhean an coimhearsnachdan.

A FOREWORD BY PAUL BASU

'The past is a foreign country...' So begins L.P. Hartley's novel *The Go Between*. The phrase has become almost a cliché in the field of heritage studies, and yet for an increasing number of people – not least those who trace their ancestors' migrations to a source in the Scottish Highlands and Islands – it has a literal truth. For the diasporic heritage tourist the past is indeed rooted elsewhere, in an 'other' country.

Several years ago, on the banks of the Dunbeath Water in Caithness, I had the good fortune to witness the completion of a journey that left such an impression on me that I would devote the next few years to figuring it out – or trying to. A couple from Arizona had traced a branch of their family tree to the area and now they were being led around the long-deserted settlement where their ancestors had once

lived and worked. Clearing a path through the rushes and bog grass, the couple approached the well that had served the community and I watched as they knelt to first drink and then fill



Highland Homecoming
A book by Paul Basu

their flasks with its clear water. It seemed to me an act more akin to pilgrimage than to tourism, and, having subsequently witnessed many other such journeys, I have learnt that they are indeed profound and often intensely emotional experiences for those concerned. Many describe these journeys as the completion of a circle, a return to ancestral lands – a homecoming.

What also became clear to me as I observed and participated in an increasing number of these homecomings was the essential role that local museums and heritage centres play in connecting individuals and communities dispersed across the globe who yet share a common heritage.

Genealogical research can only take one so far – ultimately what counts is the local knowledge, those who know the 'history on the ground'. But more than mere repositories of information, what diasporic visitors appreciate most is the warmth with which they are received by museum and heritage centre staff – the sense of kinship. Crucially, these often modest institutions provide the contact zones between 'diaspora' and 'homeland': they are the embassies of their communities.



CROMARTY COURTHOUSE MUSEUM TAIGH-TASGAIDH TAIGH-CÙIRTE CHROMBAIDH

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Church street
Cromarty
IV11 8XA

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info@cromarty-courthouse.org.uk
www.cromarty-courthouse.org.uk

Opening times
2 May - 27 September
11am - 4pm Sun-Thurs

Admission: Free

The museum An taigh-tasgaidh

The museum, in the town's eighteenth-century Courthouse, presents the story of Cromarty - past and present.

The museum will open on 2 May with a major new exhibition - 'From the Fishertown: Emigration from the Cromarty Fishing Community 1890s - 1920s'. This looks at life in the Cromarty Fishertown and explores the conditions that led fishers and their families to leave.

The exhibition is based on photos of the Cromarty Fishertown taken by Willie John Smith in the years around 1910, and includes the stories of both emigrants and their descendants. In addition to panels designed by acclaimed Highland artist, John McNaught, will be a display of the photos.

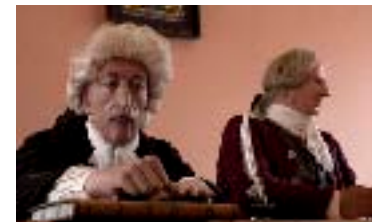
In a complementary exhibition the Museum will be using interview material with Cromarty residents in a film by Lindy Cameron that tells of their family associations with the Fishertown and the sea.

Cromarty Courthouse is proud to be part of the Homecoming 2009 celebrations and grateful for funding received from the Highland 2007 Legacy fund and Awards for All.

Homecoming Tighinn Dhachaigh

To celebrate the Year of Homecoming 2009 Cromarty Courthouse will be open free from May to 27 September.

The Museum is opposite the Cromarty Arms, next to Hugh Miller's cottage and Miller House owned by the National Trust for Scotland





DINGWALL MUSEUM TRUST URRAS TAIGH-TASGAIDH INBHIR PHEOFHARAIN

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Town House
High Street
Dingwall
Ross & Cromarty
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enquiries@dingwallmuseum.co.uk
www.dingwallmuseum.co.uk

Opening times
Mon - Fri 10am - 4.30pm
Sat 10am - 4pm

Admission: Free

The museum An taigh-tasgaidh

Dingwall Museum Trust was established by dedicated group of volunteers in 1975 when the Town Council was abolished by an act of parliament. It prides itself on this Local, Social and Military History with artefacts, photographs and interpretation panels.

During each Season the Trust provides temporary exhibitions to compliment the permanent displays.

It also maintains an excellent garden area in the secluded courtyard area and is the envy of many private gardens with its tubs and hanging basket displays.

Disabled access only on the ground floor but access to upstairs refurbished council chambers through monitor in the foyer area.

Homecoming Tighinn Dhachaigh Family History of Dingwall 1st - 22nd August

An exhibition focusing on Dingwall's St Clements Churchyard and the family history which it reveals. A local family history enthusiast will be present on certain days to help investigate visitors' roots using internet sources. For more details contact the museum.





DUNBEATH HERITAGE CENTRE IONAD DUALCHAIS DÙN BEITHE

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Old School
Dunbeath
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info@dunbeath-heritage.org.uk
www.dunbeath-heritage.org.uk

Opening times
Easter-September
10am-5pm Mon-Sun
October-March
10am - 4pm Mon-Fri

The museum An taigh-tasgaidh

Dunbeath Preservation Trust
Founded in 1985 by the then
owner of Dunbeath Estate, the
late R. Stanton Avery. Since
1985 the Trust has gone from
strength to strength. Now a
fully independent body; the
recently redeveloped Heritage
Centre, a fully registered
museum, provides a focus for
the Trust's activities.

Homecoming Tighinn Dhachaigh Fishings Project

The fishings were part of the
life of Dunbeath for hundreds
of years. Records show their
importance to local people and
estates from pre-herring boom
times throughout the 19C until
into the 20C. Dunbeath attracted
many itinerant workers. These
people, many of whom were
gaelic speakers, "turned the place
into bedlam!" during the season.

The Fishings project is
centred on the renovation
of a rare vernacular harbour
building which features what

may be a unique gutting wall.
Documentary research and
interviews of local people
connected with the fishing will
be undertaken by volunteers
and the school. This will be
run from March with results
displayed by June-July.

**A Religious Centre
of Some Importance
mid-June-mid July**
archaeological excavations
at the Early Christian Site at
Ballachly, Dunbeath Strath.

**Wednesday Wander
Guided Tours**
Stores, stories & Silver Darlings
guided tour of the harbour -
3, 10 & 17 June, 22 & 29 July.
Meet 1.30pm at Heritage Centre.

**Chapel Hill, Ballachly,
Dunbeath Strath** - guided tour
of excavation and site.
27 Jun, 1 & 8 Jul. Meet 1.30pm
at Heritage Centre.
11 July - OPEN DAY - follow signs
from Dunbeath Mill car-park





GAIRLOCH HERITAGE MUSEUM TAIGH-TASGAIDH DUALCHAIS GHEÀRRLOCH

Gairloch Heritage Museum
Achtercairn
Gairloch
Ross-shire
IV21 2BP

+ 44 (0)1445 712 287
info@gairlochheritagemuseum.
org
www.gairlochheritagemuseum.
org

Opening times
10am - 5pm Mon-Sat

Admission Charges Apply
Group Rates Available

Homecoming Tighinn Dhachaigh

April 1st – May 16th

Salt of the Earth: Conversations on Scottish Diaspora

An exhibition of Community
Artworks from Gairloch,
Castletown, Cromarty, Inverness
and Ullapool.

Each community chose
the story of an emigrant who
inspired them. The pupils of
Gairloch High School were
told the improbable tall tales
of Willie 'Red River' Fraser, a
resident of Lonemore who
spent time in the Red River
settlement in the mid 1800s
before returning to Gairloch
where he built his house in the
Canadian log cabin style.

This is only the first
of our exciting temporary
exhibitions in the art gallery
this season – those that follow
have been chosen to reflect
the history and talent resident
in this beautiful area. Various
Art Workshops and traditional
Craft demonstrations will be
on throughout the year to
complement these displays.

For others searching for their
roots in Gairloch Parish the
museum offers a number of
resources for the researcher. We
have Estate Maps, Census, Old
Parochial Registers, Rentals and
much more.

Check our new website
for further details: [www.
gairlochheritagemuseum.org](http://www.gairlochheritagemuseum.org)





GLENCOE FOLK MUSEUM TAIGH-TASGAIDH DÙTHCHASACH GLEANNA COMHAINN

Glencoe Folk Museum
Glencoe Village
Argyll
PH49 4HS

+ 44 (0)1855 811 664
info@glencoefolkmuseum.co.uk
www.glencoefolkmuseum.co.uk

Opening times
Easter and May to October
10am-5.30pm Mon-Sat

The museum An taigh-tasgaidh

Step into the days of your ancestors, and understand the hardship and ingenuity of their lives through the extraordinary collection of artefacts, as every aspect of life is represented in an 18th Century thatched croft house.

Homecoming Tighinn Dhachaigh

During this year of Homecoming, special relationships between the Scots and Canada, South and North America, Australia and New Zealand, are investigated as we explore other Glencoes throughout the world and their connection with the original Glencoe.

Appreciate the influence and contributions of the Scots who emigrated and learn the story of such a one, Lord Strathcona, who built the Canadian Pacific Railway and returned to Scotland to build his home in Glencoe.

Discover how Scottish ideas and culture influenced music, dance and even sport, such as ice

hockey as shinty players took the game to Canada's frozen lakes.

Trace your roots with our clan map and histories and find your tartan.

Lovers of RL Stevenson's famous book can read about its connection to Glencoe, even follow our "Kidnapped" trail. Special events such as a fashion parade from our extensive collection of costume and an exhibition of valuable old photographs of the area will help celebrate the year of Homecoming.

Finally all Macdonalds and Campbells must come to hear the TRUE story of the Massacre of Glencoe – and yes – we do welcome the much maligned Campbells to the glen.

Please check the web site for details and dates of the special events.





GLENFINNAN STATION MUSEUM TAIGH-TASGAIDH STÈISEIN GLEANN FHIONGHUIN

Glenfinnan Station Museum
Station Cottage
Glenfinnan
Inverness - Shire
PH37 4LT

+44 (0)1397 722 295
glenfinnanstn@btconnect.com
www.glenfinnanstationmuseum.
co.uk

Opening times
18 May – 9 October
9 am – 5 pm daily
outwith by appointment

The museum An taigh-tasgaidh

The collection tells the story of the West Highland Railway through the artefacts, photographs and memorabilia housed in the listed buildings at Glenfinnan station. Although the buildings are no longer used by the railway, the station forms part of the railway network. In the summer months, the Jacobite Steam Train makes a daily 25-minute stop at the station.

Homecoming Tighinn Dhachaigh Tranquil Glenfinnan Monday 15 June

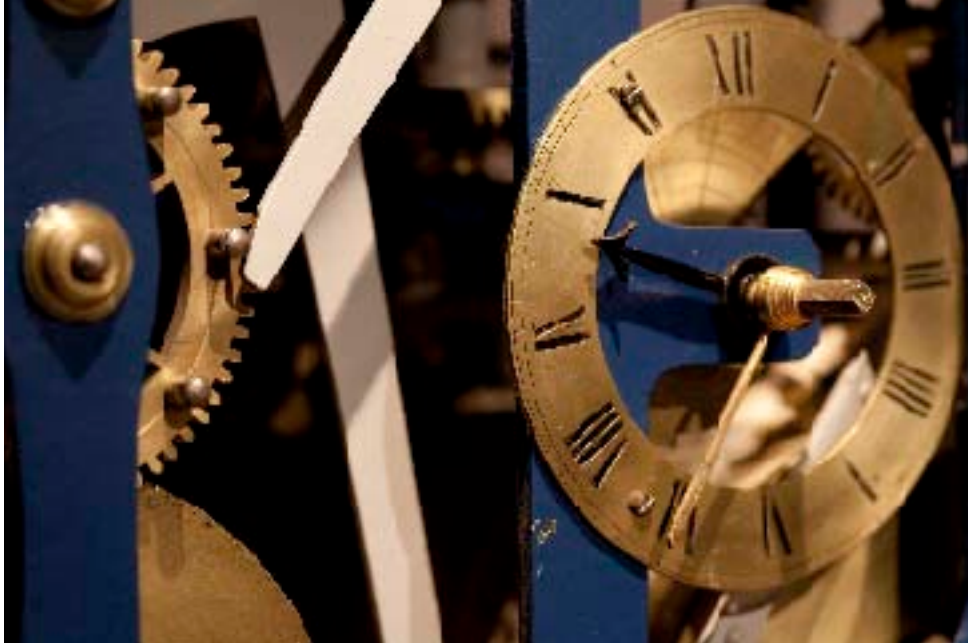
In conjunction with British Waterway's "The Crossing" event 16 – 20 June which celebrates the engineering feat that is the Caledonian Canal.

Glenfinnan was a hive of engineering activity in the 19th century. Architects, engineers, builders and navvies were employed from all over the country. Thomas Telford devised the original "road to the isles", completed in 1812

and there followed many other constructions: the Glenfinnan Monument in 1815; the Glenfinnan House re-build in the mid 1800s; the Church of St. Mary and St. Finnan in the early 1870s. The crowning glory, the West Highland Railway Extension, opened after a four year construction period in 1901, three months after Queen Victoria died.

Glenfinnan Station's Homecoming event hopes to attract descendants of the people who worked and lived in the area during this period of intense engineering activity. The day will start with an excursion from Fort William on the Jacobite Steam Train taking participants along the full length of the West Highland Extension to Mallaig before returning back as far as Glenfinnan, the day will then involve visiting the exhibitions, a guided walk and a Navy's supper in the Glenfinnan Dining car with talk by local railway author and historian Dr. John McGregor. For full itinerary, details and to book places please see the website.





GRANTOWN MUSEUM TAIGH-TASGAIDH BAIL' ÙR AN T-SLÈIBH

Grantown Museum
Burnfield Avenue
Grantown on Spey
Moray
PH26 3HH

+44 (0) 1479 872 478
gosemuseum@btconnect.com
www.grantownmuseum.co.uk

Opening times
10am –4pm Mon-Fri
Also Open On Saturdays During
High Season

The museum An taigh-tasgaidh

Grantown Museum uses both traditional and more modern methods of display to tell the story of the 18th century planned town to the present time. During this year of homecoming, the museum celebrates its 10th year of opening in Burnfield House. This four star visitor attraction gives a warm welcome to visitors from both home and abroad.

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We wish to make contact with people who themselves, or whose ancestors, left Grantown. If people are planning to visit Grantown Museum; we have a dedicated interview space in the museum, where refreshments will be available, while our volunteers carry out an informal, recorded interview and visitors complete a questionnaire. A photographic record will also be made. We are interested in good and bad luck stories as well as

the ordinary experiences of those who emigrated. Famous emigrants include an 18th century New York cabinet maker and we have been able to acquire a copy of his records from a museum in Texas. For those who are unable to visit we will record by questionnaire - we have a target number of 100 to meet during this most exciting of years.

Early in 2010 we will create a display of the material we have collected. A database, booklet and globe will also be produced creating a permanent record of our findings.





GROAM HOUSE MUSEUM TAIGH-TASGAIDH TAIGH GHROOM

Groam House Museum
High Street
Rosemarkie
Ross-shire
IV10 8UF

+44 (0)1381 620 961
curator@groamhouse.org.uk
www.groamhouse.org.uk

Opening times
1 May - 31 Oct: 10am-5pm
Mon-Sat; 2pm-4.30pm Sun
1 Nov - 6 Dec: 2-4pm Sat-Sun

The museum An taigh-tasgaidh

Groam House Museum is an award winning, independent community museum occupying an elegant 18th century building in the centre of Rosemarkie. The museum first opened in 1980 and this year will celebrate its 20th anniversary as a Pictish interpretive centre.

The museum's primary objective is to preserve and display Pictish sculpture collected within Ross & Cromarty, together with other items of historical interest from the Black Isle, and to develop, preserve and promote the George Bain Collection.

Information, including images, about the museum, its collections and publications can be found on the Groam House Museum web site.

Homecoming Tighinn Dhachaigh

To mark Homecoming 2009 our exhibition will be entitled *George Bain – Games & Gatherings*. Whilst Bain (1881 – 1968) was primarily famous as the 'father of modern Celtic Art', the exhibition includes a number of drawings of contemporary events. Some of the most interesting and charming of these are his well-observed sketches of the varied activities to be found at Highland Games and these will form the focus of our 2009 exhibition, open from 1st May 2009.





THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL ARCHIVE SERVICE SEIRBHEIS THASGLANN CHOMHAIRLE NA GAIDHEALTACHD

The Highland Council Archive Service has facilities across the Highlands.

Contact details and opening times on pages 18 and 19.

www.highland.gov.uk/thcarchvies

The Archive Service is responsible for locating, preserving and making accessible archives relating to all aspects of the history of the geographical area of The Highland Council.

The archives in the care of The Highland Council Archive Service date from the 15th century to the present day and consist of documents in many forms and sizes – from charters, minutes and accounts to maps, plans, photographs and letters.

Autumn 2009 will see the opening of a new purpose built Highland Archive and Registration Centre site at the Bught, Inverness. The Centre will house the Highland Council's Archive Service and the Council's Registration Service. Visitors are most welcome to visit the Archive Service in a much expanded setting. Facilities will include public searchroom facilities, dedicated family history centre, exhibition space and a learning centre. Please check our website for opening date and activities.

The Highland Council Archive Service also has local archive centres holding archives relating to their local area. Visitors are most welcome to visit the centres located in Fort William (covering Lochaber), Wick (covering Caithness) and in summer of 2009 the Skye and Lochalsh Archive Centre will open in Portree.

An integral part of the Highland Council Archive Service is the Highland Council Genealogy Service. The Highland Council Genealogy staff are available for help and advice in researching family history. Until our move to the new Highland Archive and Registration Centre, there is an area dedicated to Family History Research located within Inverness Library. Here, extensive collections of material which can be of assistance to anyone carrying out family history research.

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Please check our website for details of events for Homecoming.





Inverness

**Highland Council
Archive Service**

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archives@highland.gov.uk

Opening times

10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm
Mon – Thurs

Inverness

**The Highland Council
Genealogy Service**

Inverness Library
Farraline Park
Inverness
IV1 1NH

+44 (0) 1463 220 330 Ext28
genealogy@highland.gov.uk

Opening times

10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm
Mon – Thurs

Wick

North Highland Archive

(Caithness)
Wick Library
Sinclair Terrace
Wick
KW1 5AB

+44 (0) 1955 606 432
north.highlandarchive@
highland.gov.uk

Opening times

10am – 1.30pm & 2 – 5.30pm
(Fri 5pm close)
Mon, Tues,Thurs, Fri.
Closed Wed, except Jun-Aug
inclusive by appointment only
10am - 1pm.

Fort William

Lochaber Archive Centre

Lochaber College
An Aird
Fort William
Inverness-shire
PH33 6AN

+44 (0) 1397 701 942
+44 (0) 1397 700 946
lochaber.archives@
highland.gov.uk

Opening times

10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm
Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri.

Portree

**Skye and Lochalsh
Archive Centre**

The Highland Council
Tigh na Sgìre
Park Lane
Portree
Isle of Skye
IV51 9GP

+44 (0) 1478 613 857
dualchas@highland.gov.uk

Opening times

9am-1pm & 2pm-5pm
Mon- Frid



HIGHLAND FOLK MUSEUM AIGH-TASGAIDH DÙTHCHASACH NA Gàidhealtachd

Highland Folk Museum
Kingussie Road
Newtonmore
PH20 1AY

+44 (0)1540 673 551
highland.folk@highland.gov.uk
www.highlandfolk.com

Opening times
9th April - August
10.30am-5.30pm daily
Sept - Oct 11am-4.30pm daily

Admission free.

The museum An taigh-tasgaidh

This award-winning Museum features a thriving township, a working croft and an old highland school, all brought to life by costumed interpreters as well as an open air section which is self viewing. Visitors can spend 3-6 hours visiting the Museum so come and spend the day with us. A great day out for everyone!

Accessing the Museum Collections in Kingussie

The Highland Folk Museum has a nationally renowned collection of artefacts which are accessible by prior appointment. Contact the Museum for details.

Our Activity Programme runs throughout July and August, with themed events normally every Tuesday to Thursday. Call the Museum to find out about exciting homecoming events and activities throughout the year.

Homecoming Tighinn Dhachaigh

**21st & 26th Oct 2pm & 3pm
Waulking The Cloth**

The Newtonmore Waulking group beats newly woven tweed rhythmically against the table while singing traditional Gaelic Waulking songs.

23rd & 24th Oct 11am – 4pm
Our resident weaver demonstrates how cloth was woven on a replica 16c loom. Visitors can have a go on hand looms.

**24th & 25th Oct 11am – 4pm
Autumn 1644 – Montrose's men on the Move round Scotland**
A military display illustrating the Scots and Irish troops of Scotland in the Mid C17th. The visitor will see the Pike, Musket and Broadsword in action and meet Highland, Lowland and Irish troops. The action will take place around the township and surrounding pinewood.





HIGHLAND MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD TAIGH-TASGAIDH LEANABACHD NA Gàidhealtachd

The Highland Museum
of Childhood
The Old Station
Strathpeffer
Ross-shire
IV14 9DH

+44 (0)1997 421 031
info@highlandmuseum
ofchildhood.org.uk
www.highlandmuseum
ofchildhood.org.uk

Opening times
Apr – Oct 10am – 5pm Mon-Sat;
2pm – 5pm Sun.
Tickets: Adult £2.50;
Concession £2.00; Child £1.50;
Family £6.00

The museum An taigh-tasgaidh

The Highland Museum of Childhood is located in Strathpeffer's charming Old Victorian Station which once served the village in its heyday as a Spa.

The Museum tells the story of childhood in the Highlands of Scotland, recording customs and traditions amongst crofters and townfolk. Everyone enjoys the Museum's award-winning DVD, "A Century of Highland Childhood", as well as the informative and fun displays.

The Museum is also home to the fascinating and comprehensive Angela Kellie Doll Collection. Other items include costume, and childhood treasures from the Victorian and Edwardian periods; more recent toys from the 20th century also evoke memories. There are lots of things to see and do and hands-on activities for all ages.

Homecoming Tighinn Dhachaigh

2009's annual exhibition runs from 1st May throughout the season and explores the themes of Scottish Homecoming. **"Hands across the sea: Tales of emigration and return"** will tell stories of adventure and ambition, clearance and sanctuary, hardship and hard work, marriage and prosperity and, sometimes, emotional return.

The Gift Shop has something for everyone, with toys, games and books for all ages. Next door visitors can enjoy traditional Scottish lunches and home-baking in the Coffee Shop where in fine weather tables spill out on to the station platform.





HIGHLANDERS' MUSEUM TAIGH-TASGAIDH NAN GÀIDHEAL

The Highlanders' Museum
Fort George
Ardersier
Near Inverness
Inverness-shire
IV2 7TD

+44 (0)131 310 8701
thehighlandersmuseum@
btconnect.com

Opening times
Apr-Sept 9.30am-5.15pm daily
Oct-Mar 10am-4pm Mon-Fri

The museum An taigh-tasgaidh

The Highlanders' Museum the sparkle at the heart of the star. Located at the centre of the immense, historic star-fort of Fort George, the Highlanders' Museum tells the story of the regiments whose dedication to duty, acts of bravery and sheer hard work sparkle across history. Dedicated to members of the Queen's Own Highlanders and its antecedent regiments, including the Seaforth Highlanders, the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders and the Lovat Scouts the museum tells the story of engagements in fields of war and peace for the last 300 years.

Come and marvel at their medals, be intrigued by their kit and touched by "Seaforth", a small wood pig with a tail and a tale to tell.

This is time travel for beginners...

Homecoming Tighinn Dhachaigh

For Homecoming 2009 we celebrate our connections with the wider diaspora of Seaforth and Cameron Highlanders in Canada and Australasia. Come and see, amongst other things, a "plume with attitude", a bent "stick" and a gold leaf with a stag. Wonder in disbelief at the story of a smoky man with film star looks, a marked approach to tanks and courage in abundance.





HISTORYLINKS TAIGH-TASGAIDH HISTORYLINKS

Historylinks Museum
The Meadows
Dornoch
Sutherland
IV25 3SF

+44 (0)1862 811 275
historylinks@dsl.pipex.com
www.historylinks.org.uk

Opening times

June - Sept 10am-4pm daily
For other times contact museum

Admission: Adults: £2
Conc : £1.50 Children : Free

The museum An taigh-tasgaidh

Dornoch was once an important Royal Burgh and trading centre. The area's rich and diverse cultural heritage is available for all to explore and discover in the town's own museum called Historylinks. The exhibitions includes the Cathedral, feuding clans, the Vikings and Scotland's last witch, as well as unique films including The Dornoch Railway. Historylinks will reach out to visitors from all over the globe and celebrate the year of homecomings in a truly Sutherland style with something for everyone! The museum has a new display on the 'Clearances', information on ancestry and a large image library. **The Dornoch War Memorial Project** includes guided walks, talks and advice on using wartime records. **The Meikle Ferry Disaster**, when 99 people drowned in 1809, will be commemorated with a new plaque at the site and display in the museum.

Homecoming Tighinn Dhachaigh

Wed 13th May 1- 4pm

Genealogy session

How to use records for family history research

Venue: Historylinks Museum

Sun 16th Aug 2pm

Unveiling ceremony

Commemorative plaque to the 99 people who died in the Meikle Ferry disaster in 1809
Meeting place: Meikle Ferry North

New publications

'Abandoned Buildings of the Evelix valley' and *'The Highland Clearances in Southeast Sutherland'*
Presentation by the author,
Graham Park

Please go to the museum's website for further information and confirmation of event dates.

Please contact us beforehand if your party is bigger than 12.





HUGH MILLER'S COTTAGE CLACHAN-BREITH ÙISDEIN MAC A MHUILLER

Hugh Miller Museum &
Birthplace Cottage
Church Street
Cromarty
Ross & Cromarty
IV11 8XA

+44 (0)1381 600 245
mgostwick@nts.org.uk
www.hughmiller.org

Opening times
Apr – Sept 1pm-5pm Sun-Wed
Oct 1pm-5pm Sun & Tues

Admission: Adult £5.50;
Conc £4.50; Family £15.00.

The museum An taigh-tasgaidh

Miller House (built c1797) and the **Birthplace Cottage** (c1697) were the homes of the great Scottish pioneer geologist and writer Hugh Miller (1802-1856). Both are Grade A Listed Historic Buildings in the heart of Cromarty's conservation area.

The Museum is run by the National Trust for Scotland. It contains a selection of fine specimens from Miller's vast fossil collection, and resin models of his famous Devonian Age fishes. Two inter-active touch screens, and a hands-on geologist's workbench are favourites with young people for accessing Miller's life and work.

Miller's Yard: Garden of Wonders is a newly opened "mini-garden," with seating, and featuring a scrapmetal ammonite sculpture by Helen Denerley, plus "mystery stone" and exotic ferns reflecting Jurassic times.

The Birthplace Cottage breathes with the story of

Miller's ancestors, and his own tempestuous early life. It is presented through an audio tour, which includes a Wild Scottish Garden of native flora.

Homecoming Tighinn Dhachaigh

**10 May & 18 July
Scottish Gardens Scheme
Open Days.** Entry to Miller's Yard free, light refreshments.

For booking guided tours, and visits out with normal opening hours, please contact the Museum (see details on left).





INVERNESS MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY TAIGH-TASGAIDH IS GAILEARAIDH EALAIN

Inverness Museum
and Art Gallery
Castle Wynd
Inverness
IV2 3EB

+44 (0)1463 237 114
Inverness.museum@highland.
gov.uk
www.inverness.highland.
museum

Opening times
10pm-5pm Mon - Sat

Free admission, café and
museum shop.

Homecoming Tighinn Dhachaigh

Hedgehogs, heroes, owls and axes

Explore the art, history and heritage of the Highlands Tucked away under Inverness Castle at Inverness Museum and Art Gallery, you can explore how the highlands are linked with the rest of the world. You can get face to face with a pine marten and scratch a badger's belly. Experience Highland contemporary art and crafts, unlock a medieval chest - or have a cup of tea.

19 Sept – 31 Oct Leaving Home

Leaving Home is an interactive exploration of emigration and immigration from and to the Highlands during the late 1800s, after the First World War, in the 1960s, and today.

Curated by Highland Council museums, the exhibition celebrates the stories of Highland home-coming. It explores what people left behind on leaving their homes

in the Highlands, and what they considered important enough to carry with them for their new lives abroad. It also looks at some of the propaganda produced to encourage migration.

A second exhibition, shown in tandem, is produced in collaboration with recent immigrants to the Highlands. It explores contemporary stories of people who have come to the Highlands to work and create a home.

Call the museum for more information about our homecoming events throughout the year.





CLAN MACPHERSON MUSEUM TAIGH-TASGAIDH CLANN MAC A' PHEARSAIN

Clan Macpherson Museum
Main Street
Newtonmore
Inverness-shire
PH20 1DE

+ 44 (0)1540 673 332
museum@clan-macpherson.org
www.clan-macpherson.org

Opening times
April - Oct
10am-5pm Mon -Sat
12noon-5pm Sun

Admission Free

The museum An taigh-tasgaidh

'Clan Macpherson Museum - here are housed the relics and memorials of rich historical interest not only to Scottish clans- men but to all of whatever race they may be who are attracted by the story of high resolve patriotism and loyalty.'

So reads the proclamation at the door of the Macpherson Clan House and Museum. It reflects the desire on the part of Clansmen from Scotland and abroad to house and display the history and culture of the clan at home and abroad. The Clan Macpherson Association has supported and enhanced the museum to the point where it now a Fully Registered Museum, has a four-star rating and Silver Green Award from the Scottish Tourist Board. It was the first and remains one of the leading clan museums of Scotland.

The Clan Macpherson's origins lie in Badenoch, the geographical centre of the Highlands and at the cross-

ing of traditional routes to the north, south, east and west.

The Macphersons therefore held territory which was of supreme strategic importance throughout history, a position which enabled them either to repel invaders or to welcome guests.

Homecoming Tighinn Dhachaigh

For this special Homecoming year a warm Highland welcome is extended through a programme of exciting events. Our guests are invited to take part in guided walks and tours, to enjoy the delights of a Highland ceilidh and savour the hospitality of fine homes in Edinburgh and Badenoch. A high spot of our celebrations will be the 63rd annual Clan Macpherson Gathering in August, when we shall welcome our clanspeople from all parts of the world to their homelands.





MALLAIG HERITAGE CENTRE IONAID EACHDRAIDH MHALLAIG

Mallaig Heritage Centre
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Mallaig
Inverness-shire
PH41 4PY

+44 (0)1687 462 085
curator@mallaigheritage.org.uk
www.mallaigheritage.org.uk

Opening times

Apr - June & Oct
11am-4pm Mon-Sat
July - Sept
9.30am-4.30pm Mon-Fri
12noon-4pm Sat-Sun

The museum An taigh-tasgaidh

Mallaig Heritage Centre, which opened in 1994, houses a variety of displays telling the story of Mallaig and the “Rough Bounds” of West Lochaber. Once a mainland stronghold of the Macdonalds of Clanranald territory, the district was at the heart of the 1745 Jacobite rebellion and bore the brunt of reprisals when it failed. Throughout the 1800’s many people emigrated to North America and Australia. More recently, the construction of the West Highland Railway resulted in Mallaig becoming the most important fishing port on the west coast of Scotland.

Homecoming Tighinn Dhachaigh

The Morar Worldwide Connections Map

Until the arrival of the railway in 1901 hundreds of people left the Morar district to find work elsewhere. After 1901 many people moved to the

district, either temporarily or permanently, to work in fishing or on the railway. The project will explore the connections around the world in which emigrants or their descendants now live and from which current residents or their ancestors came.

Visitors who have a link with the area are invited to add a flag mark on the Connections Map and add their story to the Morar Connections Book in Mallaig Heritage Centre.

Lost Settlements of Morar

Today the population of Mallaig represents 90% of the population of Morar but around the shores of Loch Morar and Loch Nevis are more than a dozen abandoned settlements. Drawing on the Morar Links Project and other sources to document these settlements and their people, this special exhibition will be shown in September and October 2009.





MUSEUM OF THE ISLES TIGH TASGAIDH CHLANN DOMHNAILL

Museum of The Isles
Armada Castle
Armada
Isle of Skye
IV45 8RS

+44 (0)1599 534 454
museum@clandonald.com
www.clandonald.com

Opening times
6th April – 31st October
9.30am-5.30pm Mon-Sun
Last entry 5pm

The museum An taigh-tasgaidh

Discover the history of the Highlands and Islands through the eyes of the MacDonalds, from the time of The Lordship of the Isles to times of 19th century clearances and emigration, at our award-winning museum.

Homecoming Tighinn Dhachaigh

Q.What do a Cheshire mill girl, one of Napoleon's Marshals and Flora Macdonald, the Jacobite heroine, all have in common?

A. They or their families all left Scotland, and they all returned, some just to visit, others to make their home here again.

They are just some of the subjects of the exhibition **"Highland homecoming: a return to Skye"** to be held at the Museum of the Isles, Armadale, Isle of Skye from April 6 to 31 October 2009. The exhibition will find out why, along with thousands of others in the 18th and 19th centuries, these people left their home for a new life. It will also find out

why they returned. Trace their journeys across the world, read their stories and find out about their ancestry.

Hospitality and welcome are essential to any homecoming, with food and drink playing an important role. This is explored in another strand of the exhibition. Other events relating to Homecoming will be held at Armadale during 2009. Please see our website www.clandonald.com for more information.





NAIRN MUSEUM TAIGH-TASGAIDH INBHIR NARAINN

Nairn Museum
Viewfield House
Viewfield Drive
Nairn
IV12 4EE

+ 44 (0)1667 456 791
manager@nairnmuseum.co.uk
www.nairnmuseum.co.uk

Opening times
Apr - Oct
10am to 4.30pm Mon -Fri
10am to 1pm Sat

Small admission charge

The museum An taigh-tasgaidh

Nairn Museum offers visitors and locals alike a fascinating insight into the life and times of the town and surrounding area over the centuries. The wide range of permanent displays featuring various aspects of Nairn's history and growth are well laid out and informative and, in addition, a huge collection of archive material is available for study. The museum particularly welcomes children, providing a range of pick up and touch exhibits and a safe play area. There are disabled facilities.

Homecoming Tighinn Dhachaigh

April & May

The museum will host the Moray Partnership Exhibition – "Under the Sea".

June & July

In conjunction with Nairn Book & Arts Festival & Nairn Academy we will host a Homecoming Exhibition of pupils' work.

August

An ever changing display of themed cigarette cards exhibited by a local collector.

See press and posters for further exhibitions during the season.





STRATHNAVER MUSEUM TAIGH-TASGAIDH SRATH NABHAIR

Strathnaver Museum
Clachan
Bettyhill
Thurso
Caithness
KW14 7SS

+44 (0)1641 521 418
www.strathnavermuseum.org.uk
www.mackaycountry.com

Opening times

Easter - October
10am-5pm Mon-Sat

Small admission charge

The museum An taigh-tasgaidh

The museum exists to uphold the traditions and history of the people of *'Duthaich Mhic Aoidh'* Mackay Country, working to safeguard this for future generations. The museum, situated beside the magnificent Farr Bay Bettyhill, presents the history of the communities of the ancient province of Strathnaver.

Homecoming Tighinn Dhachaigh

As Strathnaver was the ancient homeland of The Clan Mackay, the Clan is an important part of North Sutherland's history and is represented within the museum.

To celebrate this and to further develop links with all those connected to the Mackay Clan; the museum will be focussing on The Mackay Clan in the year of Homecoming.

On Saturday 2nd May we invite Mackay's and those connected to the Clan, to come to the museum and have a photograph taken. We

suggest people come in their own Highland dress or wear attire which will be provided. The photos and information gathered will be used to create the foundation of a Mackay database. If you cannot make it to the museum but wish to be involved we hope people will arrange their own photos. Once e-mailed to the museum the photos will be added to the online Clan.

Mackay Country

The museum works in partnership with the Mackay Country project. Further events and activities are anticipated for later in 2009. Museum displays in 2009 will include a Mackay Country exhibition including photo archives and artwork and poetry inspired by Strathnaver, commissioned by the museum.

Please see the websites or contact the museum for further details.





TAIN THROUGH TIME BAILE DHUBHTHAICH TRO NA LINNTEAN

Tain Through Time
Tower Street
Tain
Ross-shire
IV19 1DY

+44 (0)1862 894 089
info@tainmuseum.org.uk
www.tainmuseum.org.uk

Opening times
April - October
10am–5pm Mon-Sat

The museum An taigh-tasgaidh

The Tain Through Time

visitor centre is set within the beautiful churchyard of St Duthus Collegiate Church. The Pilgrimage, situated in a former school house dating to the 17th century, tells the story of Medieval Pilgrimage to Tain and offers visitors the opportunity to view the Collegiate Church accompanied by an audio guide which also takes them round the town. Tain & District Museum and Clan Ross Centre, housed in what was the Church Caretakers Lodge, is home to an extensive collection of objects, photographs and archives of local, regional and national significance including Clan Ross information.

Homecoming Tighinn Dhachaigh

Farming and local history.

This year's museum exhibition focuses on farming in the area. The fine collection of Tain Silver, currently subject of an exciting Heritage Lottery funded project, will also be on display.

James Thomson Exhibition

Thomson left Tain in 1757 to join the 78th Fraser Highlanders and fought in Canada during the Seven Years' War, surviving two of the bloodiest battles. When the regiment was disbanded he remained in Canada along with 150 others. He became a successful civil engineer responsible for much of the rebuilding of Quebec and is credited with introducing freemasonry to Canada.

12th & 13th August

The Clan Ross Gathering

The Museum will be hosting the Gathering on the 12th and 13th of August. Clan Chief David Ross of Ross and Balnagowan will be in attendance with his family. Activities include Gaelic music and song, a talk by Dr David Worthington, and a ceilidh to close the event.





TARBAT DISCOVERY CENTRE PORTMAHOMACK IONAD TAISGEALAI DH AN TAIRBEIRT, PORT MOCHOLMAIG

Tarbat Discovery Centre
Tarbatness Road
Portmahomack
Tain
Ross-shire
IV20 1YA

+44 (0)1862 871 351
info@tarbat-discovery.co.uk
www.tarbat-discovery.co.uk

Opening times
April – May 2pm-5pm daily
May – Sept 10am-5pm daily
Oct – 2pm-5pm daily
Closed from November - Easter

The museum An taigh-tasgaidh Pictish and local heritage museum

Situated in the beautifully restored 12th century Tarbat Old Parish Church, dedicated to St Colman, the Museum houses artefacts dating back to around 410BC. This was once the site of an 8th century Pictish Monastic Settlement that has undergone extensive archaeological investigation by the University of York. The story of the site, activities and many of the finds are on display inside the Centre together with our stunning collection of Pictish Sculpture finds. In our local heritage archives we have an outstanding photographic collection with hundreds of images of local people, places and activities from the 19th and 20th centuries. View them online by visiting the Learning section of our website.

Genealogy Services

Since the Discovery Centre opened in 1999 we have received hundreds of enquiries from people in the UK and abroad looking for their Scottish ancestors from Tarbat and the surrounding area. Throughout the early 90s a massive recording project was undertaken to transcribe, photograph and map the memorials from 8 cemeteries in the area now known as the Fearn Peninsula. In 2006 we launched the Fearn Peninsula Graveyards website. More than 6,000 records are available to download from our online database.

Births, Deaths and Marriages for: Fearn, Gairloch, Glenshiel, Kilmuir Easter, Logie Easter, Nigg, Lochalsh, Lochbroom, Lochcarron, Resolis, Tain and Tarbat can be viewed Monday to Friday at the Centre.

Please note: last entry to the museum is 4.15 At all times. Groups may visit outwith these hours by appointment.





TIMESPAN HERITAGE AND ARTS CENTRE HELMSDALE IONAD DUALCHAIS TIMESPAN, BUN ILIDH

Timespan Heritage Centre
Dunrobin Street
Helmsdale
Sutherland
KW8 6JA

+ 44 (0)1431 821 327
www.timespan.org.uk
enquiries@timespan.org.uk

Opening times
Easter – October
10am-5pm Mon-Sat
12pm-5pm Sunday

The museum An taigh-tasgaidh

Timespan Heritage centre, Helmsdale was founded in 1987. Following a significant redevelopment in 2007 it now has a community workshop space, IT suite, storytelling room, archive and stunning geology and riverside garden in addition to the gallery and museum, shop and excellent cafe with outdoor dining area by the river.

Museum displays include the Gold Rush; Clearances; River Fishing; Sea Fishing; Sites and Monuments; The Smiddy, shop, croft and barn.

The new displays for 2009 include Helmsdale's bygone shops and trades, emigration tales and Kildonan and Loth place names.

Public archival resources: Clearances and emigration records, bygone shops, trades and school archives, genealogy research facility (Also service available), Sutherland film

footage, historic maps & image catalogue, oral reminiscences, location & place name database and military records.

Homecoming Tighinn Dhachaigh 2009 events:

Talks /discussions
- The History of East Sutherland.
- Regimental history.
- Parish place names.
- Local Bard, Donald Matheson.

Walks
- Clearance Townships.
- In the Strath of Kildonan.
- Learable, Caen, Borrobol, Kilphedir and many more!

Trips
Summer daytime trips to Highland museums and places of historic interest. (Booking required)

**Homecoming Seminar
Local History Seminar:**
When the rig becomes too narrow
(6 speakers, walks, displays)





ULLAPOOL MUSEUM TAIGH-TASGAIDH ULAPUIL

Ullapool Museum
7-8 West Argyle St
Ullapool
IV26 2TY

+ 44 (0)1854 612 987
curator@ullapoolmuseum.co.uk
www.ullapoolmuseum.co.uk

Opening times
Apr -Oct
10am-5pm Mon-Sat

The museum An taigh-tasgaidh

Ullapool Museum is housed in a restored Thomas Telford Parliamentary Church, which was built in 1829. The Museum tells the story of Lochbroom; the land and its people. An audiovisual presentation tells the story of the people who have made this challenging environment their home, from the first settlers to the present day.

Homecoming Tighinn Dhachaigh Emigrant Paths

Runabreck, Achmilmorie, Gluoch: Who's heard of these places? They're not marked on the map. But for hundreds of years people lived in farms and townships like these until hardship, the lure of a better life abroad and finally enforced clearance left nothing but ruins and grassy patches. Now, to link in with its popular genealogy service, Ullapool Museum is developing, for this Year of Homecoming, an information service for visitors whose

emigrant forbears departed from Lochbroom and who want to trace the path back all the way to the homes they left.

Together with an exhibition matching 18th century maps to the modern landscape and leaflet-guided walks to sites which represent episodes in the history of clearance and emigration, the museum is building up a database of all the historical rural settlements, from the River Kirkaig in the north to Little Gruinard on the south boundary of the parish. This will hold information on where the townships and farmsteads were, how much there is left to see and how to get there, provide historical information and give visitors the opportunity to add to the record memories and stories of their own families' paths.





WEST HIGHLAND MUSEUM FORT WILLIAM TAIGH-TASGAIDH TAOBH SIAR NA GÀIDHEALTACHD, AN GEARASTAN

West Highland Museum
Cameron Square
Fort William
PH33 6AJ

+ 44 (0)1397 702 169
info@westhighlandmuseum.
org.uk
www.westhighlandmuseum.
org.uk

Opening times
Mon - Sat 10am - 4pm
Open Sun in Jul & Aug 2pm - 5pm

The museum An taigh-tasgaidh

One of the oldest museums in the Highlands, the West Highland Museum is home to the finest Jacobite collection outwith the National Museum. Discover the mystery of the Secret Portrait of Bonnie Prince Charlie!

But there is so much more to the West Highland Museum. Come and wonder at archaeological finds from the Bronze Age, or try to solve the Appin Murder using the "Black Gun of Misfortune" as your evidence. From weapons to a Whale bone, from medals to Montrose's helmet, the museum has something for everyone.

Homecoming Tighinn Dhachaigh

As part of Homecoming there is an exhibition of model boats and scenes from the islands. The exhibition is the result of a lifelong interest and connection with the Scottish islands and the west coast. Models include the SS Politician and The Vital Spark.

One of the oldest, and possibly one of the most important Museums in the Highlands- Have you discovered it yet?





WICK HERITAGE MUSEUM TAIGH-TASGAIDH DUALCHAIS INBHIR ÒIGE

The Wick Heritage Museum
18 - 27 Bank Row
Wick
KW1 5EY

+ 44 (0)1955 605 393
museum@wickheritage.org
www.wickheritage.org

Opening times
Easter - October
10am-3.45pm Mon-Sat

The museum An taigh-tasgaidh

The Wick Heritage Society was founded in 1971, in 1974 a small museum was opened in the Carnegie Library. As membership grew so did the influence of the Society and in 1979 the society was made an offer of empty buildings in Bank Row for the creation of a Heritage Centre. The facility opened the first displays to the public in 1981.

Photographic gallery

The Museum's photographic gallery displays includes the unique Johnston collection which represents the work of three generations of a local family of photographers who captured images of life in and around Wick between 1863 and 1975. **Period Rooms** The Wick Heritage Museum contains a number of fully furnished rooms that are typical of between 1900 and 1925. These rooms contain a vast array of household items, furnishings, from the traditional box bed to

authentic Caithness chairs. **Civic Life** The Museum houses a wide range of artefacts, documents and photographs that reveal the rich variety of the Town's civic life. **Herring Fishing** The British Fishery Society built Wick harbour in 1808. The fishing peaked around 1860 when records show that 1100 vessels were engaged in the summer herring fishing season. Men and women came from across the Highlands and from the Western Isles to crew the boats and to work in the herring curing yards. The Museum has extensive displays of herring-related activity including coopering, kippering, fishing and trading.

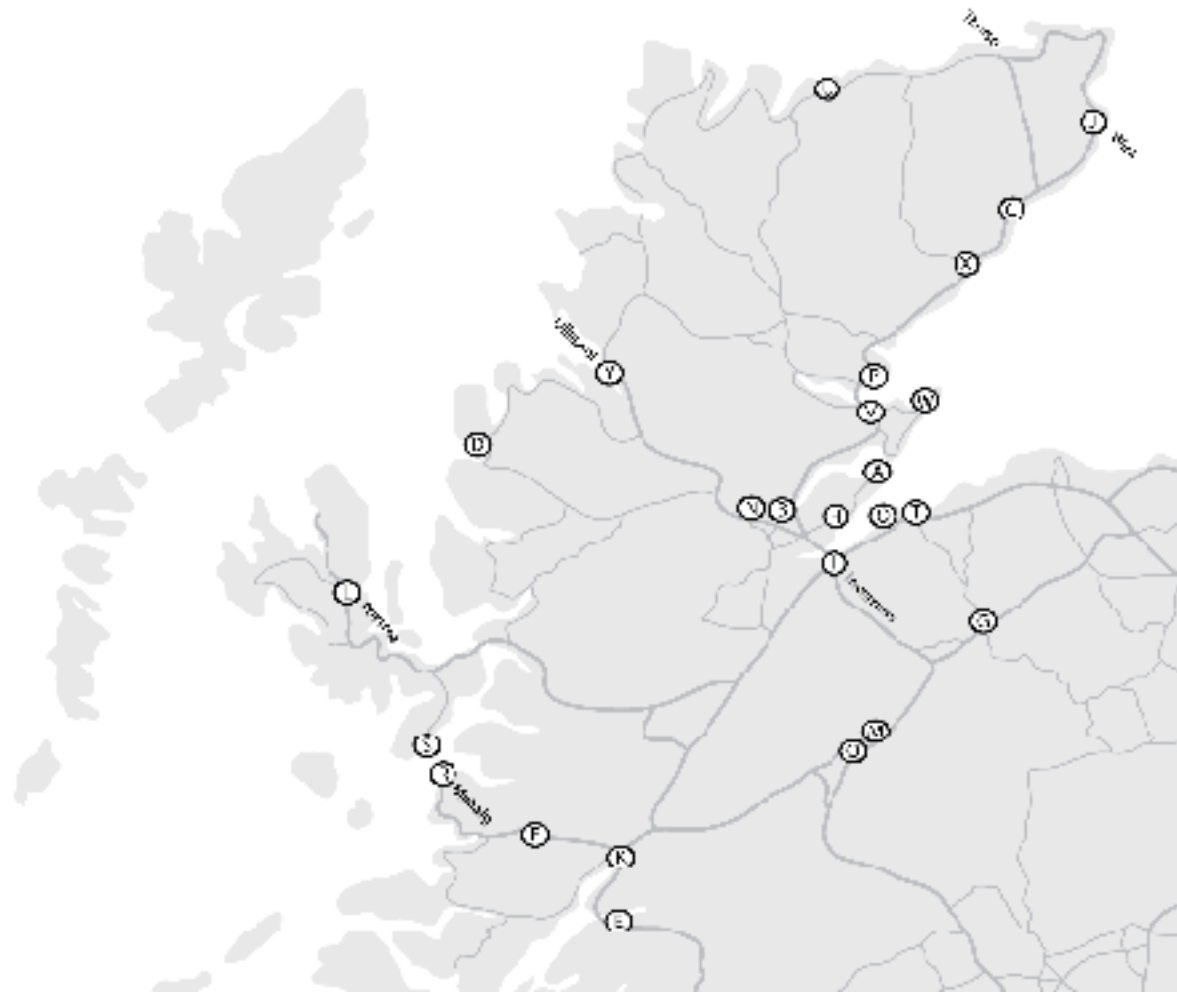


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