

Hope Vere Anderson Culture and Heritage Centre



2026 Annual Report

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Founding Trustees



Hope Vere Anderson

- ✓ Walker St Building Owner
- ✓ Charity Trustee
- ✓ Charity President
- ✓ Sustainable Farming and Forestry
- ✓ Sustainable Renewable Energy



Constance Nestor, FSAScot

- ✓ Centre Business and Operations Manager
- ✓ Architect / Construction and Project Manager
- ✓ Former Firm Officer/ Business Operations
- ✓ UK Heritage Expert



Catherine Eve Anderson, FSAScot

- ✓ Early Careerist and Entrepreneur



Paisley Photo: Scotland Loves Local

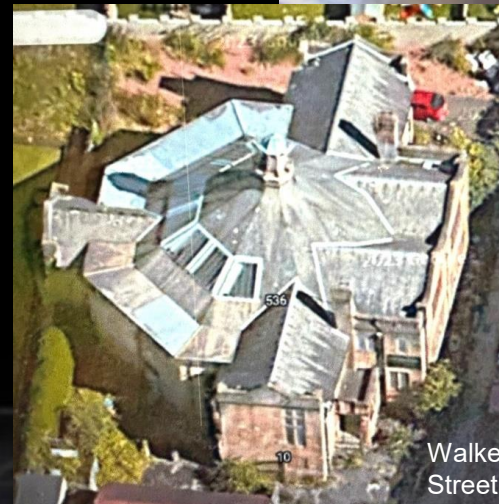
With Paisley being named Town of the Year in Scotland, followed by St. Miren Football Club winning the Scottish League Cup, and the Paisley Museum and Art Gallery expansion project nearing completion, Paisley's revitalization efforts are materializing successfully.

Charitable Mission

- Hope Vere Anderson Culture and Heritage Centre
(former Walker Memorial Hall)
- Address: 6 Walker Street, PA12EP
- SCIO CHARITY
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Reg No SC053749
- C-Listed Building (1909)



Walker Street Memorial Hall



Aerial View



Domed Rotunda

The vision of the Trustees is to transform this C-listed 6 Walker Street building into a Culture and Heritage Centre for the Paisley community and its visitors. It took us nearly a year to accomplish the process, and we are now pleased to say our Charity has been successfully registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organization.

Purpose and Intent

- Serve and enhance the Paisley community
- Transform historical architecture into public cultural and heritage centre
- Purposes:
 - Advancement of Education
 - Community Development
 - Advancement of Arts, Culture, & Heritage
- Enhance & Support of Paisley's Urban Revitalisation Strategy



Open Doors
Days (September)

Lots of support!

The purpose and intent of the Culture and Heritage Centre is that of providing educational and community support venues, along with the advancement of the arts and cultural heritage, in support of Paisley's urban revitalization strategies.

Community Attractions

- **HANDICAPPED:** Persons with Disabilities Welcome
- **SENIORS:** Amenities and Programs
- **YOUTH:** Programs for Children and Teens
- **CULTURAL DIVERSITY:** Celebrate All Cultures
 - Library
 - Educational Exhibits and Programs
 - Permanent Scottish Heritage & Tartans Museum
 - Rotating Multi-cultural Exhibits/ Programs
- Community Conference & Class Rooms
- Community Office Rental (by the Hour)
- Gift and Soda Shop



Exhibits and programs will be varied and culturally diverse to appeal to all members of the global community with special provisions for the elderly and handicapped, in addition to special programs and activities catering to children and youth.

Goal: Preservation of Heritage – Creation of Jobs

Scottish Tartans Museum & Heritage Skills Academy

- Help preserve endangered heritage skills
- Teach students Scottish artisan skills while visitors observe
 - Apprenticeships in tartan weaving, metalworks/ engraving, sword smithing, stone carving, Quaich crafting, historic bespoke tailoring, and/or others are planned
- Graduate skilled artisans and return them to the community to make and sell their crafts



Weaving Exhibit:
Scottish Tartans Museum
Franklin, NC, USA



Quaich Crafting

The Centre will feature a permanent Scottish Tartans Museum on the main level. Note: while the United States offers a Scottish Tartans Museum, Scotland lacks such a museum. A Heritage Skills Academy is also planned in support of the preservation of endangered artisan skills. Students may apprentice to artisans, learn the trades, and return to the community with useful skills and crafted goods to sell.

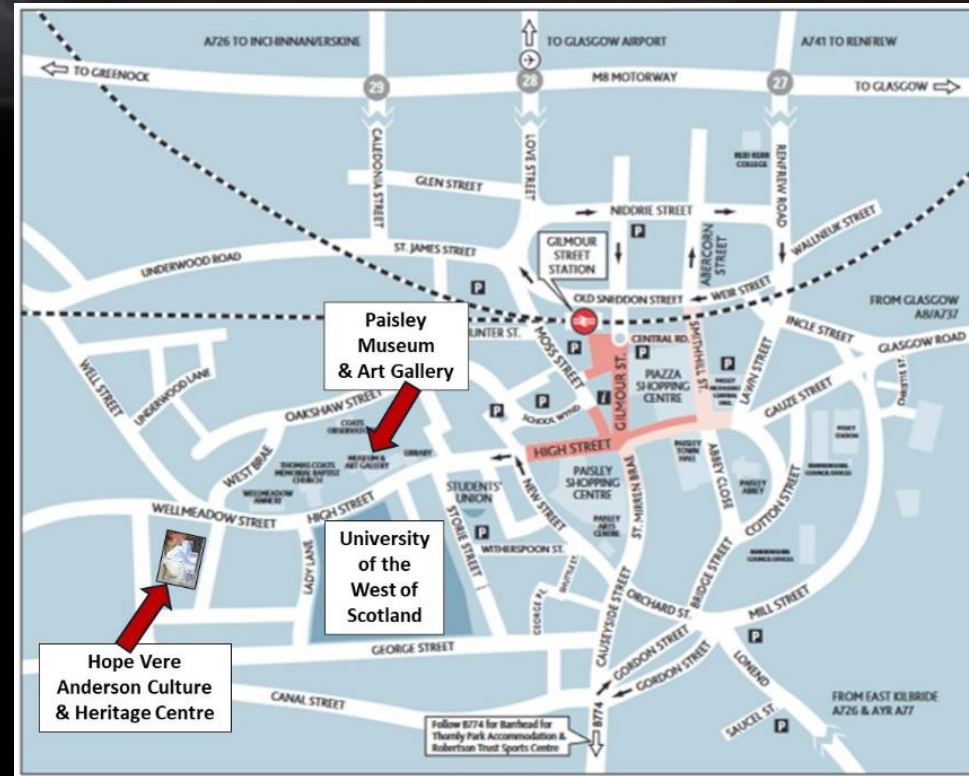
Scottish Tartans Museum Exhibits (USA)



Exhibits similar to those on display at the US-based Tartans Museum are planned.

GOAL: Collaboration on Programs and Exhibitions

- Paisley West & Central Community Council
- Renfrewshire Council
- Paisley Museum and Art Gallery
- National Museums Scotland
- Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
- National Trust Scotland
- Scottish Diaspora Community, and Others



Location Plan - Paisley

Rotating culturally diverse exhibits and exhibitions and programs in conjunction with the City of Paisley, Paisley Museum and Art Gallery (?), the University of the West of Scotland, National Museums Scotland, the National Trust Scotland are planned. High-tech interactive exhibits are planned.

Why Paisley?

- ✓ Rich Cultural and Business History (St. Miren – Place of Pilgrimage)
- ✓ More Examples of Significant Architecture Than Any Other Scotland City
- ✓ 10 Minutes (2.3 Miles) from Glasgow Airport
- ✓ Edinburgh – Expensive, Crowded, with Inadequate Infrastructure
- ✓ Glasgow – Complex and Crowded
- ✓ 6 Walker Street Building – Proximate to Paisley Museum and Art Gallery, Paisley Abbey, the University of the West of Scotland, and other venues

Scotland sorely needs an urban and tourism hub in the West in order to balance and grow the country's economy.

With the appropriate planning, investments, and care, Paisley offers unlimited potentials for Scotland.



Paisley is ideally positioned as the next big tourist centre in Scotland, with its rich history, multitude of architecturally significant buildings, and proximity to the Glasgow Airport. Edinburgh (to the East) and Glasgow (centrally located), are crowded and expensive with insufficient infrastructure.

Publicity, Promotions, Fundraising

Charity Trustees will be partnering with *Engage Renfrewshire* to raise funds for the project, and will be recruiting a full Board of Trustees in 2026.

Hope Anderson
presentation to the
Community Council
In Paisley
7 January 2026



Even before the Charity status was granted, Hope has been promoting the planned Centre here in Scotland, in Canada, America, and Europe, with plans to seek additional support from Australia and New Zealand in 2026-27. We participated in Paisley's Open Doors Days weekend in September, and are pleased to report, received a great deal of enthusiasm and support.

Hope rode in a Christmas parade in an open convertible in Alexandria Virginia, with special signs made up for the car to advertise the Centre (page 11). The Ethiopian Community of Alexandria were excited to learn of Hope's plans for the Centre and wish to visit Scotland and Paisley sometime soon (page 12).

Trustees Hope and Constance made a formal presentation to the Paisley West & Central Community Council on January 7, 2026, when they requested the project be added to the *Local Place Plan*, and that the Community Council promote a Non-Domestic Tax waiver by the Renfrewshire Council for the Centre.

Publicity, Promotions, Fundraising

- Scotland – Discussions with Princess Royal, Lord Lyon King of Arms, and the Baronage
- Scotland – Open Doors Days, Paisley
- Scotland – Scottish Tartans Authority
- Canada - Fergus Festival, Ontario
- USA – COSCA, American Scottish Foundation
- USA Festival Leaders and Clans – Georgia, Illinois, North Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee, Virginia



Promotional Brochure
& SCIO Charity Number

Publicity, Promotions, Fundraising

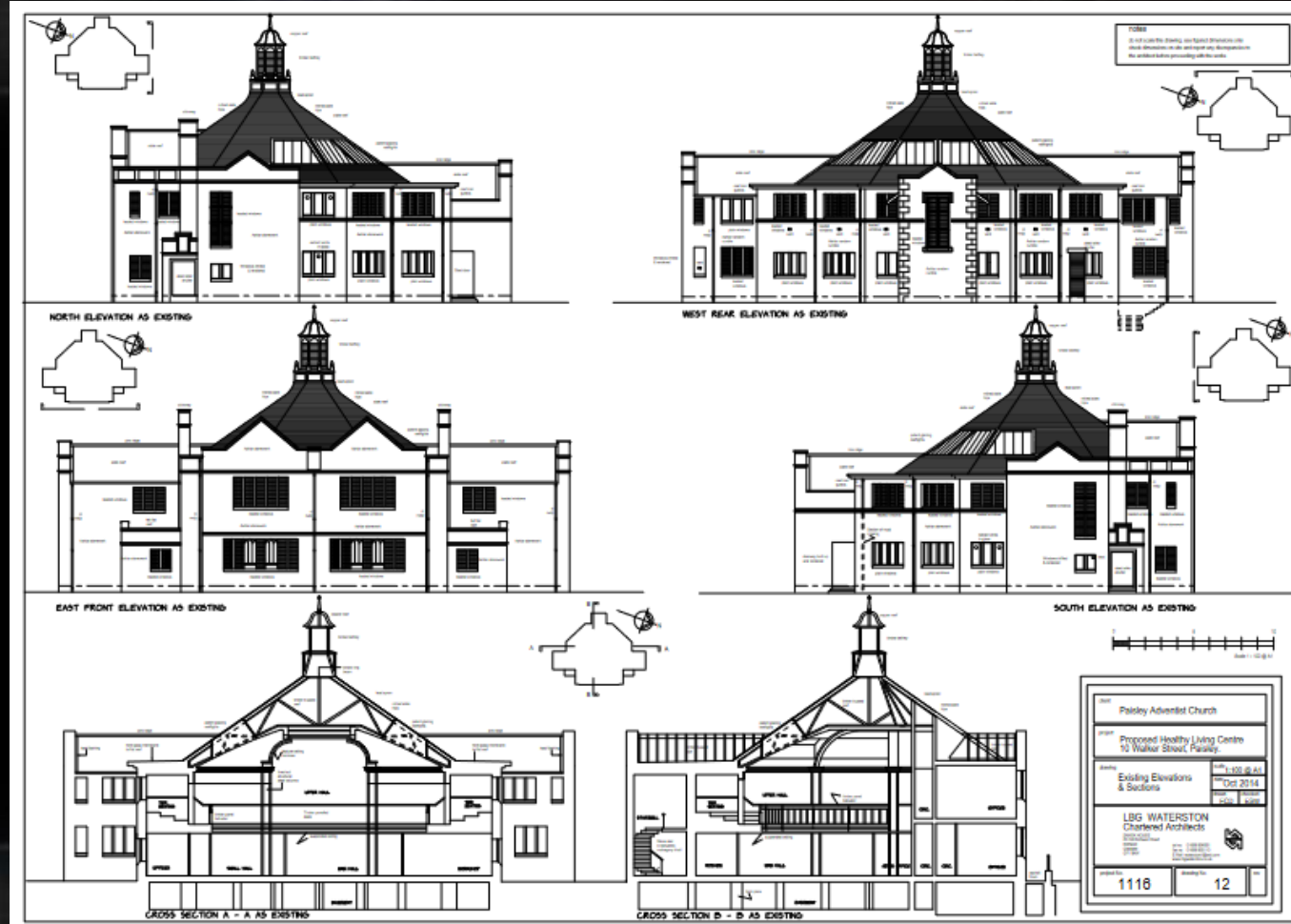
Publications and Correspondence —

- Website <https://www.hopevereanderson.com/museum/>
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/HopeVereAnderson/>
- Support Brochures and Business Cards
- Targeted Correspondence, Email, & Communications
- Grant Funding Applications (In Progress)



Historic Relevance of Building

- Coats Memorial Hall
 - Constructed by Coats Memorial Church (1909)
- Paisley Architect: Thomas Graham Abercrombie
 - Dome
 - Rotunda
 - Skylights
 - Grand Space



The extraordinary Walker Street building was originally designed as a Sunday School support building for Coats Memorial Church, by the very important architect Thomas Graham Abercrombie and native son of Paisley – quite a grand structure complete with rotunda, cupola and domed skylights.

Conceptual Site and Floor Plans – Renovation (Preliminary)

LBG Waterstone Architects retained for repairs and renovation.

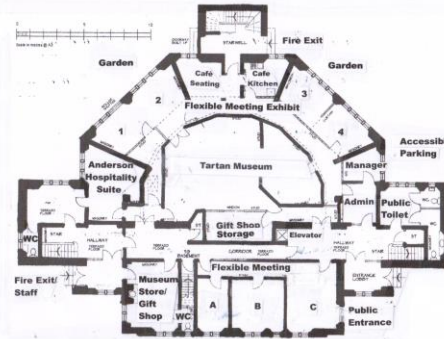
6 Walker Street Facility (3 Floors: Ground Level, 2nd Floor & Lower Level):

Total Existing Building Area (Gross Square Meters): 1,476

Total Existing Building Area (Gross Square Feet): 15,888

Kirk McVean Accountants retained to prepare audited financial reports.

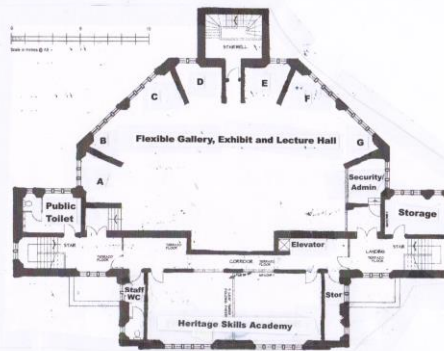
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Ground Floor Conceptual Design Floor Plan
Hope Vere Anderson Cultural and Heritage Centre
Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland
November 2023

Permanent Exhibits

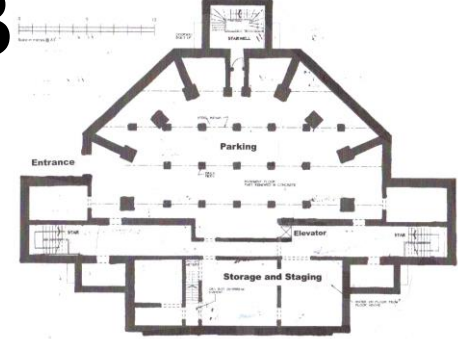
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Second Floor Conceptual Design Floor Plan
Hope Vere Anderson Cultural and Heritage Centre
Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland
November 2023

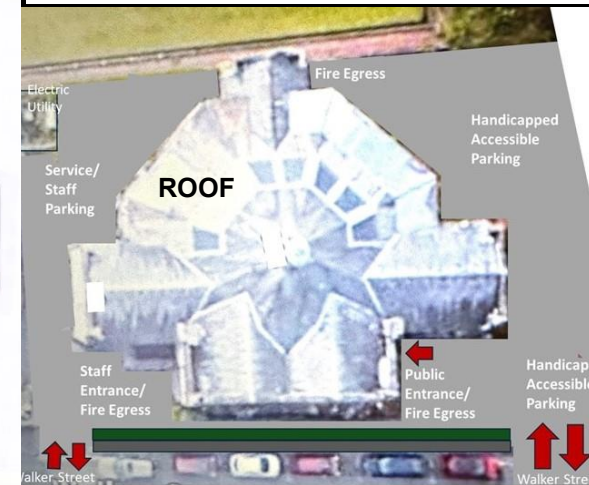
Rotating Exhibits

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Lower Level Conceptual Design Floor Plan
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Receiving & Storage

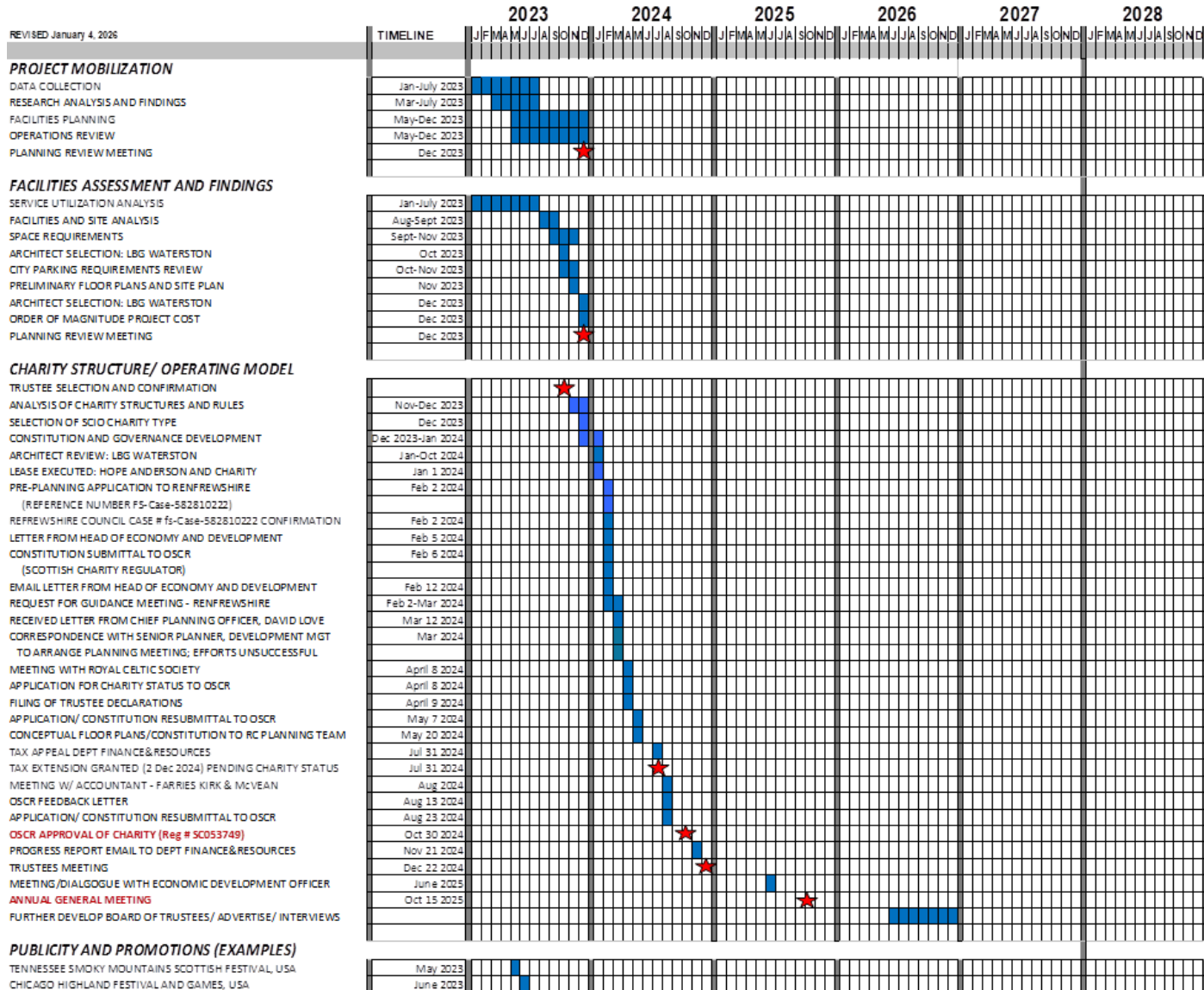


Preliminary floor plans have been prepared, with budget to repair the exterior envelope of the building in early 2026. The Renfrewshire Planning Department has confirmed there is ample public street parking for the facility. Handicapped parking spaces are planned on the site.

Work Plan and Timeline (Preliminary)

Hope Vere Anderson Culture and Heritage Centre

PROJECT SCHEDULE AND BUDGET (PRELIMINARY)



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REVALUATION NOTICES OF PROPERTY RECEIVED
PHONED UPON RECEIPT OF BUSINESS RATES BILL TO REQUEST
WAIVER BASED ON CHARITY PROJECT UNDERWAY
RECEIVED NOTICE FROM WALKER LOVE RE: TAX DUE
PHONED AND WROTE TO SHAWBROOK BANK PON RECEIPT OF
BUSINESS RATES BILL, TO REQUEST WAIVER.
TAX PAYMENT DUE DATE EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 2 PENDING
CHARITY APPROVAL
OSCR APPROVAL OF CHARITY (Reg # SC053749)- DEADLINE SATISFIED
WROTE TO SHAWBROOK BANK EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR THE TAX
DUE DATE EXTENSION AND TO PROVIDE DETAILED PROGRESS REPT.
NON DOMESTIC RATES NOTICE FROM WALKER LOVE (FEB 24 2025)

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Work Plan and Timeline (Preliminary)

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CHARGE FOR PAYMENT OF (TAX) MONEY FROM SHERIFF: £ 3,547
HVA LETTER TO ALASTAIR MACARTHUR, DIR OF FINANCE&RES.
RECEIVED INVITATION TO MAKE PRESENTATION TO PAISLEY WEST & CENTRAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL, FROM JOHN WILBY
LETTER RECEIVED FROM ALASTAIR MACARTHUR: BUILDING MUST BE OPERATIONAL PRIOR TO TAX WAIVERS
RECEIVED EMAIL & ADVICE FROM CLLR JANIS McDONALD
TRUSTEES REQUESTED PRESENTATION TO WEST & CENTRAL CC
REPLY LETTER FROM JOHN WILBY, PAISLEY WEST & CENTRAL COM.
NON DOMESTIC RATES LETTER TO ALASTAIR MACARTHUR, DIR F&R
PAYMENT MADE AND EMAIL SENT TO ALASTAIR MACARTHUR
PRESENTATION TO PAISLEY WEST & CENTRAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING WITH ENGAGE RENFREWSHIRE
MEETING WITH INVEST IN RENFREWSHIRE
TRUSTEES MEETING

GRANT APPLICATIONS AND FUNDING

(CURRENTLY UNDERWAY)

2026 PROMOTIONS & SUPPORT MEETINGS

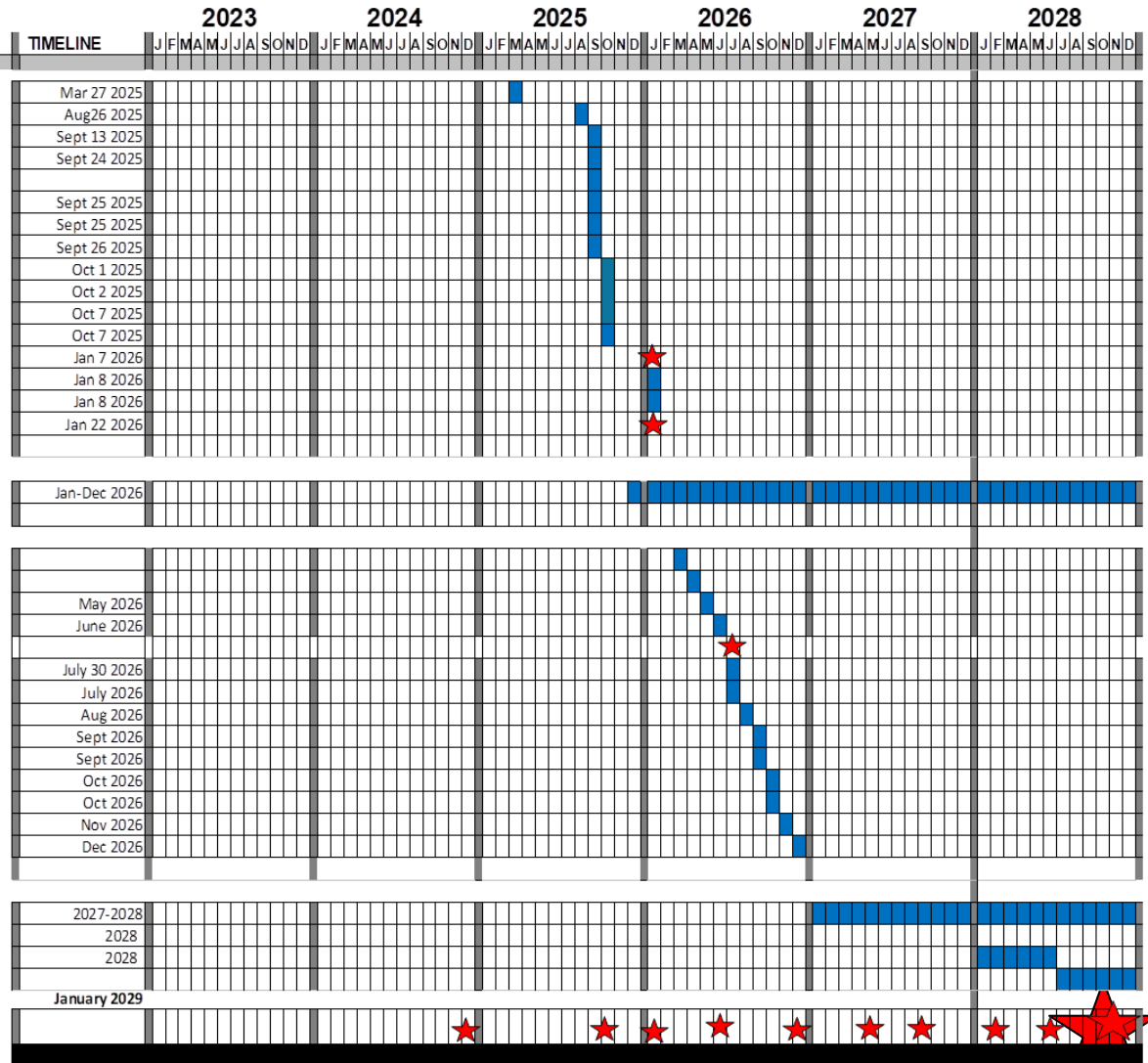
MELBOURN HIGHLAND GAMES, AUSTRALIA
NEW ZEALAND DIASPORA SCOTS
TENNESSEE SMOKY MOUNTAINS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL, USA
CHICAGO HIGHLAND FESTIVAL AND GAMES, USA
TRUSTEES MEETING
PREPARE AND SUBMIT ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTING TO OSCR
ABOYNE FESTIVAL, SCOTLAND
FERGUS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL, ONTARIO, CANADA
BRAEMAR SCOTTISH FESTIVAL, SCOTLAND
BARONAGE GATHERING, SCOTLAND
GEORGIA STONE MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL, USA
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND, USA
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND, USA
WAIPU FESTIVAL & CLAN ANDERSON SOCIETY, NEW ZEALAND

DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION RENOVATION PROJECT

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
RECRUIT AND EXECUTE STAFFING PLAN
SIGN LEASES WITH SODA SHOP AND GIFT SHOP VENDORS

OPENING DAY !!

TRUSTEE MEETINGS



8 January 2026
Engage Renfrewshire Meeting

Openning Day 2028!

Appeal for Support

Please support the Scottish Tartans Museum
and Scottish Heritage Skills Academy projects.

For additional information, please contact:

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THANK YOU