

Laggan Opportunity & Amenity Fund (LOAF)

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Trustees Annual Report 2022-2023

Charitable Purpose

The advancement of education,
The advancement of citizenship or community development,
The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities,
with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.



A meeting was held in Machrihanish Village Hall on 15th April 2019 to discuss the rescue of the historic Kilkivan Graveslabs and Church. As this is where the remains of relatives of past and present residents of Machrihanish and Drumlemble are located, the regeneration of this local graveyard would benefit these communities. On completion of the project, it could become part of a tourist trail of historical sites in and around Kintyre thus increasing tourism in the area. This would be in line with our second charitable purpose.

Aims

- 1 Work with Historic Environment Scotland to preserve the historic 14th and 15th century grave slabs and protect them from the elements.
- 2 Secure and make safe the walls of the church.
- 3 Tidy up the grounds and establish better access.

Convener's Report 2026

Unfortunately, not much progress has been made in the year 2025-2026. Having completed the emergency phase, we didn't expect the next phase to take so long. The sub-group, Valerie Nimmo, Elizabeth McTaggart, Jan Nimmo and Mike Peacock met regularly with representatives of KKCPA. Our conservation engineer, Krystyna Pytasz, has been working

closely with Historic Environment Scotland and it appears that they have the funding in place for the main restoration project for the three churches and graveslabs, but that cannot be released until an agreement has been reached between KKCPA, the lead partner and Argyll & Bute Council, the owners of the sites. After very prolonged negotiations with the legal department of the Council, we think that an agreed Heads of Terms/Minute of Agreement has been reached, which should mean that HES and the National Lottery Heritage Fund can now choose to give us a grant to cover 80-90% of the cost of the project, leaving us to find 10-20%.

We must show other funders what we are doing ourselves to raise money, how we are involving young people.

The group has received money from local windfarm funds, MACC, MOWI, Kintyre Club as well as from Anne Stewart Knitwear.

Drumlemble Primary School Pupils carried out a project based on the graveslabs, while some Campbeltown Grammar School pupils did the audio for a video on Kilkivan.

A lot of work has been done, but still much to do.



To engage the public, a website has been created, www.medievalkintyre.uk, along with a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/575555620154862>

Headway has been made this year, but there remains a lot of hard work and fundraising to be done.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "E. Valerie Nimmo", written in dark ink on a light-colored rectangular card.

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