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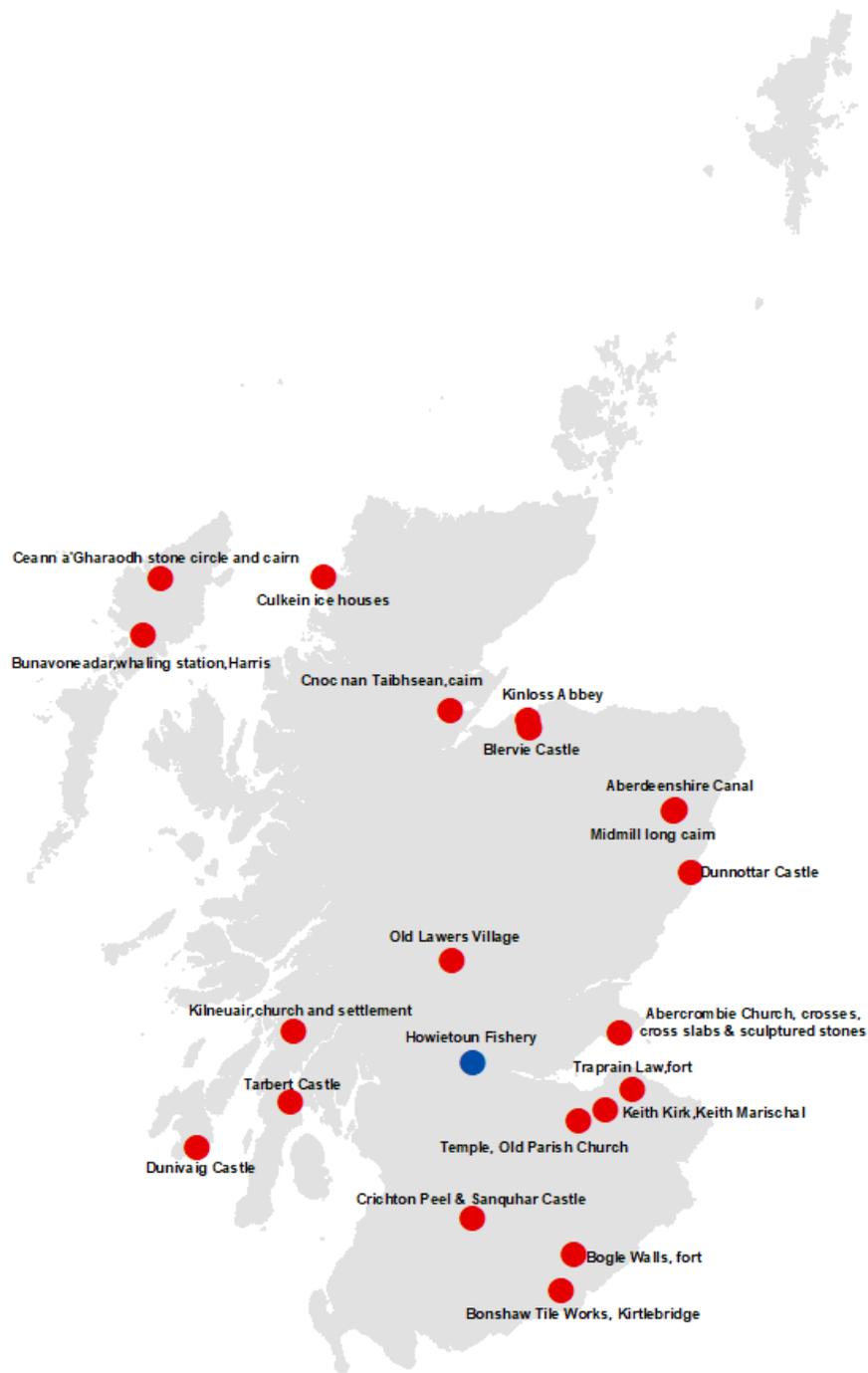


Figure 1 Map showing location of heritage assets which secured funding

The Monument Management Fund is targeted at modest management works to both scheduled and undesignated monuments.

In 2022-23:

- 25 projects received funding totalling £83,939.92
- Funding for projects ranged in value from £210.00 - £23,504.23.
- Projects spread across Scotland, over 11 local authority areas
- Condition of 10 monuments have improved as a result with works to remove vegetation or consolidate masonry.
- Investigative surveys, assessments or conservation reports were undertaken on 12 monuments, providing a platform for future conservation works to take place.
- Positive engagement with 21 separate sets of stakeholders helping to ensure improved long-term management of monuments.
- A conservation management plan and drawing package for a category A listed building were also supported through the 2022-23 MMF programme.

1. NATIONAL SUMMARY

A total of 25 projects received funding through the Monument Management Fund. Of these, 14 originated from Casework Officers, and 11 from Field Officers. The projects were spread across the country, taking in 11 local authority areas.

Figure 2 Map showing amount of funding per local authority area

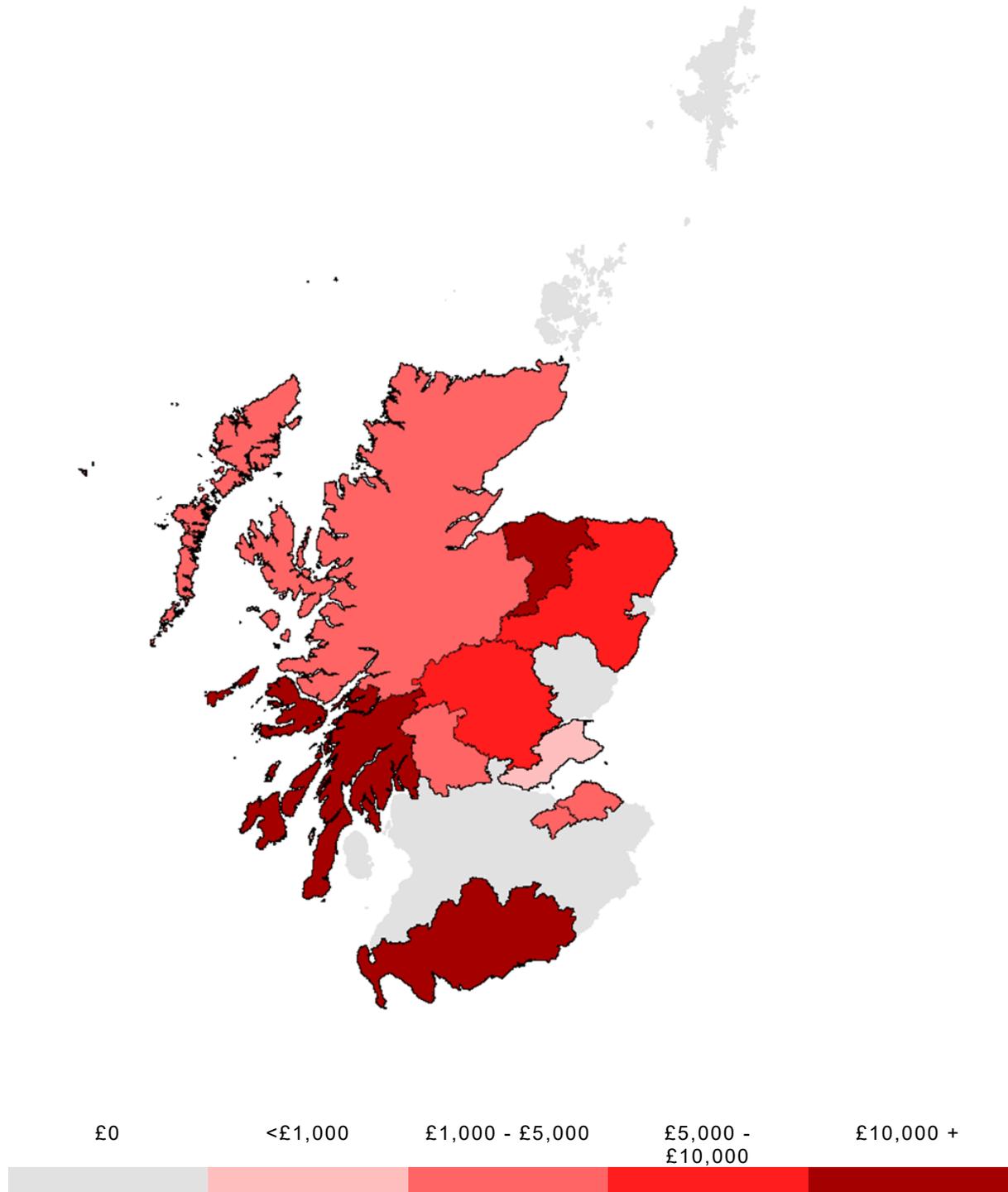


Table 1 Funding by local authority area

Local Authority Area	MMF 2022-23
Western Isles	£1,000-£5,000
Highland	£1,000-£5,000
Moray	>£10,000
Aberdeenshire	£5,000-£10,000
Perth and Kinross	£1,000-£5,000
Argyll and Bute	>£10,000
Stirling	£1,000-£5,000
East Lothian	£1,000-£5,000
Mid Lothian	£1,000-£5,000
Dumfries and Galloway	>£10,000

2. SUMMARY OF GRANT WORKS COMPLETED

2.1 NA H-EILEANAN SIAR

2.1.1 CEANN A'GHARAODH, STONE CIRCLE – REPAIRS TO GATE AND STILE

SITE INFORMATION

Scheduled Monument SM5433 Ceann A'gharaodh, Stone Circle

RECIPIENT

Carloway Estate Trust

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

Repair to gate by replacing strainer posts, installation of self-shutting spring, and repairs to stile, access to scheduled area

BENEFITS

The current stile is broken and not safe to use, and the gate has to be tied to ensure closure to stock. These repairs will ensure that stock can either be retained within scheduled area or kept outwith the area. Access improvements for visitors to the site over the stile or through the gate.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 3 Repaired stile giving access to the monument



Figure 4 New gate installed to improve access to the monument

2.1.2 BUNAVONEADER WHALING STATION – REMOVAL OF ASBESTOS SHEETING

SITE INFORMATION

Scheduled Monument No 5362 Bunavoneadar Whaling Station

RECIPIENT

North Harris Trust

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

Removal of asbestos sheeting from the brick building, due to the ongoing collapse of roof and also the hazardous nature of it.

BENEFITS

Will improve the building by making it safe, and remove hazardous waste from the scheduled area.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 5 View of one of the buildings prior to commencement of work



Figure 6 Building with roofing removed

2.2 HIGHLAND

2.2.1 CULKEIN, ICE HOUSES – CONSERVATION ENGINEERS REPORT

SITE INFORMATION

Scheduled Monument No 772 Culkein Ice houses

RECIPIENT

Culkein Common Grazings

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

Conservation engineer's report to assess options to safeguard the roof structure of the eastern icehouse from imminent collapse.

BENEFITS

Report has confirmed initial on-site assessment of the options available to secure the roof, and has provided an engineer-led phased solution that can now be used to inform future repairs.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 7 Culkein Ice Houses

2.2.2 CNOC NAN TAIBHSEAN – GORSE CLEARANCE

SITE INFORMATION

Scheduled Monument SM2969 Cnoc nan Taibhsean, cairn

RECIPIENT

Private Individual

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

Removal of gorse around the scheduled area, to allow access into the scheduled area and the cairn

BENEFITS

This site has been inaccessible for many years, and so the removal of gorse by machine will allow access to the site to allow condition monitoring.

2.3 MORAY

2.3.1 KINLOSS ABBEY – PRE-CONTRACT PROFESSIONAL REPORT AND DRAWINGS

SITE INFORMATION

Scheduled Monument SM1227 Kinloss Abbey

RECIPIENT

Kinloss Abbey Trust

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

Funding towards the cost of pre-contract architect, archaeologist and engineer's drawings & reports.

BENEFITS

The funding towards professional outputs will support Trust in their long-term management and maintenance of the site.

2.3.2 BLERVIE CASTLE – TEMPORARY STABILISATION WORK AND SURVEY

SITE INFORMATION

Scheduled Monument SM5625 Blervie Castle

RECIPIENT

Private Individual

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

Temporary stabilisation work to fireplace, high level inspection and photographic survey using MEWP, stage 1 bat survey (hibernation period)

BENEFITS

Applicant hopes to eventually secure funding for a consolidation project long term. The temporary stabilisation work is designed to protect the fireplace to prevent damage/collapse, The high level inspection/photographic survey was carried out to ensure the safety of contractors carrying out the protection works and to inform future work/allow an update of the existing condition report.

2.4 ABERDEENSHIRE

2.4.1 ABERDEENSHIRE CANAL – TREE REMOVAL

SITE INFORMATION

Scheduled Monument No 7674 Aberdeenshire Canal, remains of, NW of Brae of Kintore

RECIPIENT

Private Individual

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

Felling and removal of trees affected by Storm Arwen and those identified as most vulnerable to future windblow by tree surgeon. This includes 3 trees on the canal towpath. Work will be carried out by hand without heavy machinery. Root plates will be allowed to fall back, ideally into their original position. Contractor has identified that they may not fall back into their original positions without use of JCB which would cause ground disturbance. We would not be content with use of JCB at the present time and accept that some stumps may not be seated correctly.

BENEFITS

Improve appearance of monument, prevent future damage, particularly to towpath,

2.4.2 MIDMILL LONG CAIRN – SCRUB CLEARANCE

SITE INFORMATION

Scheduled Monument No 3958 Midmill, long cairn, 400m SSE of Tuach Hill

RECIPIENT

Donald Russell Ltd

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

Clearance of whins from the scheduled area by cutting and disposal of all the brash outwith the area.

BENEFITS

Most of the cairn was covered in tall whins, under which is a thriving rabbit population. Clearance of the whins will benefit the monument by reducing root disturbance of the buried archaeology and is likely to deter the rabbits by removing the cover. The whins have been cleared entirely, cut off to leave low stumps. The

brush has been chipped on a grassy area to the N of the monument. It is now possible to see the profile of the cairn on the low ridge on which it stands

PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 8 View of the site covered in whin prior to commencement of works



Figure 9 View of the monument after clearance of whin

2.4.3 DUNNOTTAR CASTLE – CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

SITE INFORMATION

Scheduled Monument SM986 Dunnottar Castle

RECIPIENT

Dunecht Estates

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

Update to a conservation management plan and production of a 5 year maintenance plan

BENEFITS

Will enable a fuller understanding of the monument and its needs, and prioritisation of management works

2.5 PERTH AND KINROSS

2.5.1 OLD LAWERS VILLAGE – VEGETATION REMOVAL AND NEW FENCE

SITE INFORMATION

Scheduled Monument SM6280 Old Lawers Village, deserted settlement and burial ground 250m NNE of Lawers Pier

RECIPIENT

Private Individual

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

A new fence erected along the boundary of the field to the S of the monument to prevent livestock in this field getting onto the monument along the banks of Loch Tay. Scrub and targeted tree removal around the buildings. The buildings at the SW end of the site (church and Old House of Lawers) have been targeted through this grant, with larger sections of wood piled at the side of the buildings. Brash has been chipped.

BENEFITS

Cattle have caused significant poaching around the buildings in the past during the winter months. This new fence will prevent this cause of damage.

Removal of the scrub and trees will reduce the risk of damage to the masonry, both through root growth and physical impact of over-hanging branches.

2.6 FIFE

2.6.1 ABERCROMBIE CHURCH – CARVED STONES INITIAL SURVEY

SITE INFORMATION

Scheduled Monument SM818 Abercrombie Church, church, crosses, cross slabs & sculptured stones

RECIPIENT

N/A Direct commission

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

Site assessment to ascertain condition of monument.

BENEFITS

Any proposed remedial works to the monument following the site assessment would help to ensure its conservation over the long term.

2.7 STIRLING

2.6.1 HOWIETOUN FISHERY – CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

SITE INFORMATION

Listed Building LB15306 Howietoun Fishery

RECIPIENT

The Howietoun Heritage and Nature Sanctuary Charitable Trust

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

Funding towards the cost of completing a conservation management plan. Funding towards the cost of completing engineer drawings for the Summer House and the Mincing House.

BENEFITS

Update of Management Plan and detailed engineers drawings to progress project to Listed Building Consent stage.

2.8 ARGYLL AND BUTE

2.8.1 KILNEUAIR CHURCH – CONSERVATION REPORT

SITE INFORMATION

Scheduled Monument SM269 Kilneuir, church and settlement, 1900m E of Ford

RECIPIENT

Kilneuir Conservation Project

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

Conservation Report - See 2023/4 report Multi year

BENEFITS

See 2023/4 report Multi year.

2.8.2 TARBERT CASTLE – VEGETATION CONTROL

SITE INFORMATION

Scheduled Monument 276 Tarbert Castle

RECIPIENT

Tarbert Castle Trust

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

(Ongoing multi-year)

Support for the Trust's small herd of sheep which maintains the castle under an ideal cover of short-cropped grass. The work also includes maintenance of stairs, picnic tables and shelters through weather-proofing and wood treatment, with significant in-kind contribution in volunteer hours.

BENEFITS

The Castle is a popular and well-maintained visitor attraction with a footfall of around 40,000 visitors each year. The sheep keep vegetation across this large site under control in an entirely sustainable way.

2.8.3 DUNIVAIG CASTLE – UPDATED CONSERVATION ASSESSMENT

SITE INFORMATION

Scheduled Monument SM4747 Dunivaig Castle

RECIPIENT

Islay Heritage Trust

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

Update to conservation assessment

BENEFITS

Updated in-depth assessment of the castle including condition assessment, recommendations, and outline costings of proposed works.

2.9 EAST LOTHIAN

2.9.1 TRAPRAIN LAW FORT – INVESTIGATIVE CORING

SITE INFORMATION

Scheduled Monument SM755 Traprain Law Fort

RECIPIENT

University of Stirling

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

Funding was offered through the MMF to undertake a programme of explorative coring to describe archaeological sediments in the pond at the top of Traprain Law within the Iron Age fort, which was at risk from erosion by the trampling of ponies housed in the area.

BENEFITS

- Description and understanding of at risk archaeological sediments within the pond.
 - Retention of material for radiocarbon dating.
 - Assessment of significance of pond deposits.
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2.9.2 KEITH KIRK – STRUCTURAL SURVEY

SITE INFORMATION

Scheduled Monument SM758 Keith Kirk

RECIPIENT

Private Individual

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

Engineer's site survey and structural report.

BENEFITS

The findings of this survey will be a sound basis on which to explore the practicalities and costs of consolidation for this monument in the future.

2.10 MIDLOTHIAN

2.10.1 TEMPLE OLD PARISH CHURCH – STONE ANALYSIS

SITE INFORMATION

Scheduled Monument SM1191 Temple old parish church

RECIPIENT

Temple Old Kirk Friends

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

Stone analysis

BENEFITS

The stone analysis will inform the selection of appropriate stone where new stone is required as part of future consolidation and repair works

2.11 DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

2.11.1 CRICHTON PEEL AND SANQUHAR CASTLE – VEGETATION REMOVAL

SITE INFORMATION

Scheduled Monument SM687 Crichton Peel & Sanquhar Castle

RECIPIENT

Sanquhar Enterprise Company

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

Vegetation Removal

BENEFITS

The removal of the vegetation will allow for improved management and maintenance of upstanding masonry. In the first instance, it will improve access for an engineer's inspection to be arranged in the subsequent financial year. Removal of the vegetation has also increased the prominence of the upstanding remains in surrounding views. One area of the castle had been largely hidden from view by overgrown shrubs and had suffered from anti-social behaviour. The removal of this vegetation has increased visibility of this area from neighbouring housing which should help prevent damage in the future.

2.11.2 BOGLE WALLS- TREE REMOVAL

SITE INFORMATION

Scheduled Monument SM646 Bogle Walls, fort

RECIPIENT

Private Individual

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

Selective felling of trees within the scheduled area

BENEFITS

Further improve condition/visibility of the monument, reduce the risk of damage through windblow and remove larch susceptible to *Phytophthora ramorum*, currently endemic in SW Scotland.

2.11.3 BONSHAW TILE WORKS – CONSERVATION PLAN

SITE INFORMATION

Scheduled Monument SM7554 Bonshaw Tile Works, NW of Bonshawside, Kirtlebridge

RECIPIENT

Private Individual

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS

Production of a Conservation Plan to assess the removal of vegetation and future consolidation of the brick kiln

BENEFITS

The conservation plan will set out options for the medium and long term consolidation of the monument.
