

# BADENOCH HERITAGE FESTIVAL

18 – 25 September 2021



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## Programme Guide

This programme provides information about events during the Badenoch Heritage Festival 2021 and is co-ordinated and compiled by Badenoch Heritage (SCIO) and partners.

## Booking

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## COVID 19

- Participants must adhere to current guidelines re social distancing and mask wearing
- Please do not attend any event if you feel unwell
- Participation at all events is deemed to be at your own risk
- Events may be subject to change at short notice

## Key for event symbols



fee



free of charge



donation



drop in – no booking required



talk



virtual talk



walk – easy



walk – moderate



walk – strenuous



cycle



music



exhibition



archaeology



museum



accessible to all abilities



child friendly



dogs on leads



guide dogs only



outdoors



cafe



bring a packed lunch

## Welcome to the Badenoch Heritage Festival 2021

On behalf of Badenoch Heritage (SCIO), it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Badenoch Heritage Festival for 2021 in the Cairngorms National Park. Our organisation has taken over the management of this annual event as the Badenoch Great Place Project draws to a close, leaving us a magnificent legacy.

The festival has been developed with local people showcasing the very best that local heritage has to offer in Dalwhinnie, Kincaig, Kingussie, Laggan and Newtonmore. Covid has however had an impact this year with some constraints on meeting in public, but it has meant we are also able to offer some events online, expanding the reach of the festival beyond the local area. And on the final day of the event, we celebrate the achievements of the Badenoch Great Place Project over the last three and a half years.

The festival, with 30 events, celebrates Badenoch's unique connections to landscape, highland community and the deep roots of storytelling. In these pages you will find traditional music, living history, walks and cycling, talks and storytelling for you to experience.

We also have some archaeological excavations going on during the week. Please spread the word – we want this to grow in its reach.

I would like to express warm thanks to all our partner organisations in helping to organise this year's festival, including the Cairngorms National Park Authority, The Highland Council, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, High Life Highland, Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, Transport Scotland and also the team at Voluntary Action in Badenoch and Strathspey. We should not forget the local landowners for their support, and also our volunteers. Grant aid for the festival has come from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Badenoch Great Place Project and Historic Environment Scotland.

I hope you enjoy the week and I look forward to welcoming you again next year.



**Ian Moffett**  
Chair  
Badenoch Heritage  
(SCIO)

**Northern Picts  
and Torr Alvie Dig**  
Community Hall, Kincaig  
1400 – 1530

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Come to this illustrated talk to hear about the Picts in Badenoch and the results of a recent dig at Torr Alvie.



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**Meet the BTS App:  
Dun da Lamh**  
Wolftrax, Laggan  
1400 – 1700

2

A visit to the Pictish hill fort of Dun da Lamh on foot or with optional e-bike. A chance to use, explore the images & stories and create your own journal in the BTS app.



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**Clan Macpherson  
& Museum**

3

Zoom webinar  
1930 – 2100

Enjoy an illustrated talk and virtual guide around the remodelled Clan Macpherson Museum and hear about the clan's history.



## Newtonmore 200 year exhibition

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Village Hall, Newtonmore

1100 – 1600 (Open Mon–Fri)

Come and find out about the development of Newtonmore over the last 200 years.



## Garva Bridge and Peatland Restoration

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Garvamore

1400 – 1700



A guided walk (lengthy) from Garva Bridge across the moors of Jahama Estate to learn about their peatland restoration project.



## Dedicated lives – Macphersons in the Ministry

6

St Brides Church, Newtonmore

1430 – 1600

Take in this talk by a member of the Macpherson family to hear about their involvement in the ministry.



## Early Newtonmore

7

Main Street, Newtonmore

0930 – 1100 & 1130 – 1300

Enjoy a walk along Newtonmore Main Street and hear about the history of the village.



© Highlife Highland – Am Baile

## The Black Officer

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Community Hall, Kincaig

1930 – 2100

Two talks focusing on this fascinating character – the history and the legend.



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## Black Officer – Life and Death

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Gaick and Ballachroan

1000 – 1300

A special chance to visit Gaick avalanche site and memorial and also the site of his previous home at Ballachroan.



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## Archaeological Dig Croftgowan, by Dalraddy 1000 – 1530

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A rare opportunity to come along and experience an excavation in progress at this dig site of a Pictish barrow cemetery, possibly the largest in Scotland.



© Karen Derrick

## Ben Alder Estate

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Village Hall, Dalwhinnie

1930 – 2100

Hear from the factor about life and work on Ben Alder Estate.



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## The History of Loch Insh Outdoor Centre

12

Ptarmigan Centre, Loch Insh

1030 – 1200

Dive into the history of this renowned outdoor water sports centre.



## Meet the BTS App: Fairy mound and Macdonald cairn

13

Feshiebridge

1400 – 1700

A visit to the fairy mound and Macdonald cairn at Dalnavert. A chance to use, explore the images & stories and create your own journal in the BTS app.



## Wildcats and the Highland Wildlife Park: past, present & future

14

Village Hall, Laggan

1930 – 2100

A chance to hear about these fascinating animals and learn more about this Highland Wildlife Park project.



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## Newtonmore 200 year exhibition

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Village Hall, Newtonmore  
1100 – 1600 (Open Mon-Fri)

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## A walk in Glen Truim with Laggan Heritage

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Glentruim, Laggan  
1000 – 1300

Explore Glen Truim on this guided walk led by Laggan Heritage.



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## Torr Alvie and Nechtansmere talk

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Community Hall, Kincairg  
1930 – 2100

Hear the current thoughts on the Battle of Nechtansmere and the impact of the latest findings from the archeological digs in the area.



## Meet the BTS App: Kincairg to Kingussie

17

Community Hall, Kincairg  
1400 – 1700

Enjoy one of the BTS app cycle tours, visiting many sites of interest along the way.





## Meet the BTS App: 18 Torr Alvie Hillfort

Dalraddy holiday park  
1000 – 1200

Come along on this circular walk for a chance to use, explore the images & stories and create your own journal in the BTS app.



## Newtonmore 4 200 year exhibition

Village Hall, Newtonmore  
1100 – 1600 (Open Mon-Fri)

Come and find out about the development of Newtonmore over the last 200 years.



## Tour of Kinrara House 19

Zoom Webinar

1400 – 1530

Join this virtual tour with expert guides, Eve Boyle and Simon Green, around the interior of this historic building.



## The Shepherd's Tale 20

Talla nan Ros, Kingussie

1930 – 2130

Join author Merryn Glover, film-maker Jill Brown, musician Hamish Napier and sheep farmers, Campbell and Sheena Slimon, to explore how the sheep farming story in the strath is experienced through novel, film, music and real life.



# SATURDAY 25 September

## Celebrating Badenoch 21

Zoom Webinar

1000 – 1200

First of three occasions to celebrate the achievements of the Badenoch Great Place Project. An online event, marking the culture of storytelling in our communities.



## Outdoor events

It is recommended to wear suitably sturdy footwear, warm and waterproof clothing for your own comfort and safety. Follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code at: [www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot](http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot)

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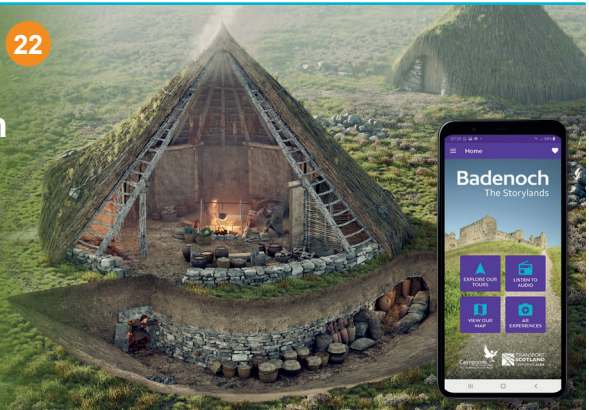


## Meet the BTS App: Kingussie to Raitts Township & Souterrain 22

Ardvonie car park, Kingussie

1400 – 1700

A special afternoon with the BTS App finishing with celebration and cake at the Iona Gallery.



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## Final Celebration 23

Talla nan Ros, Kingussie

1930 – 2200

Come along and help celebrate the end of the Badenoch Heritage Festival and Great Place Project with a fabulous evening of music from our talented local musicians.



# Badenoch

## The Storylands



are virtual events

This map is a rough guide  
to show event locations  
across Badenoch



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5 miles

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NATIONAL PARK  
Pàirc Nàiseanta a' Mhonaidh Ruaidh



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