

BADENOCH HERITAGE FESTIVAL

15 – 21 September 2024



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Cairngorms
National Park

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Programme Guide

This programme provides information about events during the Badenoch Heritage Festival 2024 and is co-ordinated and compiled by Badenoch Heritage (SCIO) and partners.

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COVID 19

- Please do not attend any event if you feel unwell
- Participation at all events is deemed to be at your own risk

Key for event symbols

-  fee
-  donation
-  talk
-  walk – easy
-  walk – moderate
-  walk – strenuous
-  music
-  exhibition
-  archaeology
-  museum
-  accessible to all abilities
-  child friendly
-  dogs on leads
-  guide dogs only
-  outdoors
-  cafe
-  bring a packed lunch
-  refreshments provided

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Welcome to the Badenoch Heritage Festival 2024

On behalf of Badenoch Heritage (SCIO), it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Badenoch Heritage Festival for 2024, taking place in the Cairngorms National Park.

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. Hopefully you will enjoy meeting up with friends and others during the week of events.

The programme 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, talks and storytelling for you to experience. And, once again, we have some archaeological work and dry stone dyking to help you appreciate our past.

At this Festival, we are proud to launch 'Glen Banchor – A Highland Glen and its People', the new book by Mary Mackenzie and

David Taylor. Glen Banchor is a hidden gem, much loved by locals, tourists and hill walkers. This is Badenoch Heritage's first venture into publishing and the subject fits perfectly with our aim of promoting the area.

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, High Life Highland, Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Clan Macpherson Museum and Laggan Heritage. We should not forget the local landowners for their support, and also our volunteers.

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



Ian Moffett
Chair

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The Mapping of Badenoch

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Iona Gallery, Kingussie

1900 – 2030

Hear from Chris Fleet (NLS) about maps of Badenoch over the last four centuries, how map-makers gathered their information, and how this resulted in very different maps and presentations.



Stories of the Land

Highland Folk Museum,
Newtonmore

Part 1

2

1000 – 1100

A family-friendly event. Enjoy a selection of traditional stories that were collected and passed down for many generations and meet fantastic beings and places.

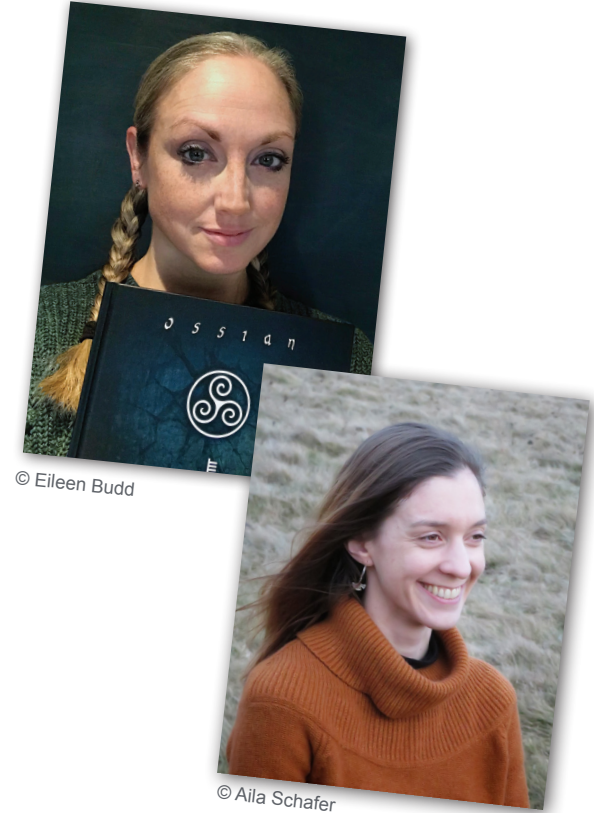


Part 2

3

1100 – 1200

In this adult-focussed event, join a dialogue about the importance of oral tradition and storytelling, discuss the ownership of stories and listen to traditional tales that connect us with our surroundings.



© Eileen Budd

© Aila Schafer

Biodiversity

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Highland Wildlife Park, Kincaig

1430 – 1600

Come and hear about onsite biodiversity at the Wildlife Park, the role of their new facilities and their new engagement and volunteer roles.



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Invertromie Events

RSPB Insh Marshes Car Park
1000 – 1215 or 1330 – 1545



Uncover the History of the Graveyard

5

Help to discover the secrets in this ancient burial ground as the site is tidied up and gravestones uncovered. The work will be led by Jill Harden, RSPB archaeologist.



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Dry Stone Walling

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Come and learn how dry stone walling is done and have a go, as the graveyard wall is renovated.



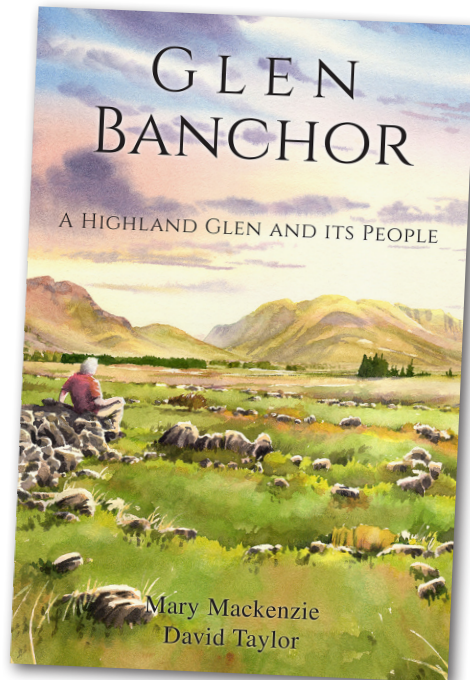
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Glen Banchor - A Highland Glen and its People

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Village Hall, Newtonmore
1900 – 2030

Come to the launch of this new book by historians Mary Mackenzie and David Taylor. The book provides an intimate and personal study of the Glen through the 18th and 19th centuries.



© Rob Wigham

Water extraction in the Upper Spey Catchment area

8

Laggan
1030 – 1700

This tour will visit the upper River Spey and Spey Dam, from which GFG Alliance divert water from the upper twelve miles of the Spey to Fort William for the production of hydro-electricity for the aluminium works.



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



Highland Wildlife Park

☎ 01540 651270

🌐 highlandwildlifepark.org.uk



Clan Macpherson Museum

☎ 01540 673332

🌐 clanmacphersonmuseum.org.uk



Laggan Wolftrax

☎ 01528 544366

🌐 lagganforest.com



Kinncraig

Kingussie

Newtonmore

Laggan

Dalwhinnie

Ruthven Barracks

🌐 historicalenvironment.scot



Highland Folk Museum

☎ 01349 781650

🌐 highlifehighland.com/highlandfolkmuseum/



Dalwhinnie Distillery

☎ 01540 672219

🌐 malts.com/en-row/products/dalwhinnie



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5 miles

Around Badenoch in the Archive Service Collection

9

Highland Folk Museum,
Newtonmore

1030 – 1200

Take a journey around Badenoch through the Am Baile archive collection service.



Newtonmore © Highlife Highland / Am Baile

The story of Kingussie High Street

11

Iona Gallery, Kingussie

1430 – 1600

As a celebration of 225 years since the first advert for Kingussie, come to this talk from John Robertson on the oldest buildings in the High Street and then have a walk along the road to see them.



© James Stevens

A pilgrimage between St Kenneth's and St Michael's

St Kenneth's,
Laggan

1330 – 1730

Starting at St Kenneth's on Loch Laggan side, we will walk the coffin road and military road to St Michael's near Spey Dam, a distance of 5 miles. The walk will be led by Rev Robert Brookes.



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A Look at Ruthven Barracks

12

Iona Gallery, Kingussie

1900 – 2030

Come and hear Eve Boyle (HES) talk about Ruthven Barracks, and the role played by Sergeant Molloy who "was too old a Soldier to surrender a Garison of such strength, without bloody Noses".



© James Stevens

Johnny Blair's Garden

13

Dalchurn Bridge car park (Shepherds' Bridge),
Newtonmore

1400 – 1700

This walk will take us up to Johnny Blair's Garden in Glen Banchor, the site of a prehistoric palisaded enclosure, passing the settlement of Dalchurnmore on the way.



© Eric Dodd

A Museum event for children

14

Clan Macpherson Museum,
Newtonmore

1000 – 1200

Eve Boyle (HES) will lead
an interactive event in the
Clan Macpherson Museum
for children.



© Graham Fraser

Childrens Concert

15

Village Hall,
Newtonmore

1900 – 2100

Come and enjoy an evening
of music and poetry from local
schoolchildren and musicians.



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OTHER EVENTS

Throughout the week

Check out other events being held at the:



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🌐 highlifehighland.com/
highlandfolkmuseum/



Highland Wildlife Park

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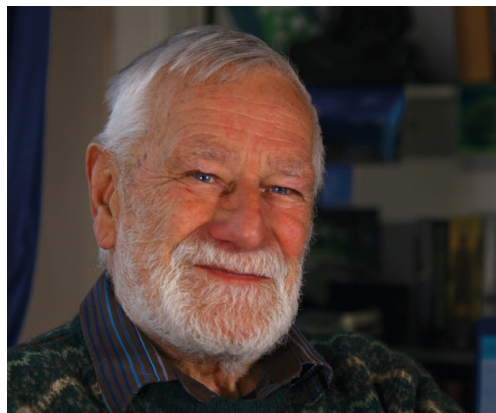
The Clan Macpherson Museum will also be open daily

☎ 01540 673332
🌐 clanmacphersonmuseum.org.uk

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Wednesday 27 September

Hamish Brown's 50th Anniversary Munro Talk



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Dalwhinnie Village Hall 1900

This year Hamish marks both his 90th birthday and the 50th anniversary of what was the first continuous round of Scotland's Munros. He'll be giving an illustrated talk in aid of Dalwhinnie village hall funds. The theme for his talk will be his first continuous traverse of Morocco's Atlas mountains, but he'll be happy to answer questions and chat about any topic of interest to the audience.



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View to Torr Alvie © James Stevens

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