

HISTORIC SCOTLAND BOARD

LOCATIONS AND THEMES OF PERIPATETIC MEETINGS FOR 2009

Purpose

1. To help the Board decide on the destination of the next two peripatetic Board Tours for 2009, to be held in June and October.

Background

2. For a number of years the Board has held alternate meetings outside Longmore House, this enables the Board to:
 - have a strong educational element;
 - help build external relationships, particularly through the dinners and any discussions during the day with local stakeholders;
 - operate as a genuinely national organisation;
 - help increase the visibility of the Board to staff;
 - be a valuable way of team-building for the Board itself.
3. The Board's previous destinations for 2008 is as follows (refer to Annex A for further information):

Ayrshire (November 2008)

The status/ role of the Historic Environment in rural and economically less developed areas, the Agency's relationship with Local Authorities, and investment in major projects.

Edinburgh (June 2008)

The challenges facing Edinburgh as a World Heritage Site and as a city.

Perth (February 2008)

Industrial heritage in a city setting, urban planning issues and the conservation of Monuments.

2009 Programme

4. It is useful to agree the programme as early as possible, so that we can approach local stakeholders well in advance of the dinner and for any other discussions we wish to have. The 2009 peripatetic meetings have been arranged for the following dates:

Glasgow (25/ 26 February 2009)

Detailed programme under development - will have a strong regulatory focus.

24/ 25 June 2009

The Board has not yet had a chance to look at the issues raised for us by the Scottish Rural Development Programme and therefore a rural focus looks sensible: we would appreciate your thoughts. One option would be Argyll, which could also take in a visit to Kilmartin, our relationship with Argyll and Bute Council, relationships with local landowners and our interaction with museums. Travel times mean this might require two nights away.

An alternative to pursuing a rural theme would be a focus on the Antonine Wall, which NEDs have previously suggested, after its inscription by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site in July this year.

28/ 29 October 2009

This has yet to be discussed. If not covered in June, then the Antonine Wall would be a strong contender.

Advice and Conclusions

5. The Board is invited:
 - to discuss the location for the June and October Boards.

**Policy Group
December 2008**

HISTORIC SCOTLAND BOARD TOURS 2006-2008

Orkney (June 2006)

Main Themes: Monuments
Conservation

Sites Visited: Maeshowe, Tormiston Mill, Ring of Brodgar, Skara Brae, St Peter's and conservation area (Kirkwall).

Aberdeen (October 2006)

Main Themes: Grants
Listing
Buildings at Risk

Sites Visited: St. Nicholas Church, Castlehill area, City Heritage Trust Tour (the Town House, Broad Street Musa, Exchange Street, Tivoli Theatre).

Galashiels/ Melrose (February 2007)

Main Themes: Post-war Listing
Landscape and Archaeological issues

Sites Visited: Dryburgh Abbey, Abbotsford, Galashiels, Fairydeen Stadium and Langlees, Melrose Abbey.

Dundee (June 2007)

Main Theme: Regeneration through planning and sustainable re-use.

Sites Visited: Camperdown Works, Dundee's City Quay, Claypotts Castle, Gardyne's Land, Dundee House, Dundee Contemporary Arts Centre.

Dumfries (October 2007)

Main Theme: General challenges posed by conservation and maintenance of major PiC's.

Sites Visited: Sweetheart Abbey, New Abbey Corn Mill, Lichluden, Caerlaverock Castle.

Perth (February 2008)

Main Themes: Industrial heritage
Urban issues
Conservation/ Monuments

Sites Visited: Stanley Mills (mixed use property – education, residential etc.), Perth town centre (walking tour including shop fronts and buildings at risk), St. Serf's Church and Dupplin.

Edinburgh (June 2008)

Main Theme: The challenges facing Edinburgh as a World Heritage Site and as a city

Sites Visited: Edinburgh Castle
CEC offices – lunchtime discussion with Dave Anderson and Will Garrett.
Walking tour – city centre including Caltongate, St. James' Centre, St. Andrew's Square, BHS listing case, George Street.
EWH offices – meeting with Charles McKean and Jane Jackson

Ayrshire (November 2008)

Main Themes: Status/ Role of the Historic Environment in rural and economically less developed areas (e.g. relationship to SDRP).
The Agency's relationship with Local Authorities.
Investment in major projects

Sites to be Visited: Dumfries House
East Ayrshire Council Offices – lunchtime discussion with CE
Kilmarnock – CARS Scheme/ Grants