

Dundee Law Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest Dundee Law Heritage Project newsletter.

The aim of this Heritage Lottery and Dundee City Council funded initiative is to improve the iconic site at the heart of the city. The funding provides a range of enhancements to the Law and attracts more people to the site.

Poetry Competition

Our competition closed at the end of December and we got lots of poems from you, in both the adult and junior categories. The next step is for our judges to pick winners and start the process of making them into a book. We'll let you know if your poem is one of those chosen. We'll also be looking into getting those ones displayed on the Law somewhere, later this year. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page and watch the local press for details.

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch on the Law



Last year we had an excellent turnout to help identify which birds come to the Law. We even saw a sparrowhawk (left), probably one of the pair that breeds on the hill. We'll be doing it again this year on **Sunday January 28 at 11am** and would welcome any help to see how many winter birds we can spot. We'll also put up a few bird boxes after the count, and there will be refreshments. No experience is necessary and we'll try to help with your ID skills. It's a family friendly event and free. Just bring any binoculars you may have and wrap up warm! We'll

be meeting at the bottom of the whalebone arch path for 11.

Volunteer Afternoon

Our next volunteer days are on **Sunday February 11 and Sunday March 11, both starting at 1pm**. We'll meet at the lower car park on Law Road and will be undertaking some practical conservation work on the hill. We'll supply all the tools and the training of how to use them and will offer free refreshments afterwards.



Friends of Dundee Law

The Friends group is looking for more members. If you'd like to get involved in any capacity please get in touch with the Community Participation Officer. The group would like any sort of help you could give them to advise the Council how to care for the Law. It's your hill!

Upgrades

The Law has had quite a lot of work done on it so far, with more still to come:

- The litter bins have been doing an excellent job of reducing rubbish on the Law – the bright red lids are meant to keep gulls away. Please use the bins and we can help keep the Law litter free. Our volunteer Julian (on the right) has been recognised for his work in reducing the litter so well done to him!
- We'll also be installing new information panels soon, replacing and updating the old ones. These should be in place sometime in 2018.
- The World War II pillbox is well on the way to being renovated. The plan is to turn it into a bat roost with the help of Tayside Bat Group – we've now got some designs for the conversion, and can get on with this now that the steps have been cleared out, thanks to local volunteers! The plans for the renovation are made and work should be starting soon.
- Volunteers have also been helping with other projects on site, including wildflower planting, general maintenance and wildlife surveying. If you'd like to help, or know any community groups, school groups or similar that could help us, please get in touch. We're also keen to get the help of anyone who would like to research the history of Dundee Law.
- The dedicated Dundee Law website is almost ready to launch. There will be history, dramatic photography, stuff to do on the hill and everything you could want to know about Dundee's most iconic natural landmark. We're hoping this will be launched before the end of February, so look out for press coverage of this soon.
- The Friends of Dundee Law would like to stage events during 2018 and into the future. If you have any ideas for events or other things you'd like to see happen on the hill, please get in touch with the project and we can pass it on to the committee.



If there's anything you'd like to tell us about the Law or improvements that you think could be made, please contact us and we'll do our best to make it happen.

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