

Dundee Law Newsletter

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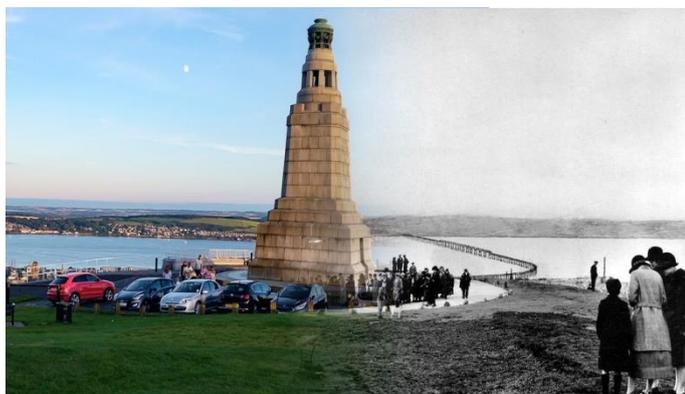


Welcome to the latest Dundee Law Heritage Project newsletter.

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.

Dundee Law Website

The new website is now online, with some rather impressive film clips, a timeline of the Law and lots of things to do. We'd hope everything you'd like to know about the site is in there, but if not, or if you have any feedback about it, please contact us. If you'd like to explore you can find it at <https://www.dundeelaw.info/>



Poetry Competition

Our competition closed at the end of December and we have now chosen all of the winners and those which are commended, which we will put into a book and display on the Law sometime later this year. The winner in the adult category was 'Conquerors' by Finola Scott, with runners-up 'The Law Laments' by Lynn Valentine and 'Of Thee Law Hill' by John Quinn. In the junior section the overall winner was 'The Law Hill' by Beth Petrie and Abigail Brown with two runners-up: 'Dundee Law' by Holly Murray and 'The Mythical Law Hill' by Natalia Labada and Gabriella Curran.

Volunteer Afternoons

Our next volunteer days are on **Sunday 8 April and Sunday 12 May, 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, including helping to plant hedges to improve the biodiversity on site. 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!

Nature on the Law



Spring has taken its time to get going this year. Now that there are finally signs that warmer days are here, we'd like help with finding out what lives on the hill. We've set up surveying routes for both bees and butterflies, and just need some volunteers to help walk them: once a week for the butterflies and just once per month for our bumblebees. If you'd like to help – it's just keeping your eyes out on a gentle walk round the Law – we can

give you the ID skills and equipment to help you. We'd be keen to do a survey for birds as well, if they're more your thing. Just contact us at the address at the foot of the page and we can set you up as a surveyor.

Upgrades and Developments

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

- We'll be installing new information panels, replacing and updating the old ones both at the top and around the Law.
- The World War II pillbox has been renovated. We've turned it into a bat roost with the help of Tayside Bat Group – we'll be hosting a bat-related event soon to publicise it!
- Volunteers have also been helping with other projects on site, including wildflower, tree and shrub planting, researching the Law's history and general maintenance. 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 reducing the grass cutting on the slopes of the Law to help wildlife.
- The Friends of Dundee Law would like to stage further 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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