

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.

Summer Events

We've got a pair of exciting events to celebrate the summer solstice this year. First, we'll meet for a twilight walk on **Thursday 21 June at 10pm** to see what nature is out on the hill at the end of the longest day. It'll be free, but we'd ask you to bring a torch (even though it doesn't really get totally dark). We'll meet at the whalebone arch and it should last about an hour.

The Iron Age past of the Law will be brought back to life on the Sunday after (**24 June**) with The Crannog Centre helping us to put on Celtic arts and crafts. We'll also have music, literature, nature and the Friends of Dundee Law along to make it a great day. It's again free to come along and food will be available. Look for us at the meadow by the whalebone arch from 12 to 4pm.



40 Views of the Law

The winners of our poetry competition have all been picked and we're at the design stage now, so we're on course for a launch of our book later in the summer. Look out in the press for information about the book later this year.

Volunteer Afternoon

Our next volunteer day is on **Sunday 8 July, starting at 1pm**. We'll meet at the lower car park on Law Road and will be undertaking some practical conservation work. We'll supply all the tools and the training of how to use them and will offer free refreshments afterwards.



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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 AGM will take place in July. 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

Summer is here and the Law is lush. The grass has been left longer this year and some areas have been kept wild on purpose: this should ensure that we get lots more insects and birds on the hill. There are now resident blackcaps, goldfinches, goldcrests, bullfinches and even a great spotted woodpecker has been seen regularly.

In the meadows, the yellow rattle flowers are back in even greater numbers and we'd hope that the poppies will soon be back too. Volunteers have been helping to survey for bumblebees and butterflies as well so nature is looking in good shape up on the Law.

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. These should be in place sometime soon.
- The World War II pillbox (right) has been renovated. We've turned it into a bat roost with the help of Tayside Bat Group.
- 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.
- The Friends of Dundee Law group is now putting on events and would like to stage further events during 2018 and into the future. If you have any ideas for events 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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