

## Cromarty Firth Heritage Trail Draft Leaflet

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Highland Historic Buildings Trust (HHBT) was established in 1985 and is a registered charity, a company limited by guarantee and a non-profit making organisation which tackles historic buildings that are “at risk”. Originally operating as a 'restorer of last resort', the focus of HHBT is now on the promotion of the conservation of the built heritage of the Highlands.

Recently, HHBT has worked with Dr Jim Mackay of the Kirkmichael Trust which has been behind the award-winning restoration of the ancient church and kirkyard at Kirkmichael. The intention has been to promote interest in our area's rich heritage of kirks and kirkyards around the Firths. Jim has produced a first draft leaflet to illustrate how such a kirkyard trail could look. The route features the most easily-accessible and open sites of interest based on the rich farmlands of the Black Isle and Easter Ross around the Cromarty Firth.

The trail includes the kirks and kirkyards at Nigg Old, Kilmuir Easter, Rosskeen, Alness Old Church, Kiltearn Church and Kirkyard, the Storehouse of Foulis, St Clements in Dingwall, Urquhart Church, Kirkmichael and Cromarty (East Church, Gaelic Chapel and St Regulus combined). The draft leaflet comprises an image of each kirk and one image of a feature in the kirkyard, some appropriate text to attract visitors, and a location plan. The text when finalised should give a brief taste of what can be found at each site, as well as parking and access and sources of further information about the site.

In order to gauge and enlist support for the leaflet from the wider community, HHBT is making contact with and is seeking support from the local community through the community councils in the area and the owners of the buildings which are featured in the leaflet, among others.

Any comments or additional text such as restrictions on access etc would be welcomed. Once HHBT has received these, it will look to source funding before approaching a professional who will be asked to work on the structure and design of the leaflet.

Whilst this has been sent to the most apparent contacts, please pass on to others who may have an interest.

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