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TARBERT : OUR CASTLE OF KINGS

Prepared by country wide experts SCOTLAND'S ARCHAEOLOGY STRATEGY states as an introduction:

"We want to live in a Scotland where archaeology is for everyone! A place where the study of the past offers opportunities for us now and in the future to discover, care for, promote and enjoy our rich and diverse heritage, contributing to our wellbeing and knowledge and helping to tell Scotland's stories in their global context."

TCT agree entirely with this, and our project is a near perfect match for the five main aims detailed in the strategy, viz.:

1. *DELIVERING ARCHAEOLOGY*
2. *ENHANCING UNDERSTANDING*
3. *CARING AND PROTECTING*
4. *ENCOURAGING GREATER ENGAGEMENT*
5. *INNOVATION AND SKILLS*

We are delighted to announce the following press release:-



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OUR CASTLE OF KINGS - Community archaeological dig- Tarbert Castle Trust wins Heritage Lottery Fund support

Today, Tarbert Castle trust has received £16,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for an exciting project, OUR CASTLE OF KINGS, in Tarbert. led by volunteers from the local community, the project focuses on an Archaeological dig to reveal new historical information about our community owned Castle.

The project will enable local volunteers and young people from schools and youth groups in Kintyre and Mid Argyll to learn about Archaeological techniques and skills through participation in a dig to discover the origins and explore the history of Tarbert Castle.

Roddy Regan our archaeologist will supervise the dig and Kilmartin Museum Education team will organise young people's participation

Tarbert Castle which is part of the village's Heritage Park is Scheduled Monument of national importance with connections spanning King Alexander the II , King Robert the Bruce and King James the IV.

The project will explore more of the Castle's origins and construction in a way that has not been previously recorded.

Commenting on the award, Sheila Campbell chair of the Castles Community Trustees said: *"We are thrilled to have received the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund and are confident the project will further engage the community, visitors to the village, our volunteers and young people in our heritage."*

Lucy Casot, Head of the Heritage Lottery Fund, Scotland, said: *"Uncovering where, and how, our ancestors lived helps communities to understand their own history and identity. Thanks to National Lottery players, HLF is able to support projects such as 'Our Castle of Kings - community archaeological dig' that produce tantalising clues about the past and provide volunteers with new skills."*

You can now donate to Our Castle of Kings project by TEXT. Just text the project code (TARB55) plus an amount to 70070 – for example: 'TARB55 £5' to donate £5.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please REPLY to the Gift Aid text. We are using a platform supported by My Park Scotland who give us the full donation amount.

Every little will help to achieve this community project - and watch out for our “Crowd Funding” announcement soon.

Volunteering

Volunteer work parties as usual *first Saturday in the month* from 10.00 am if weather reasonable. All welcome.

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