

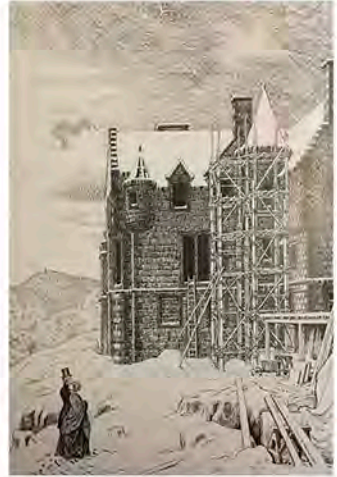


Shambellie House was gifted to the Scottish nation in 1977 when it became our National Museum of Costume. The museum closed in 2013 and soon after the Shambellie House Trust was established to create a centre for arts, crafts and heritage to honour the wishes of Charles Stewart who wanted the house to be used for the good of the local community.

Local support is important and we hope that this newsletter will let you know what is going on at Shambellie. It also gives us the opportunity of wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and what we hope will be a healthier and happier 2021.

What's been happening at Shambellie House?

A few events have taken place during 2019 with the house opening up more to local groups and to regional events:-

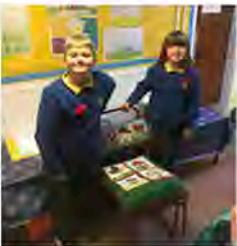


Schools Project with Ann Hill, Quilter



The children from the Kirkbean and New Abbey Partnership are excited to be participating in the Quilters of Shambellie House Chair Renovation Project. Using the theme of trees, plants, buildings and leaves in the local area, they are creating designs on paper that will be translated into quilted and painted parts of the chairs. We are also keen to take up Ann Hill's kind offer of teaching the children how to quilt in the future.

Report by Helen Anderson, Head Teacher



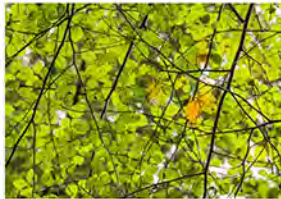
The chair project will be on show at the Scottish Quilt Championships in Glasgow in May and at the Dumfries and Galloway Quilt Festival at Shambellie House in September (corona virus restriction allowing)

RPS The Royal Photographic Society (Scottish Region)

The Society supported by local artists and the AMO3BA design & Illustration collective held their annual exhibition in 2019. Some of our own trustees are members of the Society and these connections help bring these national travelling exhibitions to our region.



Next RPS and local photographers and artists exhibition October 2021



Christine Eitherington



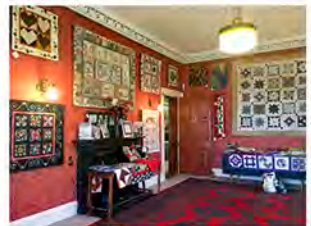
Penny Humphreys



Meetings are underway with Dumfries & Galloway College exploring opportunities for students and staff to use Shambellie House and gardens as a support for curricular activities. Additionally exploratory work is underway regarding course development. We look forward to further joint working in the coming months.

1st Annual Dumfries and Galloway Quilt Exhibition

The 1st Annual Dumfries and Galloway Quilt Exhibition was held in 2019 and was well attended with over 1,200 visitors from throughout Scotland along with some from the north of England and as far afield as New Zealand. 420 quilts were hung throughout the house. These quilts featured the work of the 12 quilting groups throughout our region. Classes with both local and international quilt teachers and our Dumfries Embroiders Guild organised for May 2020 have been postponed until 2021 when (and if) the situation with corona virus is resolved.



Cloverglen

Services to vulnerable young adults



Eric Bridgwood, his staff and his team of volunteers have moved into the grounds of Shambellie House.

The services offered to vulnerable young adults includes gardening (no large machinery involved), work experience as prescribed by the Social Work Department and a number of other experiences that will provide these young adults with opportunities to learn skills which they can take forward into their everyday lives.

They will shortly take over the maintenance of the grounds and will be looking after our large collection of beautiful rhododendrons. They have started work with the planting of 400 trees that all produce something edible.

New Abbey Community Council

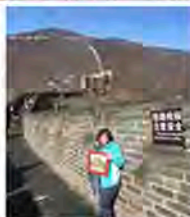
We are thankful for the support of the New Abbey Community Council. It is important that we keep our local community involved in the development of this project. If you would be interested in volunteering at Shambellie House please get in touch. Likewise, if you would like to become a 'Friend of Shambellie House' please get in touch. Our e-mail address is contact@shambellie.org

Shambellie House goes to China

Early last year quilter Ann Hill made a small quilted wallhanging based on an original painting of the house by local New Abbey artist Maureen Edgar McKeown.



The wee quilt then travelled the world and stopped off at the Great Wall of China with Susan Gibson, one of our Trustees. It was also exhibited in Cumbria, Sweden, The Netherlands and the USA.



Susan Gibson at the Great Wall of China

Shambellie Art Group



At the beginning of last year Arona Allan was approached by Billy Weymouth with the idea of helping local artists show their work alongside the beautiful baskets that hang along the High Street every summer. New Abbey has won the best small village in bloom for a number of years now.

Billy and his friends Bruce Hart and Jacky Stitt voluntarily do the horticultural and maintenance work in the village. They also provided the art group with the blank wooden plaques on which they produced beautiful art work which is inspired by local sights around New Abbey. Places such as the Corn Mill and its Ponds, the beautiful Shambellie House and its grounds, Sweetheart Abbey, Waterloo Monument, etc.

The Art Group will start up again once we are out of corona virus restrictions. New members are always welcome.



Arona Allan

Waterloo Monument

The future - how we see it

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The Trustees are working hard to promote Shambellie House as the place to come to 'relax, learn and enjoy' the arts, crafts and heritage of our region. We continue to make progress in these difficult times and expect to take ownership from the Scottish Government in spring/summer 2021.

The first phase of the plan has started with tidy up and decoration to allow us to use the house as it is. This will allow us to use the house later in 2021. Future phases will include extensions and accommodation.

This newsletter is our first new style newsletter to the community and region. We intend to produce four per year - winter, spring, summer and autumn.

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