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THA wins Heritage Lottery Fund support

Tobermory Harbour Association has been granted £10,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) towards the Aros Waterfront Regeneration – Pre Development Works project where a cost analysis for the regeneration of the waterfront will be prepared.

This exciting project will focus on building a business case for the restoration of the Aros Pier and the refurbishment of the original Boathouse and former Sawmill. The aim is to identify a sustainable business development that will enhance local facilities and provide additional jobs and economic benefit to Tobermory.

The Aros Waterfront Project aims to halt the decline of this much valued community asset, and through consultation with the community it is hoped a case can be made that meets their aspirations for this area of Aros Park. A successful regeneration project will help boost visitor numbers by providing an opportunity to share & explore the history of this unique former estate.

Tobermory Harbour Association is a community organisation responsible for the development and protection of Tobermory Bay and its environs, its' objectives being to deliver an increase in visitor numbers, employment opportunities and economic growth to support local businesses. Working with heritage professionals, the THA will be consulting with the community in various ways, including an open consultation event, questionnaires & surveys and through our social media sites.

Project Officer, Marion MacLean said 'We are delighted to have received funding from **Heritage Lottery Fund** in addition to a grant from 'Awards for All' to develop this all-important project. Aros Park is very much the heart of our community in many ways and was an integral part of my and many others' childhood on Mull. I know that the community will show their support and take an interest as the project progresses, and in return the THA will endeavour to work with you to develop the best solution for all!'

Brian Swinbanks, Chair of THA said 'I hope that the THA will now finish the restoration of the Historic Aros Pier first attempted by Hugh Goldie, one of the pioneers of the Scottish Fish Farming Industry.'

About the Heritage Lottery Fund

Using money raised through the National Lottery, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) aims to make a lasting difference for heritage, people and communities across the UK and help build a resilient heritage economy. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions, we invest in every part of our diverse heritage. www.hlf.org.uk Follow us on facebook [HLFScotland](https://www.facebook.com/HLFScotland) and twitter [@HLFScotland](https://twitter.com/HLFScotland)

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