# Scotland Half-Billion

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The Heritage Lottery Fund has invested an amazing £1/2billion in Scotland's heritage over the past 14 years. Almost 2,000 projects across the length and breadth of the country are happening because of the support HLF has been able to give them.

These projects are bringing together thousands of people - youngsters flourishing through new experiences, groups of young adults forming friendships and learning new skills, community groups exploring their roots, families enjoying time together in Scotland's parks and museums, businesses thriving through investment and tourism.

The work of the Heritage Lottery Fund is everywhere. Look carefully the next time you climb a mountain path, admire a work of art or walk through a town centre. Our industries, our castles, our language and our traditions all combine to make a heritage which is as fascinating as it is diverse.
Scotland has had a long history of being proud of its heritage and identity. With the help of £1/2 billion from HLF, it is being kept safe for future generations to be proud of too.

**Award takes us over £1/2 billion threshold**

On 16 September 2008, the Heritage Lottery Fund announced a grant of £43,600 to an exciting 'James Watt -Head of Steam' project - which took HLF's total investment in Scotland's heritage to £1/2 billion over the past 14 years.

The project will allow 300 primary school children in Inverclyde to explore and celebrate the life of world famous engineer and inventor, James Watt, who was born in the town in 1736.

The 'James Watt -Head of Steam' project is set to revitalise a sense of connection and civic pride in the life and legacy of James Watt, whose improvements to the steam engine were fundamental to the changes brought about by the Industrial Revolution. Children will be involved in exploring the science behind his work in a 'James Watt laboratory' and learning more about his life and the society and customs of the 18th century through workshops in drama, dance and visual arts.

**Fast Facts**

Our £1/2billion for Scotland's heritage has helped to:

- Conserve over 1,700 historic buildings and monuments.
- Regenerate 30 town and city centres.
- Award over £50m to purchase portable heritage for museums, galleries, archives and libraries across Scotland.
- Buy land equivalent to more than 64,000 football pitches for nature conservation.
- Conserve six threatened species, including the black grouse, red squirrel and great yellow bumble bee.
- Restore 22 public parks.
- Restore 17 historic ships and boats.
- Involve 3,000 young people in young people-led heritage projects.
- Attract other funding for Scottish heritage worth around £550 million.