HLF ends the year with a sprinkling of fairy dust for



As pantomime season gets into full swing across the country, one of its most-loved fictional characters is to have his birthplace restored and transformed thanks to funding from HLF.

Peter Pan was first conceived at Moat Brae House when as a child, author JM Barrie played out pirate and castaway adventures in its ‘Neverland’ gardens. With the help of a £1.78million grant from HLF, the house and its gardens will be transformed into Scotland’s first centre for children’s literature and storytelling.

[quote=Joanna Lumley, Patron of Moat Brae Trust]This grant will make a sensational difference to Moat Brae and the plans for the future of the Peter Pan Moat Brae Trust. What a thrilling piece of good news! [/quote]

Moat Brae wasn’t the only project to receive some HLF Christmas sparkle. Rounding off a year which marks 20 years and £678m of HLF investment in Scotland’s heritage, four other projects were celebrating good news.

- **Campbeltown Picture House** is one of the first purpose-built cinemas in Scotland with its origins in the silent movie days. It will be restored with a £1.1m grant.
- **Wildcat Action** is a partnership which has formed to address the threats to a species which is in grave danger of extinction. A grant of £973,100 will help them conserve the wildcat across six priority areas.
- All six of **Heritage Inverclyde’s** high schools will be involved in developing interpretation along the route of a new coastal trail with the help of a £305,700 grant.

- The derelict**, Merkinch Welfare Hall** is the only listed temperance hall in the Highlands. A grant of £656,400 will help return the building to its sporting and community roots.

Colin McLean, Head of HLF, Scotland, said: "HLF is delighted to bring Christmas cheer to these presents from our past so that they can be cared for, enjoyed, learned from and celebrated well into the future."



HLF brings a sprinkling of fairy dust to Scotland's heritage