

Friend of the Abbey

For as little as £2 per month*, charged to your credit card or bank account, you will be recognised as a Friend of the Abbey. This entitles you to a parchment certificate, sealed by the Abbot and twice-yearly copies of the Abbey Friends Magazine. Your generosity will also be permanently recorded in the archives of the Benedictine monks for posterity.

**Overseas Friends pay £12 each six months.*

Benefactor of the Abbey

For just £25 per month you become a Benefactor of the Abbey and your name will be engraved in the list of Benefactors soon to be erected in the Church porch.

In addition to the Abbey Friends Magazine, you will receive a specially inscribed plaque and certificate.

Patron of the Abbey

Those who feel able to donate more substantial sums, in excess of £1,000 per annum, will be included in the annals of the Abbey as Patrons. In addition to permanent recognition in the grounds and the Abbey Friends Magazine, Patrons receive a framed Abbey coat of arms, beautifully embroidered with precious threads.

Her Majesty's Government

Taxpayers in the United Kingdom, if covenanting to monthly or annual payments for a period of not less than four years, will be giving an additional bonus, as the Abbey can reclaim all of the income tax you have paid on the amount you are covenanting.

Thank You So Much



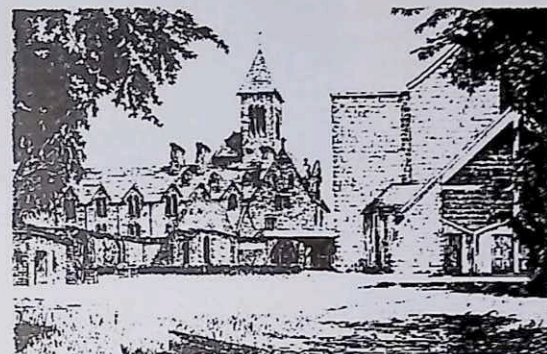
Help us protect,
for future generations,
what YOU have
experienced today.

Become
a
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Friends of Fort Augustus Abbey



The Abbey is not owned by any public body, such as the National Trust or Historic Scotland. The buildings and heritage of the site must be protected and maintained by the Benedictine Monks.

The revenue from the exhibition, shop, restaurant and accommodation is able to keep pace with day-to-day maintenance but is unlikely to ever provide sufficient resources to allow us to refurbish the fabric of the buildings.

The clock and bell towers require extensive urgent works and the long-abandoned east wing is riddled with damp. Many other areas require preventative work.

The monks cannot by themselves keep pace with the financial demands of these buildings and we must appeal for help from the general public.

So, if you would like to take part in this exciting project to preserve the buildings and traditions of this site into the twenty-first century, here is the chance to participate as painlessly as possible, and you will be helping to secure our heritage for the generations to come.

We invite you to become a
Friend of Fort Augustus Abbey

Fort Augustus Abbey

In 1720 the British government decided to improve communications in the Highlands and create a number of forts to subdue the Highlanders. General George Wade, a brilliant engineer, was commissioned to undertake much of this work.

There was already a barracks at the village of Kilchumein at the south-west end of Loch Ness, but the new fort was to be an impressive construction and it was decided to name it after the King's son, William Augustus, the Duke of Cumberland and ever since then the village has been known, in English, as Fort Augustus.

During the 1745 Jacobite uprising, Fort Augustus was a casualty, being surrendered almost by "accident" to an Irish regiment in the service of Bonnie Prince Charlie. After the battle of Culloden in 1746 the Jacobites fled, leaving the fort in such poor condition that Cumberland had to camp in nearby fields, known to this day as the Camp Fields..

The fort was eventually reinstated, but in the mid eighteenth century, during more peaceful times, it was sold to the Lovat family, who used part of it as a hunting lodge.

In 1876, Simon Fraser, Lord Lovat, gave the buildings to the Scottish and English monks who had returned to Scotland from Ratisbon and Lambspring in Germany and wished to found a new monastery.

From 1878 the monks of Fort Augustus ran a boys boarding school and continued with this tradition of education until 1993 when it was decided to close the school because of a falling roll brought about by the economic climate and changing patterns in education.

The monks were determined, as always, to earn their living and have established this heritage and conference centre based on the same principles of education and value for money.

The buildings of the Abbey, in their Victorian splendour, are now in the custody of this community of monks who must find a way to preserve and maintain them for posterity.

The possibility of obtaining a single donation of several million pounds is extremely slight, but a large number of people giving "little and often" can achieve the same end.

The monks hope that, whatever your Church allegiance, you may find it in your hearts to help this project, and you can be assured that the monks will remember you in their daily prayers.

Covenant

I, _____ (full name BLOCK CAPITALS)

of _____

(ADDRESS)

hereby covenant with the Trustees of St Benedict's Abbey, Fort Augustus, that for each of the 4 years ending 5th April following the date hereof, or during my lifetime, whichever period shall be shorter, I will pay to the said trustees each year such sums whether monthly, quarterly, half yearly or yearly

as will total, after deduction of income tax the net sum of £ (The annual amount in words

.....pounds) such sum to be paid from my general fund of taxed income.

Sign here Date.....

United Kingdom residents need the name and address of a witness :

You may pay by bankers order or by credit card. You may pay as little as £2 per month, but remember to put the annual figure in the space above. Thank you.

Enter the monthly or yearly amount you wish to pay : I will be paying £ per month/year.

Credit Card Details : - Card : Amerex/Diners/Visa/Mastercard/Access

Name & Initials (as on card) _____

EXPIRY DATE ____ / ____ CARD NUMBER _____

or Bank Standing Order (U.K. Residents Only) : -

To: The Manager,

Pay to the Trustees of St Benedicts, the sum of £ _____
each month on the first day of each month until notified by me/us in writing. The payees account is at the Bank of Scotland, Station Road, Fort Augustus, Sort Code 80-06-84 account number 00849888. Please quote my name and initial as a reference.

If known : Bank Sort No. _____ and Account No. _____

Signed _____

HAND THIS FORM TO ANY MONK, MEMBER OF STAFF, OR POST TO THE BURSAR