

St Monans Auld Kirk Enterprise:

Preserving Our Heritage for our Community



Welcome to St Monans Auld Kirk

St Monans Auld Kirk Enterprise (SMAKE) is a dedicated community organisation, formed in 2024, committed to preserving the rich history and heritage of the Auld Kirk in St Monans and making sure it remains open to everyone. As custodians of this historic landmark, our mission is to celebrate its cultural significance, ensure its preservation for future generations, and create a space where the community and visitors can come together and connect with its legacy.

The Auld Kirk: A Historic Gem

The A-listed Auld Kirk of St Monans has stood as a beacon of faith, community, and history since 1362. Perched on the Fife coastline, this remarkable building replaced an earlier shrine and is unique in its setting and architecture. From its octagonal stone spire to its stunning coastal views, the Auld Kirk tells the story of generations who have worshipped, celebrated, and sought solace within its walls.

Key features of the Auld Kirk include:

- **Cultural Legacy:** A centre for worship and community gatherings for over 600 years.
- **Historical Events:** Hosting weddings, services, and events that mark the milestones of countless lives.
- **Architectural Significance:** A prime example of 14th-century Gothic design.

The Kirk is also tied to fascinating local legends, including tales of the last witches of Scotland. According to folklore, some of these accused individuals were held prisoner in the Kirk's bell tower during the witch trials.

Our Acquisition: A New Chapter

SMAKE is currently in the process of acquiring the Auld Kirk, with the aim of completing the acquisition in 2025. This milestone represents a collective effort to protect this historic site and ensure its continued role as a place of inspiration, learning, and community engagement.

Thanks to the support of local residents, generous donors, and dedicated volunteers, we now embark on a journey to breathe new life into the Kirk while honouring its past.

Our Vision for the Future

The Auld Kirk will serve as more than a historic monument; it will become a vibrant hub for community and cultural activities. Our plans include:

- **Restoration and Preservation:** Undertaking essential repairs to maintain the Kirk's structural integrity and beauty and providing upgraded WC/kitchen facilities..
- **Community Events:** Hosting concerts, exhibitions, and celebrations within the Kirk's unique setting.
- **Heritage Displays:** To share the Kirk's history and significance with visitors.
- **A Place for Reflection:** Maintaining the Kirk as a serene space for worship, meditation, and personal connection.
- **Sustainable Income Generation:** Hosting occasional event rentals, such as weddings, and establishing a community café to support the ongoing maintenance and operation of the Kirk as a community building.

Our Journey So Far

Since 2022 when the Church of Scotland shared its plans to sell The Auld Kirk, we have made significant progress towards purchasing it for the community. Thanks to funding from The Architectural Heritage Fund, The Scottish Land Fund, other funders, donors and local business., we have now have a full business plan, architectural concept and costed surveys for the repairs. The next step is gathering community support through membership to allow us to move forward with obtaining funding to purchase The Kirk.

Get Involved

The future of the Auld Kirk depends on the support and enthusiasm of our community. The more community support, ie members, we have, the easier it is for funders to get behind the project. Here's how you can help:

- **Become A Member:** Join the membership of S.M.A.K.E. using the membership form provided.
- **Volunteer:** Join our team and assist with events, tours, or maintenance projects.
- **Donate:** Every contribution helps us preserve this historic landmark. Visit our website to make a donation.
- **Spread the Word:** Share our story and encourage others to visit and support the Auld Kirk.

**TELL US WHAT YOU THINK
DROP IN CONSULTATION
15th and 16th FEB 2025
10AM—2PM
AULD KIRK, ST MONANS**



Join St Monans Auld Kirk Enterprise (SMAKE) Today!

Preserve the Past, Protect the Future!

By becoming a member of St Monans Auld Kirk Enterprise (SMAKE), you'll play a vital role in safeguarding the future of one of Scotland's most cherished historic landmarks. Together, we can preserve the Auld Kirk's legacy and ensure it remains a vibrant hub for community and cultural activities.

Why Join SMAKE?

As a member, you will:

- **Secure and Restore the Church:** Help us purchase the Auld Kirk, ensuring its future as a vital part of the community, and support essential restoration efforts to maintain this iconic building.
- **Preserve Heritage and Culture:** Contribute to safeguarding the church's historical and cultural significance, preserving its ties to centuries of Scottish heritage and the story of St Monans.
- **Enhance Usability:** Aid in refurbishing the church, making it a versatile space for the wider community.
- **Strengthen Our Community:** Join a passionate network dedicated to celebrating and preserving the legacy of St Monans.

Membership Fee

Joining SMAKE is simple and affordable. Signing up fee of just **£10** secures your membership. Your contribution goes directly toward:

- Covering essential costs such as utility bills, roof repairs and legal fees, turning this vision into a reality.
- Essential upgrades to make The Kirk a usable space for everyone in the community.
- Running costs.
- Developing community programmes and events.

How to Join

Becoming a member is simple! Complete the membership form on the reverse side of this leaflet and return it to us at: **Coal Farm, St Monans.**

Email: smake1265@outlook.com

Phone: 07779 794225

Social Media: Follow us for updates and events

Together, we can celebrate the past and shape the future of St Monans Auld Kirk.

Membership Form

Please complete this form and return it to St Monans Auld Kirk Enterprise.

Your Details:

•Name: _____

•Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

•Phone: _____

•Email: _____

Membership Fee: Annual Fee - £10

Payment Method: ☐ Cheque (payable to St Monans Auld Kirk Enterprise)
 ☐ Cash

Gift Aid Declaration: ☐ Yes, I want to Gift Aid my membership fee and any donations I make to SMAKE. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Privacy Statement: Your personal details provided on this form will be used solely for the purposes of administering your membership with St Monans Auld Kirk Enterprise (SMAKE). This includes processing payments, maintaining membership records, and providing updates about the organisation's activities.

All information will be stored securely in compliance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and will not be shared with third parties without your explicit consent. You have the right to access, amend, or request the deletion of your data at any time by contacting us at **smake1265@outlook.com**.

Thank you for joining SMAKE. Together, we're building a legacy.