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The Alfred Dunhill Links Foundation is an ongoing supporter of the St Andrews Pilgrim Foundation which actively preserves St Andrews' cultural, golfing, and historical heritage through the restoration of monuments and buildings, and heritage signage. A major fountain restoration is complete, and several heritage initiatives are underway. Some examples of recent work are outlined below.

Whyte-Melville Memorial Fountain

The full repair and restoration of the listed Whyte-Melville Memorial Fountain was completed in 2026 when the fountain was dismantled for the first time since its inception in 1880, during the reign of Queen Victoria. It was removed to a place of safety, where its Dumfries Ashlar, Dalbeattie Granite and marble stonework was cleaned and restored. During reassembly the fountain was fitted with new piping and control mechanisms for its reconnection to the water mains. The fountain fell into disuse during WWII and a partial reconnection in 2015 proved unsuccessful. Now a magnificent sight in St Andrews historic Market Street, situated as it is on the site of the former tolbooth with its memoria to the martyrdom of Hussite emissary Pavel Kravař and execution of Pierre de Bocosel de Chastelard, court poet to Mary, Queen of Scots.

Tom Morris statue

The Old Tom Morris statue project opposite The Royal and Ancient Golf Club below the Martyrs Monument at the Bow Butts afoot The Scores - there could be no better location for the four times winner of the Open Championship and designer of the Old Course and over 70 others. The unveiling ceremony was held last year by Sheila Walker, the great-great-granddaughter of Tom Morris, former Scottish Open champion Sandy Lyle, and our very own trustee, author and historian Roger McStravick.

St Andrews Preservation Trust Museum

This beautiful museum to the town's memories occupies a former fisherman's cottage dating to the 1600s in an area of the town's fisher quarter known as the Leddyheid (Ladyhead). The repairs we have funded have helped restore this historical feature to its former lustre, and due to its prominent location have also helped to preserve the character of the surrounding area.

St Andrews Harbour and Pier

The twelfth century pier at St Andrews Harbour was extensively damaged by a violent winter storm in 2023, which also destroyed the ancient stone slipway below Kirkhill - the pier has since been closed but a donation made by the St Andrews Pilgrim Foundation has gone towards preliminary restoration of the medieval pier.

Historic Church Organ – All Saints Church

This organ, which forms part of the fabric of the original building of the church has now been exquisitely restored. The All Saints Church and Rectory is an A-listed building with a fascinating history – the church was consecrated in 1903 as a mission church for the fisher families of St Andrews and is of a highly attractive design, having been endowed by the celebrated Younger family of Craigtoun House. The St Andrews Pilgrim Foundation was delighted to donate towards the restoration project.

The following are additional projects directly generated by the Alfred Dunhill Links Foundation:

Golfer plaques

Plaques to Allan Robertson and Jamie Anderson have been instituted at their former homes on The Links. Taking our inspiration from the colours of the Saltire (Scotland's national flag) and the simple and elegant plaques instituted in London to famous figures such as Dickens and Wilde, these plaques pay tribute to Robertson, the legendary champion golfer whose death in 1858 catalysed the creation of The Open Championship in an attempt to find a new champion of champions, and Anderson, thrice winner of The Open Championship in 1877, 1878 and 1879. A third plaque to Tommy Morris, the son of legendary Old Course designer, Tom Morris, has also been produced and is in situ in North Street. Tommy Morris won the Open Championship four times consecutively between 1868-1872 prior to his ultimately death at the age of 24 – all three gentlemen have streets named after them in St Andrews and the St Andrews Pilgrim Foundation has been delighted to further honour their memories by instituting these elegant plaques at their former homes.

Admiral FitzRoy Fisheries Barometer

The associations between Admiral FitzRoy and Charles Darwin, HMS Beagle and early circumnavigation of the globe, have made this a fascinating project. The original FitzRoy barometer was installed in the wall of the Abbey Cathedral of St Andrews in 1859 as part of a UK-wide initiative to safeguard the lives of fishermen at sea by providing them with the means to accurately forecast the weather. The barometer fell into disrepair after the Second World War and its empty casing became derelict. Working with Historic Environment Scotland, our Chartered Architect, and artisan craftsmen in Lincolnshire, a bespoke replica of a FitzRoy Fisheries Barometer has been produced and awaits installation on the completion of wooden housing by a firm of Edinburgh cabinet makers.

