

Watson Birds is an ambitious project to celebrate the work of father and son **Donald and Jeff Watson** and so inspire others in birds, nature and the arts. Centred on St John's Town of Dalry, Galloway, **Watson Birds** seeks your help in developing an innovative programme of celebration events and activities.

Watson Birds Feathers fund-raising campaign is based on the three birds in our logo: the Golden Eagle for which Jeff was an international expert, the Hen Harrier which was Donald's signature bird and the Swift which nests annually in the village.

Watson Birds invites you to join one of these three clubs. With your help we can build on the successful events held so far and develop an imaginative and enticing programme for the future.

We aim to raise £100,000 to fund our activities and events programme for the next 5 years. We hope you can contribute to this, by lump sum, or in instalments.

This project is being part-financed by the Scottish Government and the European Community, Dumfries & Galloway Leader 2007-2013 Programme, Scottish Natural Heritage and Awards for All.

Glenkens Community and Arts Trust is a registered Scottish Charity (SC032050).



Support from Our Patrons

"I am delighted and honoured to be a patron of the Watson Bird project and it gives me great satisfaction to see the progress which has been made in its development in the last 12 months."

Dame Barbara Kelly CBE DL

"This is an original and beautifully conceived project. It is so rooted in Dumfries and Galloway and so reflective of the character of our region that it deserves all our support. I send it every best wish."

The Duke of Buccleuch & Queensbury

"Donald Watson's paintings and writings provide an eloquent and sensitive record of the birds and landscape of Galloway. I am delighted that the Bird Festival commemorates him in the village where he lived and worked for over 50 years."

Richard Agnew

Gift Aid

If you are a UK tax payer, why not Gift Aid your donation as this will give us another 25p for every £ you donate.

Cheques payable to 'Glenkens Community & Arts Trust' marked Watson Birds.

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WATSON BIRDS

The FEATHERS campaign



Donald



Jeff



The Eagle Club



Watson Birds request

Become a **Founder Patron** by making a donation of over £10,000

Donor recognition

You and your family will be invited to a reception with other Patrons at the annual Dalry Bird Festival and for a special guided visit to Donald Watson bird and painting sites. Your name will be listed on our donation board, web site and newsletters (subject to your agreement). And you will receive a certificate in the form of a primary feather of a golden eagle, and regular updates on progress.

Your donation will, for example

- Support the acquisition of the Donald Watson archive
- Stimulate local artists by helping to fund an artist in residence
- Provide for the development of self-guided walking trails at 4 locations
- Support the annual Dalry Bird Festival



The Harrier Club



Watson Birds request

Donations of £1,000 - £10,000

Donor recognition

Your name will be listed on our donation board (subject to your agreement), and you will receive a certificate in the form of a hen harrier wing feather, and regular updates on progress with the project.

Your donation will, for example

- Fund the annual Watson Raptor Science Prize lecture and debate
- Support the storage of, and managed access to, the Donald Watson archive
- Support local art exhibitions and events at the annual Dalry Bird Festival
- Fund brochures and guides for the self-guided Watson trails



Donate or loan a Donald Watson painting

We aim to have a permanent exhibition of Donald Watson's paintings. Can you donate or loan a Donald Watson painting to help to start our collection?

The Swift Club



Watson Birds request

Donations from £100 to £1,000

Donor recognition

You will receive a certificate in the form of a swift tail feather, and regular updates on progress with the project.

Your donation will for example

- Support young people at a 5 day Creative Explorer class
- Support the involvement of local schools and others in creative writing and visual arts celebrating birds and nature
- Fund a sign at one of the Donald Watson's painting locations
- Support the development of an oral archive about Donald Watson

Donate your own painting for auction

There are many artists who worked with Donald or who knew him in his later years. One way of contributing to our project is to donate a painting which we can display in our exhibition, and which we can auction at the annual Bird Fair. The receipts will be used to develop new activities.

Due acknowledgement to donors will be made.