

Watson Bird Project

The principle activities during the year have been as follows.

Detailed specification of all of the elements of the project has been made by the project leader, with the help of Andrew Bielinski and Chris Rollie. We received approval for the Watson Birds element of the Dalry Heritage submission to the HLF Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership. This comprises the following elements: waymarking for the two trails, preparation of a commentary on an app, recording of oral history of the Watsons and development of the orientation hub at the Town Hall. Watson Birds and GCAT signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the proprietors of Barone, Main Street, Dalry for the development of the Watson Bird Garden. An application for funds for the balancing money to match the HLF funds has been made to the Black Craig Wind Farm Community Benefit

Agreement has been reached with GCAT for the designation of a Donald Watson Room in the Old Smiddy Heritage & Community Hub in Balmaclellan. Paintings have been selected for the first exhibition and are being reframed.