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Prioritisation - BEFS leading on this in relation to the Built Heritage Investment Plan, and for wider sectorial approach. Methodology synthesis has produced *Principles for Prioritisation*—consulted on this year.



5 BEFS Events ranging across Ecclesiastic Heritage, Land Value Capture, Land Reform and Community Empowerment, to HES Consultations. 8 facilitations & trainings completed.



26 bulletins
24 blogs contributed



4 Historic Environment Working Group meetings—members for OPiT CEO, Climate Change, Built Heritage Investment, and Skills, Groups.



12 briefing and policy updates



2 Planning Taskforce meetings, Stage 3 of the Planning (Scotland) Bill expected 2019.



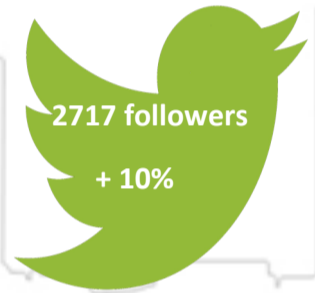
Legacy Materials launched Autumn 2018, full fundraising toolkit available at: <https://inspiringfundraising.co.uk/>



Participation in Cross Party Group on Architecture and the Built Environment. Cross Party Tenement Maintenance Group Formed BEFS/RICS Secretariat, interim recommendations out and formal proposals due 2019.



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As the strategic intermediary body for Scotland's built environment sector, BEFS draws together extensive expertise and knowledge on Scotland's historic and contemporary environment in a membership-led forum.

Our vision is for a strong built environment sector in Scotland. One that: is informed, can debate issues in a constructive way, can demonstrate its impact, and can advocate for positive outcomes across the sector.

Our role is to support practitioners in addressing, together, the strategic issues and challenges facing Scotland's built environment. We do this by:

INFORMING By providing information on the latest developments in relevant policy and practice we increase awareness of strategic policy developments.

DEBATING By creating opportunities to meet, we help practitioners share and develop perspectives on matters affecting their work.

EVALUATING By building capacity in evaluation and performance measurement we help practitioners demonstrate the benefits for people and place.

ADVOCATING By building capacity in advocacy, and engaging with the Scottish Parliament directly, we help the sector shape legislation and policy priorities in a collaborative way.

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Tenement Maintenance—significant progress has been made. The cross-party working group, now convened by Graham Simpson MSP (due to Ben Macpherson's ministerial promotion), has produced a series of recommendations, as well as new research from Prof Douglas Robertson examining previous legislation. The recommendations have been open for consultation, the results of which are now being analysed to inform more detailed recommendations which will be made by Cross-Party group to Parliament later in the coming year.



Iain McDowall — As BEFS new Chair I've been delighted to see the diversity and depth of knowledge brought together through the Forum. Across the year this has demonstrated itself through thoughtful consultation responses to both Historic Environment issues and to the matter of Culture more widely. Expertise of all kinds has come-together to tackle the issues of tenement maintenance and draft Principles for Prioritisation, BEFS continue to champion greater equality of engagement across the built environment through planning and policy.



Euan Leitch — We said farewell to our outgoing Chair, Dr Graeme Purves, this year who made invaluable contributions in the run up to the Planning (Scotland) Bill, arguably helping ensure that regional planning is retained in some form in the new Act. Arising secondary legislation and NPF4 will ensure that we continue to draw on the planning expertise of our former Chairs.

Community Empowerment and Landscape Event — with **INHERIT** and **Community Land Scotland** BEFS explored the positive steps that can be taken towards empower community participation. Dr Calum Macleod, **Community Land Scotland** and Dr Chris Dalglish, **INHERIT** shared the findings of their report which examined the relationship between communities of place and landscape designations.

An experienced panel including representatives from **Carloway Estate Trust** (Dr Sally Reynolds), the **National Trust for Scotland** (Diarmid Hearn), **Cairngorm National Park** (Grant Moir) and Dr Kirsteen Shields—Lecturer in International Law and Food Security, **University of Edinburgh** all provided thoughtful responses and provocations to a large cross-sectorial audience.

The event related well to HES Designations Consultation later in the year.



In 2018-2019 BEFS has been extending its **Facilitation** service. BEFS Director has facilitated a wide number of events for small and large organisations—aiding both strategy and governance development. This service is available to members at a reduced rate.



OPIT & SHEA — Extensive collaboration with HES to develop Case Studies, these are hosted on BEFS website and referenced in 2018 OPiT Annual report.



Prioritisation BEFS held its first event in December 2018 after receiving multiple methodologies from an open call for ideas in the Autumn. Fundamentals (synthesised from the suggestions submitted) were discussed and agreed. The next step suggested by the room was to form **Principles for Prioritisation**. These were released at a well-attended, public event in February 2019. At this event were also presentations from Emily Tracey (HES) about the BHIG and from Scottish Canals and their asset management methodology (as developed by EY). The Principles for Prioritisation are now in a new iteration, taking into account feedback from the event, and have been consulted-upon. Next steps will be informed by consultation analysis.

There have been 12 consultation responses in 2018-2019. **HES Policy, Designations, and Change Management** have been particularly significant. Collaborative responses were formed around **EPC** and the **Culture Strategy**.

