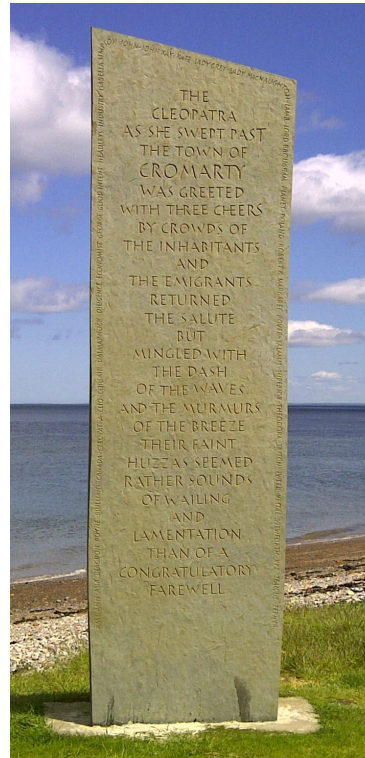


**This is the time to get involved and we need your ideas NOW...be they firm proposals or just a distant dream.**

**Your ideas or comments:**

Please identify a contact person and address and send a 20 word summary of your or your group's idea, together with up to 250 words outlining what you'd like to see achieved. Make it as brief as you like at this stage. Remember, we are going to need solutions as well as ideas!



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**A possible £3m for community projects on the Black Isle....**

**...but we need YOUR help!**



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A group, under the banner of the Black Isle Partnership, is working towards a bid for a 4 year Heritage Lottery funded project on the Black Isle.

## A Landscape Partnership scheme for the Black Isle?

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) supports Landscape Partnership programmes for areas about the size of the Black Isle, developed with the participation of local people, based on the local character of the landscape and which enhance the local heritage, and have a clear theme.

We're suggesting our theme should be to enhance the links between residents of the Black Isle and the land and sea they live amongst.

99 schemes have been funded around the UK since 2003 and they aim to encourage:

- Better understanding, care and management of heritage
- Development of relevant skills, local heritage and volunteering

The impact of this for us could be:

- A stronger community identity for the Black Isle
- More (and a wider range of) people getting involved with heritage,
- The Black Isle becoming an even better place to live, work or visit

Other schemes have funded the following (we may be able to think of new ideas):

- Forest management
- Tourist information
- School visits and facilities
- Community woods
- Apprenticeships/training
- Local Food networks
- Farm habitat management
- Nature reserve management
- Paths and trails
- Building conservation
- Local history research
- Funds for local groups

This is a fantastic opportunity for everyone who is proud of the Black Isle and enjoys its culture, history and nature

## How to get involved?

We want to hear from everyone who may have ideas for the future development, restoration or celebration of our landscape and heritage. This includes the land and the sea and all the communities of the Black Isle.

**We want to hear your ideas before the end of September 2016.**

We will then invite you to a series of public workshops to discuss how these can be assembled to meet the needs of HLF – an essential stage for such a large potential funding programme.

With a clear programme of projects we can develop a 1st Stage application to the HLF for May 2017. If this is successful then a 2nd Stage will be supported by HLF. This usually takes more than a year with a successful bid likely to start work on the ground in 2019.

