

SCOTTISH PILGRIMAGE GATHERING

Friday 3rd October 2014

10am - 4:30pm | The Vine Conference Centre, Garvock Hill, Dunfermline, KY11 4JU
Registration from 9.30 a.m. 10 minutes walk from Dunfermline Queen Margaret rail station.

‘Communing with Nature’ – Environmental Perspectives on Pilgrimage

How far does the current revival of off-road pilgrimage travel reflect a spiritual dimension to today’s global conservation movement? Is there a physical and mental healing process of journeying outdoors on foot, bicycle or horseback that motivates increasing numbers of people to re-discover our historic pilgrimage centres? Does ‘active’ pilgrimage travel promote a wider importance of Scotland’s natural heritage to our well being, among people of all faiths and none?

Addressing these questions at the second annual Scottish Pilgrimage Gathering are a distinguished group of key speakers: scientist and author Professor Sam Berry; environmental adviser, writer and broadcaster Chris Baines of the Green Pilgrimage Network; and Professor Richard Oram of the University of Stirling. At a time when the Scottish Government has recently launched its National Walking Strategy, we also hope that Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Environment will be speaking on the relevance of pilgrim walking routes to a number of key policy initiatives.

The day will also include a choice of workshop sessions on different stakeholder interests in developing new Pilgrim Way long distance routes, covering local churches, landowners, faith tourism businesses, and community groups. The SPRF Annual General Meeting will follow separately.

Bookings

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