



Clan Arthur

Ancestral Lands Trust

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Hello from Scotland

As we approach the second spring of The Clan Arthur Ancestral Lands Trust's inception, we are gathering pace towards our aim of securing a future home for Clan Arthur. We have been monitoring the property and land market surrounding Clan Arthur's ancestral lands on Loch Awe in Argyll, which is expensive and competitive, appealing mainly to cash buyers from the south east of England. The area we are focussing on is quite small with a limited number of properties and contains three large land owners identified so far. Two cottages have sold in the past year for over £300k and land plots fetch around £100k.

As I write, CAALT has raised an amazing total of **£60,119.44**. This may appear to be far short of the amount we need to secure a land plot or property, but we are progressing very well. Our next funding target is **£75,000**. If we achieve this, then we should qualify for our next instalment of \$25,000 (US) from our Clan benefactor, which would take our funding to around **£95,000**; enough to consider securing a plot of land. We need **less than £15k** to do this and therefore a push to increase our fund raising this year is required. If you are considering giving a donation over the next few months, then you may wish to sponsor this fund-raising event . . .



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Last year, Team Clan Arthur raised a magnificent **£1,753** in sponsorship at the Glasgow Kiltwalk. We received an extra 50% top up of **£877** from the Hunter Foundation, resulting in a total of **£2,630** raised for the Clan Arthur Ancestral Lands Trust. So, we are doing it again this year, on Sunday 30th April, and we ask you once more to dig deep and sponsor us.

This year The Hunter Foundation are not adding the 50% top up, but we do have the benefit of 25% Gift Aid option from any UK tax payer who sponsors us, which was not available last year. So, if you live in the UK and sponsor us £1.00 with Gift Aid, then we should receive £1.25. If you live overseas and sponsor us \$1.00, then we shall receive \$1.00. I am sure that you will agree that this is a good opportunity to promote and fund-raise for CAALT. Please visit my [Just Giving](#) page and give a little to help secure our Clan's future home . . .

www.justgiving.com/Hugh-McArthur

Last year "The Sword in the Stone" raised several hundred dollars at Highland Gatherings in Canada and USA. We hope to raise even more this year . . .

**The Sword
in the Stone**

Legends from long, long ago tell us that the Britons had no leader and they were being overrun by Saxon and Angles invaders from Germany. The great wizard Merlin had a very powerful sword called Excalibur which he thrust into a rock casting a spell upon it. Only the true King of the Britons, pure of heart, would be able to pull it out of the rock. King Arthur was the boy who pulled out Excalibur and led the Britons to victory against the invaders . . .

The secret of Merlin's spell was passed down to Arthur's Children, now known as Clann Artair or Clan Arthur. Their motto is "Fide et Opera" which means; "By Faith and Work". It takes more than work to pull out the sword; it takes the faith of a pure heart . . .

Do you have enough faith in your heart to pull out the sword?

All donations to the Clan Arthur Ancestral Lands Trust gratefully accepted.
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CAALT pin badges are available from all the CAALT trustees in return for a small donation. Please wear them with pride . . .



CAALT is a fully fledged world charity, the same as any other, and anyone is entitled to raise funds and gather donations on our behalf. If you have any ideas, please share them with the Trustees. You can find details of how to become a member of CAALT, how to donate and an archive of past newsletters at:

<http://clanarthur.org/caalt/>

I hope that you will continue to support us and, one day, I look forward to welcoming you all to Clan Arthur's new home in our historic landscape.

Yours, Aye

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