



Clan Arthur

Ancestral Lands Trust

Scottish Incorporated Charitable Organisation No. SC051203

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Dear Kinfolk

The last two years have been incredibly difficult for humanity across the world. I sincerely hope that 2022 shall be a much better year for all Clan Arthur folk. Relaxation of Covid restrictions shall allow us to travel, meet and attend gatherings once more and we now have a major project.

I first became intensely interested in our Clan history and origins when I was thirty years old, that was thirty years ago, and for many years since, I have held onto the dream that Clan Arthur would one day hold some of our ancestral lands again. A place to gather and a place to hold our sacred objects. It is a dream that shall take a lot of patience, hard work, hard cash and the full support of our global family to achieve.

That dream took a step closer to reality in November 2020 when one of our Clan members stepped forward and offered a US \$100,000 donation (approximately £75,000) to set us on our way towards obtaining land or property for the Clan. The donation would be split into four instalments, a \$25,000 initial payment and a further three donations of \$25,000 every time the Clan matched the fund. That would offer Clan Arthur the potential to raise \$200,000 (approximately £150,000) a very substantial sum to start with, but more shall be needed from donors, businesses, grants and funding agencies to fully realise our dreams.

With the agreement of our Chief, I immediately took up the challenge. Prominent Clan members were contacted, an international Clan Council was formed and Zoom meetings were held to discuss the way forward. After much research and discussion, it was decided that forming a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) would be the best legal entity to hold assets for the Clan without leaving any individual in a liable situation. With the help of GCVS (Glasgow Council for Voluntary Services), a constitution was drafted, discussed and amended and an application was made to OSCR (the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator) in June 2021. On 18th August 2021, the Clan Arthur Ancestral Lands Trust (CAALT) was registered as SCIO No. SC051203. Trustees were nominated, seconded and appointed as follows:

Chairperson : Hugh DP McArthur
Treasurer : John MacArthur of that ilk
Secretary : Christine McArthur
Trustees : Jon C Carter (Webmaster)
Mike McArthur (USA)
Robert MacArthur (Canada)
Carol Budlong (Australia)
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A mission statement was composed (see attached) and I donated the logo at the top of the page, which is now the registered logo of the Clan Arthur charity. CAALT is an entirely separate entity from the MacArthur Societies and it is also a membership-based organisation; we wanted to be as open and as inclusive as possible, and our members are crucial to our success. Members are encouraged to become involved by raising suggestions and questions to the Trustees, they also form the pool from where future Trustees shall be voted in at the AGM. It was agreed that current membership of a recognised MacArthur Society as listed at www.clanarthur.org should be a prerequisite for joining CAALT. (See attached membership application form).

There was further time spent opening a CAALT bank account with the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) and an application to the UK Government for Gift Aid was successful, which gives the opportunity to claim a 25% tax rebate on donations from UK tax paying donors. A web page for CAALT was created here:

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

Donor Box has been adopted as a platform for collecting electronic donations from overseas, but it is much more cost effective for donors in the UK to pay by cheque or by direct bank transfer:

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Royal Bank of Scotland
Sort Code: 83-21-04
Account No: 00132580
IBAN: GB31RBOS83210400132580
SWIFT BIC: RBOSGB2L

Or send a cheque / international bank draft, made payable to:

“Clan Arthur Ancestral Lands Trust”
143 Dorchester Avenue, Kelvindale, Glasgow, G12 0EJ, Scotland, UK

As I write, CAALT has raised a fund of **£25,634.02** and we are aiming for an initial funding target of £40,000. Please join us and support us or consider donating via the website.

Future newsletters shall only be issued to CAALT Trustees, members and donors, so if you want to be involved, make a difference and stay informed, please fill in the attached application form. I look forward to updating you on progress over the coming months and telling you all about our ancestral lands with photos and maps.

Yours, Aye

Hugh DP McArthur FSA Scot
Clan Arthur Seannachie
High Commissioner for Clan Arthur in Britain (& Europe)
Chairperson for the Clan Arthur Ancestral Lands Trust
Chairperson for the MacArthur Society in Britain (& Europe)

PS. This is far too many titles for one man. I would be really happy if a Scottish MacArthur brave heart would step forward to share the load – Where are you all?