

Scots have landscaped the world yet for many, little is known about them and recognition in the home town is rare. Here is one example.

John Abercrombie

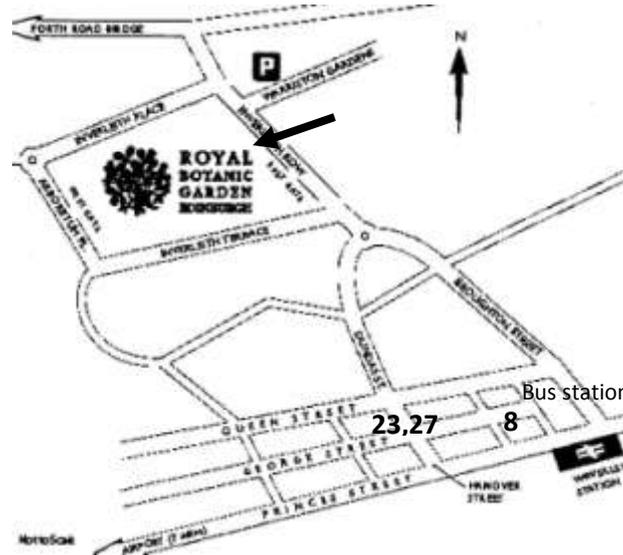
Born Prestonpans in 1726.
Became market gardener after working at Kew in London. Offered the post of superintendent of the gardens of Catherine the Great in Russia which he declined.
Noted writer on horticulture: his 'Gardener's Pocket Journal and Daily Assistant' had 35 editions.
Like many Scots, he influenced the development of horticultural skills but is hardly recognised at home.
Died 1806 in London.

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The Scottish Local History Forum is the umbrella organisation for all individuals and organisations interested in local history in Scotland.

It publishes a journal three times a year, organises an annual conference in the autumn, campaigns on behalf of local history, compiles occasional reference works, and generally keeps those involved in local history in touch with Scottish activities.

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RBG garden area is closed until 10 a.m.

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Scotland's Horticultural Heritage

*the significance of its past
its relevance today*

and its contribution to tomorrow

Seminar
organised by the
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Saturday
14th November 2009
at the
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Edinburgh



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Scotland's Horticultural Heritage

Saturday 14 November 2009

9.45-16.30

At the Royal Botanic Garden,

Inverleith Row, Edinburgh

(enter at Administration Building)

In 2009 the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society (the Caley) celebrates its 200th anniversary and the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh (RBGE) opens its new Visitor Centre and Gateway, which will promote the significance of John Hope (1725-1786), the Regius Keeper and King's Botanist between 1761 and 1786.

Both events illustrate the considerable contribution Scotland has made to the nurture and understanding of the world of plants. But the year also brings a financial threat to the survival of parts of this heritage at a time when promotion of horticultural skills and knowledge are even more important to the future.

The programme will include: a keynote address, recent local history projects linked to this theme, the founding of the Caley and their experimental garden, investigating lost heritage and protecting the present, planning future action. A presentation on archive sources of the RBGE will be offered as well as information displays.

Members of the SLHF will have their AGM between 12.30 and 13.00.

COST (includes morning coffee/tea and sandwich lunch)

Full rate £20

Member's rate £18

(SLHF, RCHS, GHS, NTS, RBGE)

PROGRAMME

9.15 COFFEE & REGISTRATION

9.45 Session 1

Welcome & chair: **Dr Catriona Macdonald** (SLHF)

Jim McColl, MBE

Scotland's Horticultural Heritage: a personal view.

Bob Mitchell (Elie History Society)

East Neuk designed landscapes.

Jane Corrie (RBGE)

Dr John Hope's heritage rediscovered through the Hope Cottage project.

11.10 Session 2 Chair: **George Anderson MBE**

David Affleck (Caley & SLHF)

The Experimental Garden of the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society: a reassessment of its background.

Ian Edwards (RBGE)

RBGE's heritage tomorrow.

Clare Morter & Christine Thompson (RBGE)

RBGEs phenology projects.

12.30 –13.45 LUNCH

Heritage displays. Archive sources at the RBGE.

12.30-13.00 AGM of Scottish Local History Forum

13.45 Session 3 Chair: **NTS**

Dr Shannon Fraser (NTS)

Locating the Lost Heritage of Drum Castle.

Ann Steele (NTS)

Heritage protection at a time of major threats.

David Mitchell

Horticulture at a time of change.

Reflections : **Jim McColl** interviews **Willie Duncan**

Panel on local and national priorities for future action.

16.30 CLOSE

BOOKING FORM

• I wish to book the following places for the seminar on **Scotland's Horticultural Heritage** on 14 Nov. 2009.

..... place(s) at full rate (£20) = £

..... place(s) at Member's rate (£18) = £

Please circle the organisation of which you are a member: SLHF RCHS GHS RBGE NTS

• I enclose a cheque for £..... payable to the **Scottish Local History Forum.**

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