

THE CHAPTER HOUSE MUSEUM  
DUNKELD CATHEDRAL

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The Chairman,  
The Cultural Commission,  
Broughton High School,  
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Dear Sam,

**Consultation Process**

Thank you for your letter of 24 August 2004. The Trustees of this museum have met and considered the contents of the letter.

They have asked me to emphasise to you the importance of small organisations such as this to the cultural life of the local community. They consider that, in the wide sweep of a national policy, there is a very grave risk that the bulk of the money and resources will be channelled into the maws of the national institutions and the big cities.

This small museum deals with a limited area and a local community. It is the local place where people come to learn about the traditions and roots of the area and their own part in that. In this way it is playing an important part, in a limited area, to organise and support the cultural sector and to provide cultural facilities and ensure the widest access. The second and third remits mentioned in your letter.

Amidst the thunderous response of the national institutions and the cities the plea of the Trustees is: remember the smaller bodies who do so much to promote culture locally. This work at a local level is the key issue for this organisation and our priority is to obtain due recognition from a commission such as yours and, as a consequence, due recognition and support when resources and money come to be allocated.

Yours Sincerely,

David Arbuthnott

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Chairman