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A new Guide to Falkland!

We first published **A Falkland Guide** in 1988. It was reprinted, with minor corrections, in 1989, 1991, 1994, 1998 and 2010.

We're now very proud to announce the publication of a new edition, entitled **Falkland: A Guide to the Historic Buildings**, in full colour and expanded to 40 pages, with a striking new design by Elizabeth Jackson and rewritten text by Ross Burgess. Thanks to Alan Graham, Marietta Crichton Stuart and Peter Burman for helpful comments and corrections.

As before, the centre-spread is a map of the village, but the number of highlighted buildings has been nearly doubled, from 24 to 47, and there's a new section of 'Further Afield' attractions.

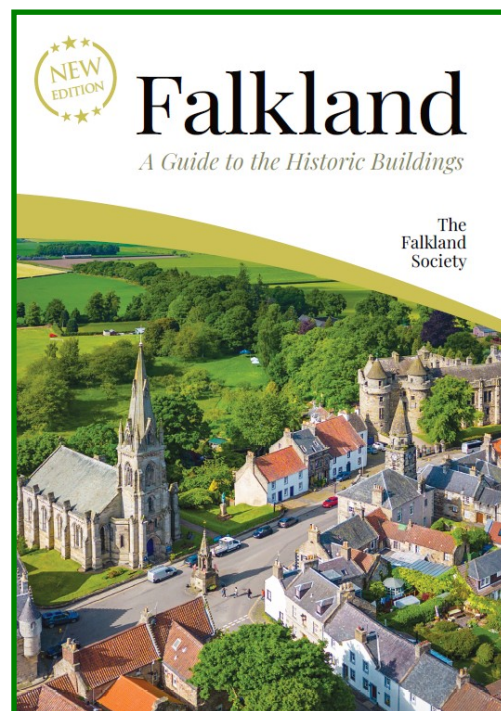
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“ This new edition of The Falkland Society's Guide to Falkland is most welcome. It is not simply a revision but a completely fresh evocation of the extraordinary wealth of special and listed buildings within Falkland and in the surrounding Falkland Estate. Engagingly informative, highly accessible and beautifully illustrated, it is bound to increase local pride and visitor interest not only in the burgh's individual buildings but the in quality of its historic environment more generally.

Falkland is fortunate in the long protection of its underlying ancient structure of medieval streets and burgh plots, their relationship to the great Renaissance royal palace at their midst, and to the beautiful countryside that still marches with the historic periphery of much of the settlement – its fields, estate parkland and the lower slopes of Falkland Hill that is still mostly free of modern encroachment.

This guide wonderfully illustrates the distinctive texture and materials of the place, with its cobbled streets, stone and whitewashed buildings, with their stated (occasionally thatched) roofs; it emphasises that Falkland's historic environment is a precious resource and one that is easily spoiled by inappropriate intervention. It requires careful management, constant maintenance and vigilance if it and the buildings within it are to survive. It is heartening therefore to see the recent revival of interest in appropriate traditional construction practices such as the reinstatement of historic lime-based wall finishes including whitewash, Scots harl and mortar pointing. Building owners in Falkland

deserve praise and support for the investment they make.

The ongoing success of Falkland's community is intimately tied to the protection of its special environment. In this Falkland faces challenges, particularly the scourge of over-tourism. The importance of an intelligent visitor policy that embraces all the stakeholders which include the NTS and the Falkland Estate as well as the individual owners of properties and businesses could not be more relevant today.

The understanding of this historic place is a fundamental step towards developing a deeper sensitivity to its qualities, its fabric and its underlying structure. This guide is an important contribution towards this and by which one learns that Falkland is a rich, complex and diverse settlement that has evolved over centuries, but also that it is a much-beloved living place that is home to a strong and vibrant community with a clear sense of its own identity.

This guide is an outstanding demonstration of the value that local civic organisations such as The Falkland Society can bring towards deepening knowledge of local heritage, in lifting our eyes to wider horizons through the contributions of their excellent speakers, and in building upon earlier achievements such as the significant historical work, *Falkland and its People, 1901–1913*, published in 2018.

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