

KilliecrAnkie1689

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BATTLE OF KILLIECRANKIE A9

KilliecrAnkie1689 is a new group that today launches its campaign to protect the historic battlefield of Killiecrankie.

Outraged by the plan to widen the A9 over the most sensitive part of the battlefield, KilliecrAnkie1689 wants to make as much noise as the charging Highlanders did on 27 July 1689 when they defeated the Government troops.

So today they are mustering support for their cause, launching a website, a petition, an objection and a crowd-funding initiative.

KilliecrAnkie1689 is in favour of the project to upgrade the A9 in the interests of safety. But it wants the best route for the local community and for the historic battle site.

The Battle of Killiecrankie was the first engagement of the period of Jacobite rebellion. About 2,000 men were killed in under an hour in one of the goriest episodes of Scottish history. The scale of carnage was more horrific than at the Battle of Culloden where the Jacobite revolt ended.

The entire battlefield is a large area and is officially designated for protection. The blood field where most of the fighting was concentrated is relatively small. Transport Scotland proposes widening the road over that very area.

For that reason, KilliecrAnkie1689 challenges the way Transport Scotland plans to widen about 1 mile of road. Supporters should rally at www.killiecrankie1689.scot

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Information on the A9 project Killiecrankie to Glen Garry, including the Environmental Statement and draft Road Orders, is available on Transport Scotland's website: <https://www.transport.gov.scot/projects/a9-dualling-perth-to-inverness/a9-killiecrankie-to-glen-garry/>

The National Trust for Scotland manages a visitor centre at the north end of the Pass of Killiecrankie <https://www.nts.org.uk/Visit/Killiecrankie/>

Killiecrankie is at the gateway to the Cairngorms National Park
<http://cairngorms.co.uk>

The Killiecrankie battle site is listed in the Inventory of Historic Battlefields, maintained by Historic Environment Scotland
<https://www.historicenvironment.scot/advice-and-support/listing-scheduling-and-designations/battlefields/>