

KilliecrAnkie1689

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VIDEO PRESENTATION: BATTLE FIELD DESECRATION

KilliecrAnkie1689 today launches a video presentation to explain how the planned route of the A9 will ruin some key features of the battle site of Killiecrankie.

Transport Scotland has finalised plans for the route of the planned dual carriageway from Killiecrankie to Glen Garry. KilliecrAnkie1689 is alarmed about the adverse impact this will have on a mile stretch over the battlefield. The group opposes the current plan as it believes that the most sensitive part of the battlefield will be vandalised.

The Battle of Killiecrankie took place on 27 July 1689. It was the first flashpoint of the Jacobite uprising. At least 2,000 men died in a frenzied bout of fighting that lasted no more than an hour. The gory success of the Highland charge established a reputation for the Jacobite rebels as ferocious and unstoppable warriors.

The entire area of the officially designated battle site is large. The blood field where most men were slain is quite small. This is the area that will be covered by the widened road.

Last year was the year of History, Heritage and Archaeology in Scotland.

KilliecrAnkie1689 opposes this section of the transport project on the grounds that it is reckless and crass. KilliecrAnkie1689 questions the government's commitment to protecting and enhancing Scotland's cultural heritage.

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Watch the video on YouTube <https://youtu.be/4Hdi9ZbbUTw>

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1. Rulzion Rattray who presents the video is a local historian who has made a study of the Battle of Killiecrankie for over 20 years.
2. The 5 historic features mentioned in the video are:
 - i) Lagnabuaig settlement and redoubt
 - ii) The memorial cairn, also known as Tomb Clavers
 - iii) Raon Ruairidh settlement and redoubt
 - iv) A B-listed Wall and Garden at Urrard House
 - v) A terrace or 'step' that runs the length of the A9 alongside the northbound carriageway from the Wall (iv) to the Girnaig burn.

See the page called "At Risk" on the KilliecrAnkie1689 website for background information <http://killiecrankie1689.scot/styled-7/>

3. The map of archaeological work done so far is attached. This appears in the video.

4. An OS map of Killiecrankie with the relevant section of the road marked in red is attached.
5. 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/>

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