

BANFF

Banff High Street is a bustling place, with no empty retail units and flowers adorning the walls from hanging baskets; it really is the heart of the community.

Banff as a town is a Royal Burgh dating back well before the 12th Century. Its prominent location on the Moray coast made it an ideal site for a defensive castle, working harbour and its beautiful location made it the ideal spot for the Duff family to build their architectural legacy of Duff House. The rebuilt castle now acts as an arts and community area for the town and is just a short walk along the High Street, set in lovely grounds overlooking the bay below.



There are a real mix of businesses on the street, from long established family offerings, to the brand new – it really is a place where you can get everything, along with great service as well. The High Street's wide pavements make movement easy, and the mix of architecture from the classic Georgian to the more blocky 1960s make for a diverse visual experience.



The hanging flower baskets along the street are planted and maintained by a local community group and this adds to the greenery already present from a number of long established trees.

For those looking to learn, Banff High Street can help you there as well, with the library and museum housed at the south end of the street. Both are currently closed for a refurbishment programme and will open this autumn with a lift to make the building more accessible and the exhibition space inside expanded. A permanent display of Banff Silver will be on view, and will link to the re-emergence of this hall mark later this year with the development of an old Smiddy building to working silversmiths in the town.