

## FORRES

How can we begin to describe our amazing **Forres** High Street in only 300 words? Impossible.



Forres is the floral capital of Moray and has won Beautiful Scotland, Britain in Bloom and Entente Florale Europe accolades for over 50 years. Throughout the seasons the street is a ribbon of colour with flower beds and over 100 containers and hanging baskets giving delight to residents and visitors.



These compliment our distinctive and attractive buildings, the oldest dating from the 1600s and many from the nineteenth century with intriguing architectural features. From the west the War Memorial, St Laurence Church, the Tolbooth and Market Cross, the Falconer Museum, The Town Hall formerly the Mechanics Institute, Anderson's Primary School, Saints Laurence's, Leonard's, Margaret's and John's Churches all leading to Grant Park, the jewel in the crown.

Follow the famous footsteps : King David 1st who gifted the Common Good Land, to the people of Forres for their warm welcome, a commendation we strive to keep alive today; King Sueno whose stone is the tallest Pictish cross slab in Scotland; Macbeth, the good king, whose fort overlooked the High Street from the top of Cluny Hill; the Wolf of Badenoch who sacked the town; Lord Strathcona, co founder of the Canadian Pacific Railway; Hugh Falconer, contemporary of Darwin who brought **tea** from China to India; Sir Alexander Grant, whose business invented the **Digestive Biscuit**. We endeavour to preserve our history as shown by the Community Transfer of the Tolbooth and Nelson Tower to the Heritage Trust supported and run by a large team of volunteers.

We have it all - green spaces, infrastructure, heritage, architecture, all kept to a high standard of care and cleanliness, reflecting the Pride of Place cherished by our people – We Love where We Live.