

Heritage Centre and Saltire Memorial

In 1997, a Heritage Centre was opened in a restored doocot next to Athelstaneford Church, and visitors are now able to learn much more about Scotland's flag and to enjoy a short audio visual dramatisation of its origins.

The Centre is open from 09.00 until 18.00 each day from April till October~ as well as on St Andrew's Day, 30 November. Admission is free.

The public are also encouraged to walk through the churchyard, to enter the historic Church, and to visit the Saltire Memorial which was erected in 1965. A Saltire is flown permanently at the Memorial, even during the hours of darkness when it is floodlit.

Friends of the Scottish Flag Trust

Responsibility for the upkeep and operational costs of the Heritage Centre and the Saltire Memorial lies with the Scottish Flag Trust, a registered charity.

To enable funds to be raised for this purpose, a 'Friends of the Scottish Flag Trust' organisation has been established. 'Friends' give their support for the work of the Trust by way of an annual subscription of £10 (minimum). In return, 'Friends' have their names added to the richly decorated Book of the Saltire which is on display in the Heritage Centre. They also receive a regular Trust newsletter.

Please complete the application details and return the whole form to the Trust. If you can, please also complete the Gift Aid Declaration. Your support will help to secure the future of the birthplace of Scotland's national flag.

Membership Application

Please return the whole form, completed as appropriate ~

To: The Treasurer, Scottish Flag Trust, 22 Warriston Avenue,
Edinburgh, EH3 5NB.

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Name.....

Address.....

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Post Code.....

I would like to become a Friend of the Scottish Flag Trust and I have completed the Banker's Order below for the annual subscription of (suggested minimum) £10.

Signed.....Date.....

Banker's Order

To the Bank Manager at

.....Bank Branch

Address.....

..... Post Code.....

Please pay to The Royal Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh West End (A) Branch, 142-144 Princes Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4EQ, sort code 83.19.20, Scottish Flag Trust Account No. 00260957 on the(insert date) and at annual intervals thereafter until further notice, the sum of £.....(insert amount) and debit my account no.(insert your account number).

Signed.....Date.....

Thank you for your support. Please give further support if you can by also completing the Gift Aid part opposite.

Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer the Trust as a charity can increase the value of your contribution by about 28% by Gift Aid from the Inland Revenue. Kindly complete the following Gift Aid declaration. Again, please return the completed form to the Treasurer.

Gift Aid Declaration

To: The Scottish Flag Trust Treasurer, 22 Warriston Avenue, Edinburgh, EH3 5NB. Charity Reg No. SCO 002778

I want the charity to treat all donations I have made since 6 April 2000, and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations.

Signed.....Date.....

Name (block capitals)

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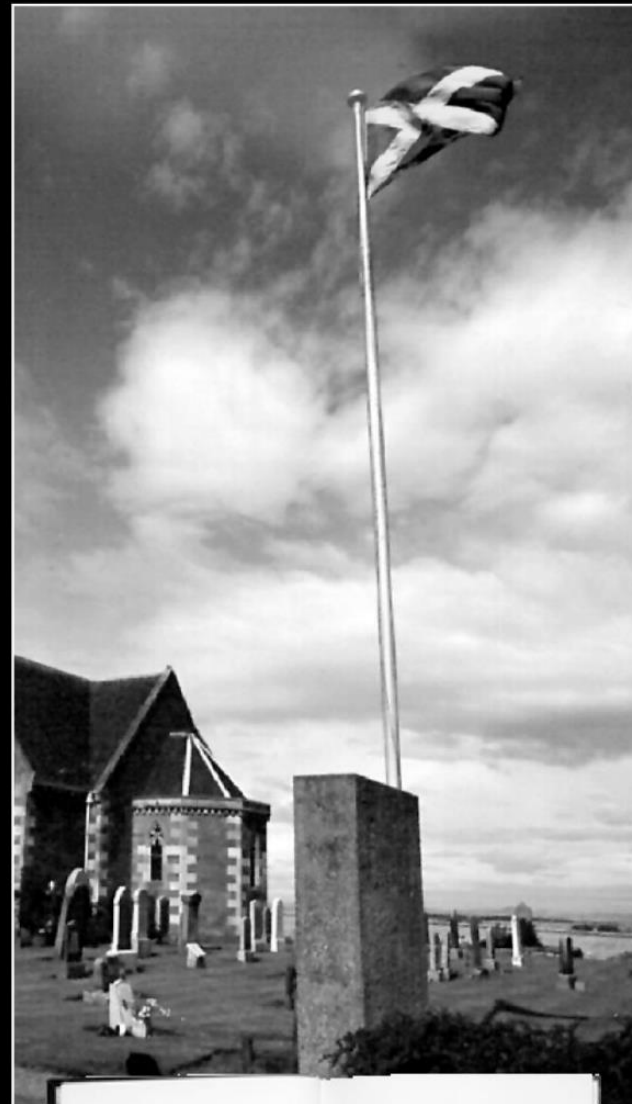
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Notes on Gift Aid

- You may cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the charity
- Although there is no minimum or maximum donation, you must be paying an amount in UK income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the amount the charity reclaims on your donations in the tax year (currently approx. 28p for each £ you donate) • If you pay higher rate tax you can claim further relief in your own tax return
- Please notify any change of name or address to the charity



Become a Friend of the Scottish Flag Trust



Athelstaneford has a special place in Scotland's history. Tradition records that near this East Lothian village in 832AD a battle was fought which led to the adoption of the St Andrew's Cross or Saltire as Scotland's national flag. An army of Picts under King Angus and aided by a contingent of Scots was invading Lothian (at that time still Northumbrian territory), and found itself surrounded by a larger force of Saxons led by Athelstan. Fearing the outcome, Angus led prayers for deliverance and was rewarded by seeing against a blue sky a great white cross like St Andrew's. The king vowed that if, with the saint's help, he gained the victory, then Andrew would thereafter be the patron saint of Scotland. The Scots did win, and the Saltire became the flag of Scotland.