

Cammo Estate Restoration Project:

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Cammo Estate Local Nature Reserve is unique. It's historic dilapidating state although safely accessible and a haven for wildlife requires investment. Extra pressures from proposed surrounding development augment this case and availability of ring-fenced capital has enabled this.

The project

In March 2017, the Council notified its intention to submit a [Heritage Lottery Fund \(HLF\) 'Parks for People'](#) round one development grant. However, during the intervening period, the HLF grants structure has been radically altered and as such Parks for People funding has been withdrawn. As a result, the approach the Cammo Restoration Project is taking is to be reconsidered and an alternative route to securing funding decided.

As before, a masterplan for Cammo will be produced to guide the project. Rather than applying for one large grant that would have included all the required and desired improvements, aspects of the Masterplan will be pursued on a priority basis applying for funding through various more tailored streams. Although the way in which funding will be sought has changed, the end goal is that each individual aspect will still contribute to the final vision for Cammo Estate as a whole.

We aim to have final maps, business and activity plans available to view alongside indicative costs on our website and at Cammo Lodge once these have been ratified by the relevant management group and Cammo Advisory Committee.

Cammo House 1896



Masterplan proposals based on your feedback from the consultations

In response to feedback received the site the plan will include the following improvements:

Restore the original designed landscape features:

- The East Avenue from the lodge to Cammo House
- Cammo House (consolidation, focal point)
- The Pinetum (selective tree removal, new planting)
- Canal (or Reflection Pond)
- South Vista
- Stable Block and Piggery (consolidation)
- The Walled Garden
- North and South Fields and High Meadow
- The Burnside Corridor

Creation of new facilities:

- Car Parking
- Play Facilities (informal, aesthetically in-keeping)
- Wetland Boardwalk
- Toilets
- Catering Facilities
- Interpretative Signage
- Seating, Picnic Area, Shelter
- Events Space

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Recent activity

- Engagement with City of Edinburgh Council Economic Development Team regarding the project and the ways in which they can assist with developing the project over time, some interesting proposals were discussed with revenue generation and training initiatives the main focus.
- The Edinburgh Archaeological Society have been continuing investigations at Cammo. Work has included clearance of vegetation from various points of interest at the East Entrance, the buildings behind the Stables and at Cammo House. Further exploration on the formal lawn in front of Cammo House based on earlier geophysical surveying is to be undertaken.
- The group who utilise Cammo for historic battle re-enactment have been in again now the fair weather has returned.
- Agreed boundary tree and shrub planting with supplementary planting of wildflower seed and plugs has been carried out round the “new” Cammo Home Farm.
- Access below two veteran oak trees in Home and North Fields has been restricted to avoid the need to either fell or drastically prune these fantastic specimen trees.
- CEC Communities and Early Years Team have been in touch requesting use of Cammo Lodge and the estate for Forest Kindergarten activities.
- The Pauline Quirk Academy used Cammo Estate across two weekends for theatrical education and film production.
- Liaison with City of Edinburgh Council Environmental Wardens regarding an increase in complaints regarding dog fouling. Additional signage has been placed with increased Warden presence on site.
- Anti – social behaviour: across several weekends large parties of young people congregated in different areas of the park. Littering, excess alcohol and fire raising contributed to the need for a Police, Fire Brigade and Ambulance presence. A mature lime tree by Cammo House was damaged by fire and locks were damaged when emergency services gained access. Please report such behaviour if encountered. Thanks to Friends of Cammo and other local people for clearing the mess.



One of EAFS latest finds:

George V penny circa 1926 (Christine MCPerson)

What's next?

Our immediate focus will be on securing suitable funding sources for certain aspects of the project - completing improved car park designs and attaining costs; looking at the current use of Cammo Lodge and how best this can be utilised with an assessment being made by the City of Edinburgh Council Property Strategy Group; engagement with adjacent site developer over links into Cammo Estate from Cammo Walk and improved infrastructure along this boundary.

For more information

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