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Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum

The Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum was opened in 1928 by Andrew's wife, Louise, to celebrate Carnegie's life and philanthropic legacy and to inspire future generations.

During 2008, the Museum underwent major refurbishment, creating a bright and much more flexible space, funded by the museum's governing body, the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust. The £750,000 budget covered new heating & lighting systems, roof repairs, re-decoration, signage, new interpretation & state of the art interactive displays.

Since then, the museum's temporary exhibitions, events and education programmes have been developed with great success and this has resulted in a 100% increase in visitors. In 2011 numbers reached almost 12,000, the highest since our records began.



To assist the sustainability of these programmes, the museum applied for and was awarded an AIM grant (£4,000) to purchase 100 chairs which would be fit for purpose. Our main aim was to remove the current necessity to hire chairs for events. We were delighted to take delivery of the chairs in December 2011 and although it is now the closed season (30 Nov - 1 March), they have already been put to good use for our Volunteers Christmas reception, an annual New Year reception for over 300 members of the local community and two seminars. They will also be invaluable for future lectures, seminars, school groups, receptions, charity/corporate events and of course for our much anticipated Festival of Museums

'Dreamboats & Petticoats' 1950's Day on the 19th May. Therefore, we are extremely grateful to AIM for their significant contribution towards our work and the sustainability of our museum.

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