KNOW YOUR VILLAGES

About the pack:
This pack has been created through the ‘Lives, Loves & Fishing’ project which was funded by the National Heritage Lottery. The purpose of this pack is to share the history, heritage and culture of our villages through stories, song and archives.

Who will benefit from the pack?
1: The Hilton, Balintore and Shandwick communities.
2: Children of Hilton of Cadboll Primary School.
3: Visitors to our community.

What’s in the pack?
This pack uses the ‘Seaboard Sculpture Trail’ themes—Fishing; Faith, Fortitude; Folklore and Four Corners to inform residents and visitors to the community about the rich culture and heritage of our three villages—Hilton, Shandwick and Balintore.

Included with this pack are:
* 1 copy of the Down to the Sea book.
* 1 copy of ‘We Will Remember Them’ dvd and cd.
* 1 copy of Dualchas cd.
* 1 copy Seaboard Sculpture Trail leaflet.
* 1 copy United Free Church History Booklet.

"An interest in local history is not a matter of looking backwards but something that can give great pleasure in the future. A knowledge of one’s home area greatly increases one’s pride in it, giving enjoyment to both residents and visitors."

~ Jessie Macdonald & Anne Gordon; Down to the Sea

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Exploring the Place

There is evidence of human settlement in the Seaboard villages that date back to the bronze age.

Each of the three villages have - over time - grown and adapted to the times and lifestyles of their people. Once three distinct villages with clear boundaries, the villages have been added to and developed to accommodate a growing population.

Activity ideas

* Make up a time capsule about your life or villages for future generations to find.

* Compare the villages of today with the maps in the Down to the Sea book. What's new? What's disappeared? Why do you think there are changes?

* Would you change anything about where you live? What would make your villages better?

Resources


Google maps—
https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@57.7180885,-3.9631775,12z
Exploring the Landscape

Hilton, Balintore and Shandwick—often referred to as the Seaboard Villages—lie about half way along a fourteen mile stretch of coastline running roughly north-east by south-west from the North Sutor of Cromarty Firth to the tip of the peninsula at Tarbat Ness.

The villages are flanked on either side by cliffs, and behind the villages lie rich arable plain which yield crops and livestock.

Many fishermen worked on the farms when fishing was out of season or if they could not follow their natural calling for any reason.

Activity ideas

* Using 2 dimensional shapes create a birds eye view of a farm.
* With a partner research and then debate the work of a farmer versus a fisherman.
* Compare the fishing industry in the early 20th century to now. What is different?

Resources

* Down to the Sea book.
* Internet, books

The People of Seaboard

Chapter 14 of the Down to the Sea book focuses on the home life of Seaboard families in the 18th and 19th centuries. Faith in God featured heavily in the day to day lives of the Seaboard community, who gave thanks for the food on their table, the clothes on their back and their lives.

A snapshot of life in the Seaboard villages can be accessed through a comprehensive timeline of news articles dating back to 1742. Articles relating to faith, fortitude, fishing four corners and folklore are available via the timeline on the Seaboard History website.

Activity ideas

* Compare the tools/equipment of a modern home with a Seaboard fisherman's home in the late 19th century.
* Write a diary reflecting a weekend in the life of a villager in the late 19th century.
* Record your day from waking up to going to bed. Now compare it to a day in the life of a housewife in the 18th century.

Resources

* Seaboard villages timeline. Seaboard History website.
* Balintore United Free Church History booklet.
* Down to the Sea book.
Celebrating Local Heritage

The annual Fisherfolk Festival is a celebration of our local heritage.

We have been engaging with our community to develop a permanent record of our history, through the Seaboard History website; through archives of photographs/artifacts; a collection of songs/stories and workshop activities, we have been preserving a social history for our community.

Activity ideas

- Create a timeline of key moments in your life so far. E.g. birthdate, family celebrations, first experiences.
- Draw up a timeline of your school. Celebrate past school achievements.

Resources

- Back copies of the Seaboard news.
- School archives.
- Fisherfolk DVD.
- [https://www.seaboardhistory.com](https://www.seaboardhistory.com)

Finding out about your community

Become a detective or interviewer to find out more about where you live or your school. Has anyone famous been to the villages? Do the villages have home grown stars?

Activity ideas

- Collect some memories, stories or local knowledge about your local area from a family member, neighbour or family friend.
- Record their name, the questions you ask, any dates, answers or information they give you. Write the conversation as a script.
- Collect photographs if you can or draw a picture or cartoon strip that reflects their story.
- Present your finished work to your class.

You will need...

- Paper; pencils, crayons etc.
Seaboard Memorial Hall

The Seaboard Memorial Hall is so called because of the Fortitude of the people of the Seaboard Villages.

Conventionally the subscription monies given, to the returning service men and women and the families of fallen soldiers, was used to erect a memorial of the dead. However the families of the Seaboard chose to invest their money into a place of remembrance. A place for families to come together to celebrate, mourn, educate and socialise.

The Seaboard Memorial Hall is so named to remember the brave soldiers, sailors, airmen and women of the Seaboard Villages.

Activity ideas

* What brave thing have you done or seen. Draw a picture or tell the story.

* Plan a fundraising social occasion to be held in the hall.

* Use a medium of the arts to showcase the themes of the sculpture trail Faith, Fortitude, Four Corners, Folklore and Fishing. Exhibit your finished work in the Seaboard Hall or send it to us to upload on our Seaboard History website.

Resources

* DVD We will Remember Them.

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