



You are invited to join other members of The Heather Society for the 2016 Annual Gathering in Perth, Scotland, Friday 9 to Monday 12 September.



We will be based at the Royal George Hotel. The Gathering will include a visit to the new heather collection in Riverside Park, talks and other visits, as well as the Society's Annual General Meeting.

To reserve a place please complete this form and send it, with your individual booking deposit of £5* per person (NB this admin. fee is not refundable) to

CONFERENCE MANAGER
c/o Tippitiwiche Cottage, Hall Road, Outwell,
Wisbech PE14 8PE, UK.

NAME(S) *(please print clearly)*

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I / We require a
SINGLE ☐ DOUBLE ☐ TWIN ☐ room
{please tick}

I / We require a GLUTEN-FREE ☐
VEGETARIAN ☐ or OTHER DIETARY \$

\$ please specify

_____ menu

I / We expect to travel to Perth by
own car ☐ rail/bus ☐ air ☐

* UK cheques only please.

To use credit /debit cards go on-line to
<https://www.heathersociety.org/event/2016-Perth>
and use the Paypal facility.



"...STRAY AMANG THE
HEATHER BELLS"



2016





*... stray among the heather-bells,
And tent the waving corn wi' me.*

Robert Burns

Perth is a wonderful centre for visiting Scotland with easy access by rail and road, and by air through Edinburgh.

The opportunity to see The Riverside Park heather planting is the principal reason for our choice of venue and, judging by the photographs that were shown at the 2015 Gathering in Leenane, it should prove a very interesting visit.

Estimated cost per person will be about £290.

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ANNUAL GATHERING 2016

To finish our trilogy of gatherings in the Celtic nations, we will visit Bonnie Scotland. Perth has been chosen as our base this year. There are heather-covered hills, ancient castles and fascinating towns close by.

ROYAL GEORGE HOTEL

is located on Tay Street in the heart of the city with stunning views over the River Tay. Queen Victoria stayed here in 1848! All rooms have *en suite* facilities, television, telephone, and tea- and coffee-making facilities. Some rooms have views over the hotel's award-winning gardens and the River Tay. There is limited parking, on a first come first served basis. The hotel is 15 minutes' walk from the railway station.



Royal George Hotel, Perth

RIVERSIDE PARK

is located on the left bank of the River Tay. An exciting project to plant a new national collection of heathers in the Park has been led by Perth and Kinross Council. Involving local volunteers, Riverside Park has the potential to be the largest and most comprehensive heather collection in Scotland. It is planned the garden will host 950 cultivars of heather, forming an important and unique national collection.



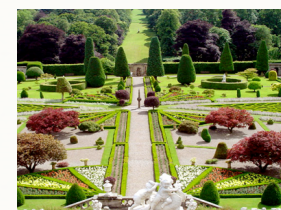
*Heathers in Riverside Park
(Barbara McDonald)*



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TALKS & VISITS

Speakers invited to attend the Gathering include Euna Scott (formerly Chairman, Beautiful Perth, now Westbank Enterprises Business Manager) and Dr Mark Hancock (Senior Conservation Scientist with RSPB in Inverness). As well as to the Riverside Park, visits are being planned to Drummond Castle and Perthshire Heathers nursery.



*Formal garden, Drummond
Castle*



*Perthshire Heathers at Cupar,
Fife (Irene Lang)*