



*Wide-angle view of daffodils around Map by Jennifer Sherry*

## **MAPA SCOTLAND PROGRESS REPORT 2022-23**

### Summary:

30<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of signing a lease between Mapa Scotland SCIO and Barony Castle Hotel LLP. It marks an important stage in the Charity's life and a change of direction. Mapa Scotland's main objectives to date have been to physically restore the map from a totally derelict and forgotten state. This having been done, our efforts now will concentrate on promoting our shared Scottish and Polish history, and the map's historical and educational value.

In view of the fact that it is such a defining moment in the charity's life, it is fitting to list Mapa Scotland's achievements over the past ten years. These are as follows:

1. Research and publication of material on the historical origin of the map and the links between Barony Castle and wartime events by the Polish forces.
2. Scoping and costing of the map's restoration.
3. A debate and reception at the Scottish Parliament to discuss the historical importance of the restoration project.
4. Formation of the Scottish charity, Mapa Scotland in order to raise the funds needed for restoration and its subsequent use as a vehicle for promotion of the historical significance of the map, particularly to the new generations of mixed Scottish/Polish families.
5. Public events and lectures to promote the map.
6. Distribution of leaflets locally and nationally.
7. A website and other digital media sites for the map's promotion.
8. A doctoral thesis on the socio-geographical significance of the map in the Scottish landscape.
9. TV programmes about the map on BBC, ITV, Polish global TV, Dutch TV, German TV, Spanish TV.

10. Newspaper coverage of the map in local and national publications.
11. Construction of a workshop as a maintenance base.
12. Clearance of litter, rubble and vegetation covering the map.
13. Excavation, repair and replacement of buried pipework supplying and draining water from the map.
14. Sealing of the map's 'seabed' to minimize ground leakage.
15. Repair and painting of the frost-damaged topography and surrounding pit wall.
16. Construction of a surrounding safety fence and pathways.
17. Installation of four benches and a ceremonial flagpole.
18. Designing and installing a viewing platform.
19. Construction of a landscape stumpery.
20. Securing a licence from SEPA to abstract and return water from the adjacent burn.
21. Securing category B listed protection for the Great Polish Map with Historic Scotland.
22. Award for most interesting new map development at Scottish Conference on open source mapping.
23. Publication of a book and film on the map's history for children.
24. Award of the Polish Pro-Patria medal to Mapa Scotland for its contribution to Polish history.
25. Installing internet access to photographs of the project, including an aerial view of the restored map on Google Earth.
26. Raising and managing of finance for the project.
27. Approximate spend on restoration materials, sub-contractors and educational material: over £100,000.
28. Value of professional contributions in kind from trustees, members and volunteers over 10 years – approximately £800,000.

### **Existing Funds**

Through a steady flow of donations from the public, the Mapa Scotland funds stand at approximately £9,000. There are no outstanding bills.

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