

# ATHOLL COUNTRY LIFE MUSEUM

## About the Museum

Deep in the heart of Highland Perthshire, lying sheltered by the hills of Atholl, is the village of Blair Atholl, where the meeting of the rivers Tilt and Garry have witnessed so much of life over the centuries. Here in the Atholl Country Life Museum, once the village school, you are able to capture that life of the past and learn about the great characters of the area, their skills and achievements, not only in the community but far beyond.



## What to see

There is Scotland's only stuffed Highland cow, Trinafour Post Office reconstructed, a local roadman's home-made contraption that he used to paint the first white lines on his beat near the Queen's View.

Many stories of local personalities are featured, such as Sgt. Major Donald MacBeath of the Atholl Highlanders, gamekeeper, hero of the Crimean war and admired by Queen Victoria.

## When to visit

The Museum is open:

- Easter weekend and May weekends, 1-30pm to 5pm
- Daily, from 1st June till end of September, 1-30 to 5pm
- Also from 10am to 5pm weekdays during July & August

An admission charge applies.

Disabled access.

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## Every Object Tells A Story...

In 1859 the 6th Duke of Atholl commissioned the white horse from Austin Seely & Co., London, in Mrs Coades stone, at a cost of 10gns. It stood sentinel for over 100 years on a stone arch over the horse and coach entrance to the Atholl Arms Hotel in Blair Atholl, which was then a regular stop and change-over for the Perth to Inverness coach horses. The arch was also the route to the public bar and rather than say a man was away for a drink, it was "He is away under the white horse."

As delivery vans increased in size and had difficulty driving under the arch it was removed and the horse was acquired for the Atholl Country Life Museum, where it proudly stands over the entrance.

**Other museums in our local area include:**

DUNKELD CHAPTERHOUSE MUSEUM

PERTH MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

THE MUSEUM OF THE BLACK WATCH