

# COLLIESTON HARBOUR PROPOSED WORKS

**Cost of Maintenance:** In common with many of the small harbours around the coast of North East Scotland, Collieston is over 100 years old and requires regular maintenance. Unlike many of the small harbours, Collieston is not owned by Aberdeenshire Council, but by a trust. Aberdeenshire Council makes a contribution to maintaining the pier but most of the costs of maintenance are met mainly by the fund raising efforts of the villagers of Collieston and Slains.

A recent survey has identified **£250 000** worth of work to maintain the pier. We need to be spending about **£10 000** per year.

## VOLUNTARY DONATIONS 2011

**Future Pier Management:** The Harbour Trustees have identified a solution to balancing visitor enjoyment, resident quality of life and funding maintenance work. A system of voluntary charges to help pay for the maintenance of the pier is to be introduced, along with measures to control parking on the pier. The Harbour Trustees cannot impose charges without incurring rates, hence the voluntary charges. It is recognised that many may not pay the voluntary charges but it is estimated that significantly more money can be raised through these voluntary contributions than the current donation boxes. The following rates for voluntary donations are based on current Aberdeenshire Council charges. There will be three types of voluntary donation:

**Permanent Boat Storage:** The Trustees own "The Boatie Shore", the slipways have all been built at private expense. All boat owners with boats on the slipways will be requested to pay an **annual voluntary donation of £30**, which will be indicated by a sticker on each boat. This will also help the Trustees monitor which boats/slips are in regular use.

**Casual Slipway and Pier Use:** The Trustees wish to restrict access to the upper end of the pier to reduce damage to the pier surface. This area will be signed as restricted to the general public but will be open to residents and pass holders. Persons regularly launching small boats, canoes, or fishing will be asked for an **annual voluntary donation of £10** in return for access to this part of the pier for parking, should they require it. A sticker will indicate payment.

**Car Parking:** Marked spaces have been provided on the pier and a parking meter will be installed to act as a collection box for voluntary donations. A **voluntary donation of £1** will be requested.