

Old gas lamps shed new light on museum



Trustees and committee members attend the formal switching on of the former gas lamps.

CLOSE to Historylinks Museum, the old Dornoch Gas Works building, dating from 1845 faces an uncertain future so it is particularly gratifying that two of Dornoch's original gas lamps have been found and saved.

The two lamps had been used

as supports for a clothes drying line in a local garden!

But through local man Matthew Harris they have been removed and sand-blasted with the help of Don Dickson.

Now, they have been installed by Peter Wild and other

volunteers outside Historylinks.

Although originally powered by gas with old mantles, they are now lit by electricity and modern energy-saving bulbs.

The lights were formally switched on recently with trustees and committee members in

attendance. Although Historylinks is closed to the public through the winter months, much is going on behind the scenes to improve and modernise both inside and outside so as to comfortably exceed the minimum

requirements for the Scottish Tourist Boards five-star grading. Before opening in the spring all of the town trail interpretive panels will be replaced and the story maze at the rear of the museum completed. They even hope to paint the lamposts.