

# REAL HELP FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES



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Dunnet Bay Distillers, run by husband and wife team Martin and Claire Murray, is a bold new venture aiming to produce artisanal gin flavoured with Caithness botanicals under the brand name "Rock Rose Gin".

Martin and Claire approached the North Highland Regeneration Fund for financial assistance with the construction of the distillery, and the foundations were officially completed in early 2014, with NHRF Chairman John Thurso MP and NHRF Director Nigel Lowe in attendance.

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Dunnet Bay Distillers are taking an innovative approach to the production of the gin. As each batch is carefully handcrafted, and changes in the climate will lead to minor variations in the botanicals used for production, each year will herald a new vintage - much like a fine wine.

This artisanal approach, combined with a growing interest in both UK and overseas markets in high quality spirits, promises to be a recipe for success for this ambitious young company.

The assistance provided to Dunnet Bay Distillers is a perfect example of the kind of support NHRF can provide to ambitious local businesses. Offering advice and guidance as well as financial help, the team can help you plan and achieve your goals.

Caithness and North Sutherland has a proud history of innovation and entrepreneurship,

and the Fund was set up to help local businesses - new and established - with that entrepreneurial spirit, grow and prosper in the current market climate.

“The NHRF team was really helpful and encouraging throughout the application process and beyond,” said Mr Murray.

“Going into business for ourselves for the first time - and building a whole new premises - was a daunting experience.

“The team were highly supportive the whole way through, and I felt they really understood what we were trying to achieve.

“We wouldn’t be at the stage we’re at today if it wasn’t for the support from NHRF.”



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