

## Donation for restoration

A cheque for over £15,000 has been presented to Cadwgan Building Preservation Trust for use on the £9.2m restoration of Cardigan Castle. The money had been donated by well wishers and visitors to the castle over the years since 2003 when the site was first opened up to the public manned by a team of enthusiastic volunteers.

Funding comes from a number of sources including CADW, WEFO, AHF, DE&T, community councils, town council, WAG, grants/charities, public appeals. Just under £300,000 has already been drawn from the Heritage Lottery Fund to prepare for the next stage of the funding process. Match funding, permissions and the next submission must be in place by July 2010.

It is expected that work will start in June 2011 for completion November 2012. Opening is planned for 2013.

The Friends of Cardigan Castle will continue to work in the gardens and will be opening the Castle site on Saturdays between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm from May 27<sup>th</sup> through to September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (weather permitting).