



# FIFE

## DOORS OPEN DAYS 2024

**7th/8th September**  
**14th/15th September**  
**21st/22nd September**

East Fife  
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West Fife

**Fife**   
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Doors Open Days, along with Scottish Archaeology Month, take place throughout Scotland in September and are part of European Heritage Days. #dodscot

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## 7th/8th September

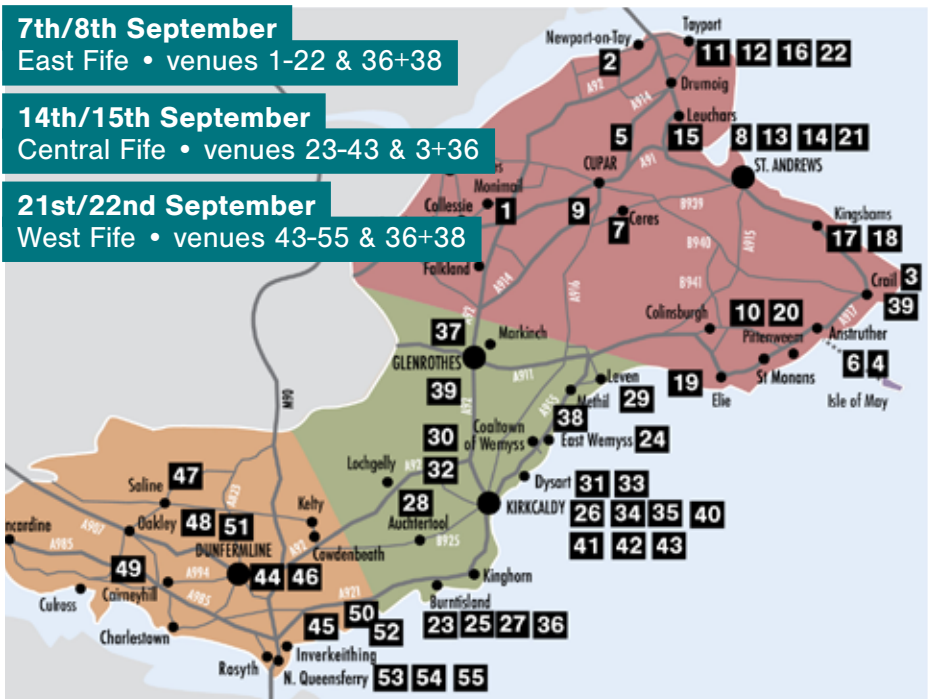
East Fife • venues 1-22 & 36+38

## 14th/15th September

Central Fife • venues 23-43 & 3+36

## 21st/22nd September

West Fife • venues 43-55 & 36+38



**Fife Council is pleased to continue its support for Doors Open Days and welcomes you to the 2024 programme of events, with a resurgence of many of our regular venues reopening to the public again for this year, as well as many new places to visit and some of your old favourites.**

Visit a remote church, a restored 16thC doocot, Fife museums' collection archive, or enjoy an art exhibition, a walk around woodlands, browsing a collection of Pictish carvings or a ride on a steam locomotive; all of these are available at venues over the DOD September weekends.

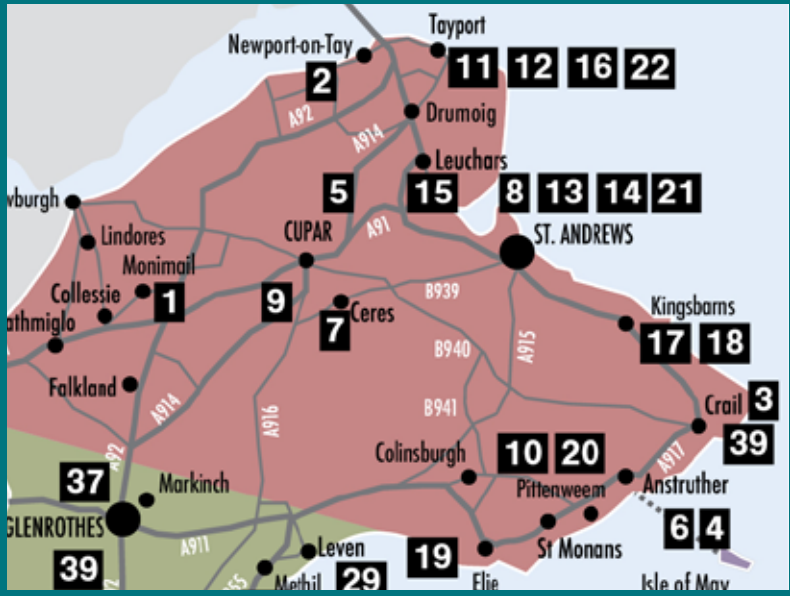
For further details of each visit the DOD website – [www.doorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk) – or follow the links to the venues' own website to find out more. Also check the DOD website for those additional venues still being added to the programme. Please be aware that a venue may be subject to closure at short notice so before travelling check for the latest details on the DOD or venue's own website.

And whilst you are visiting Fife to enjoy our DOD venues have a look at some of the other excellent attractions on offer at "Welcome To Fife" for ideas and inspiration. You'll find places to go, things to do, accommodation listings, great places to eat and drink and much more by using the QR code or URL below.

<https://www.welcometofife.com>



# EAST FIFE



## MONIMAIL

### 1 Monimail Tower,

Monimail KY15 7RJ

1000 - 1600 7/8th September



“Monimail Tower Project” is a small charity caring for a beautiful walled garden and orchard set around a mediaeval tower house in sunny Fife. The 13thC tower was a former residence of the Archbishops of St Andrews and comprises three storeys over a basement, which was later altered to form an ice-house. There is a small exhibition in the tower about its history and after visiting and enjoying the view from the roof you can take a walk around the walled orchard, garden and woods to see a range of ancient trees. These are self-guided activities, but charity members will be in the venue to assist and answer your questions.

[www.monimailtower.org](http://www.monimailtower.org)

## NEWPORT ON TAY

### 2 Leng Memorial Chapel

Vicarsford Cemetery, Forgan,  
Newport on Tay DD6 8RB

1100 - 1600 8th September

Sir John Leng was a 19th century entrepreneur from Hull who adopted Dundee and made



his name producing a pioneering daily newspaper for the people. He commissioned the Gothic style chapel as a memorial for his first wife, Mary. This charming A-Listed building was erected in 1895-7 to a design, by Dundee Architect Thomas Cappon, which reflected a miniature cathedral in 13th Century French style. It has a Caen stone interior and is adorned with gargoyles, and carvings by John Bremner. Enjoy the magnificent views

[www.newportontayhistory.org.uk/people/the-leng-chapel](http://www.newportontayhistory.org.uk/people/the-leng-chapel)

## CRAIL

### 3 Crail Museum

62/64 Marketgate South, Crail  
KY10 3TL

Sat 11am – 4pm

Sunday 1.30pm – 4pm

7/8th, 14/15th, 21/22nd Sept.



Crail Museum & Heritage Centre gives insight into the past of this ancient Royal Burgh, its kirk, seafaring tradition, and the airfield HMS Jackdaw which was a Fleet Air Arm Station from the Great War to the 1960s, when it became a languages school for spies! Our exhibitions on special topics are changed regularly and our new exhibition this year is entitled "Volunteering in Crail". Today there is still commercial fishing from the picturesque harbour for crab and lobster, which have a reputation for quality. The museum has a children's play area.

[www.crailmuseum.uk](http://www.crailmuseum.uk)

There will be Guided Walks on Saturday and Sunday. These can be prebooked through the Museum website

## ANSTRUTHER

### 4 Isle of May

via Middle Pier, Anstruther  
Harbour KY10 3AB

Sat 1500-2000 Sun 0830-1300

7/8th September

CHECK FERRY WEBSITE FOR  
SAILING TIMES



Staff from NatureScot will be on hand to show you the full range of the island's attractions and access to buildings normally under lock and key! Discover how, besides its deep religious heritage and its marine wildlife, the Isle of May is unique in spanning the whole history of Scotland's light houses from the oldest lighthouse built in 1636 (the beacon lighthouse), to the main Stevenson lighthouse with access to the very top. We'll also open the Low lighthouse and the engine rooms.

[www.isleofmaynnr.wordpress.com](http://www.isleofmaynnr.wordpress.com)

NOTE: The Ferry is not part of the free element of Doors Open Day. Bookings for the ferry must be made via the website

[www.isleofmayferry.com](http://www.isleofmayferry.com)

## CUPAR

### 5 1940s House

Address provided upon booking

**0900 - 1700 7/8th September**

Guided tours around the property, for pre-booked visitors.

Built in 1936 as a comfortable modern home in central Cupar, this private dwelling house has survived with limited modernisation. It is sympathetically decorated and fitted out with furniture, furnishings and appliances of the era; a living time-capsule of the sights, sounds and smells of a 1940s home. One-hour tours in small groups, conducted by the owners, with demonstration of “modern technology” for a



full-immersive experience. Guided tours for pre-booked visitors at 09:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 13:30, 14:30, 15:30 and 16:30 on both 7th and 8th September. [Booking essential via Doors Open Day website](#)

## ANSTRUTHER

### 6 Dreel Halls

High Street West, Anstruther  
KY10 3DJ

**1100-1700 Last entry 1630**

**8th September**



Dreel Halls is a community and events venue in a historic complex of buildings comprising a 16thC tower, 18thC tolbooth, and 19thC church nave. Take a tour of the A Listed St Nicholas tower and, weather permitting, step onto the parapet for stunning views over Anstruther and the Isle of May. Explore the graveyard with its fascinating gravestones, and the stone coffin in which it's said St Ethernan floated across the sea. Learn of the planned works of Anstruther Improvements Association who own and operate the building for the community. Home baking available. Children are welcome on the tours of the tower but must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

[www.dreelhalls.org](http://www.dreelhalls.org)

Access to the tower is restricted, tours for small groups will depart at regular intervals.

## CERES

### 7 Fife Folk Museum

High Street, Ceres, Cupar, Fife  
KY15 5NF

1000 - 1700 last entry 1630

8th September



Fife Folk Museum is located in the village of Ceres near Cupar in North East Fife. The museum features exhibits related to Everyday Rural Life, Costume and Textiles, Decorative and Applied Art, Medicine, social History and Land Transport. It has a Tea room and a Garden. There will be tales of local folklore and linen making from popular storyteller Sheila Kinninmonth throughout the day.

[www.fifefolkmuseum.org](http://www.fifefolkmuseum.org)

Storytelling sessions for 15mins on the hour and half hour between 1100-1230 & 1330-1500

## ST ANDREWS

### 8 Boarhills Doocot & Village Hall

Boarhills Village, St Andrews  
KY16 8PP

1400 - 1700 7th & 8th September



Visit to see inside the 17thC lectern doocot, owned by the Boarhills and Dunino Community Trust and recently extensively restored from a ruinous condition. Guides will be there to talk about its history and how the project was conceived and carried out. There will be an exhibition in the Village Hall on the restoration project and there will also be displays exploring the history of Boarhills and Dunino Primary Schools. Teas and delicious cakes will be served in the Hall, and there will be a childrens' painting competition, 'Spot the Pigeon'.

[www.boarhillsandduninocommunitytrust.org](http://www.boarhillsandduninocommunitytrust.org)

Kids' Painting competition,



## PITLESSIE

### 9 Wilkie Memorial Hall

Ladybank Road, Pitlessie  
KY15 7SP

1000- 1400      7th September



The Sir David Wilkie Memorial Hall is a Fife Council owned and run community building. This facility can be booked by the public and by community groups for various events and activities. The hall was built in 1897 to commemorate the famous painter Sir David Wilkie, and it is home to various paintings by him. Outside the venue sits a memorial for the men who fell during the 1st and 2nd World Wars.

[www.fife.gov.uk/facilities/hall/wilkie-memorial-hall](http://www.fife.gov.uk/facilities/hall/wilkie-memorial-hall)

Information available about Sir David Wilkie and his paintings.

## PITTENWEEM

### 10 Gyles Community Centre

The Gyles, Pittenweem  
KY10 2NG

1000 - 1400      7th September

The Gyles Community Centre is a small cottage at the end of the harbour in Pittenweem. It is



recognised by its green door.

This venue is Fife Council owned and Fife Council run. The venue can be booked by the public for various activities or as a base for a day of exploring.

[www.fife.gov.uk/facilities/community-centre/gyles-community-centre](http://www.fife.gov.uk/facilities/community-centre/gyles-community-centre)

## TAYPORT

### 11 Auld Kirk

Castle Street, Tayport & Auld Kirk,  
Whitenhill, Tayport DD6 9BY  
1000 - 1600      8th September

A religious site since 1607, the Auld Kirk's present structure dates from 1794. It is one of the oldest buildings in Tayport and an important local landmark, in particular its distinctive leaning clock tower. The impressive John Miller organ was built and installed in 1899 in a newly created bay. The Auld Kirk is developing as an Arts and Heritage Centre, retaining the building's historic features.



The surrounding graveyard has many interesting slabs reflecting Tayport's history, maritime connections and the family grave of renowned local artist Cynicus (Martin Anderson). There will be a display of maps, photographs and films of old Tayport.

[www.tayportauldkirk.org](http://www.tayportauldkirk.org).

2.00 pm. Guided tour of the graveyard. 3.00 pm. Talk about the history of the Auld Kirk

## TAYPORT

### 12 Larick Centre

Shanwell Road, Tayport  
DD6 9EA

1000 - 1700 7/8th September



Our purpose-built Community Centre provides a space for community activities and commercial hire. The room hire

supports the sustainability of the centre. The Larick Centre is a registered Charity and the Larick Cafe is a Social Enterprise. We also have PLANT (our community garden project), The Larick Campsite and The Harbour Cafe as part of Tayport Community Trust.

[www.tayportct.org.uk](http://www.tayportct.org.uk)

Tours, Demonstrations of the various classes on offer, taster sessions.

Childrens activities

## ST ANDREWS

### 13 Bogward Doocot

44 Doocot Road, St Andrews  
KY16 8QP

1100 - 1600 8th September



The Bogward Doocot is a sixteenth century building of the 'beehive' type, so called because the circular shape resembled the bee-skeps or hives of the time. As recently as the 1960s it was part of the Bogward Farm and no modern houses then straddled the Lade Braes walk. About a mile out of central St Andrews, it can be reached on foot via the Lade Braes walk or by car via the Canongate or Hepburn Gardens, then turning into

Bogward and then Dooocot Road. Join us on Sunday 8th September for an interesting peek inside the Dooocot, a wander around the Lade Braes and to find out more about our preservation goals, events and membership.

[www.standrewspreservationtrust.com](http://www.standrewspreservationtrust.com)

Historical tour of the doocot, professional storytelling and a guided tour of the Boase woodland.

## ST ANDREWS

### 14 Bell Pettigrew Museum at The University of St Andrews

Bute Buildings, School of Biology, Queen's Terrace, St Andrews KY16 9TS

1000 - 1600 7/8th September

Located in St Mary's Quad and named after James Bell Pettigrew, a pioneer in anatomy and early flying machines, the 'Bell Pettigrew' has been a teaching museum since its foundation in 1912 and houses a vast collection of natural history specimens and scientific instruments. Today the collection, with its many unique specimens, still continues to serve both students and the public. Young visitors will be able to take part in fun craft activities, and museum staff will be leading tours and talks throughout the day [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/museums/visit-us/bell-pettigrew/collections/](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/museums/visit-us/bell-pettigrew/collections/)

## LEUCHARS

### 15 St Athernase

School Hill, Leuchars, KY16 0HD

1330 - 1600 7/8th September

Consecrated in the 1180s the chancel and apse of the church are some of the best 12thC Romanesque structures in Scotland. The nave and bell tower are later constructions, but recent works conserved much of the original arcaded Norman decoration, notably the human, animal, and grotesque corbels. The church's interior has many mason's marks and an early Albannach cross slab from the





9thC that is thought to be from the earlier chapel of St Bonac, which preceded the Norman church.

[www.welcometofife.com/view-business/st-athernase-church](http://www.welcometofife.com/view-business/st-athernase-church)

Guided tours of the church will be held throughout the day, and refreshments are available.

## TAYPORT

### 16 Star of the Sea

Queen Street, Tayport  
DD6 9JZ

1400 - 1600 8th September

Our Lady Star of the Sea was designed by the renowned Scottish architect Reginald Fairlie and opened for worship in 1939. The building stands in extensive grounds, and its octagonal tower houses the



entrance to the building. Above the entrance is a sculpture of Stella Maris – Our Lady, Star of the Sea by Hew Lorimer. Fairlie trained as an architect with Sir Robert Stodart Lorimer, Hew Lorimer's father.

[www.stfillans.org](http://www.stfillans.org)

Stewards will be available to answer questions.

## KINGSBARNES

### 17 Cambo Gardens

The Stables Visitor Centre,  
Cambo Gardens, Kingsbarnes,  
KY16 8QD

1100 - 1500 7/8th September

Explore the designed landscape of Cambo and discover some of the stories of the Erskine's who have made Cambo their home for over 300 years. The designed



landscape dates from the 18th and 19th centuries, and is attributed to Thomas Erskine, 9th Earl of Kellie (1745-1828). Who set about improving the estate by creating pleasure walks and gardens, and adding structures traditionally associated with a country house, such as the mausoleum, stables, walled garden, dovecote and lodges, and six iron bridges which span the burn.

**[www.cambogardens.org.uk](http://www.cambogardens.org.uk)**

Doors open at the [Cambo Mausoleum](#).

For more information visit our "What's On" web page.

## **KINGSBARNES** **18 Kingbarns Parish** **Church**

The Square, Kingsbarns,  
KY16 8AS

**1400 - 1630 8th September**



You will be given a warm welcome to this old village church, a place of worship since 1631. Come to discover its history in our exhibition, and enjoy the music of our fine Forster and Andrews organ and Bechstein Grand Piano. There is a historic churchyard to explore, and adult and children's quizzes, with refreshments available for a donation to church funds.

**[www.scotlandschurchestrust.org.uk/church/kingsbarns-parish-church/](http://www.scotlandschurchestrust.org.uk/church/kingsbarns-parish-church/)**

Organ and piano recitals of your favourite hymns by request.

## UPPER LARGO

### 19 Largo Kirk

Church Place, Upper Largo

KY8 6EH

1400 - 1600 8th September



Largo Parish Church has been on the current site for well over 1000 years. The current building dates from the 1620's with major additions of transepts in 1816-17. Further restoration in 1894 included the installation of striking stained glass windows. Numerous memorials decorate the walls - a living church with a long heritage.

Free information leaflet on arrival. Guidebook available at £3. Reference books available to answer specific questions. [www.largochurches.org.uk](http://www.largochurches.org.uk)

There is parking opposite in "The Stables" which is the church hall.

## PITTENWEEM

### 20 St John the Evangelist

Episcopal Church

Marygate, Pittenweem KY10

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1000 - 1700 7/8th September



Explore this 19th century Episcopal church built next door to the ancient Priory of Pittenweem. The church was originally a plain oblong orientated north-south. The more ornate east-facing chancel was added later, and here you can admire the wood carvings by Robert Lorimer, who lived at nearby Kellie Castle. All around you will find splendid stained glass both old and contemporary. Younger

visitors sometimes enjoy counting how many angels they can find inside the church. Then pick up a green self-guide leaflet and walk around the old Priory precinct; today you may enter the courtyard behind the Gatehouse and get a close-up view of the priory buildings from there.

**[www.eastneuk-episcopal.co.uk](http://www.eastneuk-episcopal.co.uk)**  
Service of Holy Communion 11.30am  
– 12.30pm

## ST ANDREWS

### 21 Byre Theatre

Abbey Street, St Andrews  
1000 - 2000 7th September  
DOD events 1100 - 1700



Join us at the award -winning Byre Theatre building, for tours, talks, displays, and meet the Byre Team. The current building, the third Byre Theatre on the same site, was designed by award-winning architects Nicoll Russell Studios of Broughty Ferry and was opened in 2001 by the late Sir Sean Connery. The Byre has been part of the University of St Andrews since 2014 and hosts around 800 events every year, with a programme which integrates professional performances with community and student work, while serving the community engagement, teaching and research interests of the University.

For further information about events on the day please check [www.byretheatre.com](http://www.byretheatre.com)

## TAYPORT

### 22 St Margaret's

Queen Street, Tayport  
DD6 9NS  
1300 - 1600 8th September  
St Margaret's is a picturesque building of buttressed red brick, designed in late Victorian Gothic style by Dundee architect Thomas Martin Caddon in 1896. Its vaulted interior features extensive use of timber, and intricate window tracery. A late 19th century Estey reed organ is still in regular use. The font

was made by local craftsman Gilbert Atkinson, who also made two crosses from historic timber. There are several interesting memorials, including a Pascal Candle stand made by John (Jacky) Cooper and one to six altar boys who lost their lives in active service in the Second World War.

[www.stmargarettayport.org](http://www.stmargarettayport.org)

A morning service will be held 0930 - 1030

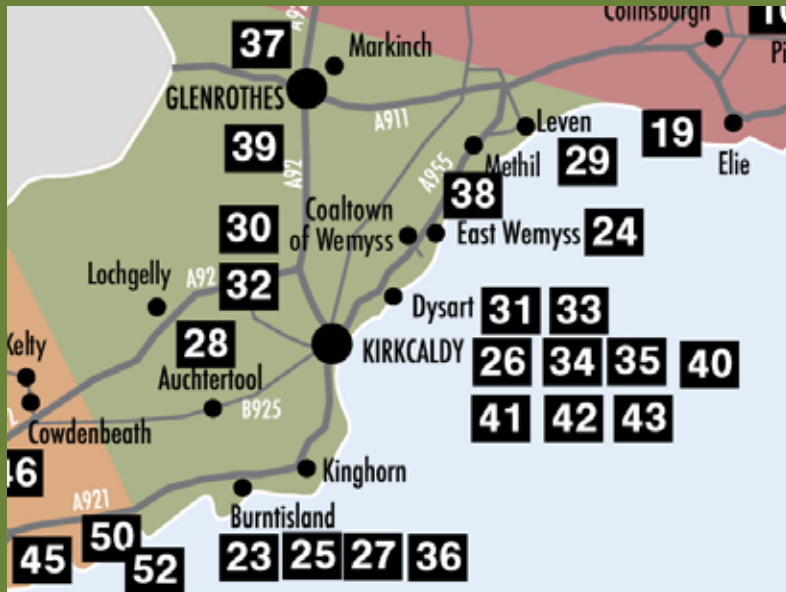






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# CENTRAL FIFE



## BURNTISLAND

### 23 Burntisland Parish Church

East Leven Street, Burntisland  
KY3 9DX

1400 - 1600 14/15th September



The church built in 1592 -95, was one of the first after the Reformation. It is square in design and unique in Scotland. In 1601 due to plague in Edinburgh King James VI held the general Assembly within its walls, and during that meeting granted an easier English translation of the Bible, which was printed in 1611 known as the 'King James Authorized Version'

[www.burntislandandkinghornchurch.co.uk](http://www.burntislandandkinghornchurch.co.uk)

## EAST WEMYSS

### 24 Wemyss Caves

SWACS, Terras Hall, The Haugh,  
East Wemyss KY1 4SB

1330 - 1630 15th September

Come and see the largest collection of Pictish carvings anywhere - still in the place they were made over 1,500 years ago. Located on a



dramatic stretch of Fife coastline overlooking the Firth of Forth, the Wemyss Caves are home to over 50 inscribed symbols, animal figures and a depiction of an early medieval boat. The caves also house several crosses carved by the first Christian missionaries to visit the area and on the cliffs above sit the remains of medieval Macduff Castle, once home to the Earls of Fife.

[www.wemysscaves.org](http://www.wemysscaves.org)

## BURNTISLAND

### 25 Erskine United Free Church

Kirkbank Road

Burntisland KY3 9EW

1000 - 1200 14th September

Erskine church is an iconic landmark in Burntisland, visible to everyone who passes through the town. Its outline can also be seen on the RBS £10 note! The congregation goes back to 1728 and moved to this building in 1903. A highlight is the stained glass window "The Light of the World". The church is usually open once a week for worship so



this is a rare occasion to be able to come in and enjoy the beautiful architecture and surroundings. There will also be a display of documents, photographs, and a matchstick model of the church.

[www.burntislandandkinghornchurch.co.uk](http://www.burntislandandkinghornchurch.co.uk)

NB There is ramp access to the building and all aisles are wide enough for wheelchairs. There are no steps on the ground floor.

## KIRKCALDY

### **26 Kirkcaldy Sheriff Court Annexe**

St Brycedale Avenue, Kirkcaldy KY1 1EU

**1000 - 1600 14th September**

The annexe at Kirkcaldy Sheriff and Justice of the Peace Court opened in July 2020, and consists of two new criminal



courtrooms and a custody suite located within the existing Kirkcaldy Police Station, providing improved accommodation for court users including victims, witnesses and jurors. Guided tours of the Court building take place throughout the day, these include the cell complex, where unsupervised children will be detained.

## BURNTISLAND

### **27 Burntisland Heritage Trust**

4 Kirkgate, Burntisland KY3 9DB

**1100 - 1600 14/15th September**

For 30 years Burntisland Heritage Group have organised summer exhibitions open to the general public. The exhibition in 2024 is titled "The Changing Face of Our Town" with the focus on the High Street, using "Then and Now" photographs. A separate room in the centre has a collection of 22 model boats. This part of the exhibition is on the ground floor. The Heritage collection also includes folders, DVDs, videos, and publications with a wealth of



information of interest to local people and visitors alike. The exhibition continues upstairs to the Burgh Chambers to see objects of importance when the town had its own town council, as well as well regarded paintings by the largely self taught local photographer and artist Andrew Young, born in the Victorian era. The Burgh Chambers is, unfortunately, not wheelchair accessible.

NB The exhibition is wheelchair friendly but unfortunately the Burgh Chambers are only accessible by stairs

[www.burntisland.org.uk](http://www.burntisland.org.uk)

Children are welcome.

## AUCHTERTOOL

**28 Auchtertool Kirk** 1 mile west of Auchtertool, signposted off the B925 KY2 5XG

**1330 - 1600 15th September**

The Kirk invites you to enjoy this peaceful setting. Read "The Beadle's Daughter" poetry stone. Inside, see the beautiful stained-glass window, one of which is a war memorial. There is an avenue of honour with a tree for each



name on the memorial. There is also a Casson & Miller pipe organ to be seen and a children's quiz will be available.

[www.auchtertoolkirk.org.uk](http://www.auchtertoolkirk.org.uk)

Children's quiz.

NB Parking is at KY2 5XQ – at the Fife Council car park. Entry to the graveyard is available for those with limited mobility to be dropped off at the door.

## LEVEN

### 29 Silverburn Park

Largo Rd, Lundin Links, Leven KY8 5PU

**Open All Day 14/15th Sept**

Explore Silverburn Park this Doors Open Day where the derelict B-Listed Flax Mill is undergoing an extensive redevelopment into a café, hostel, and event space. Book a hard hat tour, or attend a talk, for an insight of the latest updates. Learn of traditional crafts and building techniques at drop in family friendly workshops. Enjoy



a guided walk of the Park, once the estate of the Russell family, containing stunning trees from across the world. The Cottage Window Café will be open 10am – 4pm.

[www.silverburnpark.co.uk](http://www.silverburnpark.co.uk)

The park is mobility friendly but unfortunately the mill building is currently unsuited for wheelchair Access. 'Hard Hat' tours can be booked via the Doors Open Day website

## COALTOWN OF WEMYSS

### 30 Art Catriona Gallery

Lilybank Cottage, 82 Main Street, Coaltown of Wemyss  
KY1 4NS

1200 - 1500 14th September

Fife Artist, Catriona Livingstone, known as Art Catriona, paints in an original, vibrant, modern, and uplifting style using acrylics on canvas. For a Central Fife Doors Open Day special event her personal gallery will be open for public viewing where her canvases, framed prints, cushions and mugs will be on show and for purchase at



affordable prices. Families are welcome. Catriona trained in Edinburgh and also leads the Wemyss Artists and Artisans group.

[www.artcatriona.com](http://www.artcatriona.com)

Possible restrictions for wider wheelchairs

## DYSART

### 31 Dysart Town House

14 Victoria Street, Dysart,  
Kirkcaldy KY1 2UN

1200 - 1600 15th September

The original structure of Dysart Tolbooth dates from 1576 and is a Category A listed building.



The Town House is a 19th century addition and housed the Burgh's Town Council prior to amalgamation with Kirkcaldy. Dysart Trust is celebrating its Diamond Anniversary this year and visitors will be able to visit the Tolbooth and to explore the Trust's permanent exhibition of photographs, documents and artefacts relating to the economic social and industrial history of the local area.

Public will be able to explore our permanent historical exhibition and to visit the old tolbooth.

Children's quiz

## COALTOWN OF WEMYSS

### 32 Wemyss School of Needlework

Main Street

Coaltown of Wemyss

KY1 4NX

1000 - 1700

14/15th September

The school has been in existence since 1876, when girls came to learn a skill and earn money. Under the present guardian, Fiona Wemyss, The School has progressed to teaching all kinds of needlecrafts, supplying materials and designs to customers while still retaining the original building and wealth of historical pieces.

Childrens' activities Colouring in



of needlework designs, count the Swans, plastic canvas, wool and needles to have a go with.

[www.wemyssneedlework.co.uk](http://www.wemyssneedlework.co.uk)

## DYSART

### 33 Kirkcaldy Art Club

Hot Pot Wynd, Dysart

KY1 2TQ

1100 - 1600 15th September

This beautiful stone building in Hot Pot Wynd was once a



laundry for the Sinclair and Nairn families but has seen a huge transformation in the years since it was bought by the Art Club in 1970 for £150! It now houses a pottery downstairs and a light and airy painting studio above. This year the club will once again be exhibiting members' work including pottery, paintings and various crafts and children can take part in activities in the pottery.

[www.kirkcaldyartclub.co.uk](http://www.kirkcaldyartclub.co.uk)

The upper floor is accessible for wheelchairs via a chairlift

## KIRKCALDY

### **34 Pathhead Parish Church**

Church Street

Kirkcaldy KY1 2AJ

1400 - 1630

14/15th September

Come and join us for the end of our Bicentenary year at Pathhead Parish Church.

The foundation of the building was laid in 1822 and the Church dedicated for worship in November 1823, so this last year has been a very special year. Visit us to learn about the history of our church and to see the many ways we have been celebrating our 200th anniversary.

There are lots of special features of interest throughout the church and information will be provided



to help you enjoy your tour, as well as a children's trail to keep the youngsters occupied. History will be brought to life with a photographic exhibition.

[www.pathheadparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.pathheadparishchurch.co.uk)

Self-guided tour of church with leaflet and information boards highlighting features of interest plus historical photographic exhibition celebrating the 200th anniversary of the dedication of Pathhead Church.

## KIRKCALDY

### **35 Law's Close**

The Merchants House, 339-343 High Street, Kirkcaldy KY1 1JL

1100 - 1500 15th September

Law's Close is a 16thC merchant's house at the east end of Kirkcaldy High Street. Despite this long history, its core structure and garden remain largely intact and inside several rare examples of 16th and 17th century interior decoration





survive. The building was acquired by SHBT in 1986 and conscientiously restored over a 20-year period. Today it operates as a unique commercial premise and is home to a variety of small businesses. The restored garden is available to hire as an outdoor event venue and the upper floors offer flexible office accommodation to let for those looking for a distinctive and unique workplace.

[www.shbt.org.uk](http://www.shbt.org.uk)

For children there will be botanical printing activities taking place in the garden

## BURNTISLAND

### 36 Museum of Communication

131 High Street

Burntisland KY3 9AA

1100 - 1600 (last entry at 3.30pm)

7th, 14th, 21st September



The Museum of Communication aims to inform, educate and entertain the public with the exciting developments in communication technology that we enjoy today. Older visitors can reminisce, recognising the radios, TVs and phones of their youth; younger visitors see how their smartphone and associated functions developed. Everyday items explained in layman's terms. This year we are showing the importance of time in the development of many things we take for granted. There are hands on activities for children e.g. speaking tube, field telephones, morse keys and others.

[www.museumofcommunication.org.uk](http://www.museumofcommunication.org.uk)

## LESLIE

### 37 Common Good Land

Christ Kirk on the Green  
The Green, Leslie KY6 3DF  
1000 14/15th September



Join an archaeological excavation and guided tour of Christ's Kirk on the Green in Leslie. It is suggested that a 10thC church existed close to the present site, with the 12thC name for Leslie, Fettykil, possibly derived from the Gaelic 'cill' meaning 'Wooden Kirk'. It is one of eleven place-names clustered in east Fife which contain this Gaelic name form, the only area south of

Inverness to do so. There will be a guided tour of the historic graveyard where remnants of the mediaeval church may survive as part of the Douglas and Roth's Mausoleums.

[www.instagram.com/leslieheritagegroup](https://www.instagram.com/leslieheritagegroup)

Refreshments served at the Leslie Town Hall

## METHIL

### 38 Methil Heritage Centre

272 High Street  
Methil KY8 3EQ  
1300 - 1600 7th September



Methil Heritage Centre contains a small display capturing the history of Methil and surrounding area, from prehistoric times to the present day. We are piloting a series of events and activities to attract a wide range of visitors. This will include heritage talks, displays by local groups, workshops for young people and Bookbug storytelling sessions for pre-

school age children and their families. Keep checking back for more details as they're announced! Methil Heritage Centre reopened in April 2024 supported by Fife Council's Levenmouth Area Committee Community Renewal fund, OnFife and Creative Scotland.

Methil Heritage Centre - OnFife  
A link to book for the History Talk will be available on the DOD website

History Talk on the topic of the '84/'85 Miners Strikes  
Levenmouth Lives exhibition  
Miners' Strike display

## **GLENROTHES**

**39 Fife Collections Centre**  
Bankhead Central  
Bankhead Park, Glenrothes  
KY7 6GH

**1030 & 1400 14/15th September**



Cultural charity OnFife is inviting visitors to join a guided tour of its Collections Centre in Glenrothes. It is home to more than 250,000 objects and documents from the Museums and Archive Collection. Places are limited so booking in advance is essential. On the guided tour you will encounter some of the treasures in the collection. You will find out how we care for these unique and fascinating items of Fife's heritage and art. The tour lasts approx. 2 hours. It is suitable for adults and children age 14 and upwards. Tours can be booked via the Doors Open website; enquiries can be made to museums.

**[enquiries@onfife.com](mailto:enquiries@onfife.com)**

Guided Tours start at 10:30a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

## **KIRKCALDY**

**40 Kirkcaldy Community Gardens (Ravensraig)**

Ravensraig Community Gardens and Allotments, Dysart Road, Kirkcaldy KY1 2TA

**1000 - 1400 15th September**

Our Community Garden Allotment site is in its 14th year and has been managed to ensure suitability for allotment growers as well as local user groups including: Nursery, Primary and Secondary school pupils, disabled adults and volunteers.



It incorporates the local green-space improvement group; Growing Kirkcaldy and part of Greener Kirkcaldy, while Rural Skills Scotland are developing several on-site buildings.

A feature of our whole-site management is to provide a diversity of habitats for nature and has informed the creation of our wildlife pond and other managed habitats. We have extensive planted flower beds which provide food stations for bees, butterflies and other insects and feeding stations and nest boxes to support birds. Paths will take visitors around and through the garden and allotments.

[www.kirkcaldyallotments.wordpress.com/](http://www.kirkcaldyallotments.wordpress.com/)

Children are welcome to visit and enjoy the walks around and through the gardens.

## KIRKCALDY

### 41 Town House

2 Wemyssfield, Kirkcaldy  
KY1 1XW

1100- 1500 14th September



Kirkcaldy Town House was designed with a Scandinavian theme, by architects David Carr and William Howard of Edinburgh, and building started in 1937. Construction was put on hold when the Second World War broke out, with work not resuming until 1950 and being completed by the end of the 50s. Because of its architectural features Town

House is a B Listed building. Alongside it there are six provost's lamps from the former Royal Burghs within the district. These are: Kirkcaldy, Burntisland, Kinghorn, Leven, Buckhaven and Methil. The lamps all formerly stood outside the houses of senior councillors but they were all brought to Townhouse when the royal burghs were abolished in 1975

## **KIRKCALDY**

### **42 Kirkcaldy Old Kirk**

Kirk Wynd, Kirkcaldy KY1 1 EH  
& KY1 1BG

**1000 -1600**

**14/15th September**



Marvel at the Old Kirk's beautiful stained glass by famous artists, browse our exhibitions on Adam Smith, baptised in the Old Kirk in 1723, and Kirkcaldy Civic Society's Golden Anniversary. Climb the 15th century tower with one of our guides for panoramic views, and ring the bell, first cast in 1553. Less mobile? –view it on our screen or wander through the Kirk in our digital world of 1500. Tour the graveyard to hear “Stories from Stones” about the famous and not-so-famous people buried there – e.g. the two duellists of the last fatal duel in Scotland, the butler who became Provost because of a whale! Teas and coffee will be available for a small donation. For children there will be Scavenger Hunts inside, and outside in the graveyard, web pages, colouring in sheets, and lighting up the model tower by human energy. Tours at 1100 & 1400 with tower tours hourly from 1030 onwards; weather permitting.

**[www.kirkcaldyoldkirktrust.org.uk](http://www.kirkcaldyoldkirktrust.org.uk)**

N.B. vehicular access for wheelchair users is available via Oswald Wynd. Places on tower tours are limited and should be booked via the website.

## KIRKCALDY

### 43 Adam Smith Heritage Centre

1 Adam Smith Close, Kirkcaldy  
KY1 1HL

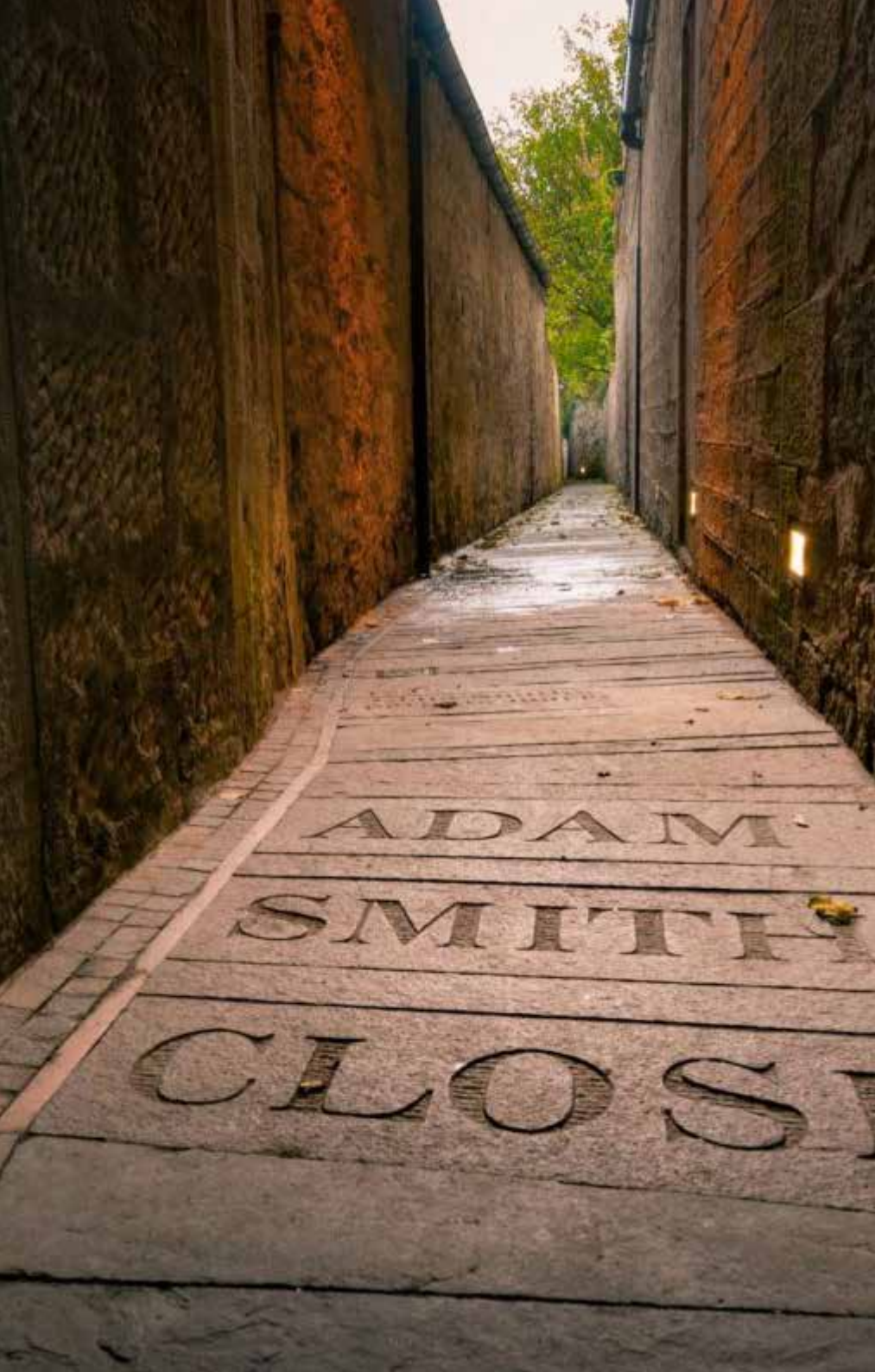
100 - 1500 14/15th September

Adam Smith Global Foundation offers you an opportunity to explore their exciting Heritage Centre, timeline and community garden, created to celebrate Kirkcaldy's most famous son, the economist and moral philosopher, Adam Smith, in his 18th Century town birthplace. Come along and enjoy the exhibition and hear about our exciting plans for the latest phase of this Birthplace Initiative including the garden and education projects.

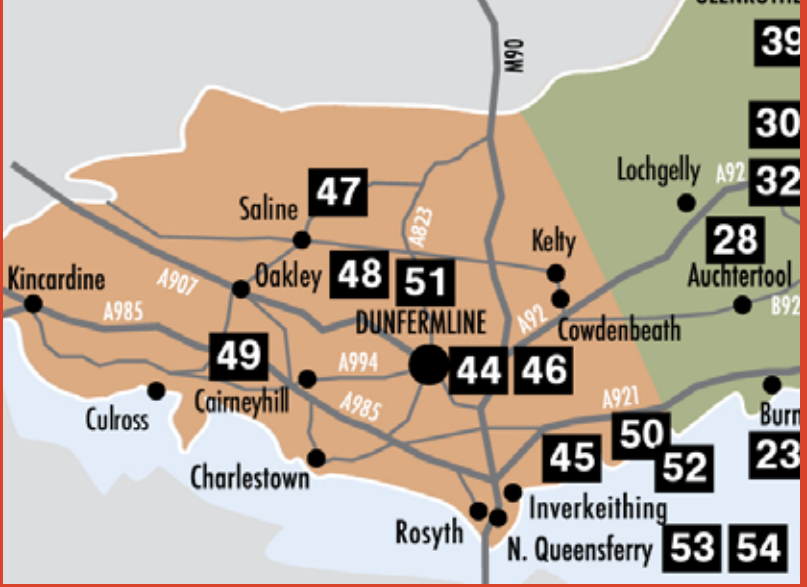
**[www.adamsmithglobalfoundation.com](http://www.adamsmithglobalfoundation.com)**

There will be an exhibition of Adam Smith's life and importance as a philosopher and economist and the Adam Smith garden will be open for perusal.





# WEST FIFE





#### **44 Abbot House**

The Maygate, Dunfermline  
KY12 7NE

**1000 - 1600 21st September**



Abbot House is a beautiful A Listed building, dating back over 500 years to at least the 16th century and is the jewel in the crown of Scotland's ancient capital. Join us to journey back in time to experience a unique Scottish medieval house. Our 'pink house' offers many distinctive features that have been added over the centuries, including a 1500s wall fresco and mural by the renowned Scottish artist and writer, Alasdair Gray. You can also enjoy our beautiful artisan gift shop and independent coffee shop, 'Prost'

**[www.abbothouse.org](http://www.abbothouse.org)**

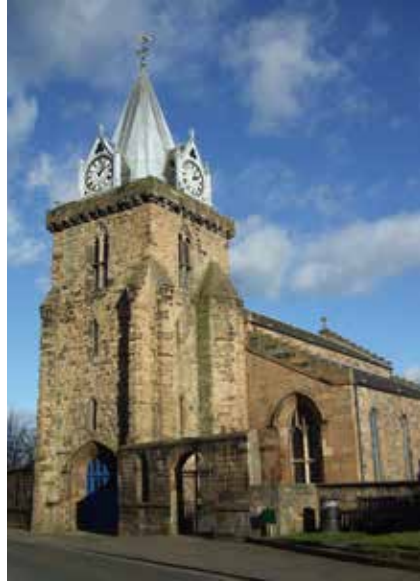
The top two floors of the house have not been open to the public for 9 years so take the opportunity to view them and hear about our visitor centre plans.

#### **INVERKEITHING**

#### **45 Forthview Church**

Church Street, Inverkeithing  
KY11 1LG

**1300 - 1600 22nd September**



Visit this historic Church to see one of the finest baptismal fonts in Scotland. Hear it's remarkable story and get the chance to see our lovely stained glass windows, both old and modern. A guided walk of the town starting at 2.00 opposite the Old Town House, Townhall Street.

**[www.inverkeithing-parish-church.org.uk](http://www.inverkeithing-parish-church.org.uk)**

## DUNFERMLINE

### 46 St. Margaret's RC Memorial Church

East Port, Dunfermline KY12 7JB  
0900 - 1830 7/8th, 14/15th,  
21/22nd September  
Sat - 9am - 1830pm (Mass is  
1000-1030 & 1730 - 1830).  
Sun 0845 - 1200  
(Mass is 0930 -1030)



St. Margaret's is a vibrant parish incorporating two churches; St. Margaret's Memorial Church, Dunfermline and Holy Name Church, Oakley. Whether you live in Dunfermline or Oakley or are just visiting us, please be assured of our welcome and we hope that your visit to our beautiful churches and the shrine of St. Margaret of Scotland will be fruitful.

[www.stmargaretsdunfermline.co.uk](http://www.stmargaretsdunfermline.co.uk)

## SALINE

### 47 Saline Heritage Society Museum

Main Street, Saline and Saline Old Kirkyard, Bridge Street, Saline KY12 9TL  
1100 - 1500 21/22nd September



Saline Heritage Museum new exhibition will be on the history of 'Communication and Information Technology across Saline & District'. Come along and see if you recognise any of the artifacts on display. We will also have a selection of finds from the Glebe field, right beside the Old Kirkyard. Visitors can enjoy a guided tour of the Saline Old Kirkyard, including information on our Headstone Workshop and display boards.

[www.Salinedistrictheritagesociety.wordpress](http://www.Salinedistrictheritagesociety.wordpress)

## OAKLEY

### 48 Holy Name RC Church

Station Road, Oakley,  
Dunfermline KY12 9NW

1215 - 1600 22nd September



Designed in 1958 in an early Scottish style and consecrated October 1965. Visit to see the small museum and outstanding stained glass windows by Gabriel Loire of Chartres.

The church contains a small museum about its history

## CAIRNEYHILL

### 49 Cairneyhill Parish Church

3 Main Street, Cairneyhill  
KY12 8QT

1000 - 1500 22nd September

Situated on the East entrance to the village, Cairneyhill Church (1752) has served its congregation through various splits and unions, becoming part of the Church of Scotland in 1929. A simple building structure with the pulpit on the long wall between two stained glass commemorative windows.



It is considered of historic importance, having been in continuous use in what was its relatively unaltered form. It was restored externally in 2013 and has recently been upgraded internally (2021/22) making it available for local community groups and organisations to use. There are garden grounds and a Victorian Watch House, built to guard the church graveyard from body snatchers. Cairneyhill

Church services are available via Zoom, every Sunday at 11:30am

[www.cairneyhillchurch.org.uk](http://www.cairneyhillchurch.org.uk)

Church Service 11:30 to 12:30

Guided viewing/walk around before and after morning service

## ABERDOUR

### 50 Aberdour Lapidarium

7 Seaside Place, Aberdour  
KY3 0TX

1100 - 1600 21/22nd September

A chance to see a display of over one hundred copies of mediaeval and Pictish carved stones from Britain and Ireland. All were carved on sandstone, and based on the originals, by



sculptor Leslie Alan Reid, who used them as templates for cloth-rubbings which were sold in outlets such as the National Museum of Scotland and Historic Environment Scotland. The sculptor will be on hand to explain the designs on the stones and where and when the originals were created. A Lapidarium is a place where stone monuments and fragments of archaeological interest are exhibited!

## LATHALMOND

### 51 Lathalmond Railway Museum

c/o SVBM, M90 Commerce Park, Lathalmond, Dunfermline KY12 0SJ

**1230 - 1600 22nd September**

Lathalmond Railway Museum will be opening the doors to our locomotive sheds, which are not normally accessible to the public. Free guided tours will take place regularly from 1300-1600. In

addition, our two narrow gauge railway lines will be in operation running our steam trains. Usual ticket prices apply for train rides which will run 1230-1600. Our museum displays will also be open for free.



[www.shed47.org](http://www.shed47.org)

Children are welcome but must be accompanied

## ABERDOUR

### 52 St Fillans

Hawkcraig Road  
Aberdour KY3 0SL

**1000am to 1600pm on Saturday  
and 1200 to 1600 on Sunday  
21/22nd September**

St Fillan's church is one of the finest examples of Norman architecture in Scotland. This 'miniature Cathedral' sits in its own graveyard with views over the Forth to Edinburgh. The nave and chancel date from 1123. It was enlarged in the 15th century by the addition of a side aisle, and in the 17th by the small transept aisle. The church fell into disrepair in the 18th century



and was restored in 1926. Last year St Fillan's celebrated its 900th Anniversary. It is probably the oldest church in Scotland. Some church silver including Captain Morgan's Pirate cup will be on display, and there will be descriptions and information of the stained-glass windows and some of the more interesting gravestones in the churchyard..

[www.stfillanchurch.org.uk](http://www.stfillanchurch.org.uk)

Guide book on sale Park in the station carpark

## **NORTH QUEENSFERRY**

### **53 St James' Chapel**

Ferry Hills Road,  
North Queensferry  
KY11 1JP

**0900 - 1800 21/22nd Sept**

Doors Open Day is one of the few occasions that this ancient graveyard will be open for the public to explore. The ancient St James Chapel had been in use from the days of Robert the Bruce but its ruins now stand



in grounds latterly used by the "Ferrie Sailors" as a graveyard from 1752. Enjoy browsing in an 11th Century Chapel and 16th Century graveyard. NQHT centre provides a self-guided trail around the Forth Bridge area, north & south.

[www.nqht.org](http://www.nqht.org)

## **NORTH QUEENSFERRY**

### **54 Forth Bridges Lighthouse Museum & Light Tower**

Ferry Hills Road,  
North Queensferry  
KY11 1JP

**0900 - 1800**

**21/22nd September**

The Robert Stevenson Light Tower, built in 1817, was one of the first Light Towers constructed in Scotland. Its claim to fame is that it is the world's only operational light tower, and for a donation appointments can be made for you to light the only working Argand Oil Lamp in the world and gain a certificate of

competence. To book for lighting the lamp contact **NQHTinfo@gmail.com** for details.

**[www.nqht.org](http://www.nqht.org)**

NQHT centre provides a self-guided trail around the Forth Bridge area, north & south There is a playpark within one minute of the venue.



## **NORTH QUEENSFERRY** **55 Forth Bridges Heritage Centre**

Ferry Hills Road,  
North Queensferry  
KY11 1JP

**0900 - 1800 21/22nd Sept**

The Forth Bridge Heritage Centre at North Queensferry Station is housed in an original Victorian Railway Station completed in 1890, the same year that the Forth Bridge was opened. Today, we have a permanent gallery of Forth Bridge artifacts and other contemporary subjects. There are exhibitions on - The Forth



Bridge, The Queensferry Passage Ferries, and this year a display of "Remembering the Ferries 1100 -1964" There is also drawing and craft area for children.

**[www.nqht.org/the-second-north-queensferry-station](http://www.nqht.org/the-second-north-queensferry-station)**

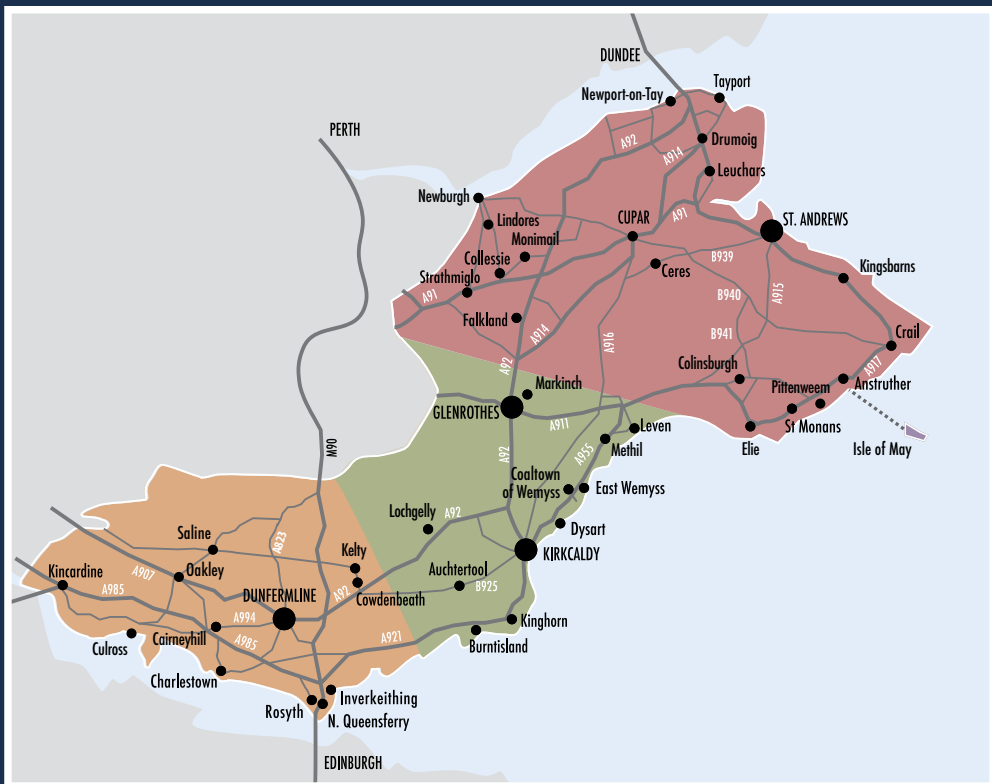
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