DOORS OPEN DAYS
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PERTH AND KINROSS
SEPTEMBER 2017

3 weekends
52 venues | all free

Perth and Kinross HERITAGE TRUST

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Welcome to Doors Open Days 2017

Doors Open Days is Scotland’s largest free festival celebrating heritage and the built environment. This annual event gives you the opportunity to visit historic, civic and interesting buildings which are not usually open to the public, all for free.

This year Doors Open Days in Perth and Kinross is happening by geographical area over the first three weekends in September:

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd: **Kinross-shire and Strathearn**
Saturday 9th & 10th: **Highland and Eastern Perthshire**
Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th: **Perth City**

Each programme entry provides you with a brief description of the venue, opening days and times, and what’s happening.

Symbols are used to show access and facilities available at each venue. Maps showing the general location of buildings can be found at the back of this programme. Look out for the blue banners and balloons marking the buildings.

You may need to book some events in advance. To avoid disappointment, book early! All reservations should be made through www.EventBrite.com.

**Symbol Key**

- Wheelchair Access (including access to disabled toilet facilities)
- Toilets
- Baby Changing Facilities
- Refreshments

In Perth and Kinross, Doors Open Days is organised by Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust and funded by the Gannochy Trust.

**Thanks are due to the custodians and owners of the buildings and everyone who contributes to Doors Open Days for their enthusiastic and voluntary participation.**

For any Perth and Kinross Doors Open Days enquiries - please contact Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust: 01738 477082 or info@pkht.org.uk

The Lodge, 4 York Place, Perth, PH2 8EP

Doors Open Days takes place throughout Scotland in September and is co-ordinated nationally by the Scottish Civic Trust as part of European Heritage Days and Archaeology Month. For full details of the festival and to access the online programme, visit [www.doorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk)

This programme can be downloaded from [www.pkht.org.uk](http://www.pkht.org.uk)

Front cover: Cultybraggan Camp, Comrie ©PKHT
1. Portmoak Priory site & Scottish Gliding Centre, Portmoak Airfield, Scotlandwell, Kinross, KY13 9JJ

Once home to the early Christian Culdees, Portmoak Chapel dates back to about 850AD. The monks were of Irish origin and established a monastery on nearby St. Serf’s Island in Loch Leven. We will continue to add to our knowledge of this site through archaeological investigations this summer.

**Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 Sept 11:00-16:00**

Guided tours every 2 hours, booking essential via www.dod_portmoak.eventbrite.co.uk (10 spaces per tour).

2. Wash House and Well, off Main Street, Scotlandwell, KY13 9JA

It is just over 150 years since the wash house was first opened next to the well. Both were designed by the eminent architect David Bryce as part of a scheme to enhance the village. Scotlandwell-in-Bloom, who recently restored the buildings, invites you to come along and find out more about them and how they were used. Come and hear Fife storyteller Sylvia Troon tell a variety of Scottish traditional and historical tales relating to wells, village life and the local area. For added interest and enjoyment, Sylvia will display and use her characterful puppets.

**Sunday 3 Sept 11:00-16:00**

Please park in Scotlandwell and walk to the Wash House and Well. Visitors with a blue badge for their vehicle may drive to the venue.
3. The Grounds of Old St. Michael’s Church, Church Street, Crieff, PH7 3AE

Old St Michael’s Church (B listed) was built from 1786 on the site of the first recorded ‘Parish Church of Crefe’ (1196). The churchyard contains memorial stones to Crieff families and the ruins of the first Parish School (1593). Come along to enjoy a suite of entertainments including: music from the Blackford Fiddlers; storytelling and songs from local author Jessie Smith; historical interpretation by historian Colin; brass rubbing with June McEwan.

**Saturday 2 Sept 13:00-17:00**

**Facilities** at ‘Quaich’
Restaurant or James Square

4. Gleneagles House, St Mungo’s Chapel and Former Castle, Gleneagles PH3 1NF

On Doors Open Days, come and enjoy a guided tour of the 17th/18th century laird’s house, home to the Haldanes of Gleneagles. Visitors will also have the opportunity to visit the early 16th century chapel, restored in the 1920s to create a small private chapel, and the ruins of Gleneagles Castle that sits within the grounds.

**Saturday 2 Sept**
Guided tours at 11:00 & 14:30, booking essential via www.dod_gleneagles.eventbrite.co.uk (10 places per tour)

5. The Library of Innerpeffrey, Innerpeffrey, near Crieff, PH7 3RF


**Saturday 2 Sept 10:00-13:00 & 14:00-17:00**
**Sunday 3 Sept 14:00-16:00 & event at 17:00**
Library tours each day hourly at 15mins past the hour Event booking essential (9yrs+), contact: 01764 652819 or library@innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk


The Museum of Abernethy is housed in an impressive renovated 18th century farm steading built on the lands of an ancient Culdee Monastery. The museum displays Abernethy life from Prehistoric, through Pictish times to the present. Recently the Museum’s two Pictish stones have been cleaned and conserved and form part of an enhanced display. The Museum holds the key for the Round Tower, which is in the care of Historic Environment Scotland. Why not pick-up the key and include the Round Tower in your visit.

**Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 Sept**
**14:00-17:00** - Activities for children
**7. Cultybraggan Camp, Comrie, PH6 2AB**

Cultybraggan Camp, the only preserved POW camp in Scotland, was built in 1941 to hold 4000 Prisoners. Post-war it was used as a military training facility and then in 2007 was bought by the village of Comrie. Comrie Heritage Group invites you to see inside several of the 80 Nissen huts not normally open to the public, to discover the history of the camp and our plans to preserve its heritage.

*Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 Sept 11:00-16:00 (last tour 15:00)*  
Guided tours or self-guided leaflet available.  
Highlights include: “Living the Life of a German POW”; military vehicles & military exhibitions; NAAFI van selling refreshments; book signing by Valerie Campbell, author of ‘Camp 21 Comrie’.

**8. Tibbermore Church, Tibbermore, PH1 1QJ**

An atmospheric church with medieval origins set in a fascinating walled graveyard. Each century has left its distinctive mark on this unique building, from the Murray monument of 1631 to the Ruthven Printfield Company aisle of 1810 and the WW1 memorial stained glass windows by Oscar Paterson. Now best known to worldwide audiences as Cranesmuir Church, scene of the infamous Witch Trial, in the Outlander TV drama series.

*Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 Sept 11:00-16:00*  
Limited parking on the roadside  
On Saturday, for Outlander fans, hear about filming at the church and more about this hugely popular series. Step back in time to stand in the pulpit in Claire and Geillis’s fictional footsteps – if you dare…  
On Sunday, explore the church and graveyard with guided tours and learn about centuries of local history from Covenanters at the Battle of Tippermuir to the WW1 war work of the women of the parish.

**9. Earthquake House, Comrie, PH6 2JU**

This small building was built in 1874 to house a seismoscope to register earthquake shocks. It was the first purpose-built earthquake observatory in the western hemisphere and attempted to record the ground movements in this part of the world which led to Comrie being known as the ‘Shaky Toon’. A modern seismograph from the British Geological Survey now operates inside the building and records earthquakes from locations all around the globe. Within the building, there is a full explanation of the history and science.

*Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 Sept 10:00 – 16:00*  
Park on road and walk up (steep) track

**10. Drummond Castle Keep, Muthill, PH7 4HZ**

An impressive tower-house built on a rocky outcrop by John, the 1st Lord Drummond in the late-15th century, now part of the extensive Drummond Castle. The Renaissance-style gatehouse by John Mylne III, Charles I’s master mason, was added circa 1630. The keep was damaged by Cromwell and was dismantled further after the 1745 Rebellion to prevent Government troops using it as a garrison. It was repaired in 1822, with an upper floor and bell-cote added in 1853. Drummond Castle is world famous for its remarkable gardens.

*Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 Sept 14:00-16:00*  
Located to the north-west of Muthill with access off the A822. Park in the Gardens car park

**11. St Andrew’s Church, Forteviot, PH2 9BT**

The Church at Forteviot has a long history: from 6th century AD Christian burials in the graveyard, links with Kenneth Macalpin, the 9th Century AD king who unified the Picts and Scots, to St Andrews University patronage after the reformation. Archaeological artefacts of major significance are housed within the church including several Pictish carved stones which recently formed the centerpiece of the Cradle of Scotland exhibition shown in Glasgow and Perth.

*Sunday 3 Sept 11:00-16:00*
12. Dunkeld Community Archive, 
12 The Cross, Dunkeld, PH8 0AN

The Community Archive is based in The Cross Dunkeld and holds records of the area covering the old parish of Little Dunkeld which covers Amulree, Caputh, Murthly, Dalguise and Dowally. We also hold the records of the Scottish Horse, a local regiment.

Saturday 9 Sept

13. Pitlochry Dam and Visitor Centre, 
Armoury Road, Pitlochry, PH16 5AP

SSE’s Pitlochry Dam Visitor Centre showcases the rich history of hydro electricity in the north of Scotland and how it transformed lives. As well as the exhibition there is a café and gift shop on site and spectacular views of Loch Faskally and the River Tummel. On Sunday at 2pm come and meet local author Elizabeth Wein as she talks about her latest novel, ‘The Pearl Thief’, it’s fictional Perthshire setting, the central role of water, the River Tay and river Pearls in her work. Talk followed by book signing (Suitable for age 9 yrs+).

Saturday 9 Sept 10:00-16:00

Tours of Pitlochry Dam, Fish Ladder and Archive; Activities for children; Book reading & signing. Booking essential for tours, please visit www.pitlochrydam.com

14. Fortingall Church, Fortingall, PH15 2NQ

Fortingall Kirk was rebuilt in simple Arts and Crafts style in the early 20th century on a very early religious site beside the ancient Yew Tree. Inside, under the oak, barrel-vaulted roof, are preserved relics of the Celtic Monastery including fragments of fine Pictish crosses. An Exhibition, covering the history of the Kirk and Village, with details of recent archaeological work in the Kirkyard and on the Celtic monastic site, will be on display.

Saturday 9 Sept 10:30-16:30

Located 8 miles west of Aberfeldy. Limited parking available outside the kirk, more near the hall

Dunkeld Community Archive

Fortingall Church
15. Molteno Memorial Hall, Fortingall, PH15 2LL

An Arts and Crafts village hall built in memory of Mrs Elizabeth Molteno, daughter of Sir Donald Currie, the shipping magnate who commissioned James MacLaren, architect, to redevelop Fortingall in the late 1800s. Under the impressive scissor-beamed roof is a Royal Versailles-type dance floor. On Doors Open Days, view a display of the work of Arts and Crafts architects including James M MacLaren, his brother Thomas MacLaren, Flockhart, Washington Browne and more.

**Saturday 9 Sept 10:30-16:30**

Located 8 miles west of Aberfeldy. Parking available.

16. Sunnybrae Cottage, 156 Atholl Road, Pitlochry, PH16 5AR

A fine survival of an 18th century cruck-framed cottage that predates the settlement of Pitlochry surrounding it. Distinct within the streetscape because of its corrugated-iron roof (with thatch surviving beneath!), the cottage has evidence for a hanging lum, the former fireplace around which family life would have been played out. An ‘A’ listed monument, Sunnybrae Cottage is in the care of Historic Environment Scotland. Sign up for this rare opportunity to see inside on a Doors Open Day.

**Saturday 9 Sept**

Guided tours at 11:00 (max 12 places); drop-in session 14:00-15:00 (NB: Max 6 people able to access interior at any one time). Hard hats may be necessary (these will be provided).

Booking essential for tours, please contact Historic Environment Scotland: 01315 507603 or visitoropsadmin@hes.scot

![Sunnybrae Cottage, Pitlochry](image)

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17. Pitlochry and Moulin Heritage Centre, Moulin Square, Pitlochry, PH16 5EH

A historic Church that houses much of the written heritage of Pitlochry and Moulin ranging from the archaeology of the area to the history of a mica factory located here during WWI. Here you can learn how the women of the parish paid their yearly rents by spinning and weaving linen for sale at the local market, discover the story of the Tinkers’ school in the Black Spout Woods or see a French sword which lay hidden in a local Blacksmiths.

**Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 Sept 13:00-16:00**

Pitlochry and Moulin Heritage Centre

![Pitlochry and Moulin Heritage Centre](image)
18. Blairgowrie Fire Station, West George Street Blairgowrie, PH10 6DZ

Officially opened in 1958, Blairgowrie Fire Station provided the first custom-built premises for firefighting equipment in the town since provision began in 1941. The station accommodates two appliances as well as a muster bay, lecture, locker and drying rooms, showers and equipment storage. The 1 hour guided tours on Doors Open Days Saturday include the opportunity to observe breathing apparatus demonstrations, road traffic collision scenarios and learn CPR skills delivered in partnership with the British Heart Foundation.

Saturday 10 Sept
Guided tours at 14:00 & 15:30, booking essential via www.dod_blairgowriefirestation.eventbrite.co.uk (20 spaces per tour)

19. Collace Church, Kinrossie, PH2 6HU

Built in 1813 on the site of a church consecrated in 1242, the building was extensively upgraded 100 years ago when in 1919 the stained glass window was installed. The cemetery contains a conserved Morthouse, a Mausoleum with Romanesque arch, 17th & 18th Century headstones and a Pictish discoid stone.

Saturday 9 Sept 13:00-16:00
Guided tours of the graveyard throughout the day

20. Abbey Church, Dundee Road, Coupar Angus, PH13 9AS

The present Abbey Church has a long history dating back to 1164 when a Cistercian Abbey was founded here. For 200 years the Abbey flourished, but by the Reformation the monks had gone and the buildings were in decline. The present church was built in the 1860s. For Doors Open Days, our resident organist Austin Wilkie will provide music throughout the day on our 1892 Wandsworth 2-manual pipe organ.

Saturday 9 Sept 10:00-16:00

21. Alyth Family History Project, Alyth Parish Church, Bamff Road, Alyth, PH11 8DS

Alyth Parish Church was built in 1839 by Edinburgh architect Thomas Hamilton and is gothic in style with Romanesque influences particularly around the impressive stained glass windows. Visitors always notice the unusually high spire and pulpit! A Pictish stone from circa 8th century can be seen in the vestibule.

Saturday 9 Sept 09:00-16:00 and Sunday 10 Sept 10:00-16:00
Public exhibition of photographs; photo captioning opportunity; bring and scan your photos for the archive

22. HMP Castle Huntly, Longforgan, DD2 5HL

HMP Castle Huntly is a 600-year old castle that was once the seat of the Bowes-Lyons. The earliest part is a mid-15th century L-plan tower house built on a steep rocky outcrop above the Carse of Gowrie. Castle Huntly sits within a designed landscape of terraced gardens, avenues and statues, with an ice house and doocot. It was purchased after WWII by the Scottish Prison Service and has been used as a custodial facility ever since.

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 Sept
Guided tours at 10:00, 12:00 and 14:00, booking essential via www.dod_castlehuntly.eventbrite.co.uk (30 spaces per tour)
23. Inchture Parish Church, Moncur Rd, Inchture, PH14 9RW

Inchture is a Grade 2 listed building which has recently been restored externally and refurbished internally to provide an accessible, modern facility which retains its 19th century character. During the refurbishment, we discovered a burial vault belonging to the Kinnaird family.

**Saturday 9 Sept 09:30-12:00 & 13:30-16:30 and Sunday 10 Sept 13:30-16:30**
Guided tours throughout the day

24. Cairn o Mohr Winery and Ciderhouse, East Inchmichael Farm, Errol, Perthshire, PH2 7SP

Cairn o’ Mohr winery started producing Berry wines made from locally cultivated and foraged fruits, leaves and flowers 30 years ago in the farm house kitchen. Our winery is built on an old Pictish settlement and we utilise many of the old farm buildings from 140 years ago along with our very own eclectic ranch style shop, cafe, decking and play area.

**Sunday 10 Sept 12:00-16:00 (last tour 15:30)**
Guided tours; tastings in winery shop; audio visual presentation.

25. Invergowrie Parish Church, 4 Errol Road, Invergowrie, DD2 5AD

The Church of Scotland building is of early Gothic style with a square tower and an open timber roof which dates from 1909. The architect was John Robertson. A stained glass Chancel window by Shona McInnes of Halifax was installed in 2009. Invergowrie Parish Church has a War Memorial Garden within its grounds.

**Saturday 9 Sept 10:00-16:00 and Sunday 10 Sept for Service at 11:00**
Peeling of Bells 10:00 on Saturday in conjunction with All Soul’s Episcopal Church; casual tours; organ recitals 11:00-12:30 & 13:30-15:00; Sunday Service 11:00; “Messy Church” (Children’s Activities) Sunday 15:30-17:30

26. All Souls Episcopal Church, 59 Main Street, Invergowrie, DD2 5BA

Red Sandstone Scottish Episcopal Church with 42.5 metres (140 feet) Spire, designed by Hippolyte Blanc 1890 and built 1890-96. High Altar has beautiful Italian marble reredos and crucifix. Lady Chapel contains Altar from Rossie Priory Chapel. Sculptured Stations of the Cross. Embroidered Wall-hanging to celebrate Centenary of Consecration in 1996.

**Saturday 9 Sept 10:00-16:00 and Sunday 10 Sept for Sung Eucharist at 10:30**
Peeling of Bells 10:00 on Saturday in conjunction with Invergowrie Parish Church; guided tours; recorded music & chants; Children’s quiz
27. St Ninian’s Cathedral, North Methven Street, Perth, PH1 5PP

Perth Cathedral, built in 1849 was the first Anglican cathedral to be built in Britain since the Reformation and was designed by renowned architect William Butterfield. A warm welcome awaits - do come and admire its notable architecture, stained glass windows and sculptures. The cathedral is currently undergoing a major roof restoration but don’t let the exterior scaffolding put you off paying us a visit!

**Saturday 16 Sept 10:00-16:00**
Guided tours; activities for children; live music; decorations & displays

28. Friarton Recycling Centre (Waste Education Boardwalk), Friarton Depot & Earnside Energy (Organics Recycler, Binn Farm)

Perth and Kinross Council along with Earnside Energy (at Binn Farm) invite residents on a tour of our Waste Education Boardwalk located at Friarton Recycling Centre, followed by a minibus tour of the Friarton Depot sheds and then a tour of Earnside Energy’s composting facilities located at Binn Farm in Glenfarg. Visitors will have the opportunity to view behind the scenes of local recycling operations, will find out what happens to their waste and will see first-hand how material from brown bins is composted.

**Saturday 16 Sept 09:30-12:30**
Minibus tour collecting visitors on Shore Road by South Inch Carpark from 09:20, departing 09:30.
Booking essential via www.dod_friarton.eventbrite.co.uk (15 spaces per tour)
Visitors must not park at Friarton Recycling Centre or Friarton Depot.

29. Perth Community Fire Station, 401 High Street, Perth, PH1 1PL

Built in the mid-1970s, Perth Community Fire Station provides cover for Perth and the wider Perthshire area. It is crewed by around eighty full-time firefighters who operate three appliances, a heavy rescue unit, a technical rescue vehicle and a boat. The fire station also hosts Perth Fire and Rescue Training College which delivers scenario training for firefighters. The three guided tours on Doors Open Days Saturday include the opportunity to observe breathing apparatus demonstrations, road traffic collision scenarios and learn CPR skills delivered in partnership with the British Heart Foundation.

**Saturday 16 Sept**
Guided tours at 10:00 and 14:00. Booking essential via www.dod_perthfirestation.eventbrite.co.uk (20 spaces per tour)

30. Perth College UHI, Crieff Road, Perth, PH1 2NX

Perth College UHI’s Campus has seen many changes since opening in 1971, most recently with the construction of the Academy of Sport and Wellbeing. As a key partner in the University of the Highlands and Islands, the vibrant campus offers a wide range of courses attracting a diverse student population.

**Saturday 16 Sept 10:00-16:00**
Guided campus tours; taster events for children and adults. Full details of programme available at www.perth.uhi.ac.uk

31. Belhaven House, Marshall Place, Perth, PH2 8NS

Former brewery Belhaven House was until recently, vacant and considered one of Perth’s most ‘at risk’ buildings. Now re-energised, it is a bright and welcoming space for those attending Children’s Hearings. Come along to witness the improvements and learn more about the workings of the Children’s Hearings System in Scotland.

**Saturday 16 Sept 10:30-15:00**
Guided tours available throughout the day
32. Fair Maid’s House, 15–19 North Port, Perth, PH1 5LU

The Fair Maid’s House, the oldest secular building in Perth, is home to the visitor centre of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society. Learn about the geography and history of Perth; topical issues of worldwide geography; and explore some of our books and collections in the Explorer’s Room upstairs.

Saturday 16 Sept 11:00-16:30
Display of archaeology themed maps & plans; meet the artists of the ‘Remains in the Landscape’ exhibition

33. Buchan House, 18/20 York Place, Perth, PH2 8EH

C-listed double villa dating from the mid-19th century. No. 20 was the former manse of the Knox Free Church and was the birthplace in 1875 of John Buchan, 1st Baron Tweedsmuir, prolific novelist, politician, army officer and diplomat. A plaque commemorates Buchan’s service as Governor General of Canada. During 2014-15 Perth City Heritage Fund part-funded substantial repairs. The building is currently used by Mindspace.

Saturday 16 Sept 10:00-15:00
Staff-led viewings throughout the day

34. Bowerswell House, Bowerswell Road, Perth, PH2 7DN

Mid-19th century Italinate villa and home of Effie Gray, whose marriage to Ruskin and friendship with the Pre-Raphaelite artists was much talked about at the time. The house was purchased in 1946 and converted into a retirement home as a WWII memorial for Perth.

Saturday 16 Sept 13:00-16:00
Resident artwork and floral displays
Limited parking available

35. Durn, Isla Road, Perth, PH2 7HF

Built around 1880 for Surgeon Major Frederick Robert Wilson of the 57th Brigade, Durn originally comprised the three main roofs in the centre of the present building. Acquired by the Pullars in 1890, numerous extensions and a stint in the ownership of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve preceded its purchase by Bell Ingram land and estate agents as their headquarters in 1962. Bell Ingram invites visitors to explore this beautiful building and enjoy its commanding views over the Tay.

Saturday 10:00-16:00
Guided tours; enjoy refreshments on the balcony; play croquet on the lawn
36. Royal Perth Golfing Society & County and City Club, 1 Atholl Cres, Perth, PH1 5NG

The Perth Golfing Society was formed in 1824 and granted royal patronage by King William IV in 1833 - the first golfing society in the world to receive this honour. In 1878, the Club name was changed to The Royal Perth Golfing Society & County and City Club and in 1896 it moved to the current premises. Much of the Club’s history is represented by the golfing artefacts and memorabilia on display.

Saturday 16 Sept
Guided tours on the hour from 11:00 with last tour leaving at 15:00. (10 spaces per tour)

37. Behind the Scenes at AK Bell Library and Perth Council Archive, 2-8 York Place, Perth, PH2 8EP

The Flagship library for Perth & Kinross, the AK Bell Library, opened in 1994, but parts of the building are much older. Our Behind the Scenes and Treasures tours offer the opportunity to visit behind the scenes and explore some of the collections not on public access including a rare chance to see behind the scenes in the Council Archive.

Saturday 16 Sept 09:30-13:00
Guided tours available throughout the day

38. Soutar House, 27 Wilson Street, Perth, PH2 0EX

Home of Perth poet, William Soutar. The house retains much of the period, with oak-panelled rooms, stained glass windows, ceramic fire surrounds and beautiful bookcases full of Soutar’s own books.

Saturday 16 Sept 10:00-16:00
Guided tours; Poetry recitals at 12:00 & 14:00

39. St John’s Roman Catholic Church, 18 Melville Street, Perth, PH1 5PY

The church was built in 1832 with the presbytery added in 1834. The population grew enormously through the 1840s and the church was enlarged and remodelled under the direction of Perth architect Andrew Heiton Jr. Other improvements and fine architectural features were added in the following decades, however, many were later removed to comply with the Second Vatican councils decision on the liturgy.

Saturday 16 Sept 12:00-17:00 & Sunday 17 Sept 12:00-17:00
Guided tours with an oral history & printed history hand out

40. St John’s Episcopal Church, Princes Street, Perth, PH2 8LJ

St John’s was completed in 1851 and over two phases between 2011 and 2014 was sensitively reordered internally. This work included paving the Sanctuary with slabs of stone from the Holy Land, all part of creating a light and welcoming building appropriate for worship in the 21st century.

Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 Sept 10:00-16:00
(Sunday services between 08:30 & 12:00)
Leaflets and photographs on historical aspects of the church available
41. Greyfriars Burial Ground, Off Canal Street, Perth, PH2 7HT

Greyfriars became the burgh’s burial ground in 1580 because St John’s kirkyard was full. It had previously been the site of the Franciscan Friary, founded by 1496 and dissolved in 1559. There is a fine group of 18th century stones, with traditional winged souls, hourglasses and skulls and crossbones. Join archaeologist David Bowler for a tour and try to understand how the stones and their symbols show changing tastes and hopes as well as recording life and death.

**Saturday 16 Sept**
Guided tours at 12:00 & 14:00 starting from St John’s Episcopal Church, Princes Street

42. Perth Transport Futures Project
Phase 1, Site Office: A9/A85 Crieff Road, Perth, PH1 3JJ

Perth’s transport infrastructure is significantly expanding with the construction of a £35m major new road to the North West of Perth. This is an opportunity, not normally available to the public, to see a construction site including a 3D visual, presentation, a model of the temporary bridge, BIM design methodology of a large culvert and a design exercise for kids.

**Sunday 17 Sept 10:00-15:00**
Guided tours on the hour (20 spaces per tour) Booking essential via www.dod_PTFP.eventbrite.co.uk (15 spaces per tour) More information at www.perthtransportfutures.co.uk
43. Black Watch Castle and Museum, Hay Street, Perth, PH1 5HR

The Black Watch Castle and Museum is an award winning 5 star visitor attraction located in Perth comprising of The Black Watch Museum, café and gift shop. The Museum is housed within the historic Balhousie castle, the origins of which are said to date back to the 12th century.

**Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 Sept 09:30-16:30 (last entry 15:45)**
Guided tours at 11:00 & 14:00, advance booking recommended 01738 638152

44. Perth & Kinross Council buildings at 2 & 3-5 High Street, Perth, PH1 5PH

2 High Street Perth was erected as the Head Office of the General Accident Fire and Life Association Corporation Ltd in 1899 and officially opened in 1901. It is now the headquarters of Perth & Kinross Council. The building was closed for re-wiring and refurbishment in 2015/2016 and reopened in early 2017. The Old Council Chambers at 3-5 High Street is currently used as a wedding venue.

**Saturday 16 10:00-17:00 (2 High St only) and Sunday 17 Sept 12:00-17:00 (2 & 3-5 High St)**
Guided tours; Perthshire Photographic Society Exhibition in the Civic Hall

45. The Library Room, Perth Museum and Art Gallery, George Street, Perth, PH7 3NF

An opportunity to visit the Library Room of the Perthshire Society of Natural Science, housed in Perth Museum and Art Gallery since the 1930s. The Society was founded in 1867 to encourage research and to establish a museum for their collections.

**Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 Sept 11:00-16:00**
Display of museum collection items that provide interesting insights into the Society’s past and present.
46. Studios and Residence, 5 Melville Street, Perth, PH15PY

The studios and residence at 5 Melville Street combine studios for an artist and an architect with workshops and living space. The building presents a tall minimalist facade to the street with a single ‘civic window’ or ‘cabinet’ which houses a series of invited art works and installations. Significant artwork is also exhibited within the building on all levels.

Saturday 16 10:00-16:00 and Sunday 17 Sept 10:00-15:00

47. St Leonards in the Fields Church of Scotland, Marshall Place, PH2 8AG

This impressive Scots Gothic church and hall (1885), by John James Stevenson, dominates views of Perth from the South Inch. The distinctive Crown Tower is probably the first such tower in post-Reformation Scotland. Join us for a celebration weekend of Harvest, Heritage, and Worship. Exhibitions include building plans, pulpit falls, historic photographs, and Shawl Ministry display.

Saturday 16 10:00-16:30 and Sunday 17 Sept 11:00-16:00

Harvest Thanksgiving Service followed by refreshments; casual guided tours; quiz sheet

48. Perth Congregational Church, Kinnoull Street, Perth, PH1 5EN

Perth Congregational Church traces its roots back to 1794 – with the current Scots Gothic sandstone church opened in 1899. It was designed by Steele and Balfour, a Glasgow-based architectural practice. Original decorative timber pulpit, organ case and pews – with cast-iron columns, those at gallery level with decorated foliage capitals.

Saturday 16 10:00-16:00 and Sunday 17 Sept 12.30-15:00 (Service at 11:00)

Historical exhibition; Wedding and Christening Display; Harvest Display (Saturday); Traidcraft stall; organ background music (from 12:30 each day); children’s quiz
49. St Matthew’s Church of Scotland, Tay Street, Perth, PH1 5LQ

We are pleased to open the door of our newly refurbished building with its iconic 212 ft steeple standing on the bank of the River Tay. Built in 1871, the building retains the architecture, pipe organ and stained glass of its time as well as unique WW1 black watch colours.

**Saturday 16 10:00-16:00 and**

**Sunday 17 12:30-16:00**

Guided/self-guided tours; cafe with home baking; organ music; exhibition of members artwork; floral display

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50. Perth Methodist Church, Scott Street, Perth, PH2 8JN

The present building, in a modest Gothic style, dates from 1880. It reopened last month following internal refurbishment reflecting the changing needs of the church and making it more accessible for community use. Amongst other things the removal of pews helps to create a welcoming multi-purpose space – come and see!

**Saturday 16 10:00-16:00 and**

**Sunday 17 Sept 11:00**

for service of celebration & rededication

Exhibitions showing church heritage and refurbishment process; displays celebrating festivals of the Christian Year; activities for children including bouncy castle and games; soup lunch

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51. Behind the Scenes at Perth Museum and Art Gallery, 78 George Street, Perth, PH1 5LB

Perth Museum and Art Gallery is home to more than half a million local, national and international objects with a changing programme of exhibitions and events showcasing the very best of them. Come along on Doors Open Days for a ‘Behind the Scenes’ tour of the museum’s recognised collection of national significance to Scotland.

**Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 Sept**

13:00-16:00

Guided tours on the hour (45 minutes long), booking essential via www.EventBrite.co.uk (10 spaces per tour)

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52. St John’s Kirk, 31 St John’s Street, Perth, PH1 5SH

The first written reference to a church on this site was in 1126 and construction of the present building started in the 1440s with the tower completed by 1511. Renovations in the 1920s restored the building to its medieval plan, gave us the beautiful oak ceilings and carvings, and provided an amazing collection of brightly coloured windows. The perfect acoustics of the Kirk will be showcased this year with performances by the Scottish Plainsong Choir.

**Sunday 17 Sept 11:00-16:00**

Guided tours at 11:00 and 12:00; tower tours running between 14:00 and 15:45 (no disabled access); performances by the Scottish Plainsong Choir 14:00-16:00

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