DOORS OPEN DAY
HAWICK
SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2019
FREE
WELCOME
Hawick opens its doors to allow visitors an opportunity to look inside a range of the town’s buildings, some old and some new.

Each participating building has made arrangements to welcome you, some with guided tours of private areas and others with demonstrations or there’s performances to entertain.

Truly something for all the family so why not come along and GET INTO BUILDINGS!

KEY BUILDINGS
1  Heritage Hub
2  Community Fire Station
3  Hawick Lodge 111
4  Hawick Museum
5  Textile Centre of Excellence
6  Borders Distillery *
7  Hawick RFC Mansfield
8  Hawick Town Hall
9  Hawick Men’s Shed
10  Textile Tower House
11  Richardson & Son Printers

GUIDED WALKS
1  Stobs Camp**
2  J P Alison Legacy

* Free Tours ONLY at 14:00 and 15:00; booking essential (15 visitor’s maximum per tour)
** Maximum visitors 30 total
TRANSPORT

Hawick lies on the A7 between Galashiels and Carlisle. Public transport is available from other Borders towns and by rail from the Central Belt to Galashiels and then onwards by bus. The majority of the building which are open are in the town centre, but Stobs Camp (4 miles outside the town) is only accessible by private transport.

HAWICK ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

This year’s Doors Open Day has been developed in partnership with the Hawick Archaeological Society. The Society was founded in 1856 and has had a long and distinguished history. It has done much to keep alive and foster an interest in the antiquities of the Borders and to preserve and hand down everything that is of great value regarding the customs of the people as well as the history of many of the more notable characters and inhabitants of the town and district.

Website: http://hawickhistory.scot/

A BRIEF HISTORY OF HAWICK

Hawick has a long and colourful history that can be traced back as far as the 12th century, when a Norman family, the Lovels, were granted land in and around Hawick by King David I. However the name of the town suggests that there may have been an earlier settlement – it is likely to be derived from the Old English words ‘Haga’ (hedge or enclosure) and ‘Wic’ (farm). The oldest part of the town is the area between St Mary’s Kirk and the Motte; the latter being the remains of a Norman castle from the time of the Lovel family. Burgh of Barony status followed in 1511 which allowed the town to hold markets. The town developed as a centre for textiles, initially harnessing water power to drive machinery and then once the railway reached the town in the 1840s steam power was introduced and the town flourished. This period of prosperity saw the redevelopment of the High Street as a truly urban streetscape with tall tenements and fine public buildings as well as the development of suburban villas for mill owners and their families.
HERITAGE HUB

Kirkstile | Hawick | TD9 0AE

**Date of building** c1850 | **Opening Times** 9:30 - 16:30

**Website** https://www.liveborders.org.uk/culture/archives

The building was originally built in the mid-19th century as part of the Hawick Corn Exchange. Following fire damage it was brought back into use in 2007 as the Heritage Hub with alterations and extensions by Gray, Marshall Associates as part of the “Heart of Hawick” project.

This environmentally-controlled archive building is on four floors but three floors generally inaccessible to public. Opening these to visitors during Doors Open Day gives an insight into how we work and the scale of the collections.

Behind-the-scenes (strong room tours) and displays in search room, lobby and meeting room. There will be tours half hourly from 10:00 to 15:30 inclusive.

The HERITAGE HUB will also act as the information centre of the Doors Open Day on Saturday 14 September.

HAWICK COMMUNITY FIRE STATION

Howdenbank | Wilton Hill, Hawick | TD9 7JT

**Date of building** 1970 | **Opening Times** 10:00 – 13:00

The fire station opened in 1970. Fully operational Community Fire Station consisting of a Wholetime Firefighter element who are present 24/7 and also a Retained Duty System crew, who attend at time of emergency. Staff training & development is carried out at station. The Station is also available as a resource for the public as a meeting venue.

The complex includes the breathing apparatus training house and drill tower as well as the main building.
HAWICK LODGE 111 (MASONIC LODGE)

33 COMMERCIAL ROAD | HAWICK | TD9 7AD

**Date of building**: 1922  |  **Opening Times**: 13:00 - 15:00  |  **Architect/s**: J P Alison
**Website**: http://lodge111.co.uk/

The building dates from 1922 when the brethren moved from Myrelaws green in Hawick.
Tours at 13:15 and 14:00 (and potentially 14:45 if enough demand)

**PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL** @lodge111@hotmail.co.uk

Access will be open to the function room as well as the Temple, which will be set out as it would be for a Masonic Meeting with office-bearers in attendance. There will be tours of the temple and an explanation given of the layout, plan and key features. William Beattie’s (sculptor of the 1514 Horse Memorial) actual Cavalry Sword will be on display.

HAWICK MUSEUM

WILTON LODGE PARK | HAWICK | TD9 7JL

**Date of building**: 1600  |  **Opening Times**: 14:00 - 17:00  |  **Listing**: Category B

The building dates back to c 1600, with 1859 alterations by Wm Hall & Co Galashiels, and further works in 1910 by J P Alison and 1975 by Aitken and Turnbull.

Hawick Museum’s parkland location and fascinating displays reflect the endeavour of the town and its people. The objects and fine works of art collected are not just about Hawick but a window on the world.

Outside the museum, near the War Memorial, Hawick Callants Club recently installed the “Passchendaele Negative” sculptures which were unveiled on Gallipoli Day 12 July 2019.

**FLUX**
Niall Campbell New paintings, schooled in Dunblane and a graduate of Goldsmiths College - now lives/works in Borders.

**FREEMASONRY IN HAWICK**
A look back at over 250 years of freemasons in Hawick.

**WHAT AM I LOOKING FOR?**
Graham Stokes Streetscape paintings Including Border towns and Hawick
TEXTILE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

HAWICK HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS | HAWICK | TD9 0ER
(Please use St Georges Lane Entrance)

Opening Times 10:00-13:00

New centre which only opened in spring 2019, incorporated within Hawick High School to deliver much needed skills back into the textile sector. Showcase training being delivered within centre.

BORDERS DISTILLERY

COMMERCIAL ROAD | HAWICK | TD9 7AQ

Opening Times 10:00 – 16:00 | Listing Category C

The building was originally designed for the Hawick Urban Electric Company in a Tudor Cotswold style in the early 20th century and then became an engineers workshops for Turnbull & Scott. It was brought back into use by the Borders Distillery in 2018 with Gray Macpherson Architects. The conversion has won a number of national awards including from the Civic Trust and the RIAS as well as a local Scottish Borders Council Design Award in 2018.

Free Distillery Tours at 14:00 and 15:00 only for Doors Open Day (limited to a maximum 15 visitors for each tour). Gin samples are not included in the free tours but can be purchased at the end of the tour.

PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL
phone 01450 374 330
HAWICK RFC MANSFIELD PARK

MANSFIELD ROAD | HAWICK | TD9 8AS

**Opening Times** 11:00 – 13:00

The home of Hawick Rugby Football Club. The club room containing the Bill McLaren Room as well as the trophy room and education room will be open.

There is a home rugby game in the afternoon with a 15:00 kick-off. Turnstiles open at 13:30 for (paid) entry to the game.

HAWICK TOWN HALL

HIGH STREET | HAWICK | TD9 9EF

**Date of building** 1884 | **Opening Times** 9:30 to 16:30 | **Architect/s** James Campbell Walker

**Listing** Category A

An outstanding late-19th century Scottish Baronial town hall on a prominent corner site with a tower that has a commanding presence over the whole town. The current town hall replaced the earlier tollbooth on the same site. The building continues to be used by the council for offices.

Access to view the Council Chamber, Provost’s Room and Old Police Station and cells which are not normally open to the public.

PRE BOOKING ESSENTIAL Contact Frank Scott at fscott@scottborders.gov.uk
PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE:

**PLEASE CHECK INDIVIDUAL BUILDING DETAILS FOR EXACT OPENING HOURS**

**PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL AT HIGHLIGHTED VENUES:** contact venues direct.

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HAWICK MEN’S SHED

7 LOTHIAN STREET | HAWICK | TD9 9HD

Date of building 1920s | Opening Times 10:00 to 13:00

Dating back to the late 1920s in a loose Art Deco style, the building was used for offices. It was recently converted to become the Hawick Men’s Shed and now provides workshops, display areas and social facilities within a two storey building (access to the upper floor is via a staircase only).

TEXTILE TOWER HOUSE

1 TOWERKNOWE | HAWICK | TD9 9EN

Date of building c 1500 | Opening Times 10:30 to 16:30 | Listing Category B
Website www.liveborders.org.uk

Borders Textile Towerhouse lets visitors discover the knitwear and tweed story, how the Borders woollen industries reached the height of luxury and fashion.

You will also discover the fascinating history of this 500 year old tower from the days of the Border reivers. Styled in the Borders 2019 This exhibition gathers together examples of the best quality fashion and design coming out of the Borders in 2019.

The Wonders of Wool
Ann Smith

The landscape, flora and fauna of Scotland provide inspiration for these vibrant felt art works and other wool felt creations.
Richardson and Son are a long established local printers in the town. They have been involved in printing a number of publications associated with the history of Hawick, including:

“Companion Guide to Hawick and District” for Hawick Archaeological Society

“Hawick & District and The Great War” by Derek Robertson

“Reflections of Hawick” by Ian W Landles BEM and Alan G Brydon.

In 2019 they used an 1863 machine to print Langholm Common-Riding ribbons on pink material and (Colours of the Winner of The Derby)

The building now occupied by Richardson & Son has a long history. In 1921 the North British Railway Company opened a maintenance yard and sidings at the former Andrew Oliver & Son’s auction site in Loch Park, relocating the district’s wagon works from the wilderness at Riccarton junction, near...

With the impending closure of the Waverley Line, the yard and its workshops were converted to an industrial estate by Hawick Town Council in 1968. One of the first tenants was The Hawick News, which moved from its original premises at 24 High Street. Their print works closed in 2000 and is now occupied by Richardson & Son, commercial and general printers.
WALKING TOUR OF STOBS CAMP

4 MILES SOUTH OF HAWICK | ON B6399 | NEWCASTLETON ROAD
CAR PARKING AREA AT STOBS CAMP

Tour Time 09:30 | Website www.stobscamp.org | Duration 90 minutes

Details, map & parking instructions to be sent to attendees via email prior to the event

PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL: Andy Jepson 07899804536
a.jepson@archaeologyscotland.org.uk

Walking tour to see some of the key areas of the First World War training & internment camp including parts of the British Guard camp, a spectacular view of the prisoner of war camp and the re-instated memorial in the former cemetery.

Due to available parking numbers are limited for this tour to a maximum of 30 visitors. Car sharing is advised where possible. The tour takes place outdoors and at times entails walking over uneven ground. Stout footwear and outdoor clothing is advised.

Tour is suitable for families. Children will need to be accompanied by an adult.
As part of Doors Open Day, Mark Douglas, the council’s Team Leader for Heritage & Design will lead a walk around the town centre to view the works of Hawick’s most prominent and prolific architect; James Pearson Alison (1862-1932).

Alison set up business in Hawick in 1887 or 1888 at 19 North Bridge Street which probably initially served as both office and house. In the latter year he was asked by Patrick Laing to design a substantial villa and commissions thereafter followed swiftly as his reputation grew among the local gentry and manufacturers. His office was at ‘The Studio’ at 45 North Bridge Street which he designed in 1900 and his residence being ‘Ladylaw’ in Hawick. He was also a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and a member of the Hawick Callants Club.

Outwith Hawick, his numerous projects including Port House and the Public Hall in Jedburgh, the War Memorial in Denholm and the former Police Station in Kelso. In the centre of Hawick, The Border Club, the former Unionist Club (now The Bourtree) and the Savings Bank on the High Street are all examples of his work.

His practice continued after his death under the existing title of J P Alison & Hobkirk. In 1936 J Murray Aitken was taken into partnership, becoming sole partner in 1955. The firm of Aitken & Turnbull is the successor of this practice.

This walk is generally flat and on footways/paths.

The tour is FREE and no booking is required but numbers will be restricted to 30 visitors to avoid congestion. It would be helpful to express interest in joining the tour by emailing mtdouglas@scotborders.gov.uk in advance.
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DOORS OPEN DAY
Doors Open Days take place throughout Scotland in September and is part of European Heritage Days. The aim is to bring people closer to each other and their heritage.

For details of other Doors Open Days please look up the following: www.doorsopendays.org.uk

We would like to thank the owners / guardians of all the properties open this year; your cooperation and enthusiasm is much appreciated.

PLEASE NOTE THAT VISITORS ENTER VENUES AND TAKE PART IN EVENTS AT THEIR OWN RISK, NEITHER SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL OR THE SCOTTISH CIVIC TRUST ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ACCIDENTS OF DAMAGES INCURRED.

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