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DOORS OPEN DAYS

2026

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doorsopendays.org.uk

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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.

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Children's activities / events



Refreshments available



Wheelchair accessible building



Limited wheelchair access



Limited mobility issues access



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Toilet adapted for the disabled



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Welcome to Doors Open Days Fife 2026. This year Fife Council is continuing to support this nationwide event that promotes visiting some of the lesser known buildings and attractions in Fife with lots of our regular venues opening again for this year, as well as many new places to see.

Why not have a great day out and visit a remote 11thC church, restored doocots, enjoy an art exhibition, visit a lighthouse, browse a collection of Pictish carvings or visit the largest collection of historic cameras and photographic equipment anywhere in Britain - right here in Fife!

All of these and more are available over the three Doors Open Days weekends this September.

For further details visit the DOD website - **doorsopendays.org.uk** - or follow links to the venues' own website to find out more. And remember to check the DOD website for new venues still being added. Please be aware that venues may be subject to closure at short notice, so before travelling check the latest details online.

And whilst you are visiting Fife 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 link and QR code.

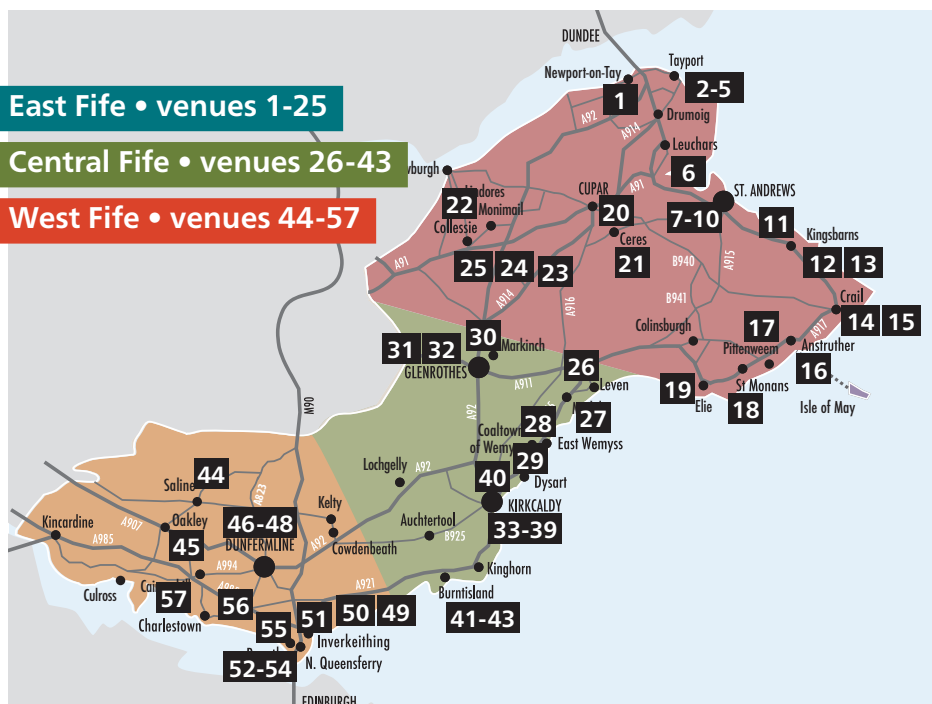
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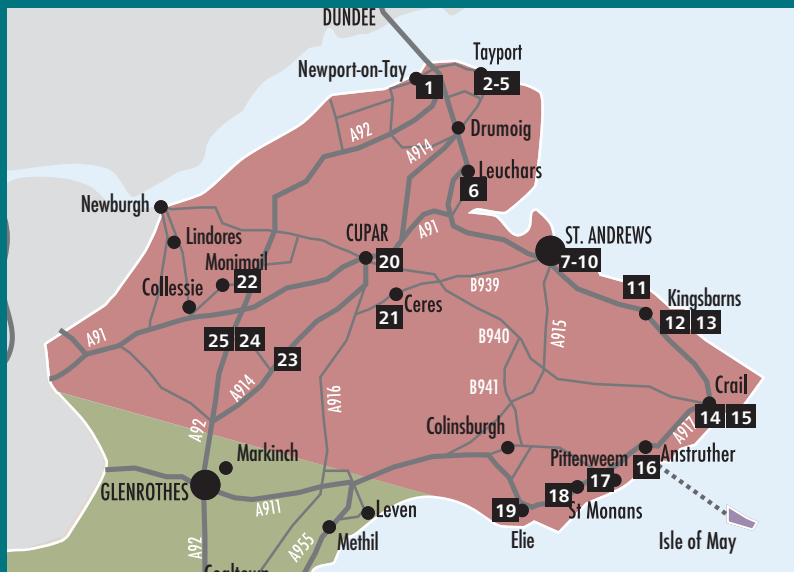
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Newport on Tay**1 St Mary's, Newport**

10 High Street, Newport on Tay
DD6 8DA

 **1230 - 1600 6th Sept**



St Mary's was built in 1886 to a design by Major Thomas Cappon, who also designed the Leng Chapel just outside Newport. The church has some notable features, such as the figures which top the rood screen, depicting Christ as beardless. Also of note are the stained glass windows, designed by, among others, F. Vincent Hart, the Kempe studio, and Alexander Russell, head of design at Dundee Art College. The windows date from 1887 to 1950. The church also boasts a very fine organ, built by William Miller in 1904, which is played every Sunday and for organ recitals.

stmaryschurchnewportontay.org

There is now a lift available for access. Street parking is available.

**Tayport****2 Auld Kirk, Tayport**

Castle Street, Tayport DD6 9BY

 **1100 - 1600 6th Sept**



A religious site since 1607, the present Auld Kirk dates from 1794. It is one of the oldest buildings in Tayport and an important landmark. The Auld Kirk is developing as an Arts, Music and Heritage Centre, while retaining the building's historic features, such as the impressive John Miller organ which was installed in 1899. The surrounding graveyard has many interesting slabs reflecting Tayport's maritime history, and also the family grave of renowned local artist and cartoonist Martin Anderson, better known by his pseudonym Cynicus. Display of maps, photographs and film footage of Tayport's history, including the Millennium carol concert in the Auld Kirk.

tayportauldkirk.org.uk

2pm Guided tour of Auld Kirk graveyard by Dr Iain Flett. 3pm Tour and talk about the Auld Kirk's history by Simon King-Spooner. Street parking is available.



Tayport

3 Burgh Chambers, Tayport

Queen Street, Tayport DD6 9JY

🕒 1030 - 1600 5/6th Sept



Tayport's Burgh Chambers open especially for Doors Open Days and gives visitors the opportunity to visit the former Council Chambers and Burgh Courtroom to view the many pictures, documents, regalia and other artefacts on display which provide an interesting background to Tayport's heritage.

tayportheritage.com

Wheelchair access on ground floor only.



Tayport

4 Our Lady Star of the Sea

36 Queen Street, Tayport DD6 9LQ

🕒 1400 - 1600 6th Sept



Our Lady, Star of the Sea was designed by Reginald Fairlie in the style of Scottish Gothic and the sculpture above the entrance of Our Lady 'Stella Maris' (Star of the Sea) is by Huw Lorimer. The exterior of the church has recently been freshened up and its prominent location makes it an eye catching and attractive feature on the approach to Tayport. There will be stewards at the church throughout the afternoon to answer any questions and an information leaflet is available.

dunkelddiocese.co.uk

There is ramp entry to the building but there are some raised steps, with handrail within.



Tayport**5 St Margaret of Scotland**

Queen Street, Tayport DD6 9JZ

 **1400 - 1600 6th Sept**

St Margaret's is a picturesque building of buttressed red brick, designed in late Victorian Gothic style by Dundee architect Thomas Martin Cappon 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.

stmargarettayport.org

9.30 Church service - all welcome!
Street parking is available.

**Leuchars****6 St Athernase Church**

School Road, Leuchars KY16 0HD

 **1300 - 1600 5/6th Sept**

The chancel and apse are arguably the best surviving 12thC Romanesque building in Scotland. The nave and belltower were added in the 17th & 18th centuries, but more modern works have restored much of the Norman exterior. Recent conservation work concentrated on the exterior detailing, notably the distinctive corbels of human, grotesque and animal carvings. Inside the church is an example of an Albannach cross slab from the 9thC found nearby. You can see the history of the building written in its fabric and find out what our plans are for the future.

leucharsandtayportchurch.co.uk

There are a few low steps within the church, and tours are available on an ad hoc basis.



St Andrews

7 Bogward Doocot

44 Doocot Road, St Andrews
KY16 8QP

 1200 - 1600 6th Sept



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. Join us on Sunday 6th September to find out more about our preservation goals, events and membership, and for an interesting peek inside the Doocot. The doocot is about a mile out of central St Andrews, and can be reached on foot via the Lade Braes walk or by car via the Canongate or Hepburn Gardens, and then turning into Bogward and then Doocot Road.

standrewspreservationtrust.com

See inside historic beehive doocot with stewards present to answer your questions. More info: trust@stapt.org.uk or 01334 477629



St Andrews

8 Byre Theatre, University of St Andrews

Abbey Street, St Andrews KY16 9LA

 1100 - 1600 5th Sept



Join us at the award-winning Byre Theatre building, for tours, displays and to meet the 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 byretheatre.com

byretheatre.com

Find full details of the day's tours, talks and displays nearer the time, with information regarding access and parking, at byretheatre.com



St Andrews

9 St Andrews Heritage Museum & Garden

12 North Street, St Andrews KY16 9PW

 1030 - 1600 5/6th Sept



Explore this 17th century house, with displays of St Andrews fisherfolk, local shops, photography, and the development of the modern town. Two tours are available over our Doors Open weekend. Saturday 5th, 2pm - 2:30pm. An in gallery tour of "Hamewith": focusing on themes of Scots Around the World, Scots Around the Town, and Scots Today. Sunday 6th, 2pm - 2:45pm. Curator's Tour - Explore the history of the house and the people who once called it home with our Curator, Sam Walker.

standrewsmuseum.com

Booking is necessary to take part in the tours. Access to our upper floor is restricted but a digital recreation has been made for those who cannot manage the stairs.



St Andrews

10 St Andrews Town Hall & Burgh Chambers

Queens Gardens, St Andrews KY16 9TA

 1000 - 1400 5th Sept



Located in the historic town of St Andrews the Town Hall & Burgh Chambers are a welcoming, fully accessible venue that serves local residents, community groups, and organisations. Whether you're hosting an event, meeting, class, social gathering, or a wedding in our elegant Burgh Chambers, the Town Hall offers versatile spaces to suit every occasion. This venue has been recently refurbished and is a fantastic location for small weddings.

fife.gov.uk/facilities/hall/st-andrews-town-hall

Payable onstreet parking. Self guided tours but staff are onsite to answer questions.



Boarhills

11 Boarhills Doocot

Boarhills, Nr St Andrews KY16 8PP

 1300 - 1600 5/6th Sept



Boarhills Doocot is a typical Fife lectern style doocot and is thought to date to the 17th century. It was acquired by Boarhills and Dunino Community Trust as part of a project to create a village green space in 2018. The doocot was in a ruinous condition and, after a period of fund raising, work started on its restoration in autumn 2022 and the work was completed in June 2023. The doocot is now an eye-catching feature on the Fife Coastal Path. Come and relax! the adjacent green space is an ideal picnic spot with lovely views. Or why not have a walk on the nearby coastal path or around Boarhills. Tea and cakes at the Doocot, WC facilities at the Village Hall.

boarhillsandduninocommunitytrust.org

Guided tours and an exhibition on the history of doocots in this area.



Kingsbarns

12 Cambo Gardens

Cambo Estate, Kingsbarns KY16 8QD

 1100 & 1400 5/6th Sept



Book a place now for one of our guided tours to explore the Designed Landscape of Cambo Estate, and the heritage and the stories of the buildings within it, with Niall our resident historian. The walk will span over 300 years of history and include the Erskine mausoleum, doocot, stables and concludes with free entry to the walled garden for those booked onto the tour. The walk will be approximately 1h15 - 1h30 and will be over field and woodland and therefore unfortunately not wheelchair accessible. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather and the conditions underfoot.

cambogardens.org.uk

Tours at 11am and 2pm. Meet at Cambo Stables visitor centre in the front courtyard. 15 people per tour. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL** contact niall@cambogardens.org.uk



Kingsbarns

13 Kingsbarns Church

The Square, Kingsbarns KY16 8AS

 1400 - 1700 6th Sept



This much loved village church has been a place of worship since 1631. It has been well looked after and treasured by its congregations and the local community, and though it has seen many transformations, they have left its atmosphere of peace and tranquillity undisturbed. It is home to an especially fine pipe organ (Forster and Andrews 1882) and a Bechstein grand piano, both of which can be enjoyed on our Doors Open Day.

scotlandschurchestrust.org.uk/church/kingsbarns-parish-church

Come and go as you please throughout the afternoon, explore our exhibits and take part in the Churchyard Quiz. There is a quiz for children too!



Crail

14 Crail Museum & Heritage Centre

62/64 Marketgate South KY10 3TL

 Sat 1100 - 1600 Sun 1330 - 1600
5/6th, 12/13th, 19/20th Sept



Crail Museum & Heritage Centre provides an insight into the past life of this ancient Royal Burgh, its kirk, seafaring tradition, and the history of the airfield from the Great War until its closure in 1960. This year's new exhibitions are entitled "Crail Notables", "Roome Bay Past & Present" and "The Restoration of Crail Harbour Painting by David Martin". Crail has been a prosperous and important trading and fishing port since the 12th century, and its picturesque harbour is one of the most frequent images in Scottish calendars and guides. Today there is still commercial fishing from the harbour for crab and lobster which have a reputation for quality. Donations are welcomed.

crailmuseum.uk

Guided walks each day: meeting 1415 at the Museum for a 1430 start. Tickets bookable online or from the Museum shop. Street parking is available.



Crail

15 Crail Parish Church

Marketgate North, Crail KY10 3TH

 1300 - 1600 5/6th Sept



Crail Parish Church has its origins in the second half of the twelfth century. In the early thirteenth century a tower was added to the west end of the building and the nave was re-built with arcades of six gothic arches, opening to north and south aisles and a new arch opening to the chancel. Major alterations occurred in 1815, followed by an extensive work of restoration in 1963. The present layout of the church dates from this period.

crailchurch.com



Anstruther

16 Dreel Halls

High Street, Anstruther Wester
KY10 3DJ

 1100 - 1600 6th Sept



Dreel Halls comprises community and events spaces in a historic complex of buildings including an 18thC tolbooth and 19thC church nave. Take a tour of the A Listed 16thC St Nicholas Tower and, weather permitting, step out onto the parapet for stunning views over Anstruther and out to the Isle of May. Explore the adjacent graveyard with markers showing the extent of previous mediaeval buildings, fascinating gravestones, and the stone coffin in which it's said St Ethernan (Adrian) floated across the sea. Hear about the current and planned works of Anstruther Improvements Association who own the building and operate it for the community. Home baking available.

dreelhalls.org

Tours of the tower will depart the Lower Hall regularly in small groups. Children are welcome but must remain the responsibility of an accompanying adult.

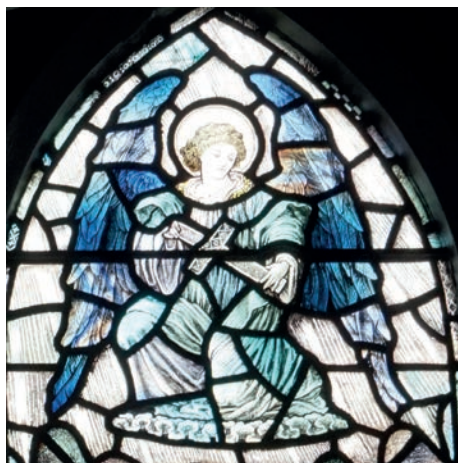


Pittenweem

17 St John the Evangelist

Marygate, Pittenweem KY10 2LH

 1000 - 1600 5/6th Sept



St John the Evangelist is on the site of Pittenweem's 14th century Augustinian priory and within its precinct the building which serves as the Rectory has been described as "one of Scotland's best preserved late medieval houses" and leaflets about the Priory are available at the church. Pittenweem means "place of the cave" and the congregation also has care of the ancient St. Fillan's Cave on Cove Wynd, which has been used for a variety of purposes over the years. Before being renamed after the Reformation it was previously a place of devotion to St. Mary Magdalene and the small pool in the cave was known as the "fontem Marie Magdalene". The cave has been consecrated for church services and is often visited by groups of pilgrims. For St John's Doors Open Days event the cave will be opened by the church for visitors to explore and enjoy it.

eastneuk-episcopal.co.uk



St Monans

18 Jim Matthew Camera Collection

8 West Street, St Monans KY10 2BJ

 1000 - 1700 5/6th Sept



To satisfy his curiosity of camera technology Jim Matthew amassed over 3,000 cameras including the biggest collection, possibly in the world, of Brownies and Box Brownies. Jim's collection was gathered over many years and was offered to St. Monans at his bequest. Working for the Salvage Association gave Jim extensive travel so his collection comes from many countries, and also accounts for all the flags decorating the walls of the Museum. The cameras date from bellows types of 1893 and include examples used for marketing purposes, disposable cameras, stereoscopes, projectors and cine cameras dating from the early 1900s. It is a unique collection of "cameras through the ages" and includes much peripheral camera ephemera.

cameratrust.org

Entry is free but donations are very welcome to enable us to open to the public. Pre-booking for groups of 8+ via the website.



Elie and Earlsferry

19 Earlsferry Town Hall

High St, Elie and Earlsferry KY9 1AF

 Sat 1000 - 1600 Sun 1200 - 1500
5/6th Sept



Built in 1872 in a simple Baronial style by architect John Curry, Earlsferry Town Hall is a historic local landmark. Five years ago, it was purchased from Fife Council by Earlsferry Town Hall Limited, a voluntary community group and charity. Today, the Hall remains a vibrant hub for local clubs. We invite you to visit and view our ongoing sympathetic restoration.

earlsferrytownhall.co.uk



Cupar

20 St James the Great

St Catherine Street, Cupar KY15 4HH

 Sat 1000 - 1500 Sun 1239 - 1530
5/6th Sept



St James the Great, Episcopal church was formally opened December 1867 by Bishop Wordsworth. Built to a design by architect R. Anderson the work was carried out by Mr R. Adam, Cupar Fife. The notable panelling and choir screen were the gift of the Gilroy family, as a memorial to sons lost during the 1914-1918 war. It is believed that they were designed by architect Prof. Lorimer and were carved by the same brothers who restored the woodwork of Dumfermline Abbey.

stjamesandstmarys.org.uk



Ceres**21 Fife Folk Museum**

High Street, Ceres KY15 5NF

 **1000 - 1700 6th Sept**

The Fife Folk Museum first opened its doors in 1968, having been created out of historic weavers' cottages and the 17thC Weigh House. With over 10,000 objects and photographs this small independent museum offers an insight into Fife's rich domestic, industrial and agricultural past. Our exhibition this year is "The Playing Street - Childhood Games" and we will be providing facilities for indoor and outdoor games (weather permitting), for children and any adults who wish to join in.

fifefolkmuseum.org

There are a few steps within the museum buildings.

**Monimail****22 Monimail Tower**

Monimail KY15 7RJ

 **1000 - 1600 5/6th Sept**

Monimail Tower Project is a small charity taking care of a beautiful walled garden and orchard set around a medieval tower in sunny Fife. The tower is dated 13th century - a former residence of the Archbishops of St Andrews. The tower 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 the tower you can take a walk in the walled orchard, garden and woods and see a range of ancient trees.

monimailtower.org

After visiting the Tower explore the walled Gardens, the Orchard and the woods. These are self-guided activities but charity members will be present to answer questions.



Pitlessie

23 Sir David Wilkie Memorial Hall

Ladybank Road, Pitlessie KY15 7SP

 **1200 - 1600 5th Sept**

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

fife.gov.uk/facilities/hall/wilkie-memorial-hall-pitlessie

Historical information about the Sir David Wilkie memorial Hall onsite. On street parking.



Ladybank

24 Off The Rails Arthouse

Upper Flat, Ladybank Station House KY15 7JT

 **1000 - 1600 6th Sept**

Off the Rails Arthouse is a magical, light-filled place tucked away in a corner of Ladybank Station in Fife. It is situated in the former stationmaster's house, a B-listed building which retains many original features. It is used for a wide range of arts and craft activities, including workshops, music and writing groups and exhibitions. We are a charity, run by volunteers. When you visit, we will show you around the building and encourage you to wander or sit in the adjacent garden. We will also be showcasing some of the artwork which takes place and will tell you more about our activities and history. There will be lots to see and plenty to talk about.

offtherailsarthouse.com

Tours will be offered on request but will not be set to a particular schedule.



Ladybank

25 St Mary's, Ladybank

Monkstown, Ladybank KY15 7JX

 Sat 1300 - 1600 Sun 1400 - 1600
5/6th Sept



St Mary's is the last remaining 'cottage' Scottish Episcopal church. The church was originally the last of a row of cottages built in 1810 to house the workers of a nearby factory. By 1896 the cottage belonged to Andrew Young and he rented it to St James the Great in Cupar. In the 20thC the cottage was converted to a church, though it was not named St Mary's until 1951. The altar, and pews come from St Columba's in Kirkcaldy when it was closed in 1946. The Church has a private garden to the rear which is also popular for parish coffee mornings and celebrations.

stjamesandstmarys.org.uk



CENTRAL FIFE



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Leven

26 Silverburn Park Flax Mill

Silverburn Park, Largo Road, Leven
KY8 5PU

 **1100, 1300, 1500 5/6th Sept**



Get a sneak peek inside Silverburn Flax Mill as it prepares to open its doors fully! Built in the 1850's, the B Listed former flax mill has been carefully restored by Fife Employment Access Trust and will soon be opening to the public. Enjoy a guided tour (Age 16+) to learn about the history of the building and future plans. This is a working site and hard hats, high visibility vests and safety boots (all provided) must be worn. Please note the mill is not fully accessible yet and is currently unsuitable for wheelchairs. Silverburn Park is a public space and can be enjoyed by all any time of the day. There are benches and quiet spaces around the Walled Garden. Enjoy a hot drink and cake from the Cottage Window Café between 10am and 4pm.

silverburnpark.co.uk/flaxmill

TOURS MUST BE PRE-BOOKED and will start outside the Cottage Window Café to last approximately 1 hour.



Methil

27 Methil Heritage Centre

272 High Street, Methil KY8 3EQ

 **1300 - 1600 12th Sept**



Take a walk down memory lane with our display of photographs from the local Levenmouth schools and see if you recognise yourself or any of your former classmates or teachers. We will have a mixture of class photos on display and hope to expand our records and capture more details and information from your memories of your school days. Along with short histories and images of the schools, some of which have since been demolished, from the Rankin Archive.

onfife.com/venues/methil-heritage-centre

Street parking.



East Wemyss

28 Save Wemyss Ancient Caves Society

Terras Hall, The Haugh, East Wemyss
KY1 4SB

🕒 1330 - 1700 13th Sept



Come and see the largest collection of Pictish carvings anywhere - still in the place they were made over 1,500 years ago. Perched on a stunning stretch of Fife coastline with sweeping views across the Firth of Forth, these remarkable caves hold over 50 ancient symbols, mysterious animal figures, an early medieval boat, and crosses left by the very first Christian missionaries to walk this land. Above it all loom the dramatic ruins of medieval Macduff Castle, once home to the Earls of Fife.

wemysscaves.org

Open day at the museum with tours from Court Cave regularly throughout the day. BOOKING REQUIRED VIA WEBSITE.



Coaltown of Wemyss

29 Art Catriona Gallery

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

🕒 1200 - 1600 12th Sept



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

artcatriona.com

Possible restrictions for wider wheelchairs.



Markinch

30 St Drostan's

Kirk Brae, Markinch KY7 6DS

 1030 - 1730 12/13th Sept



St Drostan's has one of the best preserved early Norman towers in Scotland, and also one of the oldest, built by Earl Constantine in the 1120s and completed by his successor Gillemicheal in the 1130s. Their grandsons granted the church to the newly formed Priory of St Andrews between 1165 and 1170. The east and west gables are still preserved but the north and south walls have been reconstructed to accommodate the growing congregation. Recently a large arch was discovered, hidden by later building works, and its original appearance has been recreated by a wonderful mural painted by artist Donna Forrester.

stdrostans.co.uk

Regular tours throughout the day.



Leslie

31 Leslie Town Hall

21 High Street, Leslie KY6 3DA

 1000 - 1600 12/13th Sept



Built in 1872 Leslie Town Hall has provided a focus for the community for over 150 years. Since the restoration and refurbishment started in 2023 the building has been used as a theatre and community centre. We look forward to showing the public areas that are normally off limits including the stage, balcony and dressing rooms. The Town Hall is also the home of Leslie Amateur Drama Club, Scotland's oldest continuously performing drama club, which first performed on the Town Hall stage in 1905. There will be a display detailing the history of the drama club and the Town Hall.

leslietownhall.com

To view the basement and balcony visitors need to be able to negotiate stairs. Nearest public parking is at Greenside c100 metres from the building.



Leslie

32 Christ's Kirk on the Green Burial Ground

Greenside, Leslie KY6 3ED



1230, 1330 & 1430 12/13th Sept



It is believed a church has stood on this site since the 10thC and the old name for Leslie, of Fettykil, is possibly derived from the Gaelic for 'wooden church'. Join our guided tour of its early burial ground, where remnants of the medieval church may still survive as part of the Douglas and Rothes mausoleums, and hear the stories of the historic buildings that surround Leslie's ancient green. The tours will start at the Bull Stone and finish at Leslie Town Hall (DOD venue No.31) where refreshment and facilities are available.

leslieheritage.org.uk

Facilities will be available at the nearby Town Hall which is also a Doors Open venue.

Kirkcaldy

33 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

26 Winifred Crescent, Kirkcaldy KY2 5SX



Sat 1000 - 1400 Sun 1400 - 1600 12/13th Sept



Built mainly by three or four teenage volunteers at a time, who were fed and housed by local members and given a modest amount of pocket money. They worked full-time under an experienced building supervisor from 1962-1964. The local congregation helped in their spare time. The building tour includes viewing the pool for baptism by complete immersion. As well as the worship area there is a large recreation hall and a genealogical centre where visitors can get help to research their ancestry. A congregation met in Kirkcaldy as early as 1848.

local.churchofjesuschrist.org

Tours of the church are available throughout the day.



Kirkcaldy

34 Pathhead Parish Church

Church Street, Kirkcaldy KY1 2AA

🕒 1400 - 1600 12/13th Sept



Visit Pathhead Parish Church, a building with a rich history dating back to 1823 and an interior rebuilt after a fire in 1953. Discover many interesting features including beautiful stained glass windows, traditional and modern, and a lifelike matchstick model complete with minister and congregation. Explore displays, documents, and photos telling the story of the church from its early days to its work in the local community today. Enjoy live organ music, try the organ yourself, join a children's activity, and have refreshments. There is something for everyone, and you will find a warm welcome at Pathhead.

pathheadparishchurch.co.uk

Street parking.



Kirkcaldy

35 Ravenscraig Walled Gardens (Kirkcaldy Allotments & Community Gardens)

Dysart Road, Kirkcaldy KY1 2TA

🕒 1000 - 1500 13th Sept



Our Community Garden Allotment is in its 15th year and provides for allotment growers as well as local user groups including:- Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools, disabled adults and volunteers. It incorporates the local green-space improvement groups; 'Growing Kirkcaldy' and 'Greener Kirkcaldy', while Rural Skills Scotland are developing several on-site buildings. Our site provides a diversity of habitats and includes our wildlife pond. We have extensive flower beds which provide 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. Our out-buildings have recently been renovated and it is hoped that these will be open to visitors for DOD.

kirkcaldyallotments.wordpress.com

Tours will be offered on request but will not be set to a particular schedule. Street parking.



Kirkcaldy

36 Town House, Kirkcaldy

2 Wemyssfield, Kirkcaldy KY1 1XW

🕒 1000 - 1500 12th Sept



Kirkcaldy Town House has a Scandinavian theme, and was designed by architects David Carr and William Howard of Edinburgh. Building started in 1937 but was put on hold when WW2 broke out, and did not resume again until 1950 to be completed by the end of the 50's, Kirkcaldy Townhouse is protected as a B Listed building. At the side of the Townhouse there are six provost's lamps from the former Royal Burghs within Kirkcaldy district. These are from Kirkcaldy, Burntisland, Kinghorn, Leven, Buckhaven and Methil. The lamps stood outside the houses of senior councillors and were brought to Townhouse when the Royal Burghs were abolished in 1975.

Short, guided tours of the building at half hourly intervals from 1000 - 1500.



Kirkcaldy

37 Adam Smith Heritage Centre

Adam Smith Close, Kirkcaldy KY1 1HL

🕒 1100 - 1500 12th Sept



Step into the world of Adam Smith and discover a fascinating exhibition exploring his life, ideas, and enduring global influence. As a renowned 18th-century moral philosopher and political economist his work continues to shape modern economics, ethics, and society. The Heritage Centre offers visitors an engaging insight into Smith's life in Kirkcaldy, his intellectual legacy, and his impact across the world. The beautiful Adam Smith Garden will also be open to visitors, a peaceful space where Smith is believed to have spent many hours reflecting on philosophical and political ideas as well as writing his famous book 'The Wealth of Nations'. Guests are invited to enjoy the garden as a place for quiet contemplation and relaxation during their visit.

adamsmithglobalfoundation.com

Limited wheelchair access. Parking nearby.



Kirkcaldy

38 Kirkcaldy Old Kirk & Graveyard

Kirk Wynd, Kirkcaldy KY1 1EH

 **Sat 1000 - 1600 Sun 1300 - 1600
12/13th Sept**


Visit the oldest church in town and its graveyard for a re-enactment of the last fatal duel in Scotland 200 years ago. Join tours of the 15th century tower, held hourly on the half hour, or a guided walk of historic "Adam Smith's Kirkcaldy" on Saturday 1pm - 2.30pm. Limited spaces so booking is essential via the website; where there is a digital tour of the Old Kirk and the view from the tower for those with mobility issues. Ring the bell, cast in 1553, as heard by Adam Smith at his baptism in the church, see our exhibitions on the history of the church and town and enter the world of virtual reality in our fascinating interactive display of 1500.

kirkcaldyoldkirktrust.org.uk

Disabled access via Church Lane KY1 1BG. Limited disabled parking at the church and public car park outside.



Kirkcaldy

39 Merchant's House, Law's Close

339-343 High Street, Kirkcaldy KY1 1JL

 **1100 - 1500 13th Sept**


Commonly known as the 'Merchant's House' Law's Close is one of the finest surviving 16thC town houses in Scotland. When purchased by SHBT in 1986 the house had no prior restoration and so a series of major architectural discoveries were made over a twenty year refurbishment project. Both the building and garden will be open and the Kirkcaldy Civic Society will have a stall on site.

shbt.org.uk/our-buildings/laws-close

Parking is available nearby but due to the character of the building it is not easy to navigate with limited mobility and is unfortunately not wheelchair accessible.



Dysart

40 Kirkcaldy Art Club

Hot Pot Wynd, Dysart KY1 2TQ

**1100 - 1600 12/13th Sept**

Visit our historic building on the corner of Hot Pot Wynd. Once the laundry for the Carmelite Monastery next door, now housing a pottery studio downstairs and a light and airy art studio upstairs which can be accessed by chairlift. Members will be on hand to tell you all about the history of the building. We will have an exhibition and sale of members' work, a tombola and children's activities in our pottery downstairs. You can also try your own hand at throwing a pot.

kirkcaldyartclub.co.uk

There are steps into the pottery but we have a stairlift to access the upstairs art studio. Street parking.



Burntisland

41 Burntisland First Aid Services Trust

60 High Street, Burntisland KY3 9AS

**0930 - 1645 12th Sept**

The former Burntisland Police Station has now been repurposed into a voluntary sector first aid and ambulance base. BFAST provides First Aid cover across the region, and their base is used for training and equipment storage. The former Police custody cells and BFAST training facilities will be open with equipment on display.

bfast.org.uk

Parking limited but with one disabled bay.



Burntisland

42 Burntisland Church of Scotland

East Leven Street, Burntisland KY3 9DX

 1400 - 1600 12/13th Sept



Built in 1592 to 1595 the church is one of the first built after the Reformation. Its square plan is unique in Scotland with members of the congregation sitting on all four sides of the church with the pulpit and communion table in the centre. In 1601 due to plague in Edinburgh King James VI held the General Assembly within its walls, and during that meeting granted a new English translation of the Bible, now known as the 'King James Authorised Version'

burntislandandkinghornchurch.co.uk

Tours can be arranged outwith the times and dates stated, but booking will be required.



Burntisland

43 Burntisland Heritage Centre

Upper Library Halls, 102 High Street, Burntisland KY3 9AS

 1100 - 1600 12/13th Sept



BH SCIO is in the process of moving but welcomes you to visit our new displays and premises in the Upper Library Halls for our new exhibition titled "Burntisland Port of Grace" featuring the Search for the Lost Baggage Ferry of King Charles I.

burntislandheritage.org.uk

There will be a quiz for children and possibly tours of Burntisland Burgh Chambers.



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Saline

44 Saline & District Heritage Museum

Saline Church, Main Street, Saline
KY12 9TL

 1000 - 1400 20th Sept



This year our exhibition will be revisiting and showcasing some of our previous displays, with a focus on the church. Come and learn about the history of the village, how communication has changed over the decades, education past and present and anything else you have always wanted to know about the West Fife village of Saline. There will be a guided tour of our old graveyard and friendly volunteers to chat to.

salinedistrictheritagesociety.wordpress.com

Guided tour of Saline Old Graveyard.
Café nearby.



Oakley

45 Holy Name Church, Oakley

Station Road, Oakley KY12 9NW

 1200 - 1600 20th Sept



The church of the Holy Name was opened in 1958. The windows are special depicting parts of scripture and events from the Gospels. They were created by French artist Gabriel Louar, he also made the Stations of the Cross.

stmargaretsdunfermline.co.uk



Dunfermline

46 St Margaret's Cave

Glen Bridge Car Park, Chalmers Street,
Dunfermline KY12 8DQ

 **Sat 1100 -1500 Sun 1200 -1500**
19/20th Sept



Margaret was a Saxon princess, who became Queen of Scotland when she married King Malcolm Canmore in 1070. Three of her eight children became Kings of Scotland: Edgar, Alexander and David. Margaret died on 16th November 1093, after a deeply religious and charitable life, and her Saint's Day is celebrated on this date. Pope Innocent IV made her a saint in honour of her life and the miracles associated with her. St Margaret's Cave is a special place which has an atmosphere all its own. When you descend 87 steps into the earth, with the haunting sound of monks singing, you can feel the weight of centuries of Dunfermline's history.

onfife.com/visit-explore/museums-galleries/st-margarets-cave

St Margaret's Cave is underground and involves descending a tunnel comprising 87 steps to reach it.



Dunfermline

47 Holy Trinity Church

East Port, Dunfermline KY12 7JE

 **1300 - 1600 19/20th Sept**



Fine Victorian church from 1891 by architect Rowand Anderson who also encased the attractive 1895 Hamilton two-manual pipe organ. Enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of this fine ecclesiastical building, and explore the features, including the fine reredos, and the lovely Kempe & Wilson windows. There will be a hunt and seek quiz for children.

holytrinitychurch.org.uk

Chair lift available to enter church.

Three steps at far end of the church by the choir stalls.



Dunfermline**48 Abbot House**

Maygate, Dunfermline KY12 7NE

 **1000 - 1600 19th Sept**

Come and explore the historic 500 year old Abbot House, in the heart of Dunfermline's heritage quarter. Climb the turnpike staircases to discover a 16th century fresco, a 20th century mural, by renowned Scottish author and artist Alasdair Gray, and a WW2 mural created for the Air Training Corp. There are many interesting architectural features to admire inside and out, and with its distinctive pink colour, it is an architectural gem, full of character and unique features. The building has undergone many changes over the centuries and currently provides studio spaces for local designers and craft makers, and room hire for workshops and events.

abbothouse.org

There are limited 1hr parking bays in front of Abbot House, three disabled parking spaces.

**Aberdour****49 Aberdour Lapidarium**

7 Seaside Place, Aberdour KY3 0TX

 **1100 - 1700 19/20th Sept**

This will be a rare opportunity to see this collection of 130 replicas of predominantly Pictish and mediaeval carved stones from Britain and Ireland. They were carved on sandstone based on the originals by sculptor Leslie 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 discuss and 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.



Aberdour

50 St Fillan's, Aberdour

Hawkcraig Road, Aberdour KY3 0SL



Sat 1000 -1600 Sun 1100 -1600
19/20th Sept



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 transeptal aisle. The church fell into disrepair in the 18th century and was restored in 1926. In 2023, St Fillan's celebrated its 900th Anniversary. It is probably the oldest church in Scotland. This year we celebrate 100 years of St Fillan's re-opening and will have a display that will reflect this. There will also be a display of the Church Silver.

forthviewchurch.org.uk/stfillans



Inverkeithing

51 Forthview Inverkeithing Parish Church

Church Street, Inverkeithing KY11 1LG



1300 - 1600 20th Sept



Visit this Church to see one of the finest baptismal fonts in Scotland. Hear its remarkable story and get the chance to see our lovely stained glass windows, both old and modern. Church will be open with a display of old photographs. There will be volunteers there to welcome visitors and answer questions. There will be a guided walk of the town at 2pm, starting opposite the Old Town House in Town Hall Street.

forthviewchurch.org.uk/inverkeithing

Parking is available in King Street.



North Queensferry**52 St James' Chapel**

Chapel Place, North Queensferry
KY11 1JT

 **0900 - 1700 19/20th Sept**



This historic landmark is one link in the story of the Queensferry Passage named, along with the villages on each shore, for Queen Margaret (c 1046-93) who gave free passage to pilgrims crossing the Forth to visit her shrine at Dunfermline Abbey or the shrine of St Andrew. The North Queensferry Heritage Trust manages access to this historic landmark on behalf of Fife Council who maintain the grounds.

nqht.org/visit-the-chapel-of-st-james

There is a play park for children close by, and WC facilities and parking within 300yds.

**North Queensferry****53 Forth Bridges Lighthouse Museum & Light Tower**

Pierhead, North Queensferry
KY11 1QP

 **0900 - 1700 19/20th Sept**



The Forth Bridges Lighthouse Museum is at the top of the old Pier in North Queensferry. Its main unique exhibit is the Robert Stevenson Light Tower. With an appointment, and a donation, it is also possible to light the unique Argand whale oil lamp, which is the only operational example of its type in the world. Please note that the lighting depends on volunteers, so appointments cannot be guaranteed. The museum also shows displays of the Queensferry Passage.

nqht.org/visit-the-light-tower



North Queensferry

54 Forth Bridges Heritage Centre

Ferry Hills Road, North Queensferry
KY11 1EP

🕒 0900 - 1700 19/20th Sept



A local exhibition of artwork will be held in the Forth Bridges Heritage Centre, along with a gallery with steam train photographs. The gallery will also have an exhibition of artefacts and memorabilia of the Forth Bridge from its opening in 1890. Volunteers will be present to answer questions.

nqht.org/the-second-north-queensferry-station



Rosyth

55 Rosyth Parish Church

82a Queensferry Road, Rosyth
KY11 2PQ

🕒 1000 - 1600 19/20th Sept



Doors Open Days gives you the chance to visit our renovated and modernised building - come and have a look round. Enjoy some refreshments and chat. Very few people have seen the inside of our renewed and restored Church and this is their chance to see how different it is. There are display cabinets holding the history of the building.

forthviewchurch.org.uk/rosyth

Limited parking across the road. Parking at the side of the Church and parking behind the Parkgate Community Centre.



Charlestown**56 The Scottish Lime Centre Trust**

2 Rocks Road, Charlestown KY11 3EN

 **1000 - 1600 19th Sept**

We provide traditional buildings skills training courses, stone and mortar analysis and Building Advisory services. We have a small exhibition area and lecture room, with space for practical demos.

scotlime.org**Cairneyhill****57 Cairneyhill Parish Church**

3 Main Street, Cairneyhill KY12 8QT

 **0930 - 1500 20th Sept**

Cairneyhill Church (1752) has served its congregation through various splits and unions, becoming part of the Church of Scotland in 1929. A simple 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 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.

cairneyhillchurch.org.uk

There will be a Church Service 10:30 - 11:30, all are welcome. Wheelchair access is limited to the ground floor and garden grounds are uneven. Kitchen facilities are available.



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