



# DOORS OPEN DAYS

2024

*Perth & Kinross*

**14 & 15  
SEPTEMBER**

*Unlock Scotland*





# DOORS OPEN DAYS 2024

Welcome to Scotland's biggest free festival celebrating places and spaces new and old. Unlock Scotland and become a tourist in your local area for free! The festival is organised by the Scottish Civic Trust as part of European Heritage Days and co-ordinated locally by Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust.

## HERITAGE OF ROUTES, NETWORKS AND CONNECTIONS



This year's shared European Heritage Days theme is 'Heritage of Routes, Networks and Connections'. Ancient routes, cities or villages, business establishments, religious buildings, post houses, towers, fortifications, and many other elements of our built environment are evidence of these exchanges. This theme is an opportunity to again travel these roads, routes and paths of history to discover what we can learn from them today. It is a chance to explore how our local heritage is connected to a wide variety of influences.

## EUROPEAN HERITAGE DAYS

European Heritage Days are the most widely celebrated participatory cultural events in Europe, boasting of up to 20 million visitors every year. This pan-European project brings citizens together and highlights the European dimensions of our shared cultural heritage.



European Heritage Days  
Journées européennes  
du patrimoine

## PERTH AND KINROSS HERITAGE TRUST



*A Perth and Kinross that values, embraces and enhances the economic, social and environmental benefits of its historic environment.*

Doors Open Days is just one of the Trust's many exciting and community enhancing activities. We are dedicated to high-quality historic building conservation, training, archaeology and heritage promotion projects that provide real social, educational, and economic benefits for Perth and Kinross.

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

## KEY



parking



children's activities



refreshments



hearing loop



digital content



toilet



wheelchair accessible toilet



wheelchair accessible building



non-accessible building



limited access

## PROGRAMME CHANGES

[www.pkht.org.uk/doors-open-days/](http://www.pkht.org.uk/doors-open-days/)



Please be aware the festival events may be subject to last minute change due to unforeseen circumstances. Any changes will be listed online. You may wish to check the website before you travel!

## FEEDBACK

*Win a £50 voucher!*

We'd love to hear your thoughts on venues you visit over the festival weekend.

Go to [www.doorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk) to fill in a visitor survey and be in with a chance of winning a £50 voucher to a venue of your choice!

## PRE-BOOKING

Some festival events require pre-booking. All ticketed events will be available to book from **21st August**.



*Send us  
your  
photos!*

Get involved!  
#DoorsOpenDays





SCOTTISH  
ARCHAEOLOGY  
MONTH

## SCOTTISH ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

[www.archaeologyscotland.org.uk/scottish-archaeology-month/](http://www.archaeologyscotland.org.uk/scottish-archaeology-month/)

Scottish Archaeology Month (SAM), co-ordinated by Archaeology Scotland, has existed for more than 20 years. Alongside Doors Open Days it constitutes Scotland's contribution to European Heritage Days and helps deliver Aim 4 of Scotland's Archaeology Strategy.

SAM encourages people to interact with their archaeology, history and heritage by co-ordinating and promoting a varied programme of events all across Scotland. These include guided walks, exhibitions, excavations, lectures, performances, re-enactments, traditional skills workshops, storytelling, guided tours, conferences and many other activities.

SAM takes place every year in September but includes events running from the end of August until mid-October.



## #1 Aberdalgie and Dupplin Church



A classic example of an ecclesiastical church cluster set within the historic Dupplin Estate, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, with links back to the wars of Scottish Independence, the formation of the British State and the Lords Oliphant, Hay and Dewar dynasties. Come and enjoy a guided tour of the beautiful church sanctuary, ancient burial grounds and walled garden. Refreshments provided, visitors are welcome to bring a picnic.

**Visitors sign up to tours on arrival**

**Sun 15 Sept            12:00pm – 4:00pm**

Aberdalgie & Forteviot Church of Scotland - Aberdalgie, Perth, PH2 0QD

## #2 AK Bell Library



This grade A listed building was designed by Perth City Architect, William Macdonald Mackenzie and operated as an Infirmary from 1836 until 1914 when it became a hospital for WW1 soldiers. Later on it became a tuberculosis centre and offices for Perth Education Authority, before reopening in 1994 as AK Bell Library, the flagship library and archive for Perth & Kinross. Join us for a behind-the-scenes tour of the library building and a chance to see some of the treasures of our archive and local history collections, led by our expert librarians and archivists.

**Tours need to be booked in advance via PBO | 8 per tour**

**Sat 14 Sept**

**Tours: 10:00am - 11:00am, 12:00pm - 1:00pm, 2:00pm - 3:00pm**

Culture Perth and Kinross , AK Bell Library, 2-8 York Place, Perth, PH2 8EP

### #3 Auchterarder Picturehouse



The former Regal Cinema (Auchterarder Picturehouse) is a unique surviving example of small-town cinema from the 1920s, retaining much of its early Art Deco character. The building retains a good number of decorative interior fittings and fixtures including a grand stair with decorative cast iron bannisters, and a rare, curving pressed tin-panel ceiling within the main auditorium.

<https://artdecosociety.uk/2020/09/13/an-auchterarder-art-deco-gem/>

**Visitors sign up to tours on arrival**

**Sat 14 Sept                      11:00am – 3:00pm | Sun 15 Sept                      11:00am – 3:00pm**  
20A & 20B Townhead Auchterarder Perthshire PH3 1AH

### #4 The Chapter House - Dunkeld Community Archive



Dunkeld Community Archive houses a growing collection of photographs, documents, research and memorabilia relating to the local area, as well as the regimental archive of the Scottish Horse. An exhibition on photography from mid 19th Century to the present day. The earliest ever photographs of Dunkeld by Dr John Wheeley Gough Gutch will be on display along with Dunkeld's Andrew Finley MacKenzie's work.

**People can drop-in (no tour)**

**Sun 15 Sept                      10:00am – 12:00pm (1st Tour), 1:30pm – 4:30pm (2nd Tour)**  
The Chapter House Museum Trust - 12 The Cross, Dunkeld, PH8 0AN

## #5 Cockerel Gilding Video



Video of the process behind the restoration of the cockerel of St. John's Kirk!

Enjoy this 10-minute masterclass from Peter at Ratho Byres Forge explaining how he restored the cockerel, the re-gilding process and the effort it takes for a project of this magnitude.

Visit St. John's Kirk to see the video and the newly repaired and regilded cockerel.

**People can drop-in (no tour)**

**Sat 14 Sept**

St. John's Place PH1 5SZ

## #6 Fair Maid's House



The Royal Scottish Geographical Society's visitor centre is a geographical delight, housed in the oldest secular building in Perth. Visitors can watch the planet from space, see the continents evolve, and learn about the hottest and coldest places on Earth. They can learn about the rich history of Perth and the Fair Maid's House, and discover the very best of geography and exploration through its amazing collection of maps, artefacts and books.

**People can drop-in (no tour)**

**Sat 14 Sept**

**12:30pm – 4:00pm**

Royal Scottish Geographical Society - 15-19 North Port, Perth PH1 5LU



## #7 Gleneagles



Guided tour of Gleneagles, home to the Haldanes and adjoining family chapel, as well as opening of the garden and opportunity to roam the Gleneagles stretch of the ancient drovers road.

**Tours need to be booked in advance via [angelica@gleneagles.biz](mailto:angelica@gleneagles.biz) | 12 per tour**

**Sat 14 Sept | Tours: 11:00am - 12:00pm**

**Sun 15 Sept | Tours: 11:00am - 12:00pm**

Gleneagles House, Gleneagles, Auchterarder PH3 1PJ

Please come down the main drive and at the chapel turn left towards the house where there will be parking available.

## #8 The Glovers' Hall



The Glover Incorporation of Perth has a history in Perth dating back to the Royal Charter of 1210. Established as a trade/guild to secure the rights of glove makers in Perth, the Incorporation has a rich history as can now be exhibited in the new Perth Museum. The Glovers' Hall is used for meetings of the Incorporation twice yearly, and sits on the first floor of the property.

**People can drop-in (no tour)**

**Sat 14 Sept            10:00am – 3:30pm**

**Sun 15 Sept            10:00am – 3:00pm**

36 George Street, Perth

## #9 Monzie Kirk



Early Victorian building with artefacts from earlier medieval building. Designed by William Stirling of Dunblane. Beautiful Morris and Burne Jones stained glass windows. Four ancient yew trees in Kirkyard predate the building by several hundred years. Magnificent Norman and Beard organ from 1913. Church members will be on hand to answer questions. Refreshments will be available.

**People can drop-in (no tour)**

**Sat 14 Sept 1:00pm – 4:00pm**

Mid-strathearn Parish  
Monzie, Crieff PH7 4HE

## #10 Morenish Yard



A contemporary new-build house, Morenish Yard, , created with architects Kirsty Lees and David McMillan, replicates the shape of a Scottish long house. The zinc-clad building appears to float above its stone foundation. The interior, which is the focus of my work, is designed to help root the building in its setting and quietly nestling into the surroundings with a colour palette of soft greens, yellows, pinks and browns, that borrow from the mountainous Loch Tay views.

**People can drop-in (no tour)**

**Sat 14 Sept  
10:00am - 5:00pm**

Morenish Yard, Morenish, Perthshire FK21 8TX

## #11 Museum of Abernethy



The Museum of Abernethy is a small local history museum housed in a renovated byre and stable. It has an extensive collection of local items from clothing to farm implements, and works to engage the community with its past and future. The museum has been volunteer run since its inception 24 years ago.

People can drop-in (no tour)

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

Sat 14 Sept 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Sun 15 Sept 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Museum of Abernethy, School Wynd, Abernethy

## #12 Perth Art Gallery



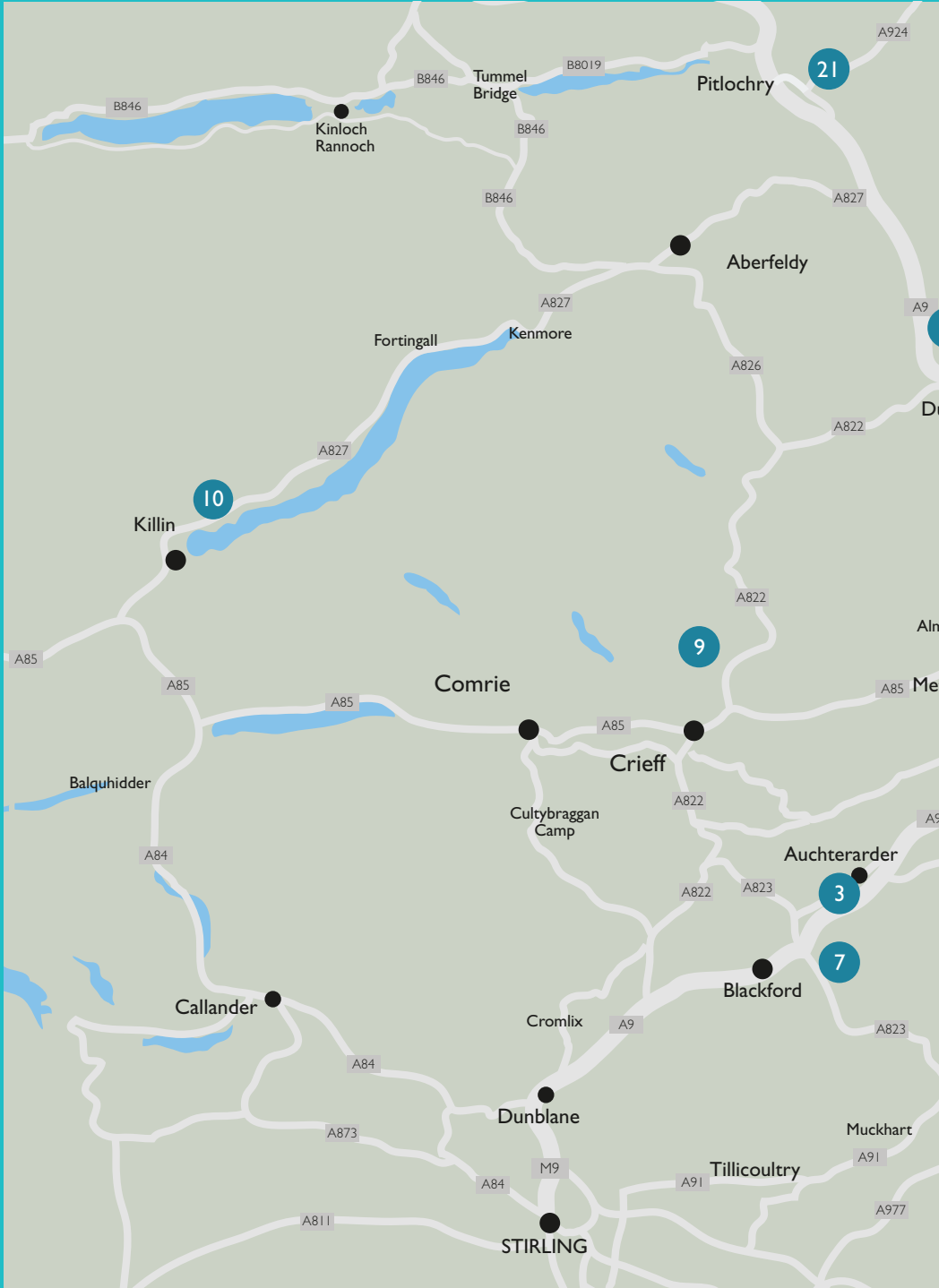
The oldest part of Perth Art Gallery was established in 1824 and designed by architect David Morison. It was one of the oldest purpose-built museums in the United Kingdom. The Museum's collection contains thousands of objects relating to natural and social history, art, crafts, textiles, and cultural objects from around the world. Perth Art Gallery invites you to take a look behind the scenes at one of the oldest purpose-built museum and gallery buildings in the UK, housing the Perth Museum's collection of over half

Tours need to be booked in advance via PBO | 10 per tour

Sat 14 Sept

Tours: 10:30am - 11:30am, 11:45am - 12:45pm, 1:30pm - 2:30pm, 2:30pm - 3:30pm

78 George St, Perth PH1 5LB

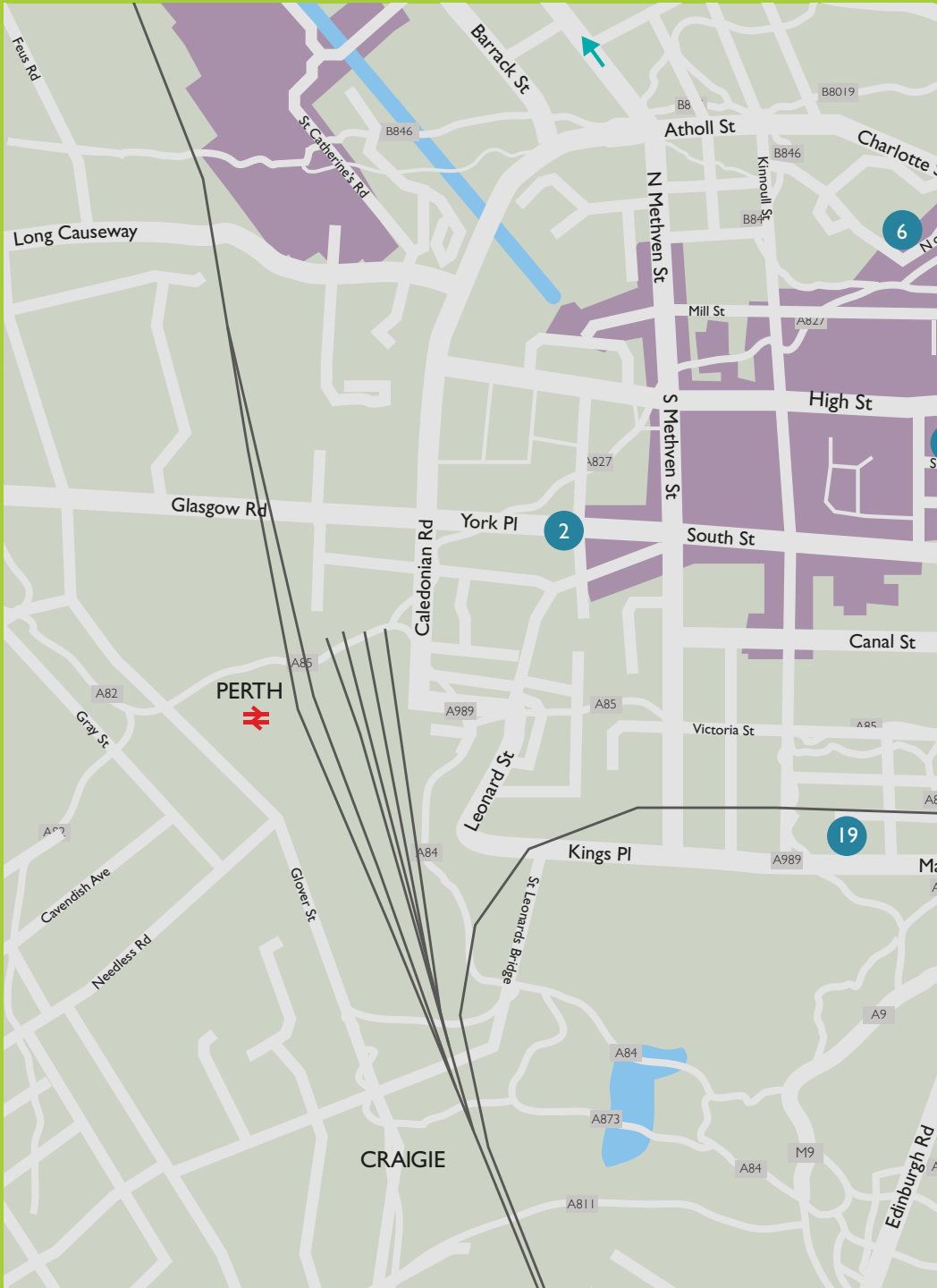


# WIDER PERTH AND KINROSS DOD VENUE MAP



**Disclaimer**

This map is for general guidance only and not to scale.



# PERTH CITY DOORS OPEN DAYS VENUE MAP



## Further travel information

Check individual programme entries for parking, bicycle and public transport symbols.

Parking information for Perth City:  
[www.pkc.gov.uk/cityparking](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/cityparking)

Walking, cycling and bus information and maps: [www.pkc.gov.uk/pkonthegeo](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/pkonthegeo)

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## #13 Perth Museum



The establishment of Perth's museum collections coincided with a period of rapid British Imperial expansion. As people from Perth & Kinross emigrated or travelled to capitalise on the opportunities which an expanding Empire offered, they sent or brought back evidence of their interactions with other cultures and societies. Many worked for The Honourable British East India Company; a private trading company which controlled huge areas of the Indian sub-continent and exploited 'market opportunities' through invasion, coercion, and advantageous alliances. This tour explores some of the activities of the East India Company through the lens of the museum collections on display at Perth Museum.

**Tours need to be booked in advance via PBO | 10 per tour**

**Sat 14 Sept**

**Tours: 11:00am - 11:30am, 12:00pm - 12:30pm, 1:30pm - 2:00pm, 2:30pm - 3:00pm**

St John's Place, Perth, PH1 5SZ

## #14 Perthshire Society of Natural Science



PSNS is Perth's forum for people who share an interest in the Natural World. Home of the 'Curious Minds' lecture series, exploring science with no jargon. It is one of the oldest scientific societies in Scotland, founded in 1867.

**People can drop-in (no tour)**

**Sat 14 Sept 11:00am – 4:00pm**

**Sun 15 Sept 11:00am – 3:30pm**

Perth Art Gallery, George Street, Perth, PH1 5LB



## #15 RSPB Loch Leven



Loch Leven nature reserve is a haven for families, nature lovers and wildlife watchers alike. Set on the southern shore of the loch, the reserve is home to Swallows and breeding waders in spring and summer, migratory geese and Whooper Swans in autumn, and woodland birds all year round. We have a café, shop and toilets.

**Tours need to be booked in advance via PBO | 8 per tour**

**Sun 15 Sept**

**Tours: 11:00am - 12:00pm, 2:00pm - 3:00pm, 3:30pm - 4:30pm**

Vane Farm, Kinross, KY13 9LX

## #16 Scotlandwell Well and Washhouse



The village of Scotlandwell lies to the east of Loch Leven, approximately 4 miles east of Kinross. It is one of the great historic sites of Kinross-shire. Named Fons Scotiae by the Romans who passed this way nearly 2,000 years ago, the curative waters that bubble up through the sandy ground were used by Red Friars who maintained a hospital in the village between 1250 and 1587. Thousands of pilgrims came to Scotlandwell to take the water, the most famous perhaps being King Robert the Bruce who is alleged to have found a cure for leprosy here.

**People can drop-in (no tour)**

**Sun 15 Sept**

**12:30pm - 3:30pm**

Off Main Street, Scotlandwell, KY13

## #17 St. Andrews Church, Forteviot



The historic village of Forteviot is in the heart of the Strathearn Valley between Forgandenny and Dunning. No place has a better claim to be the Cradle of Scotland than Forteviot, where a Pictish royal palace once stood alongside a huge prehistoric ceremonial complex. The church contains a collection of Pictish stones and a historic handbell. Enjoy a guided tour of this beautiful, historic church and village, with village hall, green, carved cross replica, church with historic stones, handbell and grounds. Refreshments available.

**Visitors sign up to tours on arrival**

**Sat 14 Sept 12:00pm - 4:00pm**

Forteviot, Perthshire, PH2 9BT

Aberdalgie & Forteviot Church of Scotland

## #18 St. John's



A church has stood on this site since the early 12th century, giving rise to Perth's alternative name "St. Johnstoun". In May 1599 John Knox preached his famous sermon here. Sir Robert Lorimer was responsible for restoration in 1926 and further restoration works have recently been completed with more waiting to be done. The Kirk has the largest collection of bells in the country and some stunning stained glass windows. Come and enjoy guided tours and organ music.

**Visitors sign up to tours on arrival**

**Sat 14 Sept 10:00am - 4:00pm**

St. John's Place PH1 5SZ

## #19 St. Leonards in the Fields Church



A prominently-sited Scots Gothic-style Category A listed church building overlooking South Inch. Designed by J. J. Stevenson, building work began in May 1883, with the church opening in 1885. The church, with its iconic tower and crown spire, is a Perth landmark. Come learn about our history, and see a collection of historic church items. Tea, coffee and refreshments are available in the church hall. Organ recitals will take place. The church will open to visitors on Sunday after 11.15am morning worship, to which all visitors are invited.

**People can drop-in (no tour)**

**Sat 14 Sept** 10:00am – 4:00pm

**Sun 15 Sept** 12:30pm – 4:00pm

Marshall Pl, Perth PH2 8AG

## #20 St. Matthew's Church



St. Matthew's Church celebrated 150 years of the building in Tay Street, Perth in November 2021. Refurbished in 2016 it has retained most of the features of the original building. Come along for music, art exhibits, guided information, an exhibit by Scone Photo Club, teas and coffee.

**People can drop-in (no tour)**

**Sat 14 Sept** 10:00am – 5:00pm

**Sun 15 Sept** 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Tay Street, Perth PH1 5LQ

## #21 Sunnybrae Cottage



A fine survival of an 18th century Celtic Cuppil 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 (HES). Sign up for this rare opportunity to see the remains of the archaeological investigation which took place inside the cottage, peeling back centuries of building and use.

**People can drop-in (no tour) / Tours need to be booked in advance**

**Email [ArgyllsLodgingAdmin@hes.scot](mailto:ArgyllsLodgingAdmin@hes.scot) by noon Thurs 12 Sept**

**See Doors Open Days website for detailed access information**

**Sat 14 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)**

156 Atholl Road, Pitlochry, PH16 5AR - Historic Environment Scotland

## #22 PKAVS Walled Garden



Historic Walled Garden in the grounds of Murray Royal, established to feed the tenants of Pitcullen House. The garden is now leased from the NHS by PKAVS a local charity, supporting people from Perth and Kinross in their recovery from poor mental health and wellbeing issues by providing meaningful activity.

**People can drop-in (no tour)**

**Sat 14 Sept**      **9:00am – 4:00pm**

**Sun 15 Sept**      **9:00am – 4:00pm**

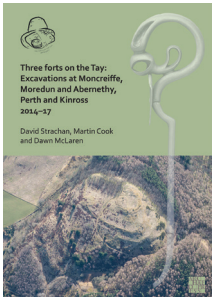
The Walled Garden, The Grounds of Murray Royal, Perth, PH2 7BH



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The Trust has a range of educational publications available for purchase, including:

### **Three Forts on the Tay: Excavations at Moncreiffe, Moredun and Abernethy, Perth and Kinross 2014-17**



Despite a resurgence in Scottish fort studies, few sites have been investigated, especially at the scale reported in this volume. Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust (with AOC Archaeology Group) excavated three hilltop forts on the Tay estuary to explore their enclosing works and internal buildings, uncovering an impressive assemblage of small finds.

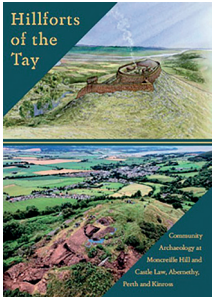
At Moredun fort on Moncreiffe Hill, a previously unknown monumental roundhouse, a rare La Tène bird-head brooch, and evidence of shale bangle industry were uncovered. At Castle Law, Abernethy, excavated in the 1890s and the type-site of Childe's 'Abernethy complex', re-excavation prompted reassessment of the artefacts from original excavations to reveal new evidence of the deposition of artefacts and animal bones within its cistern. Excavation of the enclosing works of these sites, and Moncreiffe fort, suggest an evolution of fort defences from simple earth and stone ramparts to massive timber-laced walls – the *murus Gallicus* described by Caesar – reflecting high status sites with restricted access for a social elite.

*Hillforts of The Tay* was part of the Tay Landscape Partnership Scheme, a community heritage initiative and the results of this citizen science project make a significant contribution to establishing Tayside as a well-studied area for the site type both within Scotland, and further afield.

**£35.00** (excl. postage)

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### Hillforts of the Tay

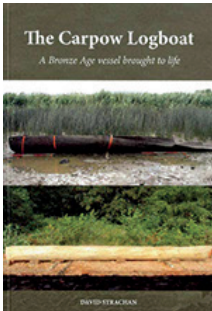


*“This is the endlessly fascinating story of both the hillforts and the people who investigated them, and is precisely the kind of wide-ranging, informative, and easy-to-read guide-book that archaeologists should be making.”* - Current Archaeology

This booklet presents the findings from a major community archaeology project that investigated the little understood hillforts around the Tay estuary between 2014-2018. It tells the story of both forts on Moncreiffe Hill, and at Castle Law, Abernethy, the archaeological work undertaken, and the critical role members of the local community played.

**£5.00** (excl. postage)

### The Carpow Logboat: A Bronze Age vessel brought to life



*“...a remarkable achievement within the context of British maritime archaeology”* - Mariner’s Mirror book review.

This booklet gives an account of the remarkable discovery and excavation of the Carpow Late Bronze Age logboat. It also tells the story of how the excavation team then led a reconstruction of a Bronze Age logboat, using replica bronze tools, on the banks of Loch Tay before paddling it across the loch to its new home at the Scottish Crannog Centre.

**£5.00** (excl. postage)

## PERTH CITY HERITAGE FUND



15 High Street Perth - Before and after

Perth City Heritage Fund fosters economic regeneration by grant assisting the costs of repairs to historic buildings within the Perth Central and Kinnoull Conservation Areas. Running since 2012, we have already invested over £2.5m in more than 50 projects.

PCHF is funded by the Scottish Government regeneration strategy for cities, administered through Historic Environment Scotland. If you would like to be considered for grant assistance, please find further information on our webpage [www.pkht.org.uk/grants/pchf/](http://www.pkht.org.uk/grants/pchf/)

## COMMUNITY HERITAGE GRANTS

Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust's Community Heritage Grant Fund has been established to support community projects that conserve or enhance the historic environment within Perth and Kinross.



Applications for grants of up to £5,000 are invited for either of the following:

- Conservation of historic buildings or monuments in Perth and Kinross that have established and generally unhindered public access.
- Community based recording, research and interpretation of the historic environment in Perth and Kinross.

For up-to-date information on application rounds cut-off dates, application information and successful awards go to <http://www.pkht.org.uk/grants>.

Find all venue details, feedback forms and the national programme at  
[www.doorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk)

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