

**DOORS
OPEN
DAYS** 2021



PERTH & KINROSS

18th & 19th September



Get into
Buildings
Free!

Doors Open Days is Scotland's largest free festival that celebrates heritage and the built environment. It offers free access to over a thousand venues across the country throughout September every year.



www.doorsopendays.org.uk



DOORS OPEN DAYS



Welcome to Scotland's biggest free festival celebrating architecture and the built environment which gives you access to old and new buildings of interest. 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.

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

This year's programme continues to expand online digital access to Scotland's buildings alongside free physical access to buildings. Some of the venues participating this year have arranged for extra virtual tours, available on the internet, so you can visit from the comfort of your own home. Please check the website for the latest information on how to find these.

Pick your doors and plan your visits at: www.doorsopendays.org.uk



Year of Coasts & Waters

Dive into getting out and about visiting new locations in September 2021 as we celebrate our spectacular coasts and waters.



Water is the lifeblood of our green and pleasant country. It's what makes the landscape so special and loved. It has shaped where we build, how we build and greatly influenced our transport & leisure routes for a very long time. Whether you're exploring the coast of the Tay, the banks of the Tummel, the Earn or serene Loch Leven, we hope you can enjoy the best of what our landscapes can offer and, to punctuate your days out, we have many places open for free for you to stop off and visit this year.

DOD Coronavirus Statement

Whilst we have made great strides against the Coronavirus pandemic over more than a year, caution is still to be advised and good social distancing and hand hygiene will need to be heeded at all venues that are physically welcoming visitors. Please respect the efforts that the venues are making to ensure things are as safe as possible for their volunteers, your visit and the concerns of other visitors.

Pre-booking for most visits is recommended although some venues are also welcoming visitors at the door. Some venues are also providing special online access which is the safest type of visit of all and is available world-wide or to those stuck at home. Many of these virtual visits are being created and launched especially for Doors Open Days this September and can be found by checking the central website: www.doorsopendays.org.uk

Restrictions are always changing and we ask that you keep aware of any applicable travel limitations, group sizes and/or other safety measures put in place by Scottish Government guidance before setting off on your visit. Please note that these may change at short notice and venues may have to adapt to their organisation's satisfaction to accommodate you.

PKHT – Who are we? Overview

Doors Open Days in Perth and Kinross are delivered annually and wouldn't be possible without the organisational and financial support of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust.



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 benefit for Perth and Kinross.

See our website for information on our latest projects www.pkht.org.uk some project highlights are also included later in this brochure.



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| | Parking available | | WC with disabled access |
| | Wheelchair accessible building | | Family event |
| | Limited access | | Refreshments available |
| | Not wheelchair accessible building | | Audio loop available |
| | Toilet facilities | | Roman Strathearn Event with Crieff & Strathearn Museum |

Front cover image: 2017 St Matthews Church, Perth © Mike Bell. Roman Helmet by parkjsun from the Noun Project.

01 A9 DUALLING: LUNCARTY TO PASS OF BIRNAM PROJECT



The A9 Dualling: Luncarty to Pass of Birnam project will upgrade 9.5km of the A9 to dual carriageway between Luncarty and Birnam, north of Perth.

Join us for a 2.5km (approx.) walking tour to the new Stanley/Tullybelton Junction and learn about this major infrastructure project and the benefits it's delivering. (subject to any local COVID restrictions and guidance in place at the time).

Sat 18 Sep pre-booked tours at 10am, 12pm, 2pm

Tours need to be booked in advance

Email A9L2B@balfourbeatty.com

Hosted by Transport Scotland & Balfour Beatty

Balfour Beatty Compound, Loak, Bankfoot, Perth, PH1 4EA



© BalfourBeatty

02 ABERDALGIE CHURCH



Aberdalgie Church, with a B-listed building, annex and Georgian walled garden built in 1765, is set in the beautiful Earn Valley just outside Perth.

Tour the site, view the historic artefacts and enjoy the peace and serenity of the church, graveyard and historic garden grounds. Catering available.

Sun 19 Sep 11am-4pm

Visitors can sign up to tours on arrival

Aberdalgie, Perth, PH2 0QD



03 AK BELL LIBRARY



The flagship library for Perth and Kinross, AK Bell Library opened in 1994 in a considerably extended 1838 infirmary building.

Our guided tours will get you behind the scenes to see what historic and artistic treasures are held in our special collections and the Council Archive.

Sat 18 Sep 9:30am-1pm

Tours need to be booked in advance
(Please check Doors Open Days website for booking details)

Hosted by Culture Perth and Kinross

2-8 York Place, Perth PH2 8EP



© CPK



A traditional farm steading transformed to a modern permaculture croft buzzing with life. Farm shop, tea garden, mountain bike trails and bike repair shop.

Explore the farm and help archaeologists from University of Edinburgh build a Roman turf wall.

Sat 18 Sep & Sun 19 Sep 10am-5pm

People can drop-in (no tour) on Sat and Sun but turf building activity is Sat only

Organised by Comrie Croft in collaboration with University of Edinburgh. Part of 'Roman Strathearn' event with Crieff & Strathearn Museum

Braincroft, Crieff, PH7 4JZ



CULTYBRAGGAN CAMP 05



Cultybraggan Camp was built in 1941 as a WWII PoW camp, but is now run as a community resource, business park and heritage visitor attraction.

Learn about the history of the camp and visit the old jail block, which houses a collection of cartoons drawn by a PoW in 1944/45.

Sat 18 Sep & Sun 19 Sep 10am-4pm

Tours need to be booked in advance
(Please check Doors Open Days website for booking details)

Comrie, Perthshire, PH6 2AB



FORTEVIOT CHURCH 06



Forteviot Church is set in an area of great historical importance. The beautiful conservation village was the site of the capital of Scotland in the 9th Century.

Tour the village, church, hall and view the impressive Pictish stones and Celtic bronze bell.

Sun 19 Sep 11am-4pm

Visitors sign up to tours on arrival

Forteviot, Perthshire, PH2 9BT

07 GASK RIDGE ROMAN WATCHTOWERS



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A series of remarkably well-preserved earthworks nearly 2,000 years old. Marking out the locations of timber watchtowers, these unique sites bear evidence of the Roman Empire's most northerly frontier.

Join our local guide for a leisurely and informative walk through this ancient landscape with panoramic views.

Sun 19 Sep

Walk starting location & time to be announced. Please check www.crieffmuseum.org.uk for details and booking info

Part of Crieff & Strathearn Museum's 'Roman Strathearn' event



08 INNERPEFFRAY LIBRARY



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Scotland's first lending library at Innerpeffray: a site steeped in history, with Roman road crossing the Earn, medieval chapel, historic graveyard, school and neo-classical library building.

Take a tour of the library and explore our 'Walter Scott 250' exhibition. Roman soldiers and guest talks.

Sat 18 Sep 10am-5pm
Sun 19 Sep 2pm-5pm

Tours need to be booked in advance www.innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk/whats-on
Part of 'Roman Strathearn' event with Crieff & Strathearn Museum

Innerpeffray, Crieff, PH7 3RF

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LIBRARY OF THE PERTSHIRE SOCIETY OF NATURAL SCIENCE 09



© PSNS

This natural history library contains over 5,000 books and is a treasure trove for students of the history of science. The library holds much information on Perthshire's historic and natural environment.

We will display books for this year's theme of Scotland's coast and waters and publicise the activities of the Society and its four sections.

Sat 18 Sep & Sun 19 Sep 11am-4pm

Perth Museum and Art Gallery,
78 George Street, Perth, PH7 3NF

LOWER CITY MILLS 10



© M Bell

Home to the Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust, we invite you to look behind the scenes into this water driven oatmeal & flour mill which was in use since at least 1715 until the decline of provincial milling in the 1960s. The functional waterwheel is among the largest in Scotland at 3.7m wide and 4.7m in diameter and visitors will be fascinated to see it in action.

Sat 18 Sep & Sun 19 Sep 10am-4pm

Tours need to be booked in advance
www.pkht.org.uk/get-involved/doors-open-days



Hosted by Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust

West Mill Street, Perth, PH1 5QP

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MUSEUM OF ABERNETHY 11



Opened in 1999, the Museum of Abernethy offers an insight into the history of a unique village. Displays and presentations of the village history are available for visitors to the Museum free of charge.

Sat 18 Sep & Sun 19 Sep 1pm-5pm

People can drop-in (no tour)

School Wynd, Abernethy, PH2 9JJ

12 PERTH CATHEDRAL, ST NINIAN'S



The first cathedral to be built in Britain since the Reformation. Recently restored, its stunning architecture features beautiful sculptures and stained glass.

Picnic by the wildlife garden, explore the cathedral's stunning interior, or relax to music performed by cathedral musicians. Choral Evensong at 3pm is open to all.

Sat 18 Sep 10am-4pm

Tours need to be booked in advance
01738 632053
office@perthcathedral.co.uk

North Methven Street, Perth, PH1 5PP



13 PERTH CITY HALL



Originally an Edwardian concert hall that played host to everything from markets and concerts to political conferences and wrestling matches, Perth City Hall is set to become a new cultural attraction for the city.

Planned to open in spring 2024, take a look at the work in progress behind the scenes in this virtual tour:

(Please check Doors Open Days website for booking details)

Hosted by Perth & Kinross Council, Culture & Communities Services



PERTH CREATIVE EXCHANGE 14



Perth Creative Exchange inhabits the former St John's School building (built 1935), its 2019 redevelopment winning the Scottish Property Awards' Regeneration Project of the Year. Visit the vibrant and talented artistic community and see how the former St John's School has been brought back to life.

Sat 18 Sep 10am-5pm

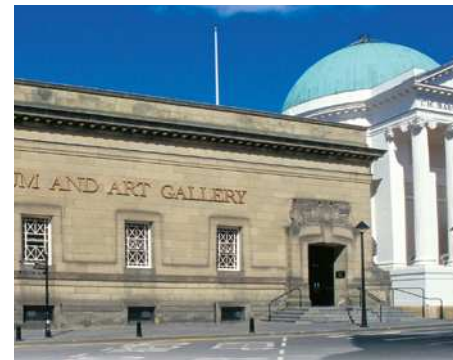
Tours need to be booked in advance. Tours can be booked on Eventbrite, but the public can just turn up to visit studios. Only studios where the artists are taking part will be accessible.

Hosted by WASPS (Workshops & Artists studios Provision Scotland)

Stormont Street, Perth PH1 5NW



PERTH MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY 15



A prominent 1824 rotunda and later extension now home to over half a million historical and artistic objects: a Recognised Collection of National Significance to Scotland.

Come along on a guided tour of our collections and discover what goes on behind the scenes at Perth Museum and Art Gallery!

Sat 18 Sep 10am-5pm

Tours need to be booked in advance
(Please check Doors Open Days website for booking details)

Hosted by Culture Perth and Kinross

78 George Street, Perth PH1 5LB



PITLOCHRY AND MOULIN HERITAGE CENTRE 16



Moulin Kirk founded by St Colm around 800AD, rebuilt many times since but still with a Joug Tree and a crusader grave in the Kirkyard.

A journey through time around Pitlochry and Moulin Parish: Learn about flax-spinning and weaving, old schools, shops, minerals, medicine, preachers, publicans, and the local families.

Sat 18 Sep & Sun 19 Sep 10am-5pm

People can drop-in (no tour)

Hosted by the Moulin Kirk Trust

Moulin Kirk, Moulin Square, Pitlochry, Perthshire, PH16 5EH

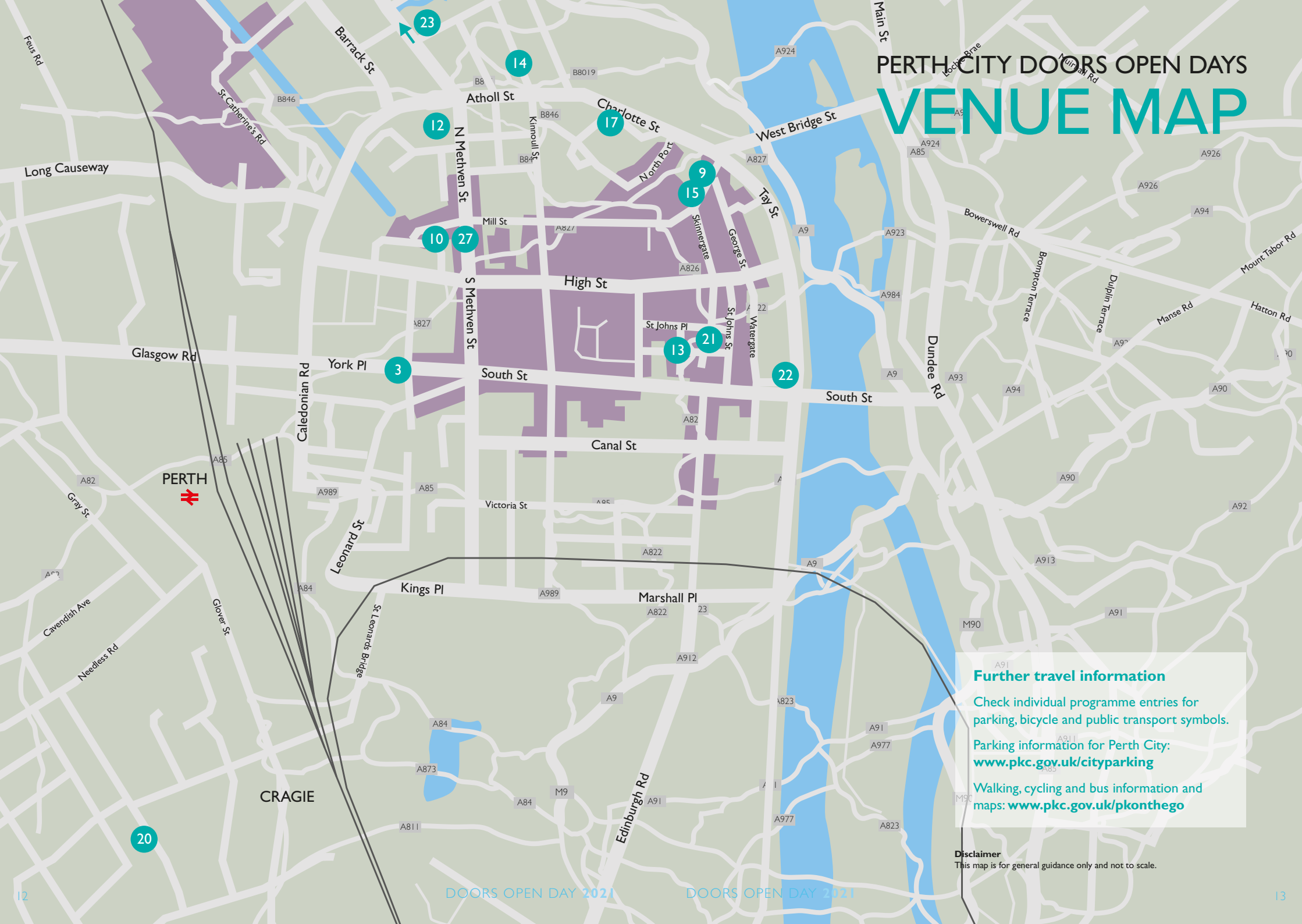
WIDER PERTH AND KINROSS DOD VENUE MAP



Further travel information
Check individual programme entries for parking, bicycle and public transport symbols.
Parking information for Perth City: www.pkc.gov.uk/cityparking
Walking, cycling and bus information and maps: www.pkc.gov.uk/pkonthego

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PERTH CITY DOORS OPEN DAYS VENUE MAP



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17 ROYAL PERTH GOLFING SOCIETY



A Royal Golfing Society within City of Perth from 1824, residing in a famous Georgian crescent within reach of the historic North Inch golf course. We invite you to tour our premises showing artefacts covering almost 200 years of golf.

Sat 18 Sep 10-5pm
 People can drop-in (no tour)
 1 Atholl Crescent, PH1 5NG

18 SCONE AND ST MARTINS PARISH CHURCHES



There are two buildings to visit – Scone Old Church built at New Scone in 1805 and Scone New Church built in 1887, both churches now used by Scone and St Martins Parish Church.

You can visit both buildings and find out how Scone Old was moved stone by stone and how Scone New, originally a Free Church, became part of the parish buildings.

Sat 18 Sep 1pm-3pm
 People can drop-in (no tour)
 25 Angus Rd, Scone, Perth PH2 6QU



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SCOTLANDWELL WASH HOUSE 19



Visit the recently renovated Scotlandwell Wash House designed by the celebrated 19th Century Scottish architect David Bryce and provided for the villagers by their progressive landlord.

Learn about medieval times in the village of Scotlandwell, view the historic Well and find out about the laundry facilities of our Victorian ancestors.

Sat 18 Sep 11am-4pm
 People can drop-in (no tour)
 Hosted by Scotlandwell in Bloom
 Well Road, Scotlandwell, KY13 9JA



SOUTAR HOUSE 20



The home of Perth poet William Soutar; this house retains much of its period oak-panelled rooms, stained glass windows, ceramic fire surrounds and beautiful bookcases full of Soutar's own books.

Join us for a guided virtual tour of Soutar House. Enjoy poetry readings and stories about Soutar House and the Perth poet William Soutar.

Sun 19 Sep 10am-3pm
 People can drop-in (no tour)
 Hosted by Culture Perth and Kinross
 27 Wilson Street, Perth, PH2 0EX



ST JOHN'S KIRK 21



A church has been on this site since at least the early 12th century. It was here that John Knox preached his sermon on 'the sin of idolatry'. The Kirk was restored by Sir Robert Lorimer in 1926.

Guided tours will take place at 11am and 1pm. There will be an organ recital at 12.00 noon. Printed A4 sheets will be available with details about various aspects of the Kirk. The Tower unfortunately, will not be open.

Sat 18 Sep 10am-4pm
 Visitors sign up to tours on arrival
 St. John's Place, Perth PH1 5SZ

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22 ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH



The church, with its iconic 212ft steeple stands on the bank of the River Tay. Built in 1871, St Matthew's retains the architecture, pipe organ and stained glass of its time as well as unique WW1 Black Watch colours.

Sat 18 Sep 10am-5pm
Sun 19 Sep 1pm-4pm

Visitors can sign up to tours on arrival.
Immersive photo tour will be available on www.perthstmatthews.org.uk

Hosted by the Kirk Session of St Matthew's Church

Tay Street, Perth, PH1 1HP



23 THE BLACK WATCH CASTLE AND MUSEUM



Balhouseie Castle is the ancestral home of The Black Watch. In our Museum you will find the incredible stories of Scotland's oldest Highland Regiment. Free entry to the Museum for Doors Open Day.

Sun 19 Sep 9:30am-4:30pm

People can drop-in (no tour)

Balhouseie Castle, Hay Street,
Perth, PH1 5HR



© Black Watch Museum

24 QUARTO PRESS



The press is in a converted cottage and wagon-shed adjacent to Grade B listed Beech Hill House (1750-1800), on the site of a Bronze Age burial.

See and try your hand at historical letterpress printing with metal and wood type. View a range of old machinery and objects from the trade.

Sat 18 Sep & Sun 19 Sep 10am-5pm

Visitors can sign up to tours on arrival

Beech Hill House, Beech Hill Road,
Coupar Angus, PH13 9AZ



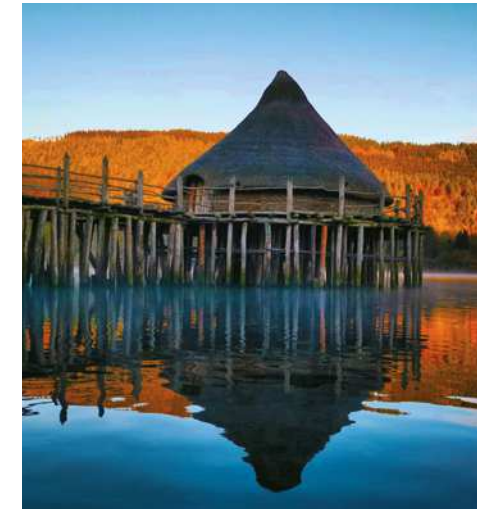
THE SCOTTISH CRANNOG CENTRE 25



The Scottish Crannog Centre is an open-air museum that allows you to walk in the footsteps of the original Crannog dwellers. Immerse yourself in their village life with original artefacts, demonstrations of technologies, textiles, cooking and ancient crafts.

The reconstructed Iron Age Crannog was tragically destroyed by fire in June 2021 but its loss has served to kindle the hopes of the centre to re-build bigger and better..

We offer an immersive, interactive experience, with hands on activities, an opportunity to experience the Iron Age and the lives of ancient Crannog dwellers.



Sat 18 Sep & Sun 19 Sep 10am-5pm

Tours available to book all day
www.crannog.co.uk
01887 830583
info@crannog.co.uk

Loch Tay, Kenmore, PH15 2HY



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TIBBERMORE CHURCH 26



An atmospheric church rich with centuries of history, set in a fascinating walled graveyard and with links to the Battle of Tippermuir fought nearby in 1644. Known to Outlander fans the world over as Cranesmuir Church, scene of the infamous witch trial, visitors can explore the church and stand in the pulpit – if they dare!

Sat 18 Sep & Sun 19 Sep 11am-5pm

People can drop-in (no tour)

Hosted by Historic Churches Scotland

Tibbermore, PH1 1QJ



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Take a walk back in time following the medieval burgh defences and industries along the course of the lade downstream from the Lower City Mills. Now largely underground, the route of these lades follows that of the mediaeval city walls.

Local archaeologist, David Bowler, who has researched the area, will showcase some of his findings and paint a picture of how the lade and its surroundings came to shape some of Perth's streetscapes.

**Sat 18 Sep & Sun 19 Sep 11am & 2pm tours
Meet at Lower City Mills,
West Mill Street, Perth, PH1 5QP**

Lade Tours hosted by PSNS, Alder Archaeology and Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust

Leaving from Lower City Mills West Mill Street, Perth, PH1 5QP



David Bowler



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Perth City Heritage Fund

Regeneration through conservation



15 High Street Perth, before and after improvement work

Perth City Heritage Fund (PCHF), is a scheme funded by the Scottish Government regeneration strategy for cities through Historic Environment Scotland. Its aim is to foster economic regeneration by grant-assisting owners of historic buildings within the Perth Central and Kinnoull Conservation Areas with the costs of high quality repairs to their homes using traditional materials and best conservation practice.

Running since 2012. We have already invested over £2.5m in more than 50 projects.

We invite applications from projects relating to Historic Tenement Repairs, Empty Buildings and Shop Fronts etc. We encourage enquiries as early as possible in a project's development to ensure that the proposed works are eligible.

If you are in the process of developing a project and would like it to be considered for grant assistance, please find further information and get in touch through our webpage

www.pkht.org.uk/grants/pchf



Perth & Kinross Community Heritage Grants

Supporting communities across Perth & Kinross to conserve or enhance the historic environment



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.

The Trust will consider financial support for projects which fall into either of the following categories:

- 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.

Applications for grants of up to £5,000 are invited although larger sums may be considered in exceptional circumstances. Applications will be considered twice a year.

Up to date information on application rounds cut-off dates, application information and successful awards can be seen on www.pkht.org.uk/grants/communityheritagegrants



Architectural Conservation CPD

CP Development Courses

Join us for the second half of our 2021 CPD series. Whether you are a homeowner, starting out in a buildings related career; looking to refresh your conservation knowledge or are a professional encountering historic buildings as part of your work portfolio, this is the CPD programme for you. Our lunchtime sessions are recognised by the Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC) and Scottish Traditional Building Forum (STBF). They are hosted online with Q&A and networking opportunities and delivered using live and recorded content by industry accredited professionals.

For more information and registration visit: www.achitcpd.eventbrite.co.uk

Timber Decay and Repair in Traditional Buildings

Delivered by Historic Environment Scotland's Technical Research Manager Roger Curtis, this CPD will look at the use of timber in traditional construction, decay processes, remedial measures and repair techniques to structural and finishing timber.

25 August

Ecology in and around Traditional Buildings

From navigating legislation to bats, birds and bees in residence, this CDP considers a range of aspects surrounding ecology and traditional buildings with wildlife expert Danièle Muir offering practical guidance on how to design for and carry out work on historic buildings with these factors in mind.

29 September



Decorative Glass in Traditional Buildings

From shopfronts to fanlights, office feature windows to church windows, stained-glass artist Liz Rowley will draw from her extensive experience in historic glass repair and contemporary design to cover the practicalities of common issues, appropriate repair, specification of work and the application of traditional skills in modern design.

27 October





Hillforts of the Tay (2020)

“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 guidebook 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)



Early Medieval Settlement in Upland Perthshire (2019)

Archaeological evidence for settlement and land use in early medieval Scottish upland landscapes remains largely undiscovered. This study records only the second excavation of one important and distinctive house form, the Pitcarmick type building, in the hills of north-east Perth and Kinross.

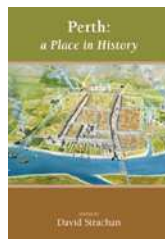
Printed copy £29.00 (excl. postage)



Perth: A Place in History

This excellent book is a must read for anyone from Perth or with an interest in the fascinating history of the area. Through a series of 12 papers, 'Perth: A Place in History' charts the development of the city, from prehistory to the 20th century with notable contributions covering archaeology, cartography, Georgian architecture, the influences of Bells and Dewar's Whisky, and the General Accident insurance company.

£10.00 (excl. postage)

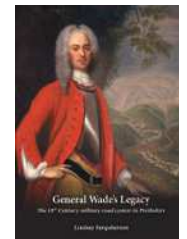


General Wade's Legacy (2011)

This accessible and richly illustrated book and accompanying guide-map of General Wade – the man who brought military roads and bridges to highland Scotland in the early 18th century in response to the Jacobite threat. Packed with interesting details, this booklet is the first significant publication on this fascinating subject in nearly 25 years. The book sets out the history of the military road network whilst the map will help you explore the archaeological sites and guide you along sections of the road that can still be walked today.

£5.00 (excl. postage)

Highlights of PKHT Publications available through our website; www.pkht.org.uk/resources/publications



THE GREAT PERTSHIRE FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL

Celebrating local food & drink on our doorstep!

September 2021

Local businesses have joined together to create a month-long menu of events celebrating the delicious larder and talent the region has to offer.

Pick up a brochure for the diary of events or check out www.greatperthshire.com for a comprehensive and up to date list.



Perth City's New Medieval Trail

www.medievalperth.org



Perth was one of Scotland's most important medieval royal burghs. Many trade routes met here and ships arrived on high tides from England and the continent.

Perth's craftsmen were rich, skilled and influential and the markets flourished. While little of medieval Perth survives above ground, there is still evidence of this important past throughout the city centre.

Discover medieval Perth in the year 1440 through a new series of interpretation boards around the city centre, including 360° virtual images you can view through your phone and find many fascinating facts.

Historical characters will come alive in their digital surroundings and tell you some more about what their lives and the city was like in their time.

A new leaflet with map is available at many venues around Perth which will help you find the locations of interpretation panels. There you can scan the QR codes on the boards to discover more online about Perth's story.

Find all venue details, feedback forms and the national programme at www.doorsopendays.org.uk

This brochure is available online at www.pkht.org.uk/dod

