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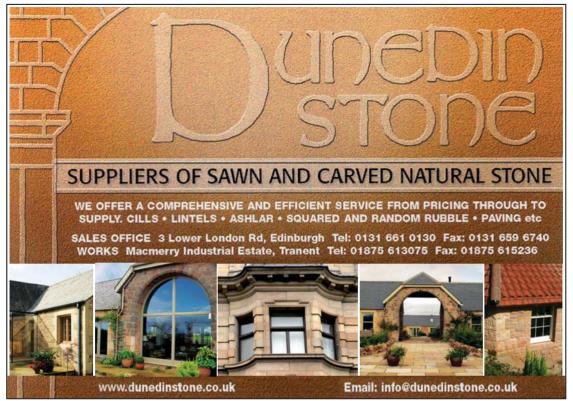
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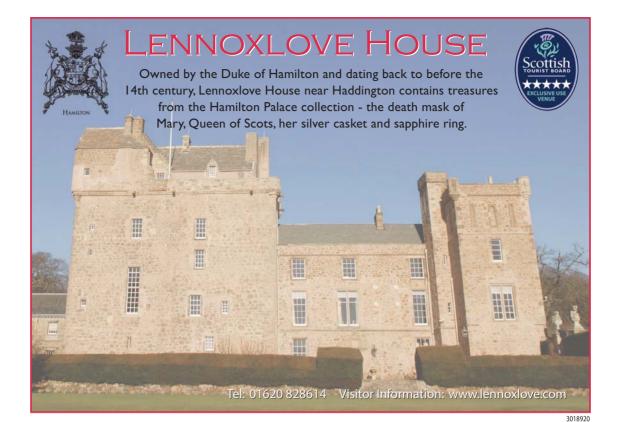


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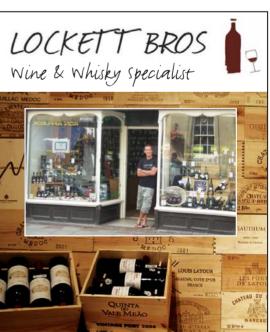
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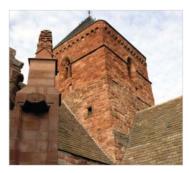
to East Lothian small but special A warm welcome to East Lothian, a small county with lots to offer visitors and residents alike. The area's wild coastline, gently rolling countryside, picturesque towns, villages and famous golf clubs draw visitors from around the world.

The county is in the south east of Scotland and covers 270 square miles. The area is bounded in the west by Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city, to the north by the Firth of Forth, and in the south by the Lammermuir Hills.

Forty-three miles of magnificent coastline include some of the finest beaches in Scotland. Inland, rich arable farmland lies in an open, gently rolling landscape, while to the south a string of unspoilt villages skirt the foot of the Lammermuir Hills, popular with hillwalkers and naturalists. The county is home to about 94,000 people and each year its population grows well above the Scottish national average, perhaps proof of the high quality of life enjoyed by its residents. It boasts an impressive range of public and private sector housing, schools and shops, and offers the best in outdoor and indoor sports and leisure centres. Its principal towns are Haddington, Musselburgh, Tranent, Prestonpans, North Berwick and Dunbar.

This handy guide will tell you more about East Lothian, its history, traditions, and attractions. But it is only a small part of the story: to find out more please pay us a visit. You won't be disappointed.









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A long and turbulent **history**

"The earliest written form of the name Lothian is Lleudinyawn. It occurs in a 12th century Welsh poem but is probably much older." East Lothian is a geographical division of the ancient Celtic province of Lothian, the others being West and Midlothian, each defined today as local government authorities but in the past comprising the fertile rural hinterland of the Scottish capital, Edinburgh, and peppered with royal palaces, castles, great houses, and thriving towns and villages.

The earliest written form of the name Lothian is Lleudinyawn. It occurs in a 12th century Welsh poem but is probably much older. The meaning of the name is debated but may mean 'the land of Lleu's fortress.'

East Lothian's rolling landscape, bordered to the north by the Firth of Forth and in the south by the Lammermuir Hills, comprises wellwatered, fertile soil punctuated by the volcanic outcrops of Traprain Law and Berwick Law. The land was sculpted by glacial action during the last Ice Age that ended 10,000 years ago. As the ice retreated dense forest spread across the area and small groups of people followed. The county's earliest known structure, a Mesolithic huntergatherer's dwelling dating to around 8,300 BC, was excavated in recent years by archaeologists at East Barns.

From around 4,000 BC, agriculture was introduced and forests cleared to plant crops and graze domesticated animals such as sheep. New tools and technologies arose, fashioned from stone and flint. Pottery also developed. Around 2,400 BC stone gave way to bronze in the production of implements such as knives, swords and shields. Large pottery 'beakers' were produced and often placed in stone cist burials, some of which were covered with cairns such as the one at Sparleton Edge.

The burial sites were part of a larger ritual landscape that included standing stones and circles and cup-and-ringed marked stones that are still found scattered across East Lothian. From 1,000 BC iron started to replace bronze for tools, weapons and other artefacts, typical of an expanding pan-European Celtic culture. Hillforts like Traprain Law with defensive ramparts enclosing roundhouses, played a complex part in Celtic culture as gathering sites of ritual, economic and social importance.

The earliest East Lothian people to appear in written records were the Gododdin, (or Votadini to the Romans). The Gododdin were a Celtic people who spoke an early form of Welsh and their bards wrote some of

Picture left: Traprain Law Picture right:

Iron Age Quern





"The story goes that around 832 AD, white clouds forming a cross on a blue sky inspired a Pictish army to defeat a force of Northumbrians." the country's earliest poetry. The tribe seems to have had an alliance with the Roman invaders and although a fort was built at Inveresk Hill near Musselburgh in Gododdin territory, it was probably to protect the Roman flanks against seaborne attacks from the northern Picts.

The Gododdin tribal centres were probably a pallisaded hill fort on Traprain Law (its older name Dun Pender translates as Hill of the Stockades) and one at Din Eidyn, now Edinburgh Castle. In 1919 a horde of Roman silver dating to the 5th century was discovered during excavations at Traprain. The treasure can be seen in the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh.

The Romans left early in the 5th century, abandoning the massive Hadrian's Wall, built to contain and





control Scotland's peoples. In the following centuries the Gododdin as a distinct people disappeared, eclipsed by the incoming Angles of Northumbria, who in turn vied with the Picts and Scots for control of East Lothian. In national mythology the struggle produced Scotland's flag, the St. Andrew's Cross. The story goes that around 832 AD, white clouds forming a cross on a blue sky inspired a Pictish army to defeat a force of Northumbrians. The battle was fought near the village of Athelstaneford where today the St. Andrew's Cross flies in perpetuity to commemorate the event.

Scottish kings favoured East Lothian. David I established Haddington as a royal burgh in the 12th century and King William the Lion built a royal palace there where his son, the future Alexander II, was born. David I also introduced elements of the feudal system to Scotland by granting lands to Anglo-Normans who established the castle as the principal means of defence.

Unfortunately, East Lothian was the preferred route for invading armies and the area suffered in the late 13th and early 14th centuries when social and economic life was disrupted by the Wars of Independence with England. During the remainder of the 14th century, the Black Death reduced the population by about a third.

In the two centuries from 1500 to 1700 events continued to be dominated by wars and religious strife. The Protestant Reformation of the 1550s and 1560s, led by Haddington-born John Knox, initiated the decay and disappearance of many of East Lothian's medieval monastic buildings and churches. But the Reformers also laid down the principle of parish education for all

Picture top: St. Andrew's Cross above Athelstaneford

Picture bottom: Court Street, Haddington children which would serve Scots well when literacy became important in advancing science, industry and commerce. In the 17th century the Covenanting and Cromwellian wars kept things boiling and some of the county's greatest castles such as Tantallon and Hailes were ruined.

But more peaceful times were ahead. The parliamentary union between Scotland and England in 1707 effectively ended wars between the two, although the 1715 and 1745 Jacobite Rebellions which attempted to restore the Stuarts to the British throne, carried echoes of the old enmity. The Battle of Prestonpans was fought in East Lothian in 1745 when a mainly Highland army routed Sir John Cope's Hanoverian troops.

The 18th and 19th centuries saw great changes in agriculture and industry, sweeping away most of what remained of medieval life in town and country. The old runrig system of land tenure with its 'ferm touns,' gradually disappeared, replaced by larger farms with fields enclosed by walls and hedges. In the summer of 2006 one of the lost medieval villages, possibly Eldbotle, was rediscovered on the Archerfield estate during the construction of a golf course.

Many of the peasants who toiled under the old system left the land to work in the growing industries in the towns or were employed as farm workers. In East Lothian the great landowners, John Cockburn of Ormiston, Lord Belhaven and others, maximised the profits from their lands by introducing new crops, agricultural methods and industries.

The expansion of the coal industry, which had existed from medieval times, fuelled new industries such as





potteries, brick works, salt extraction, brewing and distilling, and powered the expanding rail network of the 19th century. Communications were dramatically improved with the introduction of turnpike roads and extensive bridge building. One of the earliest railways in the world was built in East Lothian in 1722 to link Tranent with Cockenzie. Wagons on wooden rails were moved by horses (uphill) and by gravity (downhill).

In the 20th century East Lothian was profoundly affected socially and economically by the two world wars. The extensive agricultural estates with their great houses were in decline before the Second World War, hit hard by heavy death duties and the 1930s economic depression. Many were demolished, others such as Newhailes survived as tourist magnets while a few succeeded in retaining some of their original role as the hubs of large estates.

Many of the industries that grew up in the 18th and 19th centuries did not survive long into the 20th, if at all. The Second World War gave a brief reprieve to heavy industries such as coal mining, but despite the development of open cast mining at Blindwells in the 1980s and 19gos, mining ceased to be a major employer when the last deep mine closed in 1964. The post-war fishing industry was never strong. The two single largest employers in East Lothian today are East Lothian Council and Torness Nuclear Power station although collectively all those employed in tourism constitute an equally large source of employment.

Since 1945 there has been a shift to a service-based economy of small businesses. This generated broad social changes as former mining villages and fishing towns reinvented themselves to accommodate tourism or in part became dormitories for Edinburgh commuters.

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Picture left: Elbotle Excavation

Picture right: Torness Power Station

Tourist *Onformation*





East Lothian has many attractions for visitors and residents alike: historic towns and villages, ancient monuments and castles, superb golf clubs and other sporting facilities, miles of beautiful countryside and rugged coastline. The following information will help you plan and make the most of your visit.

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Tourist information centres

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There are trains running throughout the day to and from Edinburgh. A number

of bus operators also offer services to and from East Lothian and within the county.

Information on travel in East Lothian is available on the web at www.eastlothian.gov.uk or for one-stop information and booking try www.traveline.org.uk, www.travelscotland.com

Access to the countryside

East Lothian offers a great variety of landscapes for walking, cycling and horse riding with the Lammermuir Hills, a long coastline of broad sandy beaches and rugged cliffs, and in between an expanse of arable farmland, woods and rivers. A number of sites are managed by the Council including 68% of the coastline, to provide leisure opportunities, and nature conservation.

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Explore historic settlements

Picture top: St. Martin's Church

Picture bottom: Nungate Bridge, Haddington



East Lothian's towns and villages reflect the history of the county and the various peoples who left their mark. Names such as Tranent, Dunbar and Aberlady are Celtic, Oldhamstocks and Haddington are Anglian and some like Humbie have a Norse ring. Many settlements have disappeared altogether, now just names on old maps. But those that remain are worth visiting. They are the sites of ancient forts, castles, churches and royal palaces and the birthplaces of famous men and women.

Musselburgh is East Lothian's largest town with a population of about 23,000. The other main towns are Haddington (9,000), Tranent (9,000), Prestonpans (7,000), Dunbar (6,500), North Berwick (6,500) and Cockenzie and Port Seton (5,500).

The harbour towns of Dunbar and North Berwick are popular with visitors as are the attractive coastal villages of Longniddry, Aberlady, Gullane and Dirleton. Further inland there are a number of small towns and villages including East Linton, Wallyford, Whitecraig, Ormiston, Athelstaneford, Pencaitland and Gifford.



Towns

Haddington was established as a royal burgh in the 12th century during the reign of King David I of Scots and is one the most attractive and unspoilt market towns in the country. East Lothian Council's head office and the Sheriff Court are located here.

The town nestles beneath the Garelton Hills on the banks of the River Tyne. As you would expect of a burgh that is 800 years old, it has many places of historic interest.

Its most ancient building is **St. Martin's Church**, now ruinous but reputed to be the oldest church in Scotland. It served as an abbey of Cistercian nuns founded in 1178 by Princess Ada, mother of King William the Lion. A royal palace built by William stood in **Court Street** where his son, the future King Alexander II was born in 1198.

St. Mary's Collegiate Church dates from the 14th century and is one of three great pre-Reformation churches in the Lothians. It is also the largest parish church in Scotland.

Other buildings of note include the 17th century Haddington House with its charming walled garden, and the Town House originally built in the 18th century to a design by William Adam, the great neo-classical architect.

Giffordgate in Haddington is reputedly the birthplace of the famous religious reformer John Knox.

Modern facilities include the Aubigny Sports Centre, named after Haddington's French twin town of Aubigny-sur-Nere. The town centre has an excellent variety of small specialist shops and a supermarket. **Cockenzie and Port Seton** are historic fishing communities with long histories, now dominated by a huge coal-burning power station.

The burgh of **Cockenzie** was created in 1591 by King James VI. Between 1655-65 George Seton, the eleventh Lord Seton, built the first harbour at Port Seton, using this name to distinguish it from the harbour at Cockenzie.

The modern town of Cockenzie grew out of a small fishing village surrounded by an area of much historic interest. **Seton Palace**, replaced in the 18th century by Seton Castle, was frequently visited by Mary, Queen of Scots. **Seton Collegiate Church** is an important 15th century building containing a fine vaulted apse.

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Cockenzie and Port Seton still have a fishing industry today, but on a much smaller scale than in the past. Its coastal walkway and harbours help make the area popular with daytrippers and holiday makers. There is also a caravan site at **Seton Sands**.

Dunbar (www.dunbar.org.uk) is the most easterly of the East Lothian burghs, connected directly to Edinburgh 30 miles away by the A1 trunk road, making it an attractive place to live for city commuters.

Dunbar became a royal burgh in 1370 with special trading rights. Its ruined castle by the harbour testifies to its importance in the Middle Ages as a fortified town but this did not prevent the English from burning it twice in the 16th century and Oliver Cromwell's army occupying it in the 17th century after the Battle of Dunbar.



Archaeological excavations in recent years have unearthed a large Celtic fort and artefacts dating back to the Bronze Age. If you are interested in the history of the area, a visit to **Dunbar Town House Museum** is worthwhile.

Dunbar is also the birthplace of the pioneering environmentalist John Muir who was born in the High Street in 1838. He emigrated to the United States with his family in 1849. His passion for nature inspired him to lead the conservation movement that established the great national parks of Yosemite, Sequoia and General Grant. John Muir Country Park outside Dunbar was opened in 1976 to commemorate the town's famous son "Archaeological excavations in recent years have unearthed a large Celtic fort and artefacts dating back to the Bronze Age."



Picture top: Dunbar

Picture bottom: Seton Castle





Picture top: Musselburgh Racecourse Picture bottom: North Berwick Picture right: Bass Pork

"The energetic visitor who climbs to the top of Berwick Law, will be rewarded with spectacular views" and a statue of Muir as a boy stands outside the ancient Town House in the High Street. John Muir's birthplace at 128 High Street is now an interpretative centre, tel. 01368 865 899 or www.jmbt.org.uk. Dunbar tourist information office 01368 86 3353.

Musselburgh (www.musselburghuk.com) is situated at the mouth of the River Esk and derives its name from the extensive mussel beds that lie along its shore on the Firth of Forth. Known locally as The Honest Toun, it dates back almost 2,000 years to a time when an invading Roman army built a fort on Inveresk Hill.

The town's racecourse is Scotland's oldest, dating back to 1816. It still has a full programme of flat and national hunt racing each year. The bounds of the racecourse contain an historic nine-hole golf course which traces its history back to 1672, making it the oldest in the world still in use.

The Musselburgh Silver Arrow claims to be the oldest sporting trophy in the world and is competed for each May by the Royal Company of Archers, the Queen's Bodyguard in Scotland.

The town contains some outstanding architecture including the fine old stone **Tolbooth** of 1590 which was used as a meeting place, courthouse and jail; the old **Mercat Cross** from the 1700s, and the magnificent 18th century **Newhailes House** bought and restored by the National Trust for Scotland.

Musselburgh is also home to the Brunton Theatre (0131 653 4218, www.bruntontheatre.com) which puts on major dramatic productions throughout the year. Loretto School, (www.lorettoschool.co.uk) one of Scotland's leading private schools, was founded in the 19th century and is partly housed in 16th century Pinkie House. North Berwick (www.northberwick.co.uk) is a fishing and trading port dating back to 1373 when it became a royal burgh. Today it is a favourite destination for visitors drawn by its magnificent coastline, golf courses and the Scottish Seabird Centre (www.seabird.org).

The **Bass Rock** lies out to sea east of the town and is home to one of the largest seabird colonies in the world. In the past, the rock had a Celtic monastic settlement and from the 15th century, a state prison.

Robert Louis Stevenson lived in North Berwick for a short time in the second half of the 19th century and **Fidra**, an island off the coast nearby, is thought to have inspired his famous novel *Treasure Island*.

The town gained notoriety in the late 16th century due to its infamous witch trials. A number of women were accused and executed for using evil spells to raise a storm at sea in an attempt to drown King James VI and his Danish bride as they sailed home to Scotland.

The energetic visitor who climbs to the top of **Berwick Law**, a 600-foot plug of solidified volcanic lava south of the town, will be rewarded with spectacular views over the Firth of Forth and the East Lothian hinterland.





In the past, **Prestonpans** (www.prestonpans.com) relied heavily on coalmining. Other industries were also important to the town including salt panning (hence the name), soapmaking, brewing, brickmaking and potteries.

Prestonpans contains some fine historic buildings such as the 15th century **Preston Tower**, 16th century **Northfield House** and 17th century **Hamilton House**.

The town can perhaps claim Scotland's finest example of an old Mercat Cross – the only one in the country that retains its original form and location. The town also has a memorial to the Battle of Prestonpans when Prince Charlie's Highland army defeated the Hanoverian redcoats under General John Cope during the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion. A local farmer Adam Skirving is reputed to have witnessed the affray and written the famous ballad *Hey! Johnnie Cope Are Ye Waulkin Yet*?

Tranent, as its Celtic name suggests, is one of the oldest settlements in East Lothian and despite losing its coal mining industry, retains a strong sense of community.

The founding date of the original village is lost in the mists of time but its name is derived from an early British Celtic name probably meaning 'the settlement on the stream.' Once an important mining town, coal was first worked in Tranent in the 12th century. The history of mining in Scotland is mirrored in the coal heughs, mines and pits of Tranent, from the workings of the outcrops of the 'stone that burns' by the monks of Newbattle, through the serfdom of the collier, to more recent times.

Over 200 years ago, Tranent was the site for 'Scotland's forgotten massacre.' Twelve people were killed by the Pembrokeshire Militia as they protested the government's decision to introduce compulsory military service in Scotland. Among the dead were Joan Crookston and a 13-year-old boy D. Kemp. They are commemorated by a statue in the Civic Square.

Villages

Aberlady (www.aberlady.org) is on the coast by the mouth of the Peffer. It became a port by royal charter in 1149, a status confirmed by act of parliament in 1633 when it was named as the Port of Haddington. It had a natural anchorage able to take vessels of 60 to 70 tons but this is now silted up. The village has an 18th century parish church that retains its 15th century tower. The High Street is lined with attractive 17th, 18th and 19th century houses and cottages.

Athelstaneford

(www.st-andrew.org.uk/flagtrust) is the home of Scotland's national flag, the St. Andrew's Cross. It flies continually in the churchyard above a stone monument to commemorate the defeat in 832AD of a force of Anglians by a Pictish army. The Picts were flagging until inspired by the appearance of white clouds in the shape of a cross on a blue sky. The Saltire was subsequently adopted as the national flag. The story is told in an audiovisual presentation in a 16th century doocot near the church. The present village dates from the 1790s, created "The Bass Rock lies out to sea east of the town and is home to one of the largest seabird colonies in the world."











Picture top: The Wynd, Gifford

> Picture bottom: Preston Hill

Picture opposite top: Oldhamstocks

Picture opposite bottom: Stenton

"Inveresk has perhaps the longest recorded pedigree of any East Lothian village dating back z,000 years" by Sir David Kinloch of Gilmerton as a model village for his estate workers. Its appearance has changed little from that time.

Dirleton (www.gaddabout.org.uk) is a picturesque village dominated by its partly-ruined castle begun by John de Vaux about 1225 and added to by successive occupants until it fell to Cromwell's Roundheads in the 17th century. The old village developed around a green north of the castle and the 17th century rubble-built cottages were joined by larger ones in the 18th and 19th centuries.

East Linton (www.dunpender.net) sits mainly to the west of the River Tyne which provided a ready supply of energy for the many mills that once stood along its banks. Just to the northeast of the village is **Preston** Mill dating back to the Middle Ages and still containing its working machinery. The **River Tyne Bridge** dates to the 1500s and established East Linton as a staging post, perhaps accounting for its generous number of pubs and hotels!

Garvald's houses date to the late 18th century and were built from the local red stone with slated or pantiled roofs. The parish church was established in the 12th century and belonged to the Cistercian priory of Haddington. It was rebuilt in 1829 following the old ground plan and retains some archaic features. Near Garvald is Nunraw. originally a grange owned by the nuns of Haddington and bequeathed in 1563 by its last prioress to the Hepburn family who built a castle there. The castle was restored in 1863 and in 1945 history was revisited when it became a Cistercian monastery.

Gifford (www.giffordonline.com) is an attractive stone village dating from the 17th century. It replaced the earlier village of **Bothans** cleared to make way for Yester House, which itself replaced Yester Castle, the home of the Gifford family. The Dutch-style parish church dates from 1710 and Gifford's most famous son Rev. John Witherspoon was born in its manse in 1723. He became the first moderator of the Presbyterian Church of America and the only clergyman to sign the American Declaration of Independence.

Gullane's (www.gullane.co.uk) origins are ancient with a church recorded here about 800AD. This was replaced in the 1100s by the Old Church of St. Andrew whose ruins stand on Main Street. The village is best known for its three superb golf courses that seem to be all pervasive wherever you are in the village. Gullane Bents is one of the best beaches in East Lothian.

Innerwick traces its roots back to the heyday of nearby Innerwick Castle which was a stronghold of the Stewarts. It was destroyed by the English in 1547. The oldest parts of today's village date to the 18th and early 19th centuries. The church is a plain gothic structure of 1784 with an older manse beside it of 1726 but subsequently altered. At the west end of the village is the early 19th century farm steading of **Temple Mains**, one of the finest in East Lothian.

Inveresk has perhaps the longest recorded pedigree of any East Lothian village dating back 2,000 years to when a Roman Fort stood on Inveresk Hill where the village church stands now. The village street used to be lined with small cottages behind which were built large mansions, away from the dirt and noise of village life. Most of these cottages have gone except for a picturesque group at the east end. But some cottage walls survive as the garden bounds of the mansions. Notable buildings in the village include the church (1805), Inveresk House (1643), Halkerston House (17th

century), and a group of splendid mansions from the 18th century.

Oldhamstocks dates to the 18th century in form but has an early Anglian name meaning 'old settlement.' In 1672 the Scottish Parliament allowed Oldhamstocks to hold fairs. The church was remodelled in 1701 on its 14th century foundations while retaining features built in the intervening years, including a 16th centuru window attributed to the powerful Hepburn family. In the churchyard, the graves of the Broadwood family recall the son who founded the well-known firm of piano makers. Rubble-built houses stand on the north side of the village green with its 18th century village pump and mercat cross.

Ormiston (www.ormiston.co.uk) was a planned village built bu the agricultural improver John Cockburn of Ormiston. It replaced an older village beside the River Type to the west. Building began in 1735 and the village grew into a prosperous community with a brewery, distillery and textile industry. In the early 20th century the village greatly increased in size with the expansion of the coal industry but it retains, in the proportions of its main street. the quality of Cockburn's plans. Robert Moffat, a missionary and friend of David Livingstone, was born here in 1795.

Pencaitland is divided into Easter and Wester and mainly dates from the 17th century. It was created a burgh and barony in 1505 and granted two annual fairs and a weekly market in 1695. The earliest part of the church is the 13th century Winton Aisle, the rest dating to the 16th and 17th centuries. The tower bears the date 1631 and the Saltoun Aisle is also 17th century. Inside is a 17th century pulpit, pew fronts of the 16th and 17th centuries and a gallery of 1653. Near the village is Winton House incorporating the remains of a 15th century house built for George, Lord Seton, but mostly destroyed by the English in 1544. From 1620 a large Jacobean mansion designed by the King's master mason William Wallace was added to the remains of the old house. It has fine plaster ceilings from that date.

Saltoun will forever be associated with Sir Andrew Fletcher of Saltoun nicknamed The Patriot for his strong opposition to the union of Scotland and England in 1707. His family bought the estate of Saltoun in 1643 and introduced new farming practices and industries in the ensuing centuries. Saltoun Hall and the village church are notable landmarks built or improved by the Fletcher family.

Stenton is a village that has altered little in the last 150 years and preserves a strong historical atmosphere. Its houses are mostly traditional buildings dating from the late 17th and 18th centuries, rubblebuilt with pantiled roofs. Other ancient buildings include a 16th century **Rood Well** and in the churchyard a saddlebacked and crow-stepped tower of 1525 marks the site of the former parish church. The tower has eight openings and sixty nests inside for pigeons.

Tyninghame is a small, idyllic village with an old name but established in its present form in the 18th and 19th centuries. It began as a home for old retainers of the Earls of Haddington and was expanded in the 19th century as an estate village. The mansion of Tyninghame House was substantially altered in the 19th century by William Burn who transformed it into a great mock-baronial edifice. Nearby Binning Wood was laid out in the early 18th century on a plan similar to that at the Forest of Fontainebleau.





Castles,

great houses and churches



Dirleton Castle Picture right:

"Its library was described by Dr. Johnson as 'the most learned room in Europe' as it was visited by many of the leading figures of the Scottish Enlightenment." East Lothian has many historic buildings, many of which are in private ownership and not normally open to the public, others have become hotels or family homes. Here is a selection of significant buildings that are open to the public.

Dirleton Castle was founded by John de Vaux in 1225 and stands in the attractive village of the same name. The castle was rebuilt and enlarged in the 14th century by the Halyburton family after being demolished in 1311 bu King Robert Bruce to prevent it being garrisoned by the English during the Wars of Independence. It then passed to the Ruthven and Erskine families before being badly damaged in 1650 by General Monk during the Cromwellian War. It passed to the Nisbet family in 1663 but was soon abandoned as a home in favour of the nearbu mansion of Archerfield. Despite subsequently being guarried for its stones by local builders, substantial ruins remain including a drawbridge, chapel and pit-prison. The castle is surrounded by fine gardens that contain a doocot from 1550.

tel: 01620 850330 www.historic-scotland.gov.uk

Hailes Castle stands on the south bank of the River Tyne one-and-a-half miles southwest of East Linton. The extensive ruin dates from the 13th century when the Gourlay family began its construction. The castle passed in the 16th century to James Hepburn, 4th Earl of Bothwell and third husband of Mary, Queen of Scots. He brought her to Hailes on their flight from Borthwick Castle in 1567. Hailes was ruined by Oliver Cromwell's army in 1650. The castle was sold to Sir David Dalrymple of the noted legal family, whose grandson became Lord Hailes. The castle was gifted to the nation in 1926 by the former Prime Minister Arthur Balfour, its last private owner. Open all year.

Massive Tantallon Castle was also reduced by Cromwell's army in 1650. The castle was a stronghold of the powerful Douglas family and stands in a dramatic setting on the edge of high cliffs three miles east of North Berwick. Originally built by William, 1st Earl of Douglas (1327-1384), the castle passed through his illegitimate son to the Earls of Angus or 'Red' Douglases. The extended site at Tantallon includes a doocot, earthwork defences, a dru moat, and a massive 50-foot high curtain wall with flanking towers. The gatehouse tower was enlarged and remodelled by King James V in the 16th century.

tel: 01620 892727 www.historic-scotland.gov.uk

Lennoxlove House near Haddington dates at least to the 14th century and contains treasures from the Hamilton Palace Collection as well as the death mask of Mary, Queen of Scots, her silver casket and sapphire ring.

i tel: 01620 823720 www.lennoxlove.com



Newhailes House at Newhailes Road, Musselburgh is a fine mansion built in 1686 by Scottish architect James Smith and added to in the 18th century. Its library was described by Dr. Johnson as 'the most learned room in Europe' as it was visited by many of the leading figures of the Scottish Enlightenment. The house has been described as a 'time capsule' as most of its original decoration and furnishings have survived. It has been carefully restored by the National Trust for Scotland after being donated to the nation in 1997.

tel: 0131 653 5599 email: information@nts.org.uk www.nts.org.uk

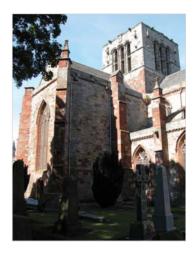
Winton House at the village of Pencaitland is still a family home after 500 years and contains many art treasures and fine furniture including a fine collection of paintings by Scottish artists.

tel: 01875 340222 email: enquiries@wintonhouse.co.uk www.wintonhouse.co.uk Seton Collegiate Church at Port Seton dates to the 15th century. The transepts and steeple were added by the widow of Lord Seton, who was killed with King James IV at the Battle of Flodden in 1513.

tel: 01875 813334 email: hs.explorer@scotland.qsi.qov.uk

St. Mary's Parish Church sitting alongside the River Tyne in Haddington is one of the three great pre-Reformation churches surviving in the Lothians, the others being St. Giles' in Edinburgh and St. Michael's at Linlithgow. The church is a source of pride for the local community who organised its restoration in the 1970s after its partial destruction by an English army in 1548.

🕡 tel: 01620 823109 / 01620 825111



Picture top: St. Mary's Kirk, Haddington

Picture bottom: Winton House







Visitor

attractions

Museums

www.eastlothianmuseums.org

John Muir Birthplace Visitor Centre at 126 High Street, Dunbar, is an impressive interpretative centre in the house where 'the father of modern conservation' was born in 1838. Muir's family emigrated to the United States where he became a leading environmentalist campaigning for the establishment of great national parks such as Yosemite.

i tel: 01368 865899 www.jmbt.org.uk

Museum of Flight at East Fortune, outside North Berwick, is Scotland's national museum of aviation and houses a large collection of aircraft in the hangars of a World War II airfield. The collection includes one of the first Concorde supersonic airliners to go into commercial service.

tel: 01620 880308 email: info@nms.ac.uk www.nms.ac.uk/flight Myreton Motor Museum established in 1966 is outside Aberlady. It has a large and fascinating collection of cars, bicycles, motorcycles and commercial vehicles dating from 1899. There is also a large collection of period advertising, posters, enamel signs and toy vehicles.

tel: 01875 870288 / 07947 066666 www.aberlady.org

Prestongrange Industrial Heritage Museum near Prestonpans is on a former colliery site and has extensive displays and special exhibitions, the centrepiece of which is its rare Cornish beam engine.

tel: 0131 653 2904 email: prestongrange@btconnect.com www.eastlothian.gov.uk

Preston Mill near East Linton is a picturesque working watermill dating to the 17th century. There is an exhibition on milling and the working life of a miller. Nearby is the Phantassie Doocot which once held 500 birds.

tel: 01620 860426 www.nts.org.uk

The Bass Rock is a huge volcanic crag which sits in the sea a mile or so east of North Berwick and is famous for its colonies of North Atlantic Gannets and other sea birds.

Boat trips during summer tel: 01620 892197 www.north-berwick.co.uk

John Muir's Birthplace

Museum of Flight

Belhaven Brewery at Dunbar is Scotland's oldest dating to 1716 and still producing a fine range of real ales. Tours by arrangement

tel: 01368 869200 www.belhaven.co.uk

Glenkinchie Distillery produces fine malt whisky from its stills near Pencaitland. Guided tours present the whole process of whisky distilling.

tel: 01875 342004 www.scotchwhisky.net

John Muir Country Park near Dunbar is a nature conservation area of 1,760 acres dedicated to the founder of America's national parks who was born in nearby Dunbar in 1838. Free access at all times.

i www.eastlothian.gov.uk

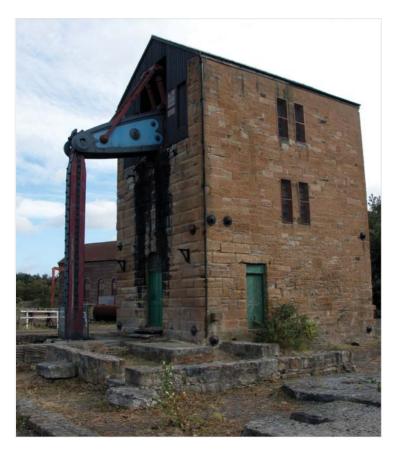
The Scottish Seabird Centre at North Berwick offers excellent facilities for the enthusiastic bird watcher with panoramic views over the Firth of Forth to the Bass Rock. Bird populations are monitored by remote cameras in strategic locations and beamed into the centre.

tel: 01620 890202
 email: info@seabird.org
 www.seabird.org

"an impressive interpretative centre in the house where 'the father of modern conservation' was born"

Picture left: Beam Engine, Preston Grange

Picture bottom: Glenkinchie Distillery







Living



Housing

East Lothian has an excellent stock of housing in both the private and public sectors demand for which has been rising in recent years as the county's population has increased well above the national average for Scotland.

Major companies are building homes in the area and this, combined with existing housing stock, gives potential house buyers a good choice in urban, semi-rural, rural and coastal locations. East Lothian's commitment to the *Edinburgh and Lothian Structure Plan*, is to allow 4,800 new homes to be built by 2015.

Careful planning and public consultation are key elements in helping to ensure a proper balance between appropriate development and the conservation of East Lothian's fine natural and architectural heritage.

Education

Except for a small minority who attend independent schools, most of East Lothian's 14,500 pupils attend state schools. East Lothian Council is responsible for two nursery schools and 29 nursery classes, 35 primary schools and six secondary schools (one in each major town). All the schools are devolved, which means that they manage themselves and have their own budgets.

The Council's Education Division provides central support to schools, teachers, parents and students. It also develops and implements policies throughout East Lothian's schools for curriculum development, information and communications technology, inclusion and equality and involvement.

email: educationenquiries@ eastlothian.gov.uk

Queen Margaret University

QMU completed a new campus outside Musselburgh in 2007 and is East Lothian's first higher education institution. It has a student roll of around 5,500 of whom 800 live on campus. QMU offers a wide range of courses in health sciences, social sciences, media and communications and drama and creative industries.

🚺 www.qmu.ac.uk



Picture top: Solar Lights, QMU



Picture left: North Berwick High Street

Shopping

East Lothian's towns and villages have a wide range of shops and services to satisfy most consumer requirements. Each town has at least one representative of the large supermarket chains for weekly bulk buying, but all of the towns and most of the villages have a selection of specialist retailers offering an enticing array of quality goods. The Yellow Pages are a good source of information on what's available.

Farmers' markets are also held at various locations throughout the year and are usually announced in the local press.

Eating Out

East Lothian is justly proud of its food and drink traditions with a rich variety of fine local produce from its many farms and the famous drinks produced at Glenkinchie Distillery and Belhaven Brewery.

Each year many of the county's most distinguished restaurants, hotels and

producers take part in an annual Food Festival to celebrate the culinary arts. But don't wait for the food festival, excellent food and drink are available all year round!

www.eastlothianattractions.co.uk www.eastlothian.gov.uk

Sport and Recreation

East Lothian has an abundance of sport and leisure facilities throughout the county, with a leisure pool, four swimming pools and six sports centres open all year round supplemented by additional facilities during the summer. It also has some of the world's best golf courses. The county's long coastline provides opportunities for watersports such as sailing, windsurfing, water skiing or diving.

Dunbar Leisure Pool sits above the harbour affording views across the Firth of Forth from both the pool and café. Not far from the pool is Lauderdale Park, a walled garden that is ideal for summer picnics and offers some activities for younger children.







North Berwick is a popular holiday destination and the extensive putting greens on the East and West Links are always a popular attraction along with **North Berwick Sports Centre** with its swimming pool.

In Haddington the Aubigny Sports Centre provides facilities for everyone. As well as a swimming pool and health suite with sauna and steam room, the sports hall has a variety of uses including basketball, badminton and football.

Meadowmill Sports Centre, Tranent is a centre for sporting excellence with an activity hall, outdoor pitches, and gym. The town of Tranent itself has the Loch Centre, and visitors can enjoy the swimming pool, sauna and steam room as well as an airconditioned gym with state of the art equipment.

Mercat Gait Centre at Prestonpans was opened in 2005 and provides up-todate swimming and health facilities.

Musselburgh Sports Centre has a swimming pool, and a sports hall, which can accommodate a wide range of sports. The centre also has two squash courts, gym and soft play area so there is plenty to occupy everyone regardless of age.

All the sports centres have cafes that can provide snacks and light meals. They also offer a wide variety of coached classes and there are regular crèches to allow parents to take part in activities. The sports halls and pools can be hired for private functions such as birthday parties or tournaments and staff at the centres will be happy to explain further.

For further information on activities, please contact SportPlus on 0131 653 5200 or your nearest sports centre and have some fun. Aubigny Centre Mill Wynd, Haddington EH41 4DB tel: 01620 826800

Dunbar Leisure Pool Castle Park, Dunbar EH42 1EU tel: 01368 865456

Loch Centre Well Wynd, Tranent EH33 2JX tel: 01875 824140

Meadowmill Centre by Tranent, EH33 1LZ tel: 01875 619079

Mercat Gait Centre Preston Road, Prestonpans tel: 01875 815483

Musselburgh Centre Newbigging, Musselburgh EH21 7AS tel: 0131 653 5208

North Berwick Centre Grange Road, N. Berwick EH39 4QS tel: 01620 893454

Archery

The Scottish Archery Centre Fenton Barns, North Berwick

Open by arrangement. Visitors can try archery, crossbow and air rifle all indoors. All disciplines are conducted under strict supervision and instruction.

tel: 01620 850401 www.scottisharcherycentre.co.uk

Golf

John Huggan of America's Golf Digest wrote about golf: "Nowhere but Scotland offers the same sense of history and nowhere in the world is there a better place to play. And within Scotland, nowhere is better than East Lothian because it has within its relatively narrow confines, the finest collection of golf courses anywhere."

East Lothian has 22 golf courses most of which are links courses near or on the seashore. Often buffeted by the



Picture top: Tartan Flock, East Links Family Park

prevailing winds, they offer the golf connoisseur a stiff challenge.

The greatest of these courses is Muirfield, host to 15 Open Championships and often named by top professionals as the greatest course in the world.

Not far behind are Gullane No.1, North Berwick, Dunbar and Luffness each course providing its own unique challenges. Don't miss Musselburgh Links Old Course, the oldest playing golf course in the world with a recorded history back to 1672.

 For full information on golf in East Lothian visit www.golfeastlothian.com

Fishing

East Lothian offers opportunities for both freshwater and sea fishing at the following locations:

Hopes Reservoir and Whiteadder Reservoir both near Gifford Fishing for brown trout. Information and permits from the Goblin Ha' Hotel, Gifford.

🥡 tel: 01620 810244

Markle Fisheries

Three spring-fed lochs on the outskirts of East Linton offer fly-fishing. The lochs are stocked with several varieties of trout. Facilities include a café, tackle shop and tuition.

1 tel: 01620 861213

River Tyne

Brown trout, sea trout and salmon.

Permits from: Mike's Tackle Shop, Portobello tel: 0131 657 3258

J Main, High Street, Haddington tel: 01620 822148

Country Life, 229 Balgreen Road, Edinburgh

Crafteye, Fisherman, 60A Inverleith Row, Edinburgh

Veerman's, 130 High Street, Tranent

Penman's Pet Shop, High Street, Musselburgh

Riverside Tackle, 67 Eskside West, Musselburgh

Pet Centre, 31 High Street, Dalkeith

W Main, 9 West Port, Dunbar

Affleck's Sports and Leisure, 126 High Street, North Berwick

D & M Doig Newsagents, 21 High Street, East Linton

East Lothian Angling Association

👔 www.elaa.co.uk

Sea fishing

Dunbar Harbour, Harbour Master tel: 01368 865404

'Fisher Lassie' tel: 01368 864441

Fishing boat trip operates from Dunbar Harbour during spring to late autumn. Twelve is maximum size of parties. Boat hire is available. Rods and bait can be supplied at extra charge.

Horseriding

Appin Equestrian Centre at Drem, North Berwick

British Horse Society approved equestrian centre. Large indoor arena, qualified staff, quality tuition at all levels, novice, dressage/show jumping lessons, private or class to suit individual requirements.

🥡 tel: 01620 880366

Harelaw Equestrian Centre

No. 2, Harelaw Farm Cottages, Harelaw, Longniddry

Trekking, hacking, tuition specialising in beach rides for experienced riders.

🕖 tel: 01875 853559

Whiteloch Farm Riding & Trekking Stables Whiteloch Farm, Macmerry

Riding instruction for all standards. Particularly welcoming to novice and nervous riders.

🚺 tel: 01875 613662

Trekking and riding in Scotland

www.ridinginscotland.com

Water Sports

East Lothian is home to a wide range of beautiful beaches and open sea that provide perfect conditions for watersports enthusiasts. Whether it's surfing or kayaking in the waves, sailing or kitesurfing with the wind, exploring what's under the surface through diving or powering along the surface in powerboats and sightseeing tours this coastline has it all! Local Kite surf clubs www.elkc.org.uk and www.kiting.dunbar.org.uk offer the launching pad to learn the basics.

To get a copy of Water Sports Guide to South East Scotland which covers the coast from Edinburgh to Eyemouth call 01620 827282 or download a pdf version from www.eastlothian.gov.uk

Sports information

Angling: www.elaa.co.uk

Archery: www.scottisharcherycentre.co.uk

Athletics: www.eastlothian.gov.uk

Basketball:

www.peregrinesbasketball.com

Bowling: www.elibc.co.uk

Diving: www.eastlothiandivers.org.uk

Orienteering: www.elo.org.uk

Rugby: www.musselburghrfc.com

Shinty: www.edinburghshinty.com

Yachting: www.elyc.org.uk

General Information:

www.sportsscotland.org.uk www.visiteastlothian.org



A WARM WELCOME TO THE MACDONALD MARINE HOTEL & SPA, North Berwick

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The Hotel was recently voted the Most Improved Hotel 2008 at the prestigious fifth annual Review Scotland Awards. The Hotel also won Scotland's Largest Golf Hotel of the Year 2008 as well as five individual awards at the recent Scottish Hotel Awards 2009, including Spa Manager of the Year and General Manager of the Year.

Seamus Coen, General Manager at the Hotel, said: "It's fantastic to be recognised for these awards which are voted for by the public as well as industry experts. These awards are a superb achievement for the hotel team and the group, and builds on our reputation for attention to detail and customer service."

The historic Macdonald Marine Hotel in North Berwick has been returned to her former glory and updated with style thanks to a multi million pound investment by Macdonald Hotels & Resorts. The huge developments at the Marine Hotel have ushered back an era of grandeur and status for this majestic landmark hotel.





After completion in October 2005, the full-scale redevelopment offers new levels of comfort, quality and service.

Facilities:

- East Lothian's premier Wedding venue with stunning views across the Firth of Forth
- 83 guest rooms
- Award winning Spa to pamper and indulge
- Conference facilities for up to 350 delegates
- Complimentary on site parking
- Sea view rooms available
- All meeting rooms have natural daylight and wi-fi internet access
- 25 minutes by train to central Edinburgh
- 2 AA rosette Craigleith restaurant

Macdonald Marine Hotel & Spa, Cromwell Road, North Berwick, East Lothian, EH39 4LZ Tel: 0844 879 9130 Fax: 01620 894 480 Email: events.marine@macdonald-hotels.co.uk www.MacdonaldHotels.co.uk/Marine





East Lothian Council





East Lothian Council is responsible for a wide range of public services including housing, social work, education, local planning and development, social inclusion, economic development, roads and transportation, environmental health, refuse collection and street cleaning, recycling, food safety, trading standards, community development, sports and recreation, parks and countryside, libraries and museums, registration of births, deaths and marriages and burial grounds.

The council's headquarters are in Haddington supported by a network of local offices. More than 4,000 people work for the council, including teachers, social workers, lawyers, architects, accountants, planners, technical and other specialist officers, administrative and clerical staff, tradesmen and other manual workers.

There are 23 councillors in East Lothian elected every four years by the Single Transferable Vote system of proportional representation. Key strategic and policy decisions are taken by a cabinet comprising seven councillors from the controlling group on the council.

Council's Economic Development Division provides a business start up service in East Lothian. Our team of professional advisers provides a free, impartial and confidential service offering one to one advice, business planning and support.

We can help if you are:

- thinking about starting a business
- · buying into a business opportunity
- becoming self-employed
- looking for business premises

Economic Development Division Carlyle House, Lodge Street, Haddington EH41 3DX tel: 01620 827282 fax: 01620 827482 email: economicdevelopment@ eastlothian.gov.uk www.eastlothian.gov.uk

East Lothian Council also has an international dimension to its activities and is proud of its twinning with other European towns and regions.

Residents are kept informed about council affairs and performance by a broad range of printed materials, its newspaper *Living East Lothian*, public meetings and forums, and through its highly informative and accessible website at www.eastlothian.gov.uk.

You can contact the Council direct through the main switchboard on 01620 827827.

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"glean further information about where families lived, what jobs they did and how many children they had" Tracing family ancestry, or genealogy, is one of Scotland's fastest growing hobbies. People from all over the world are using dedicated websites to research their Scottish ancestry or are visiting the National Archives of Scotland in Edinburgh to trace their roots.

Visitors to East Lothian may wish to use the Council's Genealogy Service to research their family backgrounds and discover their personal place in Scotland's history.

The Registration Office offers the service at Brunton Hall, Musselburgh where its experienced staff research family trees based on centuries of Scottish records.

Since compulsory registration began in 1855, the registrars have recorded births, deaths and marriages. To provide a family profile, they can research these life events in records going back to 1855 for East Lothian and also for the rest of Scotland. The registrars can also scour the 10-yearly national censuses which began in 1841 to glean further information about where families lived, what jobs they did and how many children they had. Before 1855, it is also possible to research the Old Parish Records, the earliest of which dates to 1553.

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The Council's Library Service also offers genealogy services. The Scotland's People website www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk contains birth, marriage and death registrations and censuses from 1841-1901 for the whole of Scotland. Other helpful resources are www.scotsorigins.com and www.ancestralscotland.com. Meanwhile, in researching your family, you may find that your ancestors came from East Lothian and are connected with some of these distinguished East Lothian people.

John Abercrombie of Prestonpans (1726-1806) came from a family of professional gardeners and is credited with writing the first comprehensive book on practical gardening *Everyman his own Gardener* first published 1767.

Alexander II, King of Scots (1198-1249), the son of William I and Queen Ermengarde, was born in a palace in Haddington where the East Lothian Council headquarters now stand in Court Street. The last traces of the palace were removed in 1833. Much of Alexander's reign was spent resisting the English and uniting his own kingdom.

William Anderson of North Berwick (died 1778) was educated at Edinburgh University where he qualified as a surgeon. In 1772 he joined Captain James Cook on his second voyage of discovery aboard the *Resolution* as a surgeon's mate and naturalist and excelled in both disciplines. He died of tuberculosis in 1778 during Cook's third voyage.

Sir David Baird of Newbyth (1757-1829) was one of the most distinguished soldiers of the British Empire seeing action in India, Egypt, South Africa and in the Napoleonic Wars, rising to the rank of general. He was captured during the Mysore Wars in India and kept in chains for three years shackled to a fellow officer. "Lord pity the chiel that tied tae oor Davie!" his mother is reputed to have said when she heard the news.





Picture top: John Muir Picture right: John Bellany Arthur James Balfour of Whittingehame (1848-1930) was the eldest son of a wealthy family and inherited Whittengehame House and its estate in 1856. He entered politics after an upper class education at Eton and Cambridge holding many cabinet posts before becoming Prime Minister from 1902 to 1906.

Francis Maitland Balfour of Whittingehame (1851-1882) was the brother of the prime minister and a brilliant scientist who is widely credited with founding the science of embryology described in his magnum opus *A Treatise on Comparative Embryology*. His career was tragically cut short when he was killed climbing in the Swiss Alps.

John Bellany of Port Seton (born 1942) is a hugely successful artist of international standing whose source of inspiration comes from his family's seafaring traditions and the people and sights of his home town and county. He has won many important awards for his art which has been exhibited all over the world.

Black Agnes, Countess of Dunbar (1311-1368) was the feisty eldest daughter of the patriot Sir Thomas Randolph. She was a dark beauty, as her name suggests, who grew up during the turbulent years of the Scottish Wars of Independence. She married Patrick Dunbar, the Earl of March, and in 1337 while the earl was away, defended his castle at Dunbar with such determination that the besieging English forces eventually retreated. It is said she used her arm to bar a castle gate left open by a traitor.

Catherine Blair of Gladsmuir (1872-1946) was a prominent member of the Women's Social and Political Union and a committed suffragette who also established the Women's Rural Institute in Scotland. She established a cottage industry at Hoprig Mains Farm called the Mak Merry Pottery Studio whose products are now avidly collected.

John Broadwood of Oldhamstocks

(1732-1812) was trained as a cabinetmaker by his father but at 29 and with times tough in East Lothian, left for London where he served an apprenticeship as a harpsichord maker. Through hard work and innovation he developed the world famous pianomaking firm John Broadwood and Sons.

Jane Welsh Carlyle of Haddington (1801-1866) was born Jane Welsh in Lodge Street, Haddington and despite being a beautiful and intelligent person in her own right, is perhaps best known as the wife of the great author Thomas Carlyle. Charles Dickens, Lord Tennyson and other prominent authors were among her admirers.

Sir David Dalrymple of Hailes (1726-1792) was a distinguished lawyer and historian during Edinburgh's 'Golden Age' of intellectual achievement. He was a confidante of such towering geniuses as David Hume and lived most of his life at the great house of Newhailes outside Musselburgh.

Gavin Douglas of Tantallon (c1474-1522) was born in Tantallon Castle, the third son of Archibald, 3rd Earl of Angus and was both a prominent medieval churchman and a major makar (poet). He was the first to translate Virgil's *Aenid* into Scots verse. He became Bishop of Dunkeld and was embroiled in the political machinations of the Scottish court.

William Dunbar (c1465-c1530) was born in East Lothian but where is not known. He was one of Scotland's great medieval makars (poets) and was attached to the renaissance court of King James IV. Among his best poems are The Flyting, *The Lament for the Makaris and the Dance of the Sevin Deadly Synnis*. Andrew Fletcher of Saltoun (1655-1716) was nicknamed the The Patriot for his vociferous opposition to the union of the Scottish and English parliaments. He was also a committed republican highly suspicious of monarchy. He supported the ill-fated Darien Scheme as a way of reviving Scotland's economic fortunes.

John Knox of Haddington (1505-1572) the great Protestant reformer was born in Giffordgate in Haddington and attended the University of Glasgow before being ordained as a Catholic priest in 1529. He served the church with growing misgivings for the next 15 years, finally converting to Protestantism in 1546 following the burning for heresy of fellow reformer George Wishart. Knox went from strength to strength as leader of the reform movement that culminated in the first meeting of the Protestant General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in December 1560.

John Major of Gleghornie (1469-1550) was educated at the Franciscan Friary in Haddington and on the Continent, graduating from University of Paris in 1496. At the urging of his lifelong friend Gavin Douglas, another East Lothian man, he returned to Scotland in 1518 to become Professor of Philosophy and Divinity at Glasgow University. It is one of the ironies of Scottish history that this intensely conservative Catholic academic taught the leading lights of the Protestant Reformation, John Knox and Patrick Hamilton.

John Muir of Dunbar (1838-1914) is rightly regarded as the father of the modern conservation movement. The house where he was born at 128 High Street, Dunbar is now a conservation and education centre. His family emigrated to the USA in 1849 where Muir devoted his life to the study of nature. Alarmed at the destruction of America's natural environment he lobbied for the establishment of Yosemite National Park later followed by other nature reserves. Among his books are *My First Summer in the Sierra, The Yosemite, and The Story* of *My Boyhood and Youth.*

Alexander Muirhead of Saltoun

(1848-1920) was a distinguished scientist who is now credited as being, with his partner Sir Oliver Lodge, the true inventor of radio and not Guglielmo Marconi. Both men demonstrated and lodged a patent for radio two years before Marconi who received recognition because he was an accomplished publicist. However, Marconi had to buy out the Muirhead/Lodge patent before he could expand his business thus acknowledging the primacy of the two British scientists in the invention of radio.

Ben Sayers of North Berwick

(1857-1924) and his son 'Young Ben' were both accomplished golfers and master club makers whose high standards of craftsmanship were recognised and valued by golfers throughout the world for over a century.

Nigel Tranter of Aberlady (1909-2000) was a prolific historical novelist who brought the history of Scotland to life for millions of readers throughout the world. Among the best known of his 100 or so works are the *Bruce Trilogy* which traces the fortunes of King Robert the Bruce and his major non-fictional work *The Fortified Houses of Scotland*.

William I, King of Scots (1143-1214) called 'The Lion' from the motif on his personal standard, is credited with living much of his life in a palace in what is now Court Street in Haddington. He was successful in uniting a fractious country and is credited with establishing the first Scottish parliament. **Rev. John Witherspoon of Gifford** (1723-1792) made his mark after emigrating to the USA in 1768, becoming a leading revolutionary, scholar and churchman. He was the only minister to sign the American Declaration of Independence and it is acknowledged that his skill as an orator influenced many waverers to back the revolutionary cause. He was also a reforming President of Princeton University and first Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of America.







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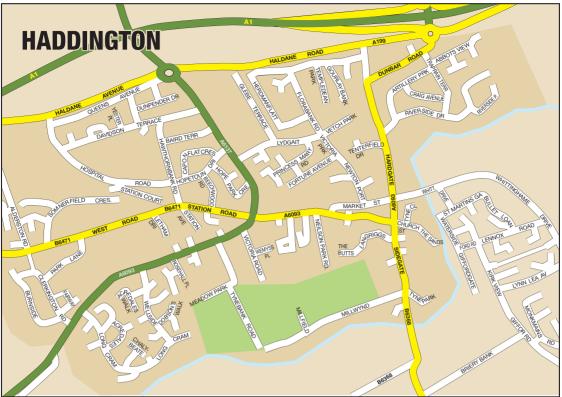
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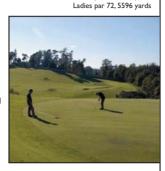
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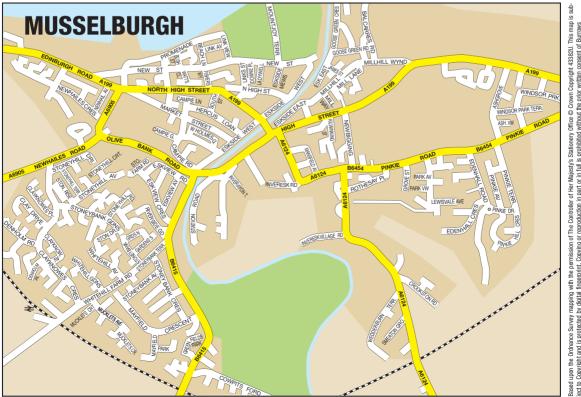
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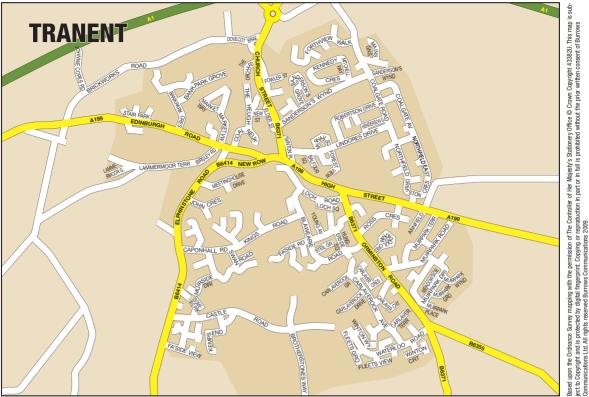
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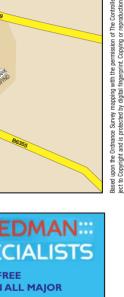
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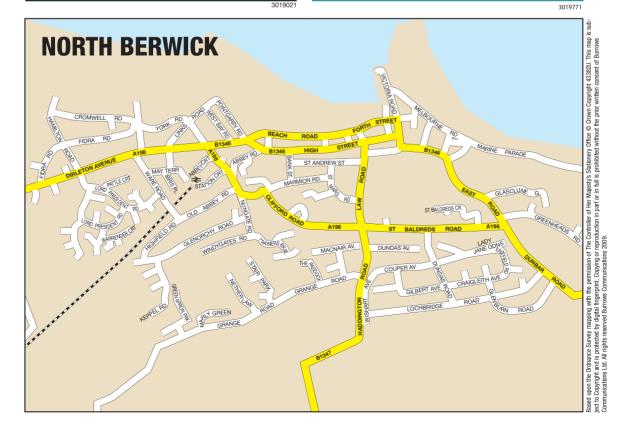
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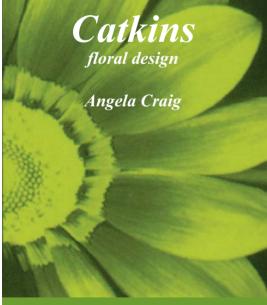


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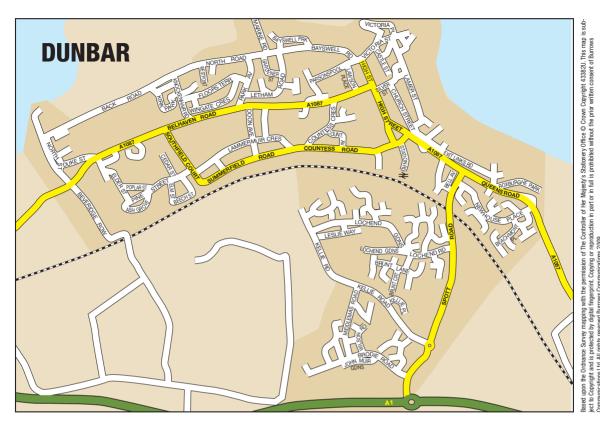
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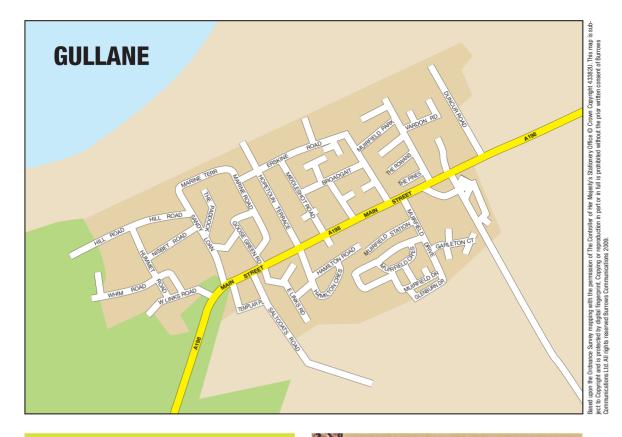
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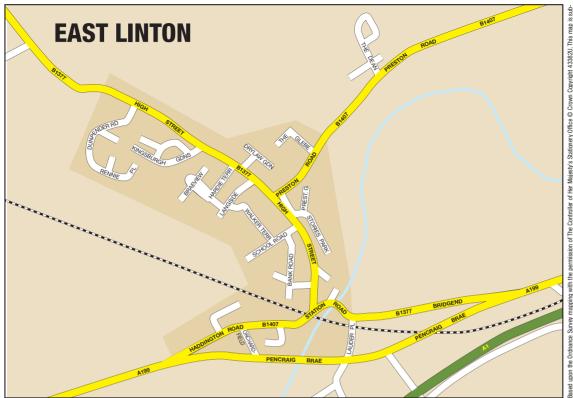
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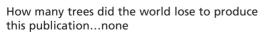
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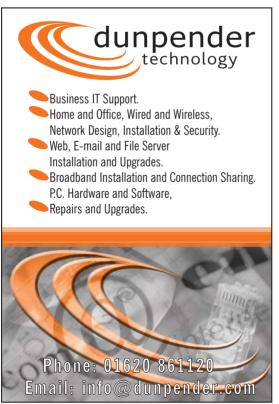


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