

Doors Open Day® visitor sites

LARGS

Largs Museum 
Kirkgate House, Manse Court, off Main Street

Largs Museum presents a fine collection of domestic artefacts, seaside souvenirs, and photographs of old Largs and Australian connections; and archival material for researchers.

Open Saturday & Sunday 1.30 – 4.30 p.m. KA30 8AW

Skelmorlie Aisle 
Within Auld Kirkyard, off Main Street, near Museum

1636 Renaissance-style canopied tomb within mausoleum to Montgomerie family. Splendid painted barrel-vaulted timber ceiling. Owned by Historic Scotland. Sir Thomas Makdougall Brisbane Mausoleum in Kirkyard.

Open Saturday & Sunday, 1.30 – 4.30 p.m. KA30 8AW

Clark Memorial Church 
Bath Street

Clark Memorial Church was opened in June 1892, the gift of John Clark of the Anchor Thread Mills in Paisley. It is situated on the seafront and is built of red sandstone in Early English Gothic style. There is a 160-foot tower and spire. The building has a category A listing recognising the quality of its architectural features. The stained-glass windows designed by Stephen Adam and Christopher Whall are of special note.

Open Saturday & Sunday 1 – 4 p.m. KA30 8BL

PORTENCROSS

Portencross Castle 
Built by Robert Boyd c.1360, and extended to form a tower with five-storey wing. Robert II frequent visitor, signed charters here. Semi-ruinous, but major conservation project 2010 allows access to the interior, including Great Hall with original vaulted ceiling and to the roof for spectacular views. Regret wheelchair access limited to ground floor cellar.

Open Saturday & Sunday, 11 a.m. – 3.45 p.m. KA23 9QA

ARDROSSAN

St Andrew's Episcopal Church 
South Crescent Road

Red sandstone church, designed by David Thomson and built in 1875. Superb stained glass by Clayton & Bell, L C Evetts, Crucifixion by J E W Guthrie and Angel Gathering Tulips by Harrington Mann; an ornate pulpit and majestic high altar. Guided tours available. Hospitality served in the hall and a craft/car boot sales area outside.

Open Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. KA22 8EA

Ardrrossan Castle *Limited Wheelchair Access* 
Castle Hill, car park Hill Place

The ruined Ardrrossan Castle (first recorded in 1149) sits atop Castle Hill, an elevated rocky outcrop with wide panoramic views of the Firth of Clyde. It is one of the oldest castles in Scotland, with links to William Wallace, Oliver Cromwell, and the Declaration of Arbroath. Ardrrossan's First Parish Church is located nearby on Castlehill – a large managed parkland with public walkways, viewpoints, picnic benches, and recently renovated children's playground.

Visitors can enjoy the Castle grounds on their own, or alongside the volunteers of Ardrrossan Castle Heritage Society, who will be providing group tours of the Castle and Parish Church. Visitors will learn about the history of the castle and the community archaeology projects conducted by the Society. Children's activities will be available at different times during the day.

Visitors are also encouraged to visit North Ayrshire Heritage Centre in Saltcoats (Saturday 9th September) where they can meet the volunteers and see some of the artefacts discovered at the Castle.

Open Sunday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. KA22 8HX

SALTCOATS

North Ayrshire Heritage Centre 
Manse Street

The Heritage Centre is housed in what was Ardrrossan Parish Church, built in 1773. It is home to North Ayrshire Council's principal museum collection and on display includes the 13th century Ardrrossan sarcophagus, an 1867 fire engine and examples of Beithcraft furniture. Also on display is a wonderful exhibition curated by the Ardrrossan Castle Heritage Society who tirelessly champion Ardrrossan Castle through talks, tours, archaeological digs and community events.

Open Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. KA21 5HB

KILWINNING

Kilwinning Abbey Tower Heritage Centre 
Kilwinning Town Centre

Designed by David Hamilton, completed 1816, and built on the foundations of the NW tower of the 12th century Tironensian Abbey. Staffed by volunteers from Kilwinning Heritage. Displays include the Abbey, Robert Service 'The Bard of the Yukon', the Ancient Society of Kilwinning Archers and the paping competition dating from 1483, matchstick models and local history. New displays of WWI local stories. Working clock mechanism 1816 by James Blair and two large bells on display. Guided tours up 143 steps to the roof for the best views of Ayrshire.

Open Saturday & Sunday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. KA13 6AN

Kilwinning Abbey Church 
87 Main Street

Formerly The Abbey Church by John Swan, 1774, on the site of its 16th century predecessor which was located in the ruins of Kilwinning Abbey founded around 1188, so our history on this site goes back over 835 years. Simple T-plan with attractive Eglinton Loft supported on fluted Corinthian columns. Stained glass by W & J J Kier, Gordon Webster, Stephen Adam & Son, Abbey Studio, Sax Shaw and Paul Lucky. Forster & Andrews organ 1887, wall tapestry and Cole Hamilton screen. Service 10.30 a.m.

Open Saturday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Sunday 1 – 3 p.m. KA13 6AW

The Mother Lodge of Scotland *Limited Wheelchair Access* 
99 Main Street

The Mother Lodge was founded in Kilwinning c.1140. Present building consecrated 1893. Masonic and other artefacts, some dating back to the early 17th century, portraits, furnishings, and transcription of Lodge Minute Book of 1600.

Open Sunday 12 noon – 4 p.m. KA13 6AN

IRVINE

Old Parish Church 
Kirkhill

Large classical box church with elegant steeple by David Muir 1772-4. Stained glass by W & J Kier, with 1996 window by Susan Bradbury to commemorate 200th anniversary of death of Robert Burns, who worshipped here during his stay in Irvine. Interior has fine pipe organ and various memorials, one to local man killed at Trafalgar and another to holder of Victoria Cross. Churchyard has several noteworthy graves and memorials, some dating back to Pre-Reformation. David Sillar is buried here, and one of the Mauchline Belles. Designated Commonwealth graveyard. Service 11.00 a.m.

Open Saturday & Sunday 2 – 4.30 p.m. KA12 0DG

Eglinton Country Park Walks 
Eglinton Country Park sits within the grounds of the old Eglinton Estate, historical home of the Montgomerie family. It opened, with Country Park status in 1986, and has a fascinating history, both natural and cultural, within its grounds.

Eglinton's West – Join the Ranger on a morning wander round 1½ hours, some of Eglinton Country Park's Western paths and landmarks; learning about the natural and cultural histories of the Park, from the fascinating to the downright weird! This walk will be roughly between 2-2.5 miles (3.25-4km) and relatively level. **Meet at Centre 10.30 a.m.**

Eglinton's East – Time for a Ranger-led afternoon wander around 2 hours, some of Eglinton Country Park's Eastern paths and landmarks! Find out about the local history, both natural and cultural (and a little prehistory too!). This walk is about 3 miles (5km) with a couple of moderately steep slopes and rough pathways. **Meet at Centre 1 p.m.** Times for both walks are a rough guide and may finish a little earlier or later.

Saturday Walks: To book contact Graeme Walla Tel: 07747 565845. **KA12 8TA**

Scottish Maritime Museum 
Gottries Road

Two family friendly attractions telling the story of the nation's maritime past, present and future. We are home to amazing ships, industrial machinery, and nautical-inspired artwork. Discover something new at our museum at Irvine Harbourside. Inside the Linthouse you can see our permanent collection under the spectacular glass roof which gives the building its nickname, the 'Cathedral of Engineering'

Book a guided tour through our award-winning Boatbuilding school & workshop and see how we train apprentices to repair & build wooden boats, from racing skiffs to row boats. The workshops are used to repair wooden vessels from our own collection and also to build racing skiffs or rowing boats & repair vessels under contract. Guided tours of the workshops for 15 people will take place at 10:30, 11:30 a.m., 1:30 & 2:30 p.m., each tour lasting approximately 30 – 40 Minutes. To book a spot on the tour, please email – Visitorservices@scotmaritime.org.uk

Please include your name & how many places you would like to book for which time slot.

Open Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. KA12 8BT

Harbour Arts Centre 
114 – 116 Harbour Street

Located in the beautiful setting of Irvine Harbourside, HAC is the cultural hub for North Ayrshire, a multi-function arts centre. We offer a varied programme of theatre, comedy, music and visual arts – often featuring local artists, and a wide range of classes and workshops to suit all ages and abilities. Current exhibitions: Affordable Art by North Ayrshire artists; How We See Ourselves; and Intake of the West by Susan MacColl.

Open Saturday 9.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. KA12 8PZ

Wellwood Museums Centre & Burns Museum  *ground floor only*

28 Eglinton Street
Housed in a late 19th Century Townhouse within a Conservation Area, Wellwood is a significant building as an example of Scottish urban architecture. Wellwood is the home of The Irvine Burns Club, founded in 1826, with displays of Burns artefacts, manuscripts, and rare books, including some First Editions. Collection of c.350 Acceptance Letters from distinguished nominees of Honorary Membership from 1828 until today. The Wellwood Collection is part of the National Burns Collection and is a magnet globally for Burnsians.

Open Saturday & Sunday 2 – 5 p.m. KA12 8AS

DALRY

Clyde Coast & Garnock Valley Crematorium 
On A760 Largs - Kilbirnie Road

The award-winning crematorium sits within the natural beauty of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park and serves the communities of North Ayrshire, including the islands of Arran, Cumbrae, Bute and Dunoon. We have been providing environmentally sensitive cremations since opening 5 years ago and are extremely proud of our beautiful, tranquil building which has uninterrupted views over to Arran. We shall offer guided tours and willingly answer any questions you may have. We want to debunk the many myths that surround cremation and the funeral industry in general. This is not a dull, dreary building, but rather a place to cherish final moments with a loved one and celebrate a life well lived.

Open Saturday 12 noon – 4 p.m. KA24 5LE

KILBIRNIE

Auld Kirk of Kilbirnie 
Dalry Road

First mentioned in 1127, with an almost unbroken list of incumbents since 1361. Tower built 1490; Aisle built 1597 and Crawford Gallery 1642 with its unique woodwork and Armorial. C S S Johnston added northern extension 1903-05. Superb windows by Guthrie & Wells, James Ballantine, Gordon Webster and Arthur Spiers, and carved work make this one of the finest churches in Scotland. Sunday Service 11 a.m. Treasure Hunt for children

Open Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday 12 noon - 4 p.m. KA25 6HY

BEITH

Former Townhouse 
Corner of The Strand and Eglinton Street.

Classic Georgian building with attractive belfry, funded from public subscriptions and opened 1817. Ground floor reopened by Beith Cultural and Heritage Society 2011, as an Information and Heritage Centre. Artefacts from Beith and district, including furniture, weaving, smuggling etc.

Open Saturday 10.30 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sunday 1 – 4 p.m. KA15 1DT

Auld Kirk and Kirkyard 
Beith Church in town centre, 200 yards from Townhouse.

On site of original parish church. A church was built c.1590 with later 18th century extensions. The 1590 church was demolished early 19th century when a new church was built up the hill. Part of the 18th century extensions and belfry were retained within the burial ground, which contains some original gravestones. Plaque marks links with Rev John Witherspoon, a signatory to the US Declaration of Independence, and Parish Minister in Beith 1745 – 57.

Open Saturday 10.30 a.m - 4 p.m.; Sunday 1 – 4 p.m. KA15 1BS

DARVEL

Private Telephone Museum 
1 Burn Road, near the Turf Hotel

Private museum containing unique display of telephone memorabilia dating from early 1900s to the present. Housed within an old bakehouse dating from 1767, adjacent to the Matthew Burn Green, only remaining public green in Darvel.

Open Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. KA17 0AJ

STEWARTON

Stewart & District Museum 
Avenue Street

The Museum is housed in two ground floor rooms in the Area Centre, across the corridor from Stewarton Library. It is accessible to all. The Museum has a large collection of artefacts, books, documents, maps & digital images pertaining to Stewarton & the surrounding areas. Come in to learn more about the Bonnet Toun from members of Stewarton & District Historical Society. Children welcome.

Open Saturday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. KA3 5AP

KILMARNOCK

The Club 
2 Dunlop Street

The Club is a private members' club known locally as The Gentlemen's Club, and mainly on 1st floor. It has been in existence since 1884, and contains many original features including a large stained glass window and one of the finest billiards rooms in Ayrshire. No wheelchair access but there is a stair lift. Refreshments will be available. Guided tours only.

Open Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Sunday 12 noon – 4 p.m. KA1 2AW

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church 
2-4 Portland Road

Gothic church by James Wallace, 1857, with porch and magnificent chancel designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott, 1876. The church is Category B listed with unique Pre-Raphaelite style painted walls and ceiling designed by Powell & Sons and Burlison & Grylls, described by Close & Riches thus: It is without parallel in Ayrshire, and stands among the best examples of High Victorian church decoration in Scotland. Stained glass by Powell & Sons, Clayton & Bell, and William Aikman. Hill & Son organ installed 1876. Communion Service 10.30 a.m., all welcome.

Open Sunday 12 noon – 4 p.m. KA1 2BS

Kay Park Parish Church 
London Road

The building was designed by Thomas Smellie, 1906-07, Free Gothic in red sandstone on an impressive site. Peel of bells, 1950 Norman & Beard organ. Stained glass by Stephen Adam, Alf Webster and four windows by Wendy Robertson, 1987. Brass cross by Benno Schotz. The Sanctuary & Halls underwent major refurbishment 2015-16 providing a light, comfortable, inviting space for worship, and where community events such as concerts and conferences may be held.

Open Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. KA3 7AA

St Marnock's Parish Church 
St Marnock's Street, in town centre.

Perpendicular Gothic, rectangular plan six-bay church with centrally placed tower on north gable end by John Ingram 1836. Tours up tower to view fine carillon of 30 bells. Three-manual pipe organ 1872, painted organ screen. Organ music. Service 11 a.m. Also Outreach Centre The Howard Centre diagonally across the road at 5 Portland Road, KA1 2BT, where refreshments and home baking will be served.

Open Sunday 12.45 – 3.15 p.m. KA1 1DZ

Dean Castle *Limited Wheelchair Access* 
Dean Park

Originally known as Kilmarnock Castle, Dean Castle was the home and stronghold of the Boyd family for over 400 years. The oldest part is the Keep, dating from around 1350. The adjacent Palace was added about a century later. The castle was restored by Lord Howard de Walden early in the 20th century, and in the 1970s his descendants gifted the castle, its contents and grounds to the people of Kilmarnock. The castle was recently re-opened after a five-year, £5.2 million restoration programme. It now houses displays telling the story of the Boyd family and medieval castle life. A new exhibition in the Keep displays principal items from East Ayrshire's extensive collection of arms and armour. In the Palace a wholly new exhibition presents the castle's collection of Renaissance musical instruments, including several rare examples. The Castle and grounds were used as filming locations for Series 2 of the TV drama Outlander.

Open Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. KA3 1XB

The Dick Institute 
Elmbank Avenue

The Dick Institute opened in 1901, the entire cost of its construction being borne by local entrepreneur James Dick. It has the largest museum and gallery spaces in Ayrshire and is home to East Ayrshire's central library. On the ground floor the art gallery features a programme of touring and in-house exhibitions. The museum galleries upstairs contain objects from Ayrshire trades and industries and social history.

For Doors Open Days: *Gifted by my Granny* – Members of the public are invited to bring their family treasures, heirlooms and antiques to share stories about their own special objects with our collections team and other visitors. Our team will be showing some special objects from the museum collections and talking about the stories and history behind them. Sessions are at 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. each day. Each session will focus on a different object. Please note: These sessions are free but must be booked in advance. To book, contact 01563 554300

Open Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. KA1 3BU

The Palace Theatre *Limited Wheelchair Access* 
9 Green Street

The Palace Theatre opened in 1863 as the Corn Exchange and for many years was also used for culture and leisure as well as commerce. It was converted to a music hall in 1903. Subsequent alterations included the creation of the Palace Theatre and the Grand Hall, both of which have hosted performances by many leading actors, comedians, bands and other artists. The theatre is to feature in the forthcoming Cultural Kilmarnock project, which will create a new theatre, concert hall and cultural park. Come to the Palace on the 9th and 10th of September and take the opportunity to look behind the curtains on the backstage tour and examine articles from performance archives. Share your memories of the Palace Theatre and the Grand Hall with other visitors and the oral histories team. Guided tours leave from the Box Office at 11.00 a.m. and 12 noon each day.

Open Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. KA1 3BN

St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church 
15a Hill Street

St Joseph's Church was opened in 1847 to provide for the spiritual needs of the growing Catholic community in Kilmarnock and the surrounding area. Located on a hilltop with views across Kilmarnock, the height of the church is notable, further accentuated by the distinctive 'egg-box' ceiling. Stained-glass windows from the early 19th century are an outstanding feature. The church houses a newly restored 1903 Harrison & Harrison pipe organ. St Joseph's is used for regular worship. Sunday Service 11.00 a.m. – 12 noon. Organ recitals Saturday 11 – 11.30 a.m.; 2.30 – 3 p.m.; Sunday 2.30 – 3 p.m.

Open Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. KA3 1HB

The Well *Limited Wheelchair Access* 
Whattrigg's Road

Formerly Kilmarnock South Church, The Well is St Marnock's Outreach Centre serving the south of the town. Tours of the developing building and a chance to hear 'Our Story'.

Open Saturday 10 a.m. – 12 noon KA1 35Z

AUCHINLECK

Auchinleck House 
Built c.1760 by Lord Auchinleck and inherited by his son James Boswell, biographer of Dr Johnson. Johnson visited the house in 1773.

It is a fine example of an 18th century Scottish country villa. Classical design strongly influenced by Adam. Fine pediment with elaborate detail and quote from Horace about the contentment to be found in country life. Saved by the Scottish Building Preservation Trust. Restoration completed by the Landmark Trust with splendid plasterwork and period furniture. Guests with limited mobility may be driven up to the house – please ask staff. Timed tickets booked through www.landmarktrust.org.uk

Open Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. KA18 2LR

AYR

Auld Kirk of Ayr 
Kirk Port, High Street

Theophilus Rankine 1654. Successor church to mediaeval St John's (at Bruce Crescent). Cromwellian Government contributed 1,000 merks towards the cost of building the new church. Family church of Robert Burns, whose father was an elder. Fine interior with original pulpit, stained glass and three notable lofts. Quiz for children.

Open Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. KA7 1QB

The Gaiety Theatre 
Carrick Street

In 1902 The Gaiety Theatre opened its doors welcoming artists and their audience. This cultural hub in the heart of Ayr town centre has thrived and survived through two fires, two world wars, threats of demolition and the covid pandemic. In 2009 The Gaiety went dark and was facing permanent closure but thanks to the hard work and perseverance of The Ayr Gaiety Partnership and the team of volunteers, one of Scotland's most iconic theatres was saved. The theatre continues to evolve and inspire, whether this be through creative engagement projects, the youth theatre, our volunteer opportunities, or our eclectic programming.

Open Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. KA7 1NU

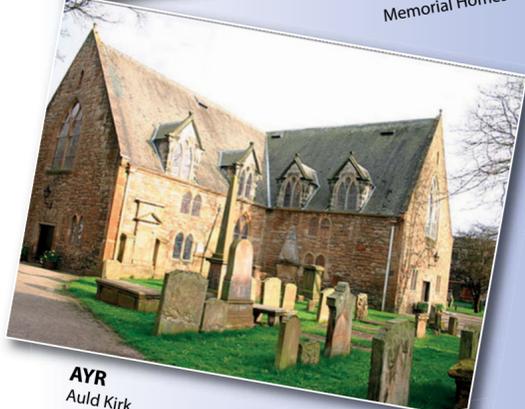
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church 
Fullarton Street

Holy Trinity Ayr was completed in 1900 and is Scotland's major example of the work of John Loughborough Pearson. It is built of cream stone with narrow lancet windows to the gables and aisles, and a square tower. There is a pulpit of Caen stone and very fine stained-glass windows by Clayton & Bell, James Powell & Sons, A O Hemming & Co, C E Kemp & Co, and Meyer & Co. Holy Trinity is a welcoming, friendly, open and inclusive church with a strong musical tradition and choir. Impressive carved triptych reredos. It is a part of the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway in the Scottish Episcopal Church.

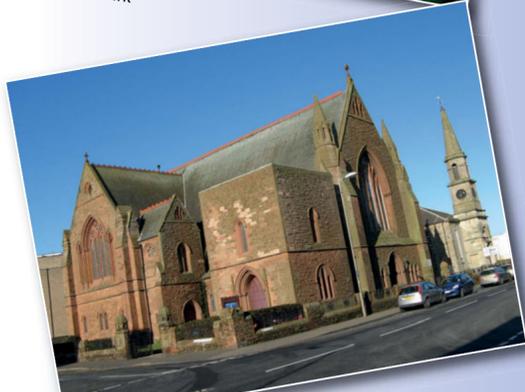
Open Saturday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sunday 1 – 4 p.m. KA7 1UB



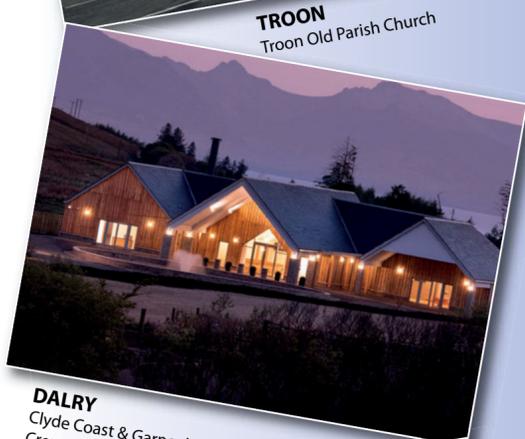
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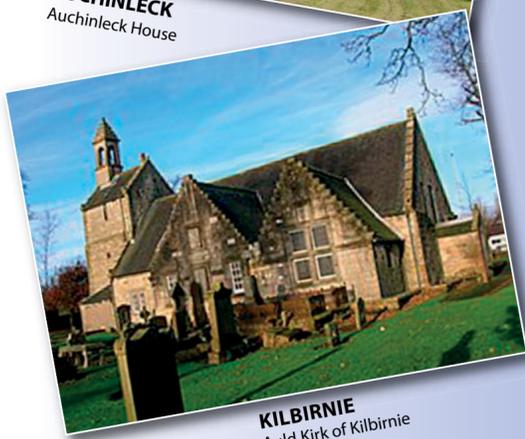
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Opening times of all buildings are given and church service times are indicated. All visitors are welcome to participate. On Doors Open Day Ayrshire a warm welcome is extended to you to enter and explore many buildings of various types and different historical periods which are either not frequently accessible to the general public or where a charge is usually made. All in their individual ways are significant examples of Ayrshire's cultural and architectural heritage.

Admission to all buildings is free on these days.

Doors Open Day is a Council of Europe initiative and in 50 countries it will be celebrated with the opening of some of each country's most impressive buildings to heighten the public's awareness of their own heritage.

In Scotland, Doors Open Day is promoted by the Scottish Civic Trust. In Ayrshire it is supported by East Ayrshire Council, North Ayrshire Council, South Ayrshire Council, Home Energy Scotland and Energy Agency. The event is organised by Kyle and Carrick Civic Society with help from other voluntary groups.

The Society would like to express its gratitude to all those who have so readily co-operated in opening their buildings. It is only through their generosity and support, together with the help of their guides, that such a day is possible. Please note that visitors enter the buildings at their own risk: neither sponsors nor participants are responsible for any accidents or damage incurred.

- Access for wheelchair users
- Refreshments
- Exhibition
- Musical entertainment
- Guided tour
- Audio visual display
- Toilets
- Eco-friendly

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Please enclose a SAE with any request for leaflets.

www.doorsopendays.org.uk



Doors Open Day® visitor sites continued

TROON

St Meddan's Parish Church
St Meddan's Street



This is the last year as St Meddan's, as the three Church of Scotland churches in Troon are uniting. Built in 1888 from Mauchline red sandstone, St Meddan's was designed by John Bennie Wilson in Gothic style. It has a distinctive prominent spire and bell tower housing a clock dating from 1751 built by Andrew Dickie and originally from the University of Glasgow and a bell from the International Exhibition of 1888. The church has a number of beautiful stained-glass windows, the largest and most valuable depicting the healing of Jairus' daughter and is the work of William Smith of Marleybone Road, London. Other windows are by John Blythe and Norman McDougall. The carved wooden church interior is particularly attractive. The church and windows have benefited from recent significant restoration work. Children welcome. Sunday service 11 a.m.
Open Sunday 12 noon – 4 p.m. KA10 6HT

Troon Old Parish Church
Ayr Street



The sanctuary of Troon Old is a Neo-Gothic design by Hippolyte Blanc, built 1893-95 in red sandstone to supersede the 1838 sanctuary now used as the church hall. It incorporates many fine stained-glass windows including the 23-foot Crucifixion window, the Ascension window by Morris Studio, several windows by Gordon Webster and others. The interior architecture includes an alabaster reeded depicting Moses, St Paul and The Last Supper, an octagonal marble font to match the richly carved octagonal pulpit in wood, a mosaic pavement of the Paschal Lamb, and other notable features. Church Service 10:30am followed by tea & coffee. Photo Quiz for children. The sanctuary is scheduled for disposal in the near future when Troon Old unites with Portland and St Meddan's Parish Churches.
Open Sunday 12 noon – 4 p.m. KA10 6EB

Portland Parish Church
2 St Meddans Street



Designed by H E Clifford & Lunan, the church was opened in April 1914. Perpendicular Gothic in Auchenheath limestone, the last church in Ayrshire to be 'built in the grand manner'. War Memorial window by Guthrie & Wells, donated by A E Stephen (of shipbuilding fame) attributed to the designs of S Meteyard, known as 'the last of the Pre-Raphaelites'. Hammerbeam roof and Iona marble floored chancel. Halls extensions added in 1964 and 2000. Fine organ by Harrison & Harrison, rebuilt by them in 1961 and 2013. Sunday service 10.30 a.m.
Open Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sunday 1 – 4 p.m. KA10 6JU

DUNDONALD

Dundonald Parish Church
64 Main Street



Church built in 1801, the third on the site, steeple 1809. Roots traceable back to 1200 but religious presence in the area since 500AD. Outstanding stained glass including Last Supper by Morris & Co 1906, Henry Dearle, Burne-Jones, W H Knight and Gordon Webster. WW1 and WW2 memorial plaques, Norman & Beard organ of 1906. Interesting stones in graveyard. Family burial history tracing available.
Open Sunday 2 – 4 p.m. KA2 9HG

TARBOLTON

Bachelors' Club
Sandgate Street



Only a few years before his collection of poems was published, Robert Burns co-founded the Tarbolton Bachelors' Club in this curious red-shuttered, thatched 17th century house. It was here that he learned to dance, became a Freemason and created a debating society. The Bachelors' Club is a must-see for Burns fans, and gives a rare insight into the secrets of male social life of the age. Downstairs is an 18th-century living space, while upstairs are the meeting rooms used by Burns and his friends. It is owned by the National Trust for Scotland.
Open Saturday & Sunday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. KA5 5RB

Tarbolton Parish Church
20 Cunninghame Street



Category A listed Neoclassical church built in 1821, designed by Robert Johnstone of Kilmarnock, in an elevated position with four-stage tower and spire. Rare surviving box pews. Norman & Beard organ, 1908. Woodwork from 1907 by Allan Stevenson, stained glass 1905 by JT Stewart, Meikle & Sons. In the churchyard there are some interesting carved headstones and monuments, plus a late 19th-century water pump by Glenfield & Kennedy. Quiz sheet for children.
Open Saturday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Sunday 12.30 – 4 p.m. KA5 5QG

MAUCLINE National Burns Memorial Homes



Next to National Burns Memorial Tower
Designed by William Fraser, the cottages were built 1896-8 in red sandstone to provide accommodation and facilities for elderly residents as a living memorial to Robert Burns a hundred years after his death. Buildings were added 1909-10, 1930-1 and 1938. The inhabitants look out on the landscape, the village and the surroundings that Burns wrote about. No other memorial reflects the spirit of Robert Burns in this unique way.
Open Saturday & Sunday 12 noon – 4 p.m. KA5 5LQ

National Burns Memorial Tower

Designed by William Fraser, 1897, to commemorate the centenary of Burns' death. Today it houses the gallery of Johnston Fine Arts. Elaine Johnston welcomes you to take in the beauty of the building, the fine art oil paintings and spectacular views over the Ayrshire countryside to Arran.
Open Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. KA5 5LQ

CUMNOCK

Baird Institute *Regret not wheelchair accessible*
3 Lugar Street *as lift out of order*



The Baird Institute in Cumnock was opened in March 1891 under the Will of shopkeeper and philanthropist James Baird. Its present role is to tell aspects of the story of the Cumnock area. Exhibitions of Mauchline Ware, Cumnock Pottery and mining equipment highlight the trades and industries that were once important in this part of Ayrshire. One room is dedicated to the life and career of James Kier Hardie MP. The Barony Gallery has a continually changing programme of contemporary art exhibitions with accompanying engagement programmes.

Gifted by my Granny is a special event for Doors Open Day on Sunday. At these sessions we will be looking in detail at selected objects from the collections. We invite you to bring along your own special object, treasure or family heirloom and share its story with us and other visitors. Please note: These sessions are free but must be booked in advance. First Session 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.; Second Session 2 - 3 p.m., Phone: 01290 427084 or Email: BairdInstitute@Eastayrshireleisure.com
Open Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sunday 12 noon – 4 p.m. KA18 1AD

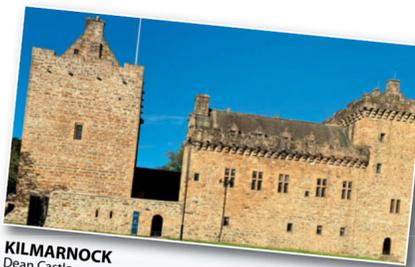
GIRVAN

Stumpy Tower
Knockcushan Street

Erected 1825-27 to serve as a jail with cells on first, second and third floors, all barrel-vaulted. Following the loss of adjoining McMaster Hall by fire in 1939, it is now free standing. Stewarded by volunteers from Girvan Attractions Committee.
Open Sunday 12 noon – 4 p.m. KA26 9AG

Whitewin House Garden
16 Golf Course Road

Our only Garden Gate Open for Ayrshire Doors Open Day this year! The rockeries, beautiful scalloped lawns and the plethora of statuary all complement the use of authentic Victorian bedding plants, trees and shrubs.
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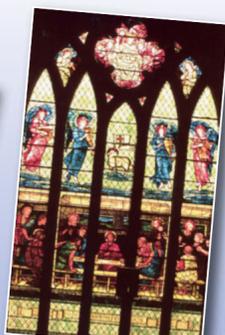
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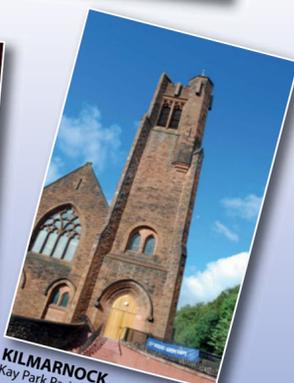
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Doors Open Days® in Scotland and Scottish Archaeology Month



All dates September 2023

2 - 3	Aberdeen City; Black Isle; Dumfries and Galloway; Easter Ross; East Fife; Falkirk; Inverness; Renfrewshire; Scottish Borders; Shetland
9 - 10	Angus; Ayrshire; Central Fife; East Dunbartonshire; East Renfrewshire; Inverclyde, Midlothian; Orkney; Skye and Lochaber; West Lothian
16 - 17	Aberdeenshire; Argyll & Bute; Caithness & Sutherland; Glasgow; North Lanarkshire; Perth & Kinross; South Lanarkshire; West Fife
23 - 24	Badenoch & Strathspey; Clackmannanshire; Dundee; East Lothian; Edinburgh; Moray; Outer Hebrides; Stirling

Scottish Archaeology Month events are also taking place throughout September.

For details of special events and happenings in your area, contact Archaeology Scotland on Tel: 0300 012 9878
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Kyle and Carrick Civic Society

Scottish Charity Number: SC014718

Established in 1967, the Society campaigns to protect and improve the environment. It has a particular interest in the conservation of historic buildings, good design of new buildings, protection of open space, the improvement of public transport and the continued residential use of town centres.

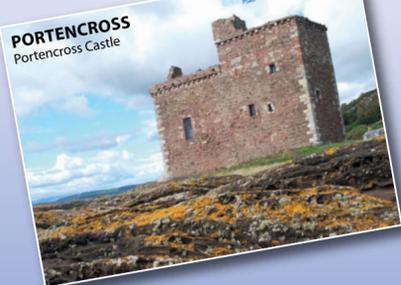
Membership is open to all who support the Society's aims. Details of its many activities and membership can be obtained by writing to Bill Leslie, Treasurer, 13 Greenside Avenue PRESTWICK, KA9 2HB. To join, send £12 cheque payable to 'Kyle and Carrick Civic Society'.

Copies of the Doors Open Day – Ayrshire 2023 leaflet may be obtained from local libraries and council information offices, or from the president, Michael Hitchon MBE, 1 Barns Terrace, AYR, KA7 2DB on receipt of an SAE.

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