

EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE

DOORS OPEN DAYS 2026



Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 September

Welcome to Doors Open Days!

East Dunbartonshire Doors Open Days is an annual event celebrating the area's architecture, culture and heritage.

Each September we bring together participants who throw open their doors and invite the public in for tours, displays, and fun activities – all for free!

The event is organised by East Dunbartonshire Leisure & Culture as part of a family of Doors Open Days events happening across Scotland throughout September, and coordinated nationally by the Scottish Civic Trust.



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Baldernock Parish Church

There has been a church or place of worship on the site of the current church since about 1236 AD. The present church building dates to 1795. In addition to the church building there is a watchhouse which was built in the early 1800s to deter grave robbers.

The church and watchhouse will be open for visitors to enjoy the rich history of these buildings and there will be information available concerning this history and details of the graveyard. Accompanied children are welcome to explore the building and grounds.

Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 September, 12-4pm



Craigmaddie Road
Baldernock
Milngavie
G62 6HA
baldernock.org.uk/church



BALDERNOCK



Bearsden Baptist Church

The church has an expansive green space open to the public, featuring formal gardens and woodland situated on an ancient Roman Fort, part of the Antonine Wall. The gardens include a Roman woodland sound cloud, and a granary garden. There is a new community growing space for fruit and vegetables.

This will be a family friendly event with an opportunity to explore the Roman heritage of the site, garden, Maxholme Villa, and modern sanctuary. Activities will include Roman art and shield painting, Roman cookery demonstrations, tours of the bathhouse and fort, garden trails, poetry workshop, and tours of the building. Tea and coffee will be available.

Saturday 5 September, 2-4.30pm



Bearsden Baptist Church
14 Roman Road
Bearsden
G61 2SL

bearsdenbaptistchurch.com



BEARSDEN



BEARSDEN LIBRARY

View a display on the history of Westerton Garden Suburb, Scotland's first garden suburb, founded in 1913. Designed in the Arts & Crafts style, many of the houses are Category B or C listed and part of an outstanding conservation area.

There will also be a drop-in children's activity creating and colouring small paper houses.

Bearsden Library opened within Bearsden Community Hub in 2017, after relocating from Brookwood Villa. It reopened in March 2026 after a period of closure for essential works to remove RAAC within the building.

Children's activities:

Saturday 5 September, 10am-5pm

Free drop in activities

Display:

Saturday 5 September to Saturday 12 September

During normal library opening hours



Bearsden Library

69 Drymen Road

Bearsden

G61 3QT

www.edlc.co.uk/venues/bearsden-library

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KESSINGTON HALL

Enjoy a guided tour with one of our volunteers and view an exhibition of photographs of the hall, both during its use as a tram substation and the conversion to a vibrant community music and arts venue.

Kessington Hall is a three-storey red sandstone building built in 1924 and designed as a tram substation. When the trams ceased to run in 1956, the building was converted for use as a public hall. The hall is used daily for a wide range of music and arts activities, including wind band rehearsals and concerts, yoga, ballroom dancing, musical theatre and ballet.

Sunday 6 September, 10am-4pm



Kessington Hall
58 Milngavie Road
Bearsden
G61 2DP
dcb-kessington.co.uk

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NEW KILPATRICK CHURCH

Join us for guided tours of the church and graveyard, plus displays of church records dating back to the 17th century. We will also have quiz sheets for children. Refreshments will be available.

The current building was built in 1808 on the site of an earlier church of 1649. The church contains a very fine collection of stained-glass windows, including work by Stephen Adams and Alfred and Gordon Webster. There is a World War One memorial in the west porch and war graves in the churchyard.

Saturday 5 September, 9.30am-1pm



New Kilpatrick Parish Church
28 Kirk Place
Bearsden
G61 3RT

www.nkchurch.org.uk

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BISHOPBRIGGS LIBRARY

Visit the library for some fun drop-in children's craft activities with a Doors Open Day theme. No need to book and all materials are provided.

Bishopbriggs Library is a former Victorian school building situated in the centre of Bishopbriggs. The building was fully refurbished as a library and community hub in 2018 and includes a multipurpose room and meeting spaces. The library has a Thomas Muir exhibition and local history section.

Children's activities:

Saturday 5 September, 10am-3pm

Free drop in activities



Bishopbriggs Library
170 Kirkintilloch Road
Bishopbriggs
G64 2LX

www.edlc.co.uk/venues/bishopbriggs-library/

BISHOPBRIGGS

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CADDER PARISH CHURCH

There has been a church on this site for over 900 years. The present building contains stained glass by Alf Webster, Sadie McLellan and others. The graveyard includes a mort safe and watchhouse to discourage grave robbers. There is a beautiful church sanctuary and stained-glass windows, including one dedicated to Thomas Muir. A mosaic of the church in the vestibule was created by children for the 200th anniversary last year.

Saturday 5 September, 10am-4pm



Cadder Parish Church

Cadder Road

Bishopbriggs

G64 3QA

<https://www.cadderchurch.org/>



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FORT THEATRE

Members of the Antonine Theatre Group will be on hand to give guided tours of the building and offer information on how to become a member. There will be refreshments on sale in our lounge bar.

The Antonine Theatre Group has been based in the building since 1969. The Burgh of Bishopbriggs gave the old barn behind Brackenbrae House to the group to convert it into a theatre and create a hub for dramatic arts in the town.

Sunday 6 September, 11am-4pm



The Fort Theatre
Kenmure Avenue,
Bishopbriggs, G64 2DW
www.theforttheatre.co.uk

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AULD KIRK MUSEUM

Visit our first ever Young Artists Art Exhibition featuring works by local artists aged 14-25. Permanent exhibits include objects ranging from the Neolithic era to Roman times, and from the industrial past to the 20th century. We also have interactives and activities for children.

Formerly the parish church of Kirkintilloch before being converted into a museum, the building dates from 1644 and is Category A listed. It features an 18th century pulpit and a 1663 Gerhard Koster bell which is now part of the museum collection. The grounds contain gravestones dating back to the 17th century.

Saturday 5 September, 10am-5pm (closed 1pm-2pm)



Auld Kirk Museum
Cowgate
Kirkintilloch
G66 1HN

www.edlc.co.uk/venues/auld-kirk-museum/

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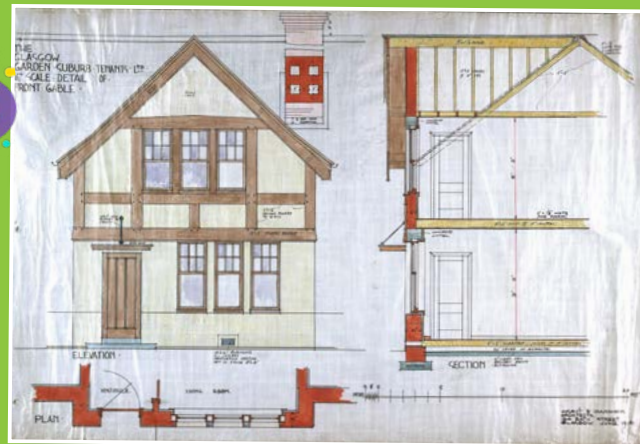


East Dunbartonshire Archives

View a display of archives including original plans of houses, public buildings, cast iron bandstands, and more. Get advice from our archivist on researching the history of your own house or any local building. Pick up a colouring sheet inspired by the archives, with designs suitable for both adults and children.

Archives are collections of historical records which help us understand the past and learn from history. EDLC Archives collects unique records created by people and organisations in East Dunbartonshire. We care for them and keep them safe for current and future generations. You can use the archives for research, general interest, or just for enjoyment, and everyone is welcome.

Saturday 5 September, 11am to 4pm



Archives & Local Studies
Floor 1, William Patrick Library
2-4 West High Street
Kirkintilloch
G66 1AD



www.edlc.co.uk/heritage-arts/historical-records/archives/

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William Patrick Library:

Visit the library for some fun drop-in children's craft activities with a Doors Open Day theme. No need to book and all materials are provided.

We will also have a display of objects with a building and architecture theme selected by our friends at the Auld Kirk Museum. The objects will be on show in the display cases in the library foyer throughout September.

The William Patrick Library opened at its current location in 1994 to replace the town library at Camphill House, Peel Park. It was refurbished in 2012. The stained-glass panels from Middlecroft House, the former home of Rita Cowan Taketsuru, the mother of Japanese Whisky, are housed inside.

Children's activities:

Saturday 5 September, 11am-4pm

Free, drop-in activities.

Object display:

Saturday 5 September to 26 September

During normal library opening hours



William Patrick Library
2-4 West High Street
Kirkintilloch
G66 1AD

www.edlc.co.uk/venues/william-patrick-library

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Kirkintilloch Police Office

The Kirkintilloch Office of Police Scotland are opening their doors to members of the public for Doors Open Day. Come and meet your local Community Police and take part in a variety of engagement events within the rear carpark of the building. Children and families are very welcome.

Saturday 5 September, 10am-3pm



Kirkintilloch Police Office
45 Southbank Drive
Kirkintilloch
G66 1XR
www.scotland.police.uk



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Kirkintilloch Players

See where the magic is made. A chance to go backstage at a working theatre which hosts several productions a year. Club members will show you round and explain how shows are put together, rehearsed and presented to an audience.

Founded in 1923, the Kirkintilloch Players is a celebrated amateur theatre group based in the intimate Turret Theatre.

Saturday 5 September, 10.30am-3.30pm



Turret Theatre
9 Eastside
Kirkintilloch
G66 1PY
www.facebook.com/kirkyplayers/

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Kirkintilloch & District Society of Antiquaries: Display

The Society's display 'Kirkintilloch Then and Now' will feature historical and current photographs of around 20 prominent buildings and locations. Members will be on hand throughout the day to answer questions about membership of the society and its activities. The exhibition will then continue to Saturday 12 September.

Kirkintilloch and District Society of Antiquaries was founded in 1933 and is the local history society for Kirkintilloch. We hold meetings from October to April and organise outings to local sites of historical and cultural interest.

Saturday 5 September, 10am-5pm



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William Patrick Library
2-4 West High Street
Kirkintilloch
G66 1AD
kdsa33.blogspot.com



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Kirkintilloch & District Society of Antiquaries: Walk

This guided walk will include sites associated with the Monkland & Kirkintilloch Railway and the Forth and Clyde Canal. It accompanies the Society's display 'Kirkintilloch Then and Now'. The walk will start and end at the William Patrick Library. It will be on pavements and surfaced paths throughout.

Saturday 5 September, 2-4pm

BOOKING REQUIRED: Please book a place by emailing kdsantiquaries@gmail.com



William Patrick Library
2-4 West High Street
Kirkintilloch
G66 1AD
<https://kdsa33.blogspot.com/>





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Kirkintilloch Town Hall

The ‘Made in Kirkintilloch’ Heritage Centre is located on the first floor and tells the fascinating story of Kirkintilloch’s industrial history through a permanent display. The space is perfect for families with interactive and drawing activities for all ages.

The co-curated space will feature a selection of art works from the Civic Collection purchased for the people of East Dunbartonshire. The exhibition ‘Civic Through the Years’ will continue until 11 December.

Kirkintilloch Town Hall & Heritage Centre is a public building. The original 1906 Category B listed sandstone building reopened in 2018 following a major refurbishment.



Bookbug session:

Come along with your babies and toddlers for the usual Bookbug fun followed by a chance to explore the Town Hall an iconic Kirkintilloch landmark.

Event is free.

BOOKING REQUIRED: Please book on Eventbrite - <https://edlcculture.eventbrite.com>

Ages 0-5

Saturday 5 September, 10am

Badgemaking activity:

Join us for a special drop-in family activity transferring heritage inspired designs onto your very own badge to take away.

Event is free.

Ages 5yrs+

Saturday 5 September,
10am-12.30pm



Kirkintilloch Town Hall
Union Street
Kirkintilloch
G66 1DH
www.edlc.co.uk/venues/kirkintilloch-town-hall

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St Mary's Church

Come along for a guided tour and see banners detailing the history of the church from its earliest days. Feel free to wander around the building on your own or take some time to simply sit and contemplate. Pamphlets detailing the history of the church and the stained-glass windows will be available.

The striking pink sandstone neo-gothic church was built in 1914 to replace the old church which is now the Auld Kirk Museum. The building features excellent stained-glass windows and wood carvings designed by local artists.

Saturday 5 September, 10am-5pm



St Mary's Parish Church

Cowgate

Kirkintilloch

G66 1JT

<https://stmaryskirkintilloch.org.uk/>



Campsie Local History Group

Join the Campsie Local History Group to discover the stories behind the gravestones at the High Kirk, Lennoxtown. The group will share fascinating stories about selected individuals. There will also be a display of their ongoing research into people buried in the cemetery. Keep up to date with their project at their website www.campsiehistory.com

The venue for this talk is the Campsie Memorial Hall. The building was originally opened in 1886. In 1954 it was refurbished and dedicated to the memory of the local war dead. It recently reopened in April 2026 following a major refurbishment project.

Saturday 5 September, 2-4pm

BOOKING REQUIRED:

Please email campsiehg@gmail.com
to book a place for the talk.



Campsie Memorial Hall
2 Main Street
Lennoxtown
G66 7HA
campsiehall.org

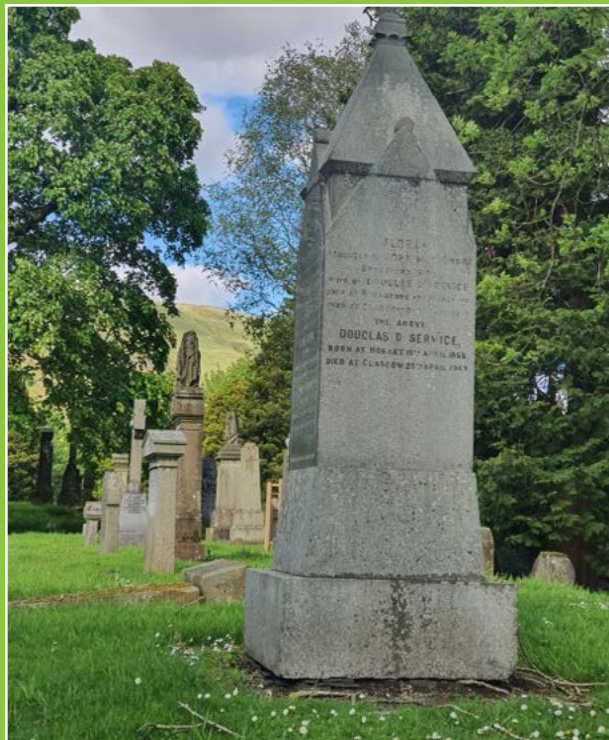


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Cairns Church

Cairns Church is a Category B listed building, designed by J B Wilson in 1901 to an eclectic style of Gothic and Arts & Crafts, with fine interior detailing. It was redesigned and expanded in 2000 by Page and Park Architects creating a new, accessible entrance leading to the sanctuary and a suite of halls of various sizes.

Members will be available to explain the history and show visitors around the church and community facilities, with an opportunity to ring the bell in the tower.

Sunday 6 September, 2-5pm



Cairns Church
11 Buchanan Street
Milngavie
G62 8AW

www.cairnschurch.org.uk



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Clober Farm

Clober Farm was originally an 18th century farmhouse which was split into three dwellings one of which was bequeathed to Spinal Injuries Scotland. Extensive renovations carried out in 2012 created a beautiful, tranquil holiday apartment adapted to allow easy access and living for those with a spinal injury or mobility issues.

You will be given an informative tour of the apartment's features which make it such a special place for those with mobility problems to have a holiday. We will also cover the rich history of the house.

Saturday 5 September, 10am-5pm



Clober Farm
7 Clober Farm Lane
Milngavie
G62 7HW
<https://www.cloberfarm.co.uk/>




[Book here](#)


Gavin's Mill

Visit one of Milngavie's oldest buildings dating from at least the 16th century. A former grain mill powered by the Allander Water, in 1960 a fire gutted the interior. It was bought and reconstructed by architect Bert Morris and functioned as an office and restaurant until 2014. In 2017 the Gavin's Mill community project took it over and opened as a fair-trade shop and café.

View a display about the building's history, pick up some goodies in the fair-trade shop, or treat yourself to some refreshments in the café.

The mill wheel will operate for 10–15-minute intervals at 10.45am, 12.45pm and 2.45pm.

Guided tours of the mill and surrounding area will leave after each mill wheel run at 11am, 1pm, and 3pm.

For budding young archaeologists there will be a Kids' Dig at 2pm.

BOOKING REQUIRED: Please book tours and the Kids' Dig via the Gavins Mill website
<https://www.gavinsmill.org/events/>

Saturday 5 September, 10am-4pm



Gavin's Mill
 3 Gavin's Mill Road
 Milngavie
 G62 6NB
<https://www.gavinsmill.org>



Lillie Art Gallery

Join us at the opening events for our two new exhibitions. In Gallery 1 we have the Glasgow Society of Women Artists exhibition featuring current artist members' work plus a portrait of former member Dorothy Carleton Smyth (1880-1933) from the Lillie's own collection. While in Galleries 2 and 3 we are hosting an exhibition with a modernist architectural theme by artist Ally Wallace. This exhibition will consist of an installation comprising sculpture, drawing and video.

The Lillie Art Gallery is a purpose-built gallery opened in 1962. It is home to a collection of Scottish art dating from the 1880s to the present day. Around 1,250 works are contained in the collection, which includes paintings, prints, drawings and a small collection of sculpture and ceramics.

Saturday 5 September, 2.30-5pm

The exhibitions will then continue until 5 November.



Lillie Art Gallery
Station Rd
Milngavie
G62 8BZ

<https://www.edlc.co.uk/venues/lillie-art-gallery/>

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Milngavie Heritage Centre Group: Display

The group's latest exhibition at Milngavie Library is titled 'A History of Bearsden' and provides local people with a golden opportunity to explore the heritage of Bearsden, the neighbouring town of Milngavie.

Covering over 2,000 years of Bearsden's fascinating history, the exhibition uses illustrated displays to provide a chronological timeline starting with a Roman settlement which centuries later became known as New Kilpatrick. Railway development in the mid-19th century was a catalyst for the settlement being renamed Bearsden, which saw the beginning of the town that we are familiar with nowadays.

Saturday 5 September, 10am-5pm

The exhibition continues until Saturday 7 November during normal library opening hours.



Milngavie Library
Allander Road
Milngavie
G62 8PN

<https://www.edlc.co.uk/venues/milngavie-library/>

Milngavie Heritage Centre Group: Walk

Join Milngavie Heritage Centre Group for a guided walk titled 'Milngavie Town Centre - Past and Present'. The walk will highlight the significant changes in the Milngavie landscape which followed the construction of Woodburn Way, the new bypass, and the pedestrianisation of the town centre. This walk starts in the Milngavie precinct outside Marks and Spencer and ends outside Gavin's Mill. This walk uses paths which are sometimes uneven.

BOOKING REQUIRED: Please contact 0141 956 3541 for further information and to reserve a place

Sunday 6 September, 2-4pm



Milngavie Town Centre



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Milngavie Library: Talk

Join Ruth Duncan at Milngavie Library for a talk on Duncans of Milngavie, the former garden centre, flower shop and tea room that flourished for over 40 years. Once a well-known local landmark, Duncans was involved in the Glasgow Garden Festival and even featured in an episode of Taggart!

This event takes place during the week on the run up to Doors Open Day and is part of a regular series of talks organised by the library.

BOOKING REQUIRED: Please book your ticket on Eventbrite - <https://edlcculture.eventbrite.com/>

Wednesday 2 September, 6pm-7pm



Milngavie Library
Allander Road
Milngavie
G62 8PN

www.edlc.co.uk/venues/milngavie-library/





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Milngavie Community Fire Station

Milngavie Community Fire Station opened in 1974. This is an operational fire station that covers Milngavie, surrounding areas, Glasgow and beyond.

Members of the public will be able to see the fire station, interact with the firefighters on duty and be shown around the fire appliances on station. Children and families are very welcome.

Please note this event may be subject to cancellation at short notice if the station receives a call out.

Saturday 5 September, 11am-3pm

Sunday 6 September, 12pm-3pm



Milngavie Fire Station
Craigdhu Road
Milngavie
G62 7PU
www.firescotland.gov.uk





Torrance and Baldernock History & Heritage Group

The Torrance and Baldernock History & Heritage Group will present a display on the original buildings of Torrance and Baldernock.

The Torrance and Baldernock History & Heritage Group meet monthly and host a range of speakers with the aim of promoting local history. The venue for this display is the Caldwell Halls, once the village school for Torrance dating back to the 1820s, now in community ownership.

Saturday 5 September, 11am-2pm



Caldwell Halls
16 Campsie Road
Torrance
G64 4BN
www.caldwellhalls.co.uk



TORRANCE

Ready to explore more?

Discover our collections

Dive deeper into your local heritage by exploring our online collections catalogue: www.collections.edlc.co.uk

View images of museum objects, artworks, and a selection of our local studies photographs.

Search detailed lists and descriptions of our archive collections then get in touch to make an appointment to view them: archives@eastdunbarton.gov.uk



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