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# Aberdeenshire DoorsOpenDays2018

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th September

# DOORS OPENDAYS

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We would love to hear from you about the event, the buildings you visited and your feedback. Please send us your photos of your favourite buildings and share your experiences of the day by posting them to our Facebook site.

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### **Doors Open Day 2018 and beyond**

If you are involved with a property that you think would make a good addition to Doors Open Days in the future, please get in touch. We look forward to hearing from you!

Clare Tierney,  
Aberdeenshire Doors Open Days Co-ordinator.

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# Welcome to Doors Open Days Aberdeenshire 2018



This year's Doors Open Days 2018 will be held Aberdeenshire wide. Spanning from Kinneff to Stonehaven to Braemar then through the ever changing countryside to Inverurie then up to Turriff, Macduff and Banff to name but a few.

If that wasn't enough, the event will be held over two days, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September 2018 to allow visitors the best opportunity to visit a wide range of properties throughout Aberdeenshire.

We have an exciting and varied programme with 42 properties taking part this year, some of which are doing so for the first time. There will be tours, exhibitions and refreshments at many of the venues hosted by Doors Open Day volunteers.

## **Come along and join us in celebrating Aberdeenshire's rich architectural history!**

Doors Open Days is Scotland's largest free annual architectural event. It is coordinated nationally by the Scottish Civic Trust and is part of European Heritage Days, a joint initiative of the Council of Europe and the European Union alongside Scottish Archaeology Month. Both events are supported by Historic Environment Scotland.

The organisation of this year's event in Aberdeenshire together with the production of this leaflet has been through Aberdeenshire Doors Open Days co-ordinator Clare Tierney, with support from Cheryl Roberts, Frances Swanston and Yvonne Clark of the Environment Team, Infrastructure Services, and Alison Simpson, Fraserburgh Engagement Officer.

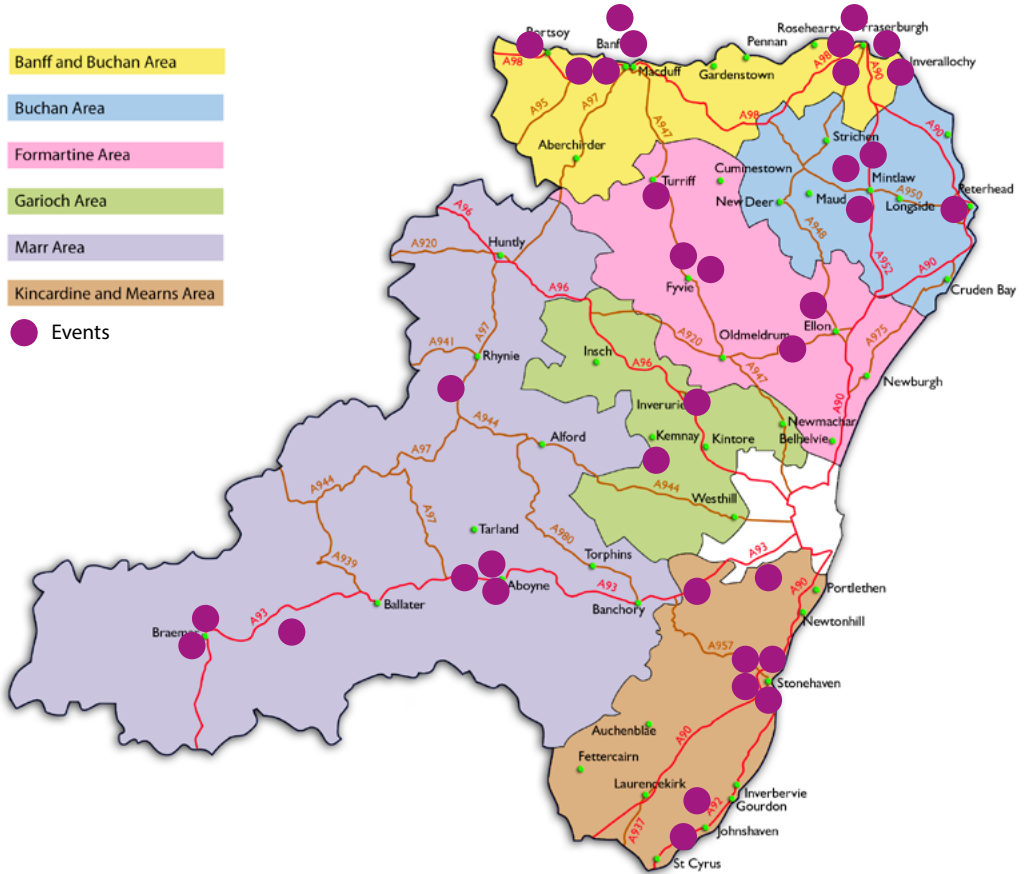
Our gratitude and thanks go to all those who have generously agreed to open their buildings to make this event possible and to the volunteers who have given up their valuable time.

## **Opening times**

Please note that not all properties may be open on both days. The majority of properties are open all day, but please do check the opening times of the properties you wish to visit as they do vary. Openings may be subject to unavoidable last minute changes, so for the most up to date information on the buildings taking part, please check the event's national website <http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk/> or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AberdeenshireArchitectureHeritageDesign/>

Any last minute changes will be posted here. Please note that tours at Tod head lighthouse require booking in advance. Please see brochure entries for details.

# Doors Open Day 2018 Events Guide



As well as the properties opening their doors, many of the properties are offering additional activities for visitors to take part in, here are some of the highlights:

If you don't wish to travel too far on the day, there is the opportunity to visit three Doors Open Days venues in Stonehaven with the 16th century Tolbooth Museum, the newly restored, (small but perfectly formed) Stonehaven Clock tower. Then check out the excellent work of our emergency services at Stonehaven Fire Station, including a seat in a real fire engine. Two of the properties are located at the harbour area allowing visitors the opportunity to soak up the historical environment at the heart of Stonehaven's Conservation Area.

The Spectacular Tod head Lighthouse, now a private home, is situated on the dramatic Catterline coastline. The owners will be on hand to show you the 15m Lighthouse Tower where you can enjoy unrestricted views along this breath-taking coastline. Please note that visits to this location must be booked in advance.










If the coast is not your bag, head inland and up Deeside to visit our four legged friends at Belwade Farm or bring your walking boots and enjoy the views over Deeside as you head up to Auchtavan.

Head up north to Inverallochy and step back in time at Maggie's Hoosie, a traditional But n Ben cottage untouched since the last occupant left.

Experience a working meal mill in Sandhaven then pop up the road to Peathill Kirk and sit and take a moment to contemplate the magnificently carved Laird's Loft.

There is plenty to do and see over the two days encompassing all of Aberdeenshire fantastic and ever changing environments and heritage.

## KEY

-  Days of Opening
-  Opening Times
-  Disabled Access
-  Disabled Parking
-  Disabled Toilet
-  Toilets
-  Refreshments
-  Parking
-  Activity/Display








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## KINCARDINE & MEARNES

### 1 The Scottish Episcopal Church of St James the Great

Arbuthnot Street, Stonehaven

Sat Sun	Sat 15th	Sun 16th
	Sat 15th 10am - 4pm Sunday Service 9 - 10.30am the church will remain open with no guide	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	

Bishop Alexander Penrose Forbes laid the foundation stone in 1875 of what he termed "one of the most beautiful; one of the most appropriate; one of the most religious structures in Scotland".

The naves style is Norman, passing into early English with massive stone pillars supporting five arcading arches, each topped at clerestory level by a Norman window. The roof is open, and bound with transverse redwood spars and supports of the same wood.

The chancel was designed by Arthur Clyde of Aberdeen, was opened in 1885. On the day relish in the churches beauty and take the opportunity to use a smart phone app to guide yourselves round the church. Members of the congregation will also be present to assist.

### 2 The Clock Tower

The Cross, Stonehaven Harbour, AB39 2JT

	Sat 15th only	
	10am - 4:30pm	
	Yes (via ramp)	
	No (Public 300 yards)	
	No (Public 300 yards)	
	No (free public parking 300 yards behind Tolbooth)	
	No	
	No	

Dating from 1790 the build contains the Town Clock. In 1894 tower was heightened and the clock was raised to its present position at the top of the square sandstone tower.

Above the doorway is a large barometer, dated 1852, used by the local fishing industry. The Clock Tower was also the site of one of the many public water supplies in the 19th century.

\*Please note that the Clock Tower will not be staffed on Doors Open Days



### 3 Tolbooth Museum, Harbour

Old Pier, Stonehaven Harbour, AB39 2JU

 Sat Sun	Saturday 15th only	
	10am to 4:30pm	
	Yes (some uneven flooring)	
	No (public toilets available 30 yards)	
	No (public toilets available 30 yards)	
	Yes (free public car park 30 yards behind Tolbooth)	
	No	
	Yes	

The Tolbooth is the oldest building in Stonehaven dating from the late 16th Century. The original use for the stone building was that of courthouse and prison. Today the ground floor contains a museum that showcases the building's turbulent past and Stonehaven's rich history.



### 4 The Mill of Benholm

Near Johnshaven, DD10 0HT






 Sat Sun	Saturday 15th only	
	11am to 4pm	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Crafts for Kids	

The Mill of Benholm is a category A listed rural mill complex. The site comprises the mill which dates from 1817 with water wheel and full interior workings, a mill pond, lade and sluices. Also the former miller's house, former byre, old grain store and community garden. Visitors can see inside the mill building while the wheel is turning. Refreshments will be available and there will be craft and learning activities for children. Benholm mill is situated in the beautiful Benholm Conservation Area.



## 5 Stonehaven Community Fire Station, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service

Mill of Forest Lane, Stonehaven, AB39 2LN

	Saturday 15th only
	10am to 4pm
	Yes
	Yes
	Yes
	No
	Yes
	Y - Firefighter demonstrations and fire engines on display

Learn about the role of a firefighter. You will be able to see the fire engines and equipment and meet and talk to the crew, who will also be on hand to provide free CPR training. You will also be able to arrange a free Home Fire Safety Visit and they will demonstrate just what it takes to become a modern day firefighter.




*\*Please note – the crew will be on call that day and so may need to attend to emergencies.*



## 6 Tod Head Lighthouse

Catterline, Kinneff, DD10 0TH

(Turn east at roadside of Kinneff for approx. 500m, turn right at the school, then first left, at the next junction turn right then immediate left, follow the track for approx. 1k to the light house).

	Saturday 15th only
	By Booking time slot only: 10:15am, 11:15am, 12:15pm, 1:15pm, 2:15pm, 3:15pm.
	<i>To book please call : 01569 690544</i>
	Access to the top of the tower is via 37 steps which is not suitable for people who have problems with stairs.
	No
	No
	N (parking limited to 6 cars on single road access track)
	Home bakes (all donations to charity)
	No, however, access to the lantern room and outside gallery will be permitted.









The Lighthouse is now decommissioned and is used as a private residence. Designed by Stevenson, visitors will have access to the top of the tower and outside gallery, children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Visits by booked tour only and places are limited due to size of property and available parking.





## 7 Beannachar Ltd

South Deeside Road, Banchory-Devenick  
Aberdeen, AB12 5YL

	Saturday 15th only	
	10am to 4pm	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Concert @ 11:45-12:30 and 17:00-17:45 given by Simon Chadwick, of traditional Gaelic harp music.	
<i>Interactive seminar about the harp 15:30-16-15.</i>		

Staff will be on hand at this gem of a building to provide guided tours of not only the building but the more extensive grounds, including the original motte and bailey castle, Pictish stones and memorial of Prince Alberts visit. An explanation of the current use of the facilities as a training centre for young adults with additional support needs will be provided.



## 8 Blairs Museum

South Deeside Road, Blairs, AB12 5YQ

	Saturday 15th	Sunday 16th
	10am to 5pm (last entry 4.30pm)	12noon - 5pm (last entry 4.30pm)
*Groups of over 10 people should book in advance		
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	No	
	Yes	

Blairs Museum is located within the former Blairs College. The Museum boasts a stunning collection of fine art and decorative art spanning more than 500 years, including rare portraits of Mary Queen of Scots and the Royal Stewarts, Jacobite memorabilia, sacred silver and gold, as well as beautiful embroidered church textiles dating from the 1400s.

Blairs is currently hosting The Grand Tour - an exhibition of 18th century architectural prints by celebrated architect and engraver Giovanni Battista Piranesi detailing the remains of the Roman Forum.

\* To book, only if your party is over 10, contact Elinor Vickers either on email [curator@blairsmuseum.org.uk](mailto:curator@blairsmuseum.org.uk) or phone 01224 863767

## 9 St Ternan's Scottish Episcopal Church

Muchalls, AB39 3PP

Sat Sun	Saturday 15th	Sunday 16th
	10am to 4pm	10.30 Sunday Service
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	No	

St Ternan's Church is the oldest in the Diocese of Brechin. The centre section was built from 1828 to 1831 replacing an old chapel located in the grounds of Muchalls castle. Later additions were made, including a gallery, (since removed) and the lengthening of the nave to accommodate larger congregations. The last major change came in 1865 with the building of the chancel. At this time the "Episcopal Chapel at Muchalls" as it has always been known, adopted a new constitution and became St Ternan's Church. Most of the pews are still in place from the days when the church could seat 250 of a congregation. The church houses a lovely stained glass window in the east wall above the altar depicting Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

## MARR

### 10 Belwade Farm, World Horse Welfare.

Dess, Aboyne. AB34 5GY









Sat Sun	Saturday 15th	Sunday 16th
	11am to 4pm	11am to 4pm
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Farm shop will be open to purchase refreshment.	
	Farm Quiz will be available from the visitor centre.	

World Horse Welfare is an international charity which works to improve the lives of horses across the globe through education, campaigning and hands on care. Across the 4 UK centres around 300 horses are rescued every year. Belwade farm can house 60 horses at any one time which have been rescued by the charity and are undergoing rehabilitation ready for their forever home. Come meet the staff and some of our friendly four legged guests.



## 11 The Seed Box, Glen Tanar Walled Garden

Glen Tanar, Aboyne. AB34 5EU

	Sunday 16th only	
	11am to 4pm	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	A beastie scavenger hunt will be held for kids	

The Seed Box provides horticultural training and outdoor therapy to adults with additional support needs. We carry out gardening activities within the walled garden supporting workers to develop employability skills, confidence and independence. So come along and explore the many wonders of Glen Tanar Walled Garden, round every corner lies a world of beauty, nature and mystery and purchase some of our wonderful plants.



## 12 Coats Room, Game Larder and St Lesmo Chapel

Glen Tanar, Aboyne. AB34 5EU





	Sunday 16th only	
	10am to 4pm	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes, Coats Room only	
	Tea, coffee, Juice and shortbread available in the Coats Room	
	No	

Come along and visit the hidden treasures of Glen Tanar Estate, Coats Room, an old workshop recently renovated. The Game larder where the game is stored straight from the hillside and the quiet serenity of the Chapel of St Lesmo.



## 13 Auchtavan Township

Glen Fearder, Crathie. AB35 5TQ

 Sat Sun	Sunday 16th only	
	11am to 3pm	
	No	
	No	
	No	
	Yes then 2.5 mile walk, See below *	
	No	

Come for a climb up the hill and visit the abandoned “ferm town” with its restored cruck framed cottage with hingin lum, horse mill and Queen Mothers picnic cottage. Come prepared for the 2.5 mile uphill walk to the site where a guide will be available. Walking shoes and outdoor clothing are recommended.

\*Auchtavan is situated approximately 6 miles north-east of Braemar. Vehicles can be parked in the lay-by opposite the turn-off signed Aberarder. It is then a 2.5 mile up-hill walk to the settlement. The track passes through birch woods and open moorland and be quite rough, walking shoes and outdoor clothing are recommended.



## 14 Kildrummy Kirk

Kildrummy, By Lumsden. AB33 8HP

 Sat Sun	Sunday 16th only	
	2pm to 6pm	
	Level access to church but no adaptations	
	No	
	No	
	Limited at church, priority for Disabled.	
	Tea, coffee and home baking	
	Photographic display showing re-roofing of the kirk in 2017	

A fine example of a Georgian church in a picturesque setting adjacent to the ruins of the older St Bride’s Church and Elphinstone aisle. The kirk has an unusual almost square plan with a bow front and bellcote, under a steeply pitched roof. The church is now under the care of the Scottish Redundant Churches Trust.



## 15 Braemar Castle

Braemar. Ab35 5XR

	Sunday 16th only	
	<b>Booked tours only *</b> 11:30am and 2:30pm	
Please call 013397 41219 to book		
	Limited	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	No	
	"Forces and Foes"- Braemar Castle's Military History	

Braemar castle has a long and interesting history, originally built in 1628 as a hunting lodge for the Earl of Mar, burned in 1689 during the first Jacobite uprising, garrison for Hanoverian soldiers after the battle of Culloden and for the past 200 years home to the Chiefs of Clan Farquharson. Come and find out more with 2 special guided tours at 11:30 and 14:30. Places on tours must be booked.

\*Castle will be open Saturday and Sunday but normal admission charges will apply.



## 16 St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

Glenshee Road, Braemar. AB35 5YQ

	Saturday 15th Open	Sunday 16th Open
	10am - 6pm Tower 11am-1pm (guided tours only)	
	No	
	No	
	No (close near by)	
	No (public parking nearby)	
	No	
	A permanent exhibition is on display	








St Margaret's, a Category A listed building is considered to be one of Scotland's finest churches, designed in the late 19th century by renowned Scottish Sir John Ninian Comper. The exquisite interior has many a beautiful stained glass window also designed by Comper. Relish this rare opportunity to experience to climb the tower and view the surrounding landscape.

\*Although no booking for the tower is required please note the opening times.



## 17 Tullich Church, Ballater

Tullich, Ballater. AB35 55B

	Saturday 15th only	
	11am *approx 1 hour tour	
	No	
	No	
	No	
	Yes	
	No	
	No	

Tullich Church has a long and fascinating history, and was once a very important site in the local area. The church, two miles north east of Ballater, is now ruined and stands inside a sub-circular graveyard and is built on the site of an earlier Medieval chapel.

A project has been developed to repair and consolidate the church and return the collection of carved symbol stones, including one Class I Pictish stone and a large carved stone bowl, back to site, (following removal over 15 years ago for conservation) in to a bespoke shelter.

This is an opportunity to take part in a 'Hard Hat Tour' of the Tullich Church site by local Stone Mason, Stewart Urquhart, who is undertaking the repair and consolidate this historic site.

\*Booking essential

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Phone: 01467 537738

## GARIOCH

### 18 The Lodge of St Anthony

22 High Street, Inverurie. AB51 3XQ

	Saturday 15th	Sunday 16th
	10am to 4pm	10am to 4pm
	Yes	
	No (reasonable access to existing toilet)	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes (donations to charity)	
	No	

The lodge was purpose built with internal murals and decoration including many photographs of members going back to First World War. Lodge members will be on hand to provide information about the lodge.



## 19 Castle Fraser

Sauchen, Inverurie. AB51 7LD









	Sunday 16th only	
	10am to 4pm	
	Yes (ground floor including tea room and shop)	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Tearoom will be open	
	There will be a display of traditional costume and a children's activity sheet.	

Castle Fraser is one of the grandest of the Scottish Baronial tower houses, a building to be savoured with its fine examples of towers, crow-step gables and coats of arms to name but a few delights. A walk round the castle is like viewing a huge piece of sculpture as the architectural details of the building shift, changing their shapes and relationship with each other and the surrounding landscape. A delight to the senses



## 20 Elyza Fraser Mausoleum

Cluny Graveyard, Cluny, Monymusk. AB51 7RS

	Saturday 15th only	
	11am to 4pm	
	No	
	No	
	No	
	Yes	
	No	
	No	

Described by architectural historians as possibly the finest sepulchral monument in Aberdeenshire, the Category A listed mausoleum was built for the first female laird of Castle Fraser by James Byres of Tonley in the Roman New-Classical style in 1808. The standard of construction is superb although internally water ingress has damaged the memorials.











A representative of the Friends of Elyza Fraser group will be on hand to talk about the mausoleum.

## Formartine

### 21 St Congan's Scottish Episcopal Church

Deveron Road, Turriff. AB53 4BB

	Saturday 15th	Sunday 16th
	10am to 4pm	Normal Sunday Service 10:30am to 12:00 noon
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes (limited on street)	
	Yes	
	No	

St Congan's is the fourth Episcopal Church but the first in its current location. The building houses several interesting stain glass windows.



## 22 Fyvie Guide House

Cuminestown Road, Fyvie. Turriff. AB53 8RG

	Saturday 15th only
	11am to 4pm
	Yes (through rear entrance)
	Yes
	Yes
	Yes (off road within grounds)
	Tea, coffee and cakes
	Display of Guiding Memorabilia

The Guide house was originally built in 1879 as a cottage hospital to serve the local community. The Architect was James Duncan.









In 1965 the property was purchased by Aberdeenshire Guides at a cost of £2000 then they set about fundraising to carry out conversion of the building into a holiday home for members of the guiding movement.





## 23 Fyvie Parish Church

Beech Row, Fyvie, Turriff, AB53 8PD

	Saturday 15th only
	10am to 4pm
	Yes
	Yes
	Yes
	Yes
	Tea, coffee and cakes (small donation)
	No

Fyvie parish church was built at the start of the 19th Century and sits on an early Christian site. To the south of the church is the old graveyard. The West gable is the principal elevation and overlooks the road into Fyvie, while the East gable houses 4 carved Pictish stones. Internally the main focus of the chancel at the East end of the church is a magnificent stained glass window by Tiffany of New York.



## 24 Mort House

Udny Green, Udny, AB41 7RS







	Saturday 15th	Sunday 16th
	10am to 4pm	
	No	
	No	
	No	
	Yes	
	No	
	No	

Cylindrical in form, built from local granite ashlar with a conical slate roof, the Mort House still has the original stout oak door, protective metal shutter and keyhole. Inside the original oak revolving table upon which the coffins were placed still survives. Members of the Udny historical group will be on hand to show you inside the Mort House and also to give a short tour of the Udny Churchyard.



## 25 Tarves Heritage Centre

The Square, Tarves. Ellon. AB41 7GX

Sat Sun	Saturday 15th	Sunday 16th
	10am to 4:30pm	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes (on street)	
	No (coffee shop located within the old school building)	
	Hetty the Heritage Mouse Quiz	

Tarves Heritage centre occupies part of an old Victorian School building built in 1837 set within the Tarves village conservation area. One of the rooms has been retained as a Victorian classroom where visitors can experience a Victorian lesson!



## BUCHAN

### 26 Hareshowe Farm

Aden Country Park, Mintlaw, Peterhead, AB42 5FQ

Sat Sun	Saturday 15th	Sunday 16th
	10.15am to 3.30pm	
	No	
	No	
	No	
	Disabled Only	
	No	
	Yes - There is a pebble decorating activity in the steading for children	

Hareshowe Farm is managed by Aberdeenshire Council and is a typical small Buchan farm steading built in the 1890s. Once located 9 miles from Aden Country Park and owned by the Barron family from 1935 until the late 1980s, it was dismantled stone-by-stone and rebuilt on its present site within Aden Country Park 1990-91 and returned to its mid-1950s character. The whole farmhouse and most of the steading buildings are open to the public. The farm is a short walk from Aden Farming Museum (approximately 600 m).



## 27 Aden Farming Museum

Aden Country Park, Mintlaw, Peterhead,  
AB42 5FQ

	Saturday 15th	Sunday 16th
	10.15 am to 3.30pm	
	Yes - limited, no lift access to mezzanine floor	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes - cafe on site	
	Exhibition of black and white photographs of farming folk from the turn of the 20th Century (from the James Morrison Collection), plus various activities for children	

Aberdeenshire Farming Museum is managed by Aberdeenshire Council and is situated in the heart of Aden Country Park. The museum is housed in a rare, category A listed, semi-circular farmstead building built around 1800 and coach house built in 1832. This now houses the award-winning Aberdeenshire Farming Museum, containing a Recognised Collection of National Significance awarded by the Scottish Museums Council (SMC).



## 28 The Old Manse

4 Windhill Street, Stuartfield AB42 5DR

	Saturday 15th	Sunday 16th
	10am to 4pm	
*Booking Required see below		
	Yes	
	No	
	Yes	
	Yes (on street)	
	NO	
	Yes *1 hour talk, booking essential, see below on how to book.	

The talk will take the form of traditional storytelling, with images and illustrations covering; the origin of the church and manse, the lives of some of the ministers concentrating particularly on the first minister, James Robertson and his children, who later in life achieved tremendous success! You will also delve into the lives of the many occupants of The Old Manse, where odd coincidences exist between the first inhabitant and the existing one!!

\*The storytelling is by the current owner, in one of the rooms of the house, which can cater for a maximum of 6 people at a time. The talk is approx. 1 hour long and should be booked in advance by either phoning 01771624412 or 07855537824 or by email – [ablo@lnaworld.net](mailto:ablo@lnaworld.net) A Doors Open Day must which proves a book should not be judged by its cover.

## 29 Arbuthnot Museum

St. Peter Street, Peterhead AB42 1QD

	Saturday 15th only	
	10am to 12.30pm & 1.30pm to 3.30 pm	
	Yes (but limited to ground floor only, phone for details 01779 477778)	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes - limited on street parking near the museum, or public car park on York Street	
	No	
	Yes - New exhibition celebrating the 125th anniversary of the opening of the Arbuthnot Museum	









Discover the wealth of Peterhead's maritime history in one of Aberdeenshire's oldest museums. The collections are housed in a pink granite "Free Renaissance" style building, built in 1891-3 to a design by D and J. R. McMillan, funded in part by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. Explore the history of the museum in an exhibition celebrating 125 years since the Arbuthnot Museum opened.



## BANFF & BUCHAN

### 30 Banff Parish Church of Scotland

High Street, Banff, AB45 1AE





	Saturday 15th Open	Sunday 16th Open
	10am to 4pm	Service 11am
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	No	
	No	

Built in 1789, Andrew Wilson architect and builder, with tower added in 1849, William Robertson. Chancel added and interior altered in 1929. There are some fine examples of stained glass. Small chapel created at rear of church in 1994. Pulpit, font, communion table and stained glass in chancel all gifted in 1929. Other furnishings from Trinity & Alvah Church, united in 1994.



### 31 Peathill Kirk (Formerly Pitsligo Parish Kirk)

Peathill, Rosehearty, Pitsligo, AB43 7NU









	Sunday 16th only
	10am to 4pm
	Yes (but only at the main entrance)
	No
	No
	Yes (limited to roadside)
	No

Dated to 1890, architect A Marshall Mackenzie. This large spikey Gothic Kirk, by the architect of Marischal College, accommodates over 501 worshippers and is built in crisp grey granite with strikingly darker pinning's. The jewel in the crown internally is the Laird's Loft, a magnificently carved addition dedicated to the Forbes Family. Friends of the Kirk will be available on hand to assist with any questions you may have.



### 32 1, High Shore Street, Banff

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	Saturday 15th Open	Sunday 16th Open
	10am to 4pm	
	Ground Floor Only	
	No	
	Yes	
	No	
	Yes	
	No	

Dating c.1676 this old merchant's house was once where multiple families shared lodgings. A stone spiral staircase takes you up 3 floors to explore, where much of the original decorations can still be seen on the timbers. Almost every room has unusual nooks and crannies and corners opening off, and the house's has its own private lookout tower. Only open to the public on Doors Open Days - this is a must see.



### 33 Duff House Mausoleum

Wrack Woods (1 mile from Duff House), AB45 3SX

	Sunday 16th only
	10am to 4pm
	Yes outside, 3 steps to enter
	Yes at Duff House itself
	Yes at Duff House itself
	Yes at Duff House then 1 mile walk plus 2 disabled spaces at Mausoleum
	No Tearoom at Duff House open 11am to 4:15pm
	A leaflet with a map showing walks around the Wrack Woods. A leaflet with the history of the Mausoleum.

Built on the site of a Carmelite burial ground this “Gothic” structure houses the remains of the first five Earls (starting 1705) and other Duff family members. Situated in an extremely peaceful and picturesque location - so much so it has been used for weddings – it also contains several excellent examples of quite early Coade stone, still here after more than 200 years in what is perhaps the most northerly example.



### 34 Macduff Parish Church

Church Street, Macduff, AB44 1UN









	Saturday 15th Open	Sunday 16th Open
	10am to 4pm	10am to 4pm (regular morning service from 11am all welcome)
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes (on street during service)	
	Yes	
	Age related quiz sheet.	

On a hill overlooking the harbour, the building was opened in 1805. With its Italianate square tower, domed roof and cupola added in 1865, it is a landmark for boats approaching the town. A display of the life and work of the church and the community will be shown inside and guides will be able to show visitors around the building and speak about the life of the congregation. Further information is available on Macduff Parish Church’s Facebook page or the website: <http://www.macduffparishchurch.org.uk>



### 35 Salmon Bothy

Links Road, Portsoy, AB45 2SS

	Saturday 15th Open	Sunday 16th Open
	10am to 4pm	
	Yes to Museum only	
	No	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	No	
	WW1 Exhibition currently within the museum	

Opened in 2009 after extensive renovation, this historic museum is housed in what was the three ice chambers of the bothy. It tells the story of the history of Portsoy's harbour and its associated industries, as well as the history of the salmon fishing in Portsoy. The little Bothy displays the authentic living quarters of the seasonal salmon fishers. In addition, a temporary exhibition in chamber 1 commemorates WW1 with particular emphasis on Portsoy. Upstairs there is a community space.



### 36 Masonic Lodge, Banff

St. Johns Hall, 4 Braeheads, Banff,








	Sunday 16th only	
	10am to 4pm	
	No	
	No	
	Yes	
	Yes (on street)	
	Yes Tea, Coffee and Biscuits	
	Lodge memorabilia, photos and books	

As well as exploring this splendid C listed building with anti-room and lodge, there will be historic records, artefacts and photos dating as far back as 1764 on display. Guides will be on hand to answer any questions you have about the building and the ancient fellowship of the Freemasons.



### 37 Maggie's Hoosie

24 Shore Street, Inverallochy, AB43 8WA

Sat Sun	Sunday 16th only	
	10am to 4pm	
	No	
	No	
	No	
	No (on street nearby)	
	Limited	
	No	

Very much an authentic ancient fisher family dwelling or But n Ben comprising of rock and clay built walls, tiled roof and earthen floors. The internal accommodation comprises of the living room (BEN) with box bed, open fire and furniture of the time. The bedroom (BUT) with a similar box bed and appropriate furniture completes the scene providing an insight into the living conditions and habits of the fishing communities centuries ago.



### 38 Sandhaven Meal Mill

Main Street, Sandhaven, AB43 4EP

Sat Sun	Saturday 15th	Sunday 16th
	10am to 4pm	
	No	
	No	
	No	
	Yes	
	No	
	The original machinery in situ	









This is a fine example of an early 19th century rectangular mill and kiln. Sandhaven meal mill is unique in that all the machinery survives, including the electric motor, which provided power in the last years of its working life; other fittings include a built-in hinged top desk used by the miller. This is a fascinating way to learn how oatmeal used to be ground in this typical Scottish meal mill.





### 39 The Smiddy: Centre of Excellence of Silversmith and Jewellery

Bridge Street, Banff, AB45 2GP

	Saturday 15th	Sunday 16th
	10am to 4pm	11am to 4pm
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes (on street)	
	No	
	Stamp your own keyring - fun for all ages	

For a period of 200 years up until the 1880s, 24 different silversmiths toiled to produce works of the finest quality for the prosperous citizens of Banff. The town had its own assay mark, and Banff Silver manufactured over this period is much sought after. Now silversmithing in Banff is about to embark on a new journey – due to open at the end of September you will be getting a sneak peek of Vanilla Ink’s new exciting enterprise, a purpose built workshop in the Old Smiddy. A centre of excellence for silversmithing and jewellery.



### 40 Fraserburgh United Reformed Church

Mid Street, Fraserburgh, AB43 9AJ



	Sunday 16th only	
	Morning worship 11am to 12 noon all welcome	
	General opening 12:30-16:00	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Public car park across the road from the church. This is free of charge on a Sunday. There is limited on street parking	
	Yes - in the hall adjoining the church	
	Yes	

The buildings consist of the church building as well as the adjacent Macaulay Hall. The original church building of 1803 was tragically destroyed by a fire in 2000. Inside there is an impressive stained glass window depicting Christ and the fishermen casting their nets out to sea.



## 41 Fraserburgh South Church

21 Seaforth Street, Fraserburgh, AB43 9BD

	Sunday 16th only	
	11am to 4pm	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	No	
	Information leaflets available about the church	

The South Church, originally the South United Free Church, was built in towering Germanic Gothic style, on the site of the old parish school.

The imposing spire-topped tower houses a clock gifted by George Anderson, Treasurer of the Bank of Scotland.



The interior of the church is very grand, with tall arcades and large galleries, and is dominated by the very large and fabulously detailed pipe organ and incorporated pulpit.

Within also can be seen the extraordinary 'Moses Stone', depicting Moses receiving the ten commandments and dated 1613 - thought to be a relic of Fraserburgh University.

## 42 Fraserburgh Heritage Centre

Quarry Road, Fraserburgh, AB43 9DT

	Sunday 16th only	
	10am to 4pm (last entry 3:15pm)	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	Yes	
	No	
	Yes	

A Doors Open Days favourite, originally a barrel vaulted factory and then a foundry for C.P.T in Fraserburgh. This building now houses the cultural, social and economic story of the town through artefacts, displays and over 20 'hands on activities!!!

If that wasn't enough the Heritage Centre will also have a timed programme of events on the day (please check Face Book and Website for details nearer the day).

<https://www.fraserburghheritage.com/>



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[www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/doorsopendays](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/doorsopendays)

<https://www.facebook.com/AberdeenshireArchitectureHeritageDesign/>

If you would like any further information about the event or have any queries, please email the Aberdeenshire event coordinators at: [doorsopen@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:doorsopen@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

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Clare Tierney

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