

# ABERDEENSHIRE

Explore Aberdeenshire's inspiring natural landscapes from the epic north east coastline, including the Banffshire coast, to beautiful Royal Deeside and the stunning Cairngorms National Park.

The region has ancient castles, idyllic towns and villages and stunning countryside to explore, which is home to a variety of wildlife. Discover clifftops, coves and beaches and explore traditional fishing villages - or unravel a dramatic past through Scotland's Castle Trail. You'll find everything from rugged ruins to grand fortresses and royal residences.



Head into Aberdeen city to find award-winning restaurants, fantastic shopping and a vibrant nightlife. Aberdeen offers a wealth of history and culture including fantastic galleries, museums and historical buildings, as well as a superb beach just a short walk from the city centre.

This map has been created to show the locations in Aberdeenshire which were used in the making of the Sunset Song movie as well as the importance of Lewis Grassie Gibbon's classic novel and his place in Scotland's rich literary history.

This map has been created by VisitScotland in association with Metrodome. Here are some website links which provide more details about the film and the locations:

Film, Tourism & Regional Information:  
[www.metrodomegroup.com](http://www.metrodomegroup.com)  
[www.filmingscotland.com](http://www.filmingscotland.com)  
[www.visitscotland.com/films](http://www.visitscotland.com/films)  
[www.visitscotland.com/aberdeenshire](http://www.visitscotland.com/aberdeenshire)

Location Information:  
[www.ballogie-estate.co.uk](http://www.ballogie-estate.co.uk)  
[www.grassicgibbon.com](http://www.grassicgibbon.com)  
[www.glentamar.co.uk](http://www.glentamar.co.uk)  
[www.glenmuick.com](http://www.glenmuick.com)  
[www.invercauld-estate.com](http://www.invercauld-estate.com)  
[www.arbuthnottbervieandkinneff.org.uk](http://www.arbuthnottbervieandkinneff.org.uk)  
[/arbuthnott-history](http://arbuthnott-history.com)  
[www.undiscoveredscotland.co.uk](http://www.undiscoveredscotland.co.uk)  
[/fettercairn/fettercairn](http://fettercairn/fettercairn)



SunsetSongFilm



@SunsetSongFilm



METRODOME

EUROPE & SCOTLAND  
European Regional Development Fund  
Investing in a Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Future

Aberdeenshire  
COUNCIL



Visit Royal Deeside

# SUNSET SONG

## FILM MAP

SEE THE FILM  
THEN VISIT THE  
ABERDEENSHIRE LOCATIONS



## LEWIS GRASSIC GIBBON AND ABERDEENSHIRE

**James Leslie Mitchell, the novelist of the Mearns, is better known by his pen name Lewis Grassic Gibbon.**

Lewis Grassic Gibbon was born in 1901 in the Aberdeenshire croft of Hillhead of Seggat and moved to Arbuthnott in the Howe of the Mearns where he spent his formative years. Life in this small rural community shaped his thoughts and beliefs and was to be a profound influence on his writings later in life. The people and places, sights, smells and sounds of that time etched in his memory, were later recreated with vivid imaginative power in his novel 'Sunset Song' the first book in his trilogy about life in the early part of the twentieth century, 'A Scots Quair'. Sunset Song was published in 1932, Gibbon died in 1935.



Image courtesy of The Grassic Gibbon Centre.

## FILMING 'SUNSET SONG'

Renowned British filmmaker Terence Davies' most ambitious film to date, SUNSET SONG, adapted from the classic novel by Scottish writer Lewis Grassic Gibbon, is set for release in the UK and Ireland on 4 December 2015 through Metrodome Distribution. The film received its World Premiere at the 2015 Toronto International Film Festival followed by a UK Premiere at the BFI London Film Festival where it screened in Official Competition. A special Scottish Premiere and preview screenings were held in November before general release in December.

SUNSET SONG stars Agyness Deyn (PUSHER and the Coen Brothers' forthcoming HAIL, CAESAR), Peter Mullan (TYRANNOSAUR, WAR HORSE) and Kevin Guthrie (SUNSHINE ON LEITH).

Told with gritty poetic realism by Britain's greatest living auteur, Terence Davies, SUNSET SONG laments the devastation of war and pays fine tribute to the endurance of the land. Set in a rural Scottish community, SUNSET SONG is driven by the young heroine Chris (Agyness Deyn) and her intense passion for life, the unsettled Ewan

(Kevin Guthrie) and for the unforgiving land. The impact of the First World War is felt from afar, bringing the rapidly changing modern world to bear on this community in the harshest possible way. Yet, in a final moment of grace, Chris endures the great hardships. Now a woman of remarkable strength, she is able to draw from the ancient land in looking to the future. SUNSET SONG is an epic in emotional scale and deeply romantic at its core.





# SUNSET SONG

BASED ON THE CLASSIC NOVEL BY  
LEWIS GRASSIC GIBBON, FILMED  
ON LOCATION IN ABERDEENSHIRE

ABERDEEN

A90

A93 to  
Braemar

BALLATER

BIRSEMORE LOCH

ABOYNE

BALLOGIE ESTATE  
A93

BANCHORY

BALLOGIE ESTATE,  
NEAR ABOYNE

Dating from 1850, Ballogie Estate covers 6000 acres on beautiful Royal Deeside. Visitors can enjoy walking, fishing, traditional sporting activities and wildlife spotting, or browsing locally created artworks in the estate's Butterworth Gallery. Ballogie also offers a range of holiday accommodation, from cosy cottages and farm steadings to the grand estate house set amidst stunning countryside.

A957

STONEHAVEN

A90

A92

ARBUTHNOTT

B966

B967

FETTERCAIRN

B966

B9120

A90

A92

MONTROSE



GRASSIC GIBBON  
CENTRE, ARBUTHNOTT

Visitor Centre dedicated to Lewis Grassic Gibbon situated in the heart of the countryside epitomised as Kinraddie in Sunset Song.



Picture: Robert Howarth

ARBUTHNOTT CHURCH

*The family attend regular church services along with the rest of the villagers and farm workers.*

The Church is one of the oldest in Scotland dating back to the pre reformation days. Consecrated in 1242 the church was dedicated to the memory of St Ternan. The oldest part of the building is the chancel, with the rest of the building added around 1500. Services of worship are held on Sundays at 10am. In a corner of the churchyard lies James Leslie Mitchell's (Lewis Grassic Gibbon) memorial in the shape of an open book with the inscription "And I will give you the morning star".

GLEN TANAR ESTATE,  
NEAR ABOYNE

*Glen Tanar - the old school house - Chris studies here with dreams of being a teacher.*

Situated in a beautiful glen at the heart of Royal Deeside and within the spectacular Cairngorms National Park, Glen Tanar Estate offers some of Scotland's most stunning scenery. There is a wide choice of outdoor activities such as walking, mountain biking, horse riding and traditional sporting activities as well as guided Land Rover safaris. The wildlife photography hides are very popular where you can spot golden eagles, peregrine falcons & black grouse.



FETTERCAIRN VILLAGE

*Chris and Ewan meet amidst a flock of sheep running through the village.*

Fettercairn is a glorious little village with origins dating back over a thousand years. By the mid 1600s Fettercairn was a thriving place, though this came to a sudden - if temporary - halt when the village was sacked and burned by the army of the Marquis of Montrose in 1645.

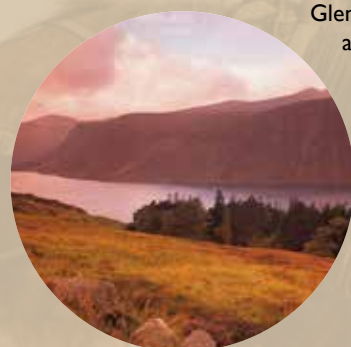
Rebuilt, largely from a reddish sandstone, many of the village's buildings are listed, including a number of those gathered around The Square, the home of the traditional markets held here. Fettercairn is also home to Fettercairn Distillery, one of the oldest licenced distilleries in Scotland and which is open to visitors.



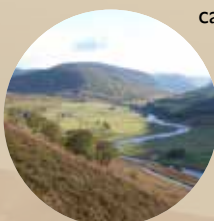
GLENMUICK ESTATE,  
NEAR BALLATER

*The standing stones were created on the Glenmuick estate.*

Glenmuick estate is situated in the heart of Royal Deeside and the Cairngorms National Park. The 14,000 acre estate is filled with all the wildlife and epic landscapes that make Scotland such a truly special place. It is home to red squirrels, game, red and roe deer, grouse, salmon and sea trout and visitors might even spot golden eagle, capercaillie and wild cat. Glenmuick welcomes responsible access, with the House of Glenmuick and holiday cottages also available to rent while enjoying many of the sporting pursuits across the estate.



Invercauld is world renowned for grouse shoots, deer stalking and salmon fishing.



© Angus McNicol

INVERCAULD ESTATE,  
NEAR BRAEMAR

Invercauld Estate, owned by the Farquharson family for many centuries, is in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park, in Royal Deeside. Native Caledonian Scots Pine merge into rolling heather covered mountains leading up to a number of Munros. Walkers can enjoy being amongst some of the country's finest scenery whilst having the chance to view some of our more elusive wildlife including eagles, red squirrels, ptarmigan, red and roe deer. The estate offers holiday accommodation overlooking the River Dee, including cottages, caravan and camping facilities - plus