



11. "I can mind that people used to follow horses with a bucket and shovel to pick up the horse droppings to use as manure in their gardens."
12. "When we were we used to go to the picture house called the 'Scratcher' to see the Saturday matinee. It cost 2d to get in or if you were weel off you could go to the back seats for 3d. We would have a 1p bag of soft brown sugar or cubes of jelly or cinnamon sticks. I remember at Xmas time the manager would give a 'us bairns an orange and an apple or a new penny or tickets for the shows at Portobello."
13. "In those days the High Street was full of wee shops. I used to get sent to Aggie Bagnall's to buy a fourpfit or tatties and a half loaf. At Mrs Jardine's you could buy a jug of soup or custard. It cost about 2d or 3d."
14. "Just by the site of the old post office in Kirk Street there was a tunnel leading down to the main road and there used to be 2 porteries down through the tunnel."
15. "The Edinburgh Coal Company built houses with inside bathrooms and hot water for their miners and their families (Nimmo Avenue and Polwarth Crescent) It was ironic that the company spent such money looking after the miners welfare in this way and yet you had to beg steal or borrow tools and equipment even nails from the other nearby pits."

8. "Pit horses were better thought of than us miners. This day when it was 'bucketting' down, so that the horse wouldn't catch a chill, we had to pull the new cage. We got soaked while the horse watched us from its cosy shed."
9. "Colonel Gardiner's house was known as the 'Holy Stook' as the monks travelling between Newbottle and Haddington used to stop and rest here. At one time the house was used as a bothy for the Irish tattie hawksers until it was burnt down in the 60's. It lay derelict for many years but has now been restored and converted into private owned flats and one of the bottom flats houses a small 'Battle of Prestonpans' museum."
10. "It is said that the stones for the Old Preston Lodge School came from Arncliffe House near Haddington after it was destroyed by fire and demolished in 1928. Then the Preston Lodge itself was burnt down in the 60's. They say someone left a bunsen burner on all night."

6. "I used to go into the Salt Works and buy a bag of coarse salt. It was for cooking, steeping your feet and, in winter, for the slippery roads - which you did yourself."
7. "I remember the horse that pulled the cart form the pit and the brewery. This day the horse fell down outside the cemetery. The driver shouted at it to get up and then when someone told him the horse was dead, he got down and cuddled it!"



3. "On the seashore there is a huge volcanic rock called the 'Johnny Moat'. It was said that if the stone ever fell so too would the prosperity of Prestonpans. Several years ago the stone did indeed fall over and by that time built and that, Prestonpans is beginning to grow again."
4. "When you shopped in the Co-op you left your store book on the top of the pile on the counter and waited on your name being called. The shop assistant would turn the pile over and call out the names in turn - then you would get served. You didn't need any money as she got your father's wages."
5. "I used to work in Lowe's market gardens after school - weeding and pulling rhubarb. There was no hygiene in those days. We ate our pieces in the fields with our dirty hands."



2. "At the Brickworks there were bogies (little trucks) for moving the bricks about. The children used to play there on a Sunday (the workers' day off). They used to play in the bogies, pushing them along the rails which had bricks at the end to stop them coming off the rails. One wee girl had a new blue coat on (hard earned in those days) and was in the bogie when it came to the end and tipped up - she went flying out into a puddle of oily water and ruined her new coat. Boy, was she in trouble!"

These are some of the memories of the Prestonpans Happy Trails Group. They give an insight into local life in Prestonpans in days gone by and add an interesting historical background to some of the places that you will pass along the way when walking the routes described overleaf. We have marked the points of interest on the map above.
1. "When I was young women weren't allowed in the pubs so a 'jug bar' was provided for women and children to buy beer in jugs to carry out. It was also one of the few horseshoe bars in Scotland. It was supposed to be secretive but everyone could see you! Some of the women met in Aggie Tail's House to drink. This was known as a 'she ben'. The women paid for the drink and the hostess made a profit."

PRESTONPANS MEMORIES

THE PRESTONPANS HAPPY TRAILS GROUP

The Happy Trails group was formed in 2005 to develop an interesting and fun way to encourage walking, by pointing out sites of local history in Prestonpans and exchanging personal memories en route.

The group hope that this map will preserve some of their stories and encourage others to follow in their footsteps.

The routes are designed to be interchangeable so that they can be tailored to the individual's needs.

Would you like to join the group? For more information contact **Elizabeth White** on **0131 653 4063** or Email **ewhite@eastlothian.gov.uk**.



WALK MORE – FEEL THE DIFFERENCE

The British Heart Foundation recommends we take 30 minutes of moderate exercise a day on 5 or more days a week to benefit our health.

Did you know that walking regularly can

- keep your heart strong
- help to reduce your weight
- help you to sleep better
- help to reduce stress
- reduce your blood pressure
- make you feel good



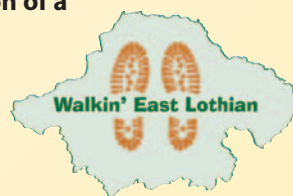
Try to make walking part of your normal day.



WALKIN' EAST Lothian

Would you like to walk more for exercise or pleasure? Need the motivation of a regular group?

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Whether you're in the outdoors or managing the outdoors, the key things are to:

- take responsibility for your own actions;
- respect the interests of other people;
- care for the environment.

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www.outdooraccess-scotland.com
or phoning your local Scottish Natural Heritage office.



MORE INFORMATION

Prestonpans is situated on the coast 9 miles east of Edinburgh. The area has a long and worthy industrial history including coal mining, salt making, the world's first commercial production of sulphuric acid, sugar refinery, soap works, brewery, distillery, glassworks and potteries. When the industries of the town were at their height, Morrison's Haven was a seaport rivalling Leith in importance. Although most of the industries are long gone, many sites of historical interest can still be seen in and around the town.

Prestonpans is also famous as the site of Bonnie Prince Charlie's famous defeat of the Government army in the Battle of Prestonpans in 1745 when he came to lay claim to the throne of Scotland. (The campaign however, eventually ended in defeat).

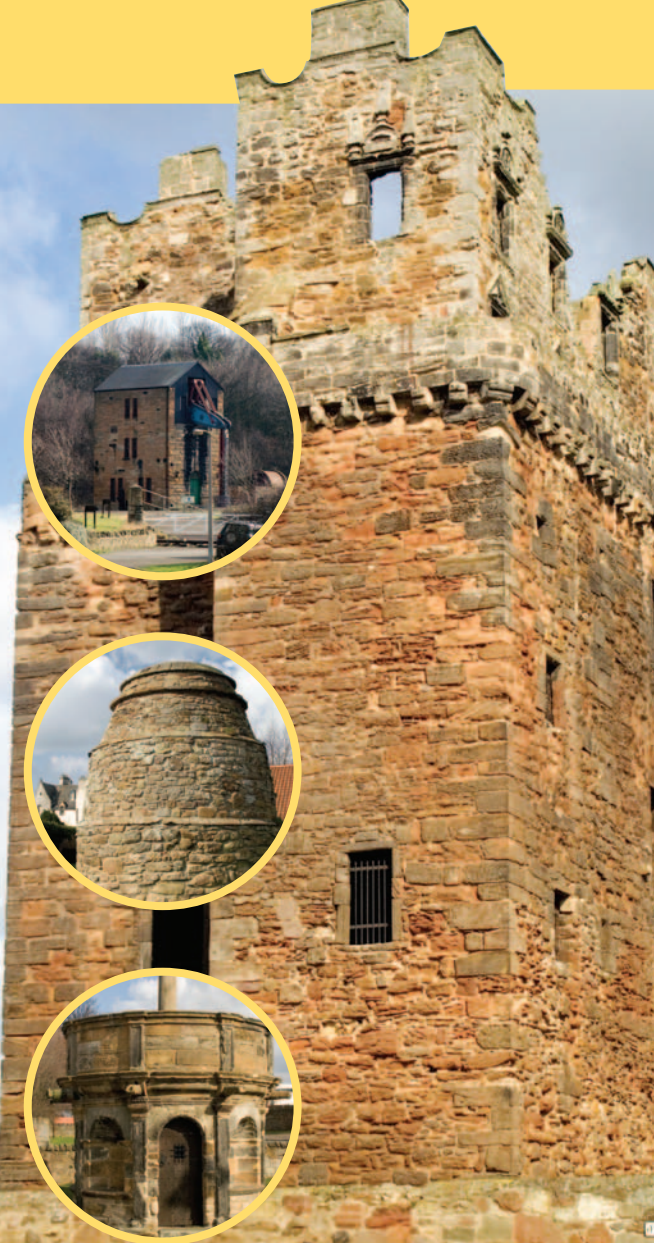
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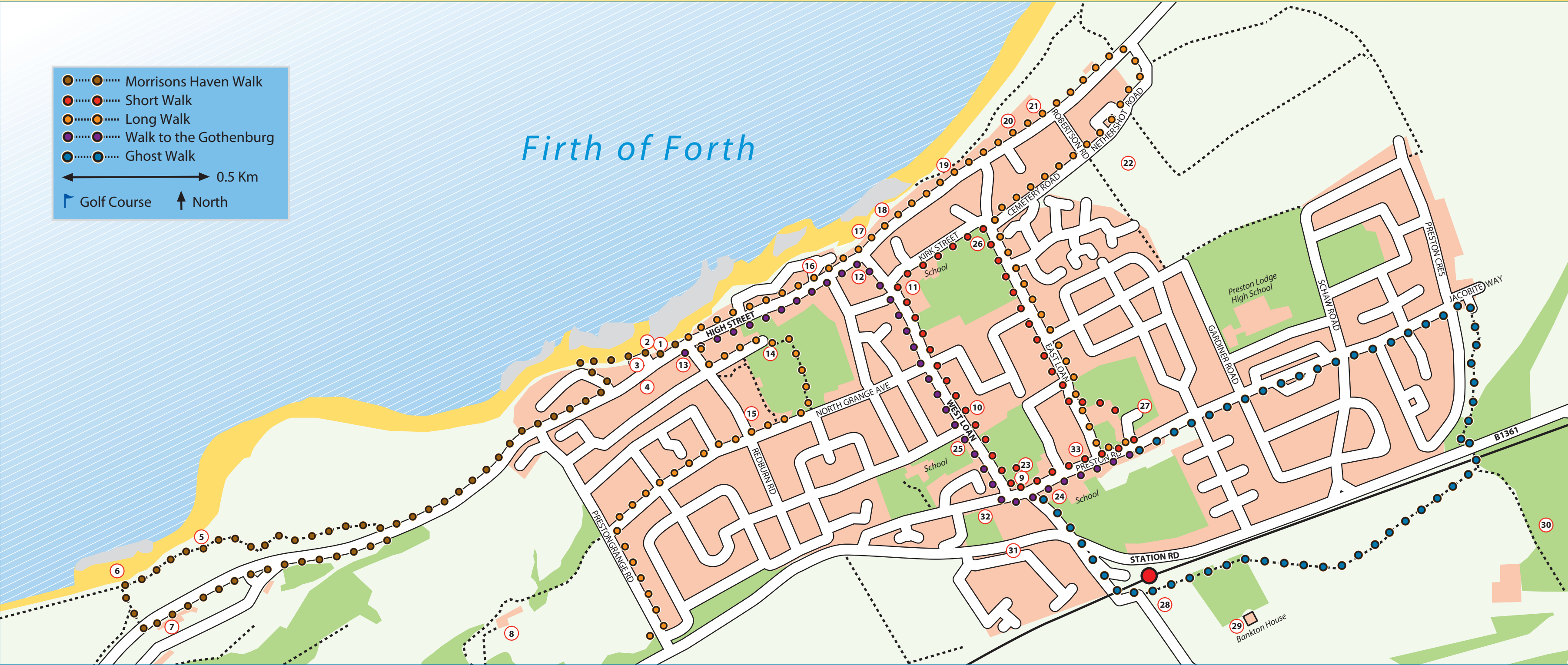
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Happy Trails in PRESTONPANS





GOTHENBURG TO MORRISON’S HAVEN

This circular route begins opposite the Gothenburg (13). Next a quick detour down the steps onto the beach and then back up onto the main road, turn right towards the outskirts of town until you reach the signpost for the John Muir Way. Follow the coastal path round to the carpark and walk back onto the main road. Cross over and head back to the Gothenburg.

SITES OF INTEREST:

1. The **mural** on the wall depicts the world famous John Muir.
2. It is rumoured that near the bottom of the steps, in the sea wall there is a **secret tunnel** once used by smugglers that leads all the way to Fa’side Castle several miles away.
3. The **Pottery** is the site where the Belfield Pottery once stood. They were famous for their brown china teapots known as “Broon Coos”
4. Where the housing estate opposite the Pottery now stands was the area known as the “**Kittle**” – a warren of miners rows with outside toilets. When they were flattened and rebuilt with flat roofed houses the area then became locally as the “Ponderosa”
5. The coastal path is part of the **John Muir Way** which stretches from Musselburgh to Dunglass.
6. **Morrison’s Haven** is now grassed over and parts of the harbour walls have been excavated by archaeologists. It was one of the major ports in Scotland for centuries. On a clear day you can see across the Forth to Edinburgh and over to Fife.
7. Through the trees you may glimpse the rooftops of **Prestongrange House**, now home to the Royal Musselburgh Golf Club
8. Across the road is **Prestongrange Heritage** site with its world famous beam engine. Over the centuries on this site there has been a variety of industries such as glass making, pottery, brickworks and coal mining.



PRESTONPANS COMMUNITY CENTRE TO THE GOTHENBURG

From Prestonpans Community Centre (27) turn right. Then turn right down West Loan straight down to the High Street. Turn left and continue along the High Street until you arrive at the Gothenburg.

SITES OF INTEREST:

9. **Preston House** - This was once the home of Lord Grange, Supreme Judge of the Scottish Judiciary. he was a fervent Jacobite and between 1715 and 1745 rebellion was plotted here..
10. **Castlepark** – this was the first Social Club in Prestonpans.
11. **Grey School Corner** is the site where the Grey School was built in 1881. It superceded 3 small earlier schools.
12. **Prestonpans Town Hall** was built in 1899 but wasn’t very popular as public buildings pushed up the “rates”. However it is still well used by community groups today.
13. The **Gothenburg** was the first of its kind built in Britain 1908. Originally from Sweden it was set up to let people drink in a more controlled environment by providing food as well as ale. It has been restored to its former glory and good food and drink is still available here today.

THE LONG WALK

Starting at the entrance of the Royal Musselburgh Golf Club take the first left into Prestongrange Road and then second right into North Grange Avenue, along to the Pennypit Complex, down the path at the side onto Rope Walk along to Redburn Road and down onto the High Street. All the way along the High Street, up Robertson Avenue, along Nethershot Road, into Cemetery Road to East Loan and up to Prestonpans Community Centre.

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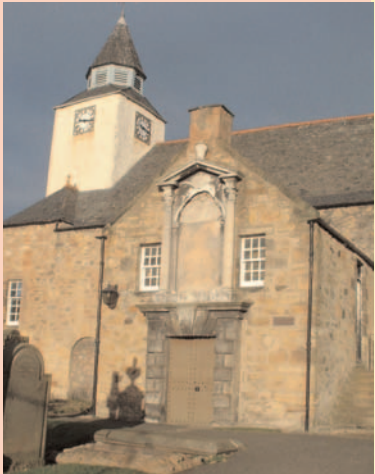
14. The **Pennypit** is the site of the old Northfield Pit.
15. **Redburn Farm and Dairy** stood on Redburn Road. Kids used to take scraps to feed the pigs in exchange for a sweetie. A burn ran through this area in the past. Some say that it ran red with the blood of soldiers killed at the Battle of Prestonpans, hence the name.
16. **Aldhammer House**, now East Lothian Council’s local office, is built on the site of the original salt panning industry.
17. The **sculpture** at the open grass area was commissioned to commemorate some of the major industries of Prestonpans: soap works, salt works and coal mining.
18. The **stone cairn** was built for the 200th anniversary of Robert Burns death. Inside there is a time capsule filled with memorabilia from local people. The motto written on it is “Better a wee bush than nae bield”
19. The **Burns Shelter** was built by public subscription. Inside, the mural, painted by local artist Kate Hunter in 2004 tells the story of Robert Burn’s poem Tam O’ Shanter
20. **Sir Walter Scott Pend** marks where the author is said to have stayed when he came to bathe in the sea for health reasons
21. Fowler’s Court is the former site of **Fowler’s Brewery** renowned world wide at the time for their “wee heavy”
22. World famous **Lowe’s market gardens** grew from East Loan across the Harlawhill housing estate.

THE SHORT WALK

From Prestonpans Community Centre (27) turn right along Preston Road then right into West Loan. Take a slight detour to Preston Tower then back down West Loan. Turn right into Kirk Street then right again into East Loan returning to the Centre by the back driveway.

SITES OF INTEREST:

23. **Preston Tower** was the stronghold of the Hamiltons of Preston. Said to be the oldest existing structure in Prestonpans.
24. **Hamilton House** now owned by the National Trust was once thought to have been used as army barracks
25. **Prestongrange Kirk** – Prestonpans was a parish without a kirk until in 1595 when John Davidson built the kirk mainly with his own money. The small building to the left of the gate is called the Session House and it is said that it was used as the village jail. The panel above the door to the Prestoungrange Vault is a memorial to William Grant, Lord Prestoungrange who died in 1764. On the right towards the wall you will see a small plaque dedicated to John Stuart of Phisgul a captain of Lassal’s regiment who was killed in the Battle of Prestonpans. Inside the kirk itself is a portrait of Lady Susan. Her sleeve was painted black to denote that she had died. Behind the kirk you can look over to Coronation Gardens and to the Forth beyond.
26. At the end of Kirk Street you can see a sign of **clasped hands** – the sign denotes the site of the first Co-op. The original manse and parish school were sited nearby.



THE GHOST TRAIL

Another circular trail that begins at Prestonpans Community Centre. Turn left and walk all the way along Preston Road onto the Jacobite Way. Cross into the play park then forward into the street and up to the main road. Walk a little way to the left until the opening for Meadowmill then return back along the main road and onto the path alongside Meadowmill playing fields. Continue until the steps and go down into Johnny Cope Lane to the railway station. Then cross back over the main road into Station Road then turn right back into Preston Road and back to the Community Centre.

SITES OF INTEREST:

27. **Prestonpans Community Centre** is built upon the former site of Schaw’s Hospital, a school for poor boys. This was replaced by the Mary Murray Institute, a school for poor girls and young women. The ghost of Mary Murray is said to walk in the Centre to this day.
28. The **Thorntree Memorial Cairn** marks the spot where Colonel Gardiner lay mortally wounded after the Battle of Prestonpans in 1745 before being found and carried all the way home to Bankton House by one of his servants.
29. **Colonel Gardiner’s Monument** overlooks his home Bankton House where he died in the woodshed.
30. Under the **Meadowmill Cairn** lies the bones of Red Coat soldiers who died at the Battle of Prestonpans.
31. The **Northfield Doocot** is a bee-hived shaped structure thought to be more than 200 years older than Northfield House
32. **Northfield House** is the oldest building in Prestonpans except for Preston Tower
33. The **Mercat Cross** site of the old marketplace, is now set in the conservation area named Preston Village. The Toun Crier would make all public announcements from here.