



DUNBAR CONSERVATION AREA REGENERATION SCHEME

NEWSLETTER AND EVENTS LIST SPRING 2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON DUNBAR HIGH STREET?

BUILDING REPAIRS UPDATE

Over the coming months we will be seeing activity on the High Street with small repair grants coming on site, tidying up of the shopfronts and some newly rendered, painted and coloured building fronts. If you would like to find out more please sign up to the walk and talk on the 19th May with some of the Architects and Residents involved in the projects - booking details below.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS SPRING 2026

There are exciting walks, talks and workshops planned on the street over the spring period. From Fanzines to a Local History Day, and, in addition to some of the CARS activities, there will be exciting activities hosted by some of the recipients of the Community Heritage Fund. Now in its second year, we are delighted to be participating in the forthcoming Local History Day with other venues on the street. More information and key dates below. All activities are free to participate in.

Hands on Workshop No2. Every timber tells a story: Exploring dendrochronology in Dunbar

Friday 24th April, 1.30pm - 5pm, Paxton Room, 1 Black Bull Close, (booking required @regeneration@eastlothian.gov.uk)

Join experts Coralie Mills and Hamish Darrah for an afternoon exploring dendrochronology and historic woodworking on the High Street.

Dunbar Local Histories Day. A day of walks, talks and skills demo's (full program overleaf)

Saturday 25th April 2026, 11 am - 4pm, Multiple Venues, (booking required for some events)

Join everyone and celebrate the historic High Street with a programme of walks, talks, demonstrations and workshops with lots of free children's activities. Workshops and walking tours can be booked through Eventbrite link for more detail on the program click on the link to the Our Dunbar Website. <https://short-url.org/1sfVE>

Dunbar CARS Walk and Talk

Tuesday 19th May, 5.30pm - 6.30pm, Meet outside the Town House (booking required @regeneration@eastlothian.gov.uk)

Find out what's been happening on the High Street with local Architect and Resident who have been involved in some of the building repair projects. The walk and talk will end in the Harbour at the Project Pearl Community Boat for a talk about their project.

Sketching session on the Monk's Walk.

Friday 23rd May, 10am - 12pm, and 1pm - 3pm (Times TBC). (booking required @museumseast@eastlothian.gov.uk)

Explore nature connections and pathways around Dunbar High Street with artist Lynn Fraser (Fantoosh). Enjoy a gentle 'sketchnoting' walk then use the materials and ideas you have gathered to make a communal fanzine.

FULL LOCAL HISTORY DAY PROGRAM OVERLEAF - SKILL DEMO'S AND TASTER ACTIVITIES LISTED BELOW

Leadworking Talk, Demo's and Taster sessions with Stephen. All Day Drop In outside the Town House, 11 am – 4pm

Come and find out more about leadwork. Stephen will be showing how to detail and install a lead dormer surround, the demo will include how to work the material and explain how to use the correct fixing techniques. From Sundials to planters there will be a display of decorative lead castings, and their sand moulds for you to look at. Stephen will be talking through his projects and will be on stand by for any questions from the audience.

Slate Roofing Demo's and Taster Sessions with Lewis. All Day Drop In outside the Town House, 11 am – 4pm

Come and find out about different types of roofing slates and construction techniques. Lewis will have a collection of different historic slates for you to look at and will be on standby to answer questions about your roofs. There will be all day slate roofing demo's and an opportunity to make your own slate coaster. Bring your questions.

Mosaic Taster Session and Fresco Display with Kat. All Day Drop In Dunbar Room, 11 am to 4pm

Discover the art of mosaic, learn a few simple techniques, and create your very own hand-made coaster to take home. No experience needed—just pop by, get creative, and enjoy a hands-on activity inspired by local heritage. Kat will also be talking about her fresco project and you can sign up for one of the classes happening during Dunbar Civic Week at the end of August.

Dunbar Day Histories

SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 2026

JOIN US ON DUNBAR'S HIGH STREET AND HARBOUR
FOR A FREE ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME 11AM TO 4PM

11AM, 12PM, 2PM & 3PM	TALKS AT THE TOWN HOUSE (DROP IN): DUNBAR'S HARBOURS, TOWN HOUSE HISTORY, 1650 STORIES OF SOLDIERS & FISHING AND COMMERCE IN DUNBAR.
11AM, 12PM, 1.30PM, 2PM & 3PM	WALKING TOURS (LIMITED SPACES, BOOKING REQUIRED*): TOURS OF HISTORIC DUNBAR, HIGH STREET AND CLOSES, THE HARBOUR & JOHN MUIR'S DUNBAR. ALL DEPART FROM THE TOWN HOUSE.
11 - 4PM	DEMONSTRATIONS (FREE) AT THE TOWN HOUSE: THE PEARL (BOAT RESTORATION), LEADWORKING, FISHING NET REPAIR, SLATE ROOFING AND ART OF MOSAIC CREATION.
11- 5PM	DUNBAR TOWN HOUSE AND JOHN MUIR'S BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM FREE TO VISIT, GUIDED TOURS & FREE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES ALSO TOURS OF THE RIDGE SUPPORT CENTRE
11 - 4PM	WORKSHOPS (LIMITED SPACES, BOOKING REQUIRED*) AT THE RIDGE AND LYNXHEAD ART.
2 - 4PM	FILMS SHOWING AT THE LEGION. DROP BY FOR REFRESHMENTS AND WATCH SOME CLASSIC FILMS OF DUNBAR'S PAST.
11 - 5PM	TOWN HOUSE EXHIBITION: DUNBAR'S BELOVED OUTDOOR POOL

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT
[HTTPS://OURDUNBAR.COM/MC-EVENTS/DUNBAR-HISTORIES-DAY/](https://ourdunbar.com/mc-events/dunbar-histories-day/)
OR SCAN THE QR CODE.



MOST EVENTS ARE FREE BUT BOOKING IS REQUIRED FOR WALKING TOURS AND
WORKSHOPS DUE TO LIMITED NUMBERS.

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