

Burgh Beautiful Linlithgow
An Award-winning Town

**Linlithgow
is full of
history and a great
location**















Welcome signs at all town entrances



Designed by Burgh Beautiful



2016
West Lothian Council
presents a challenge!

Burgh Beautiful takes over
27 planters and 16 beds

thereby
doubling its responsibilities

Bye Bye campaign successful: more funding and volunteers found for the major flower beds including the Serpentine



2016

and . . .

2017



West Port

Bye Bye 2015,



sponsored
2016

& 2017

and . .

Learmonth Gardens



Girl Guides



and . .



Low Port

Summer 2016 and 2017

Spring 2017



Horticultural Achievement

Linlithgow

is full of colour and high impact

all year round









Horticultural Practice

Working through the year

Autumn clearing and spring restructuring



At Clarendon Base, preparing baskets for plants arriving





Receiving new plants, watering baskets,
then transporting and hanging



From bedding plants and bulbs



to perennials and shrubs



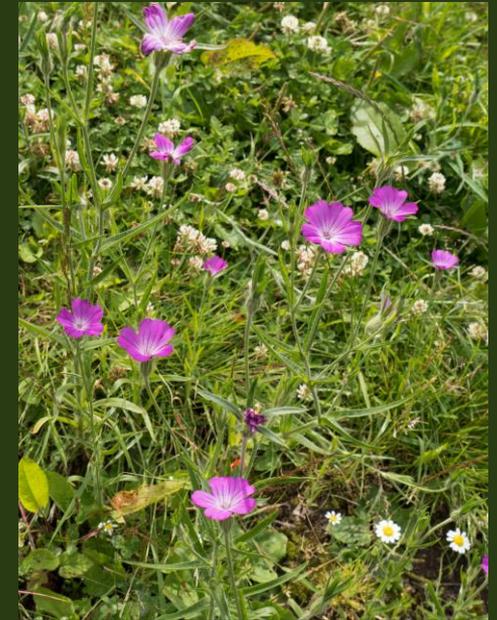
From residential to green spaces



Environmental Responsibility

- improving the areas in which we live, work and play
- recycling and maximising use of resources
- promoting concerns for the environment and the impact of climate change
- establishing enhanced areas for wildlife

Conservation and Biodiversity



Fruit trees at the Leisure Centre



and wildflower plants at the cycle ramp

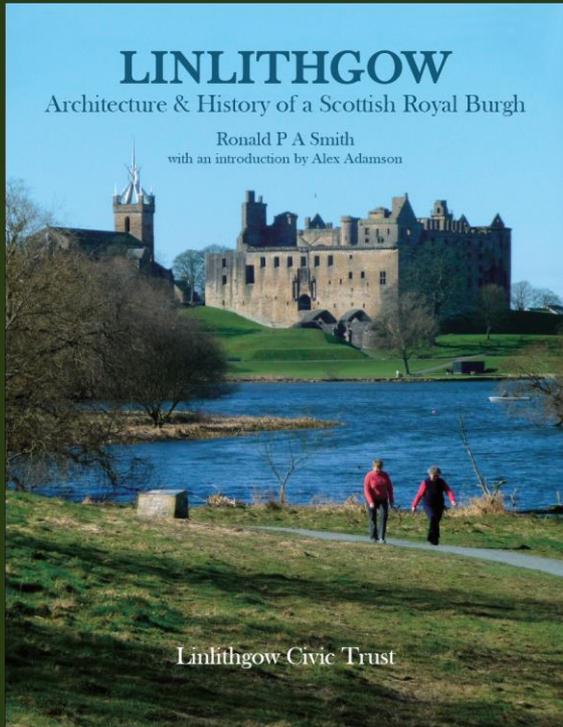
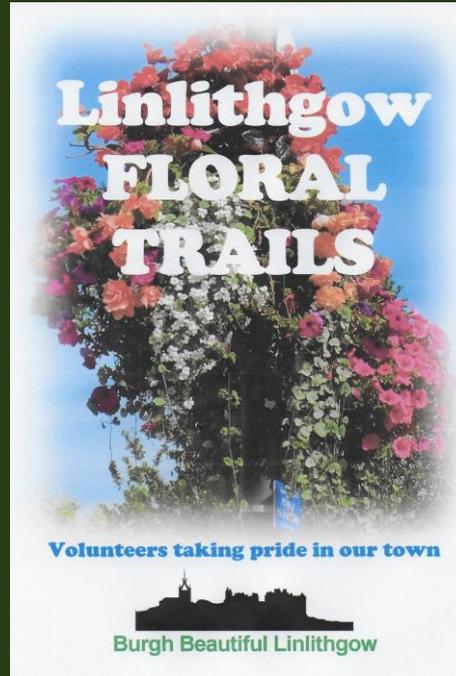
Resource management



Plants rescued for future use



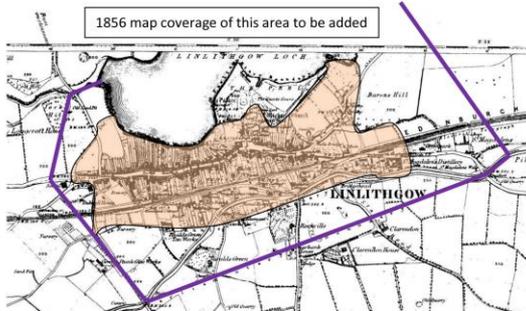
Local Heritage





Royal Burgh of Linlithgow

PERAMBULATION OF THE MARCHES



1856 map coverage of this area to be added



The first Ordnance Survey map of Linlithgow (1856), showing the 'Parliamentary' and 'Municipal' boundaries. The extent of the 'Municipal Burgh' is shaded in pink. This was later enlarged to match the Parliamentary Boundary.

Linlithgow is one of Scotland's most ancient Royal Burghs, its first charter having been granted by King David I in the 1130s. A tradition dating back to the 16th century is the annual **Riding of the Marches**, on the first Tuesday after the second Thursday in June, which involves the inspection of the extremities of the burgh's one-time interests at Linlithgow Bridge and at the port of Blackness. Both were marked with special march or boundary stones in 2013.

The **'Perambulation of the Marches'** complements the official Riding of the Marches, giving citizens and visitors the opportunity to walk the boundaries of a recorded boundary (or 'marches') of the Royal Burgh – in this case the 'Parliamentary Boundary' as established by the Representation of the People (Scotland) Act 1832. After the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act 1892, this also became the boundary of Linlithgow Town Council's jurisdiction.

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The walk is 4 miles (6.5 km) long, and passes by seven out of eight march stones

The 'Perambulation of the Marches' starts officially at march stone No. 1 in front of St Ninian's Craigmillen Church in Falkirk Road and



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Local Environment - keeping it litter free!



Thanks to Beavers,
Scouts, Linlithgow
Angling Club,
Rotary and many
other volunteers



Pride of Place - new barrels at the Station 2017



The Rugby Club helps move them!



Pride of Place and Creativity



Banners at the station

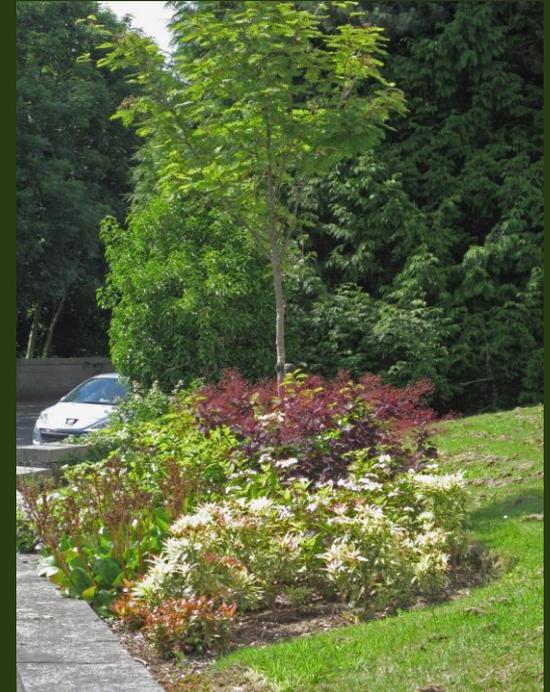


Mosaics at entrance to Linlithgow Primary School



Phoenix at the Water Yett

Linlithgow Bridge cross roads ex Council and now mixed planting



AWARDS FOR LINLITHGOW

2009 – Beautiful Scotland – **Silver award** in Medium Town category

2010 – Beautiful Scotland – **Silver Gilt award** in Medium Town category

2011 – Beautiful Scotland:

Rosebowl (overall) winner, best in Scotland

Winner in Medium Town category

Gold award in Medium Town category

Winner of Special Endeavour award (for community gardening)

2012 – Britain in Bloom:

Representing Scotland in the Town category – **Silver Gilt award**

2013 – Beautiful Scotland:

Winner in Medium Town category

Gold award in Medium Town category

2014 – Britain in Bloom:

Representing Scotland in the Town category – **Silver Gilt award**

2016 – It's Your Neighbourhood – **'Outstanding' award**

Community Participation

- Developing facilities at our Clarendon Base
- Working with all the schools
- Contributing to local media
- Involving over 20 organisations
- Year round programme of events
- Fundraising to meet our aims

Development and Continuity at Clarendon Base

Shed painted in 2016, and



slippery bricks removed and paths made safe with new blocks, July 2017, thanks to £2000 award from Tesco's Bags of Help Scheme, and the balance from a legacy



Communication and Education






A GUIDE
to the
TREES
in the
VENNEL AREA
and
LOCHSIDE SPACE
of
Linlithgow Town Centre

KETTLESTOUN MAINS

The site that you are standing on was once a sand and gravel quarry. Aggregates like these are used in the building of homes, schools, offices, hospitals and roads. They can only be extracted where they are found, which means that quarries are often located in the countryside. However, quarrying is a temporary land use and once extraction has been completed the site can be restored.



During extraction

The extraction of sand and gravel took place here between 1992 and 2000 and provided many tonnes of valuable building material for local construction projects. To extract sand and gravel, topsoil is removed and the aggregate is dug from the ground and taken to a processing plant where the clay and silt is removed and the sand and gravel is separated into different grades.

This 38 hectare site, known as Kettlestoun Mains, is owned and managed by CEMEX, one of the UK's largest building materials companies.



Since extraction ceased in 2000 the site has been carefully restored to create a habitat for wildlife and for people.

The site now contains a number of different habitats including woodland, wetland and grassland, all of which support a rich variety of birds, plants, animals and insects.

This site is also criss-crossed with a number of tracks allowing you to explore and enjoy this attractive greenspace. The River Avon flows along the northern edge of the site and from here you can pick up the River Avon Heritage Trail, a 9 mile trail which links Aronbridge to Linlithgow.







Community Involvement

At least 20 organisations from The Embroiders' Guild to St Michael's Parish Church Knitters, shops and businesses such as...

Birds, bees and tree displays at Tesco



Bee education at the Library



Fun bee and flower pot at the Chocolatier

**4th West
Lothian
Scouts**



1st Linlithgow Guides ...





4th West Lothian Beaver Scouts

“Help protect our Peatlands”

With a year in the planning, Transition Linlithgow develops the peatlands bed



A bed full of interest, with wildlife and information helping to promote the use of peat-free compost, and it will be here until May 2018



International
Bog Day
23 July 2017

Funding and support from many sponsors and sales



plus charity collections



Inviting Gardens in 2016 and . . .



. . . Open Garden and Tea Party in 2017



A lot goes on in Linlithgow

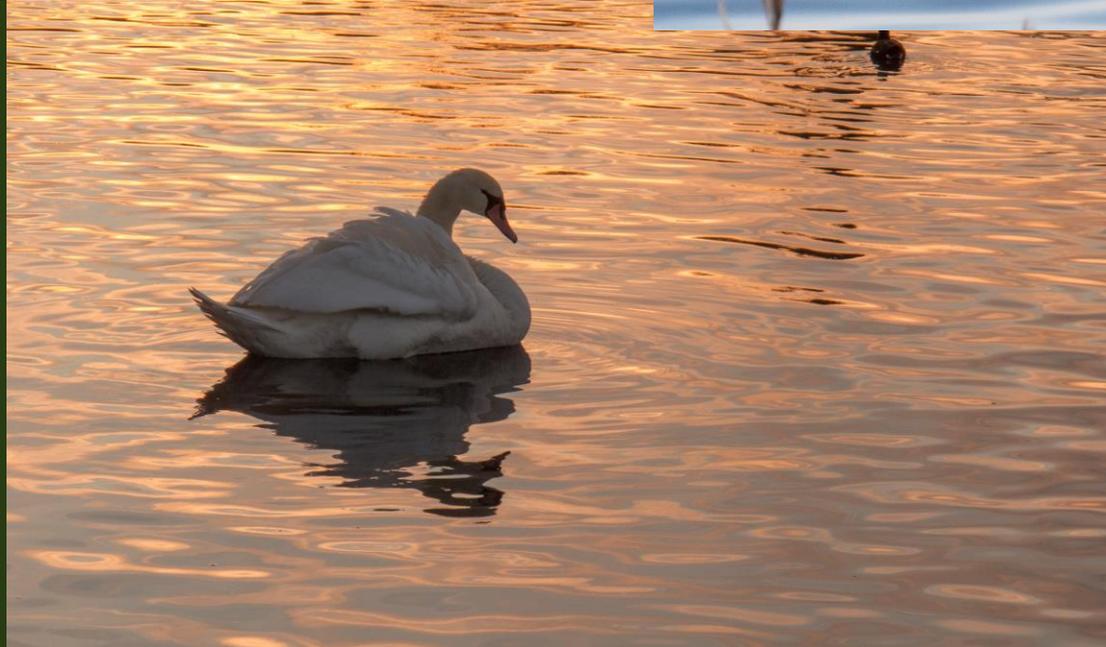


around the Vennel

on Gala Day



Around the Loch - a haven for wildlife



Walking the towpath - a major wildlife corridor



Many volunteers and monthly hit squads help to make Linlithgow . . .





. . . a Beautiful Place



The End

or not the end but an inspiration for the future