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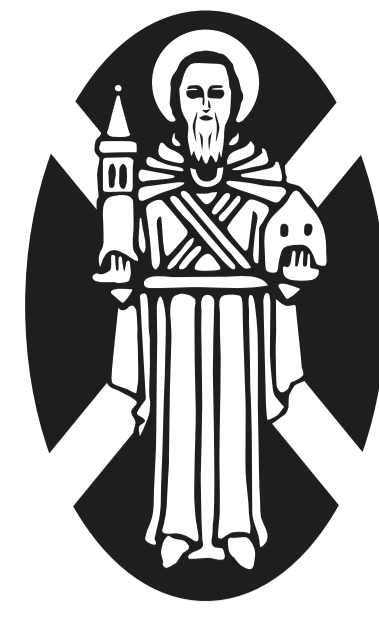
Your Guide to

HIDDEN GARDENS



Sunday 28 June 2026

Welcome to the 28th annual Hidden Gardens event
Thank you for supporting this St Andrews Preservation Trust Fundraising event.
In this guide you will find a list of participating gardens, a map, and information
to help you make the most of the day.



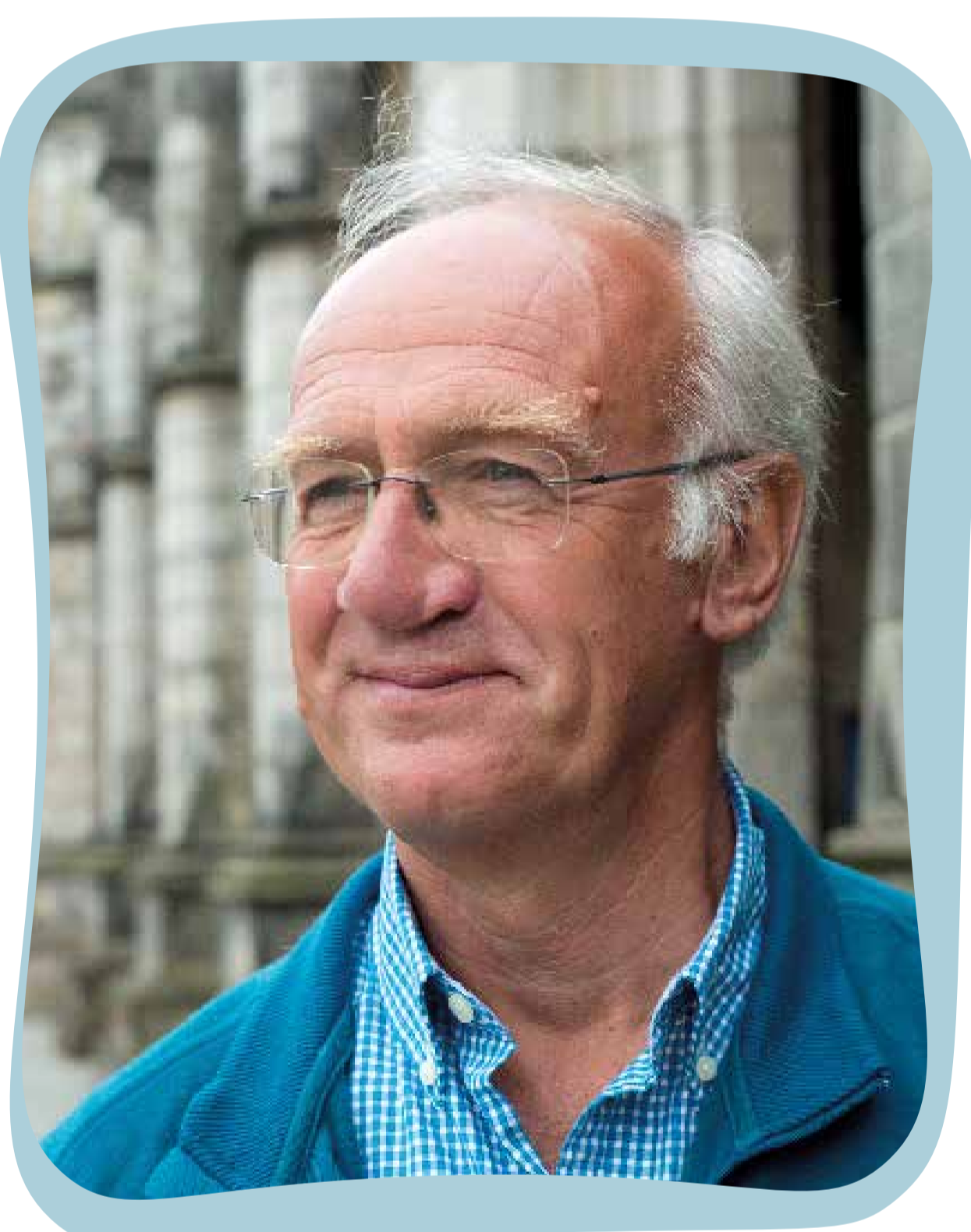
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St Andrews Preservation Trust has been involved in preserving the heritage of the 'Auld Grey Toun' for 89 years. It requires not only the support of Volunteers but also the strategic vision of the Board of Charity Trustees.

If you have an interest in the social history of St Andrews, its buildings and heritage, please don't hesitate to contact us - no qualifications or experience required.

We are entering a very formative period in the Trust's history, with ambitious plans around the extension and enhancement of the Museum now complete. We would love to hear from dynamic individuals who would be willing to give their time and energy to making the most of these new assets and take the Trust and the Heritage Museum and Garden into its next and just as exciting stage.



Here's what Iain Wilson, retired Property Convener, said about his role:

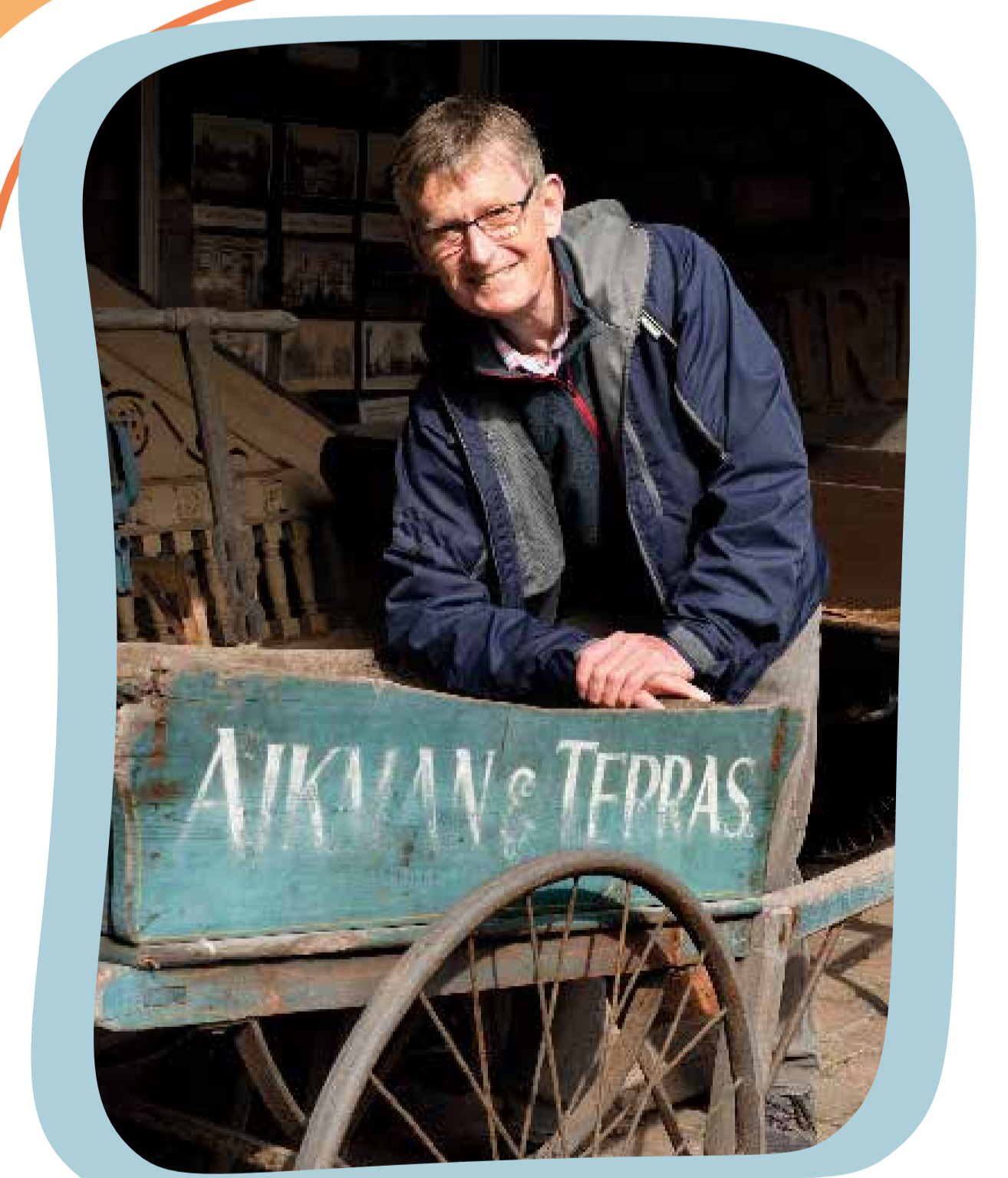
"I was a Charity Trustee for 4 years, and was Property Convenor during a great time of change. Being a Charity Trustee can be exciting and challenging, but most of all satisfying".

For more information on becoming a Charity Trustee, please contact Giselle Glackmeyer (Trust Co-ordinator) on Trust@stapt.org.uk.

Volunteering opportunities in the Museum are also available. Here's what Duggie Taylor, Museum Guide, enjoys most about his experience:

"I was introduced to the Preservation Trust by a friend in 2019. My first experience of volunteering was at Hidden Gardens in the same year. I then went on to guiding in the Museum doing one or two shifts a week.

Everyone at the Trust is very welcoming and I find it a very rewarding experience and would highly recommend it if anyone is interested."



For more information on volunteering in the Museum, contact Emma Humphries (Volunteer Coordinator) on emma.humphries@stapt.org.uk.

This brochure is kindly sponsored by The Adamson restaurant, 127 South St, St Andrews KY16 9UH. The Adamson offers a discount for Trust members. Owner Julie Dalton will also be showing her garden this year.



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Event Information

One Day Only - 28 June 2026. Open from 11am - 5pm unless otherwise stated. Last entry is at 4pm.

Headquarters (HQ) will be at June Baxter's garden at 46 South Street

Hidden Garden Tickets: £12 Adults, £9 Trust Members and Students, under 16s and carers free

Book online in advance or on the day at <https://tinyurl.com/HiddenGardens26>

Visitors booking through our online system can start at any garden - please show your ticket at each garden (on your phone or as a printout).

Book in person at 46 South Street - on the day only cash or card.

Book in person at the Museum - in advance or on the day cash or card.

Refreshments

"Tea on the Terrace" at 46 South Street – tea, coffee and homemade shortbread for £3.50

Why not consider lunch at the Adamson, 27 South Street, our sponsors for this booklet.

See below for refreshments at the Museum.

Music at the Doocot - live music at 46 South Street by Chris Dove throughout the afternoon

Toilets: public toilets are adjacent to the St Andrews Library, Church Square.

Free Parking: at the Boys' Brigade Hall, St Andrews, KY16 8BW.

There is also free parking further out at Petheram Bridge Car Park, KY16 9TF

First Aid: 46 South Street and Museum

No Dogs: guide dogs welcome

Contact: Giselle Glackmeyer, Trust Coordinator 07483 365907.

Charity Stalls at 46 South Street (subject to change)

Community Stalls:

Craigtoun Country Park & the St Andrews Men's Shed

St Andrews Botanic Garden

Fife Beekeepers Association – members' honey for sale

St Andrews Community Council with tombola

Plant Sale – by East Neuk Perennials

Stalls raising funds for the Trust:

St Andrews Preservation Trust & Heritage Museum and Garden

Jill's Stall (Textiles and Preserves) – all proceeds generously donated to the Trust

The Trust's Heritage Museum: 12 North Street KY16 9PW -

£1 one day only ticket (28 June 2026) for Hidden Garden ticket holders.

Tea and Coffee (self serve by donation), Strawberries and Cream (£3), covered garden area, toilets, redeveloped Museum and new Garden Gallery exhibition, Crafts Activities and Stalls, Storytelling and Second-Hand Book Sale.

Book online or in person at the Museum.

There will be volunteers assisting in the gardens. They will be happy to answer any queries you have.

Trust photographers will be taking images that may be used on our website and social media for promotional purposes.

If you do not wish to be seen in photographs, please inform the photographer.



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Garden Highlights

See *Garden Stories* for details of all 16 gardens showing



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41 North Castle Street - **2nd year** - former home to scholar Lucy Menzies



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58 South Street - old fashioned "double rigg" garden with ancient pear tree



15

70 Hepburn Gardens - **NEW** Japanese maples, hostas and red squirrels!



16

Rufflets - redeveloped for their Centenary in 2024- "a living canvas...over 72 seasons"



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Red Roofs - **NEW** south facing organic garden with medieval walls



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56 South Street - wonderful greenhouse with a black homburg vine from the oldest vine in the world



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St Leonards School & Queen Mary's Library - buildings of historical interest with Grotto



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36 North Street - **NEW** small walled garden



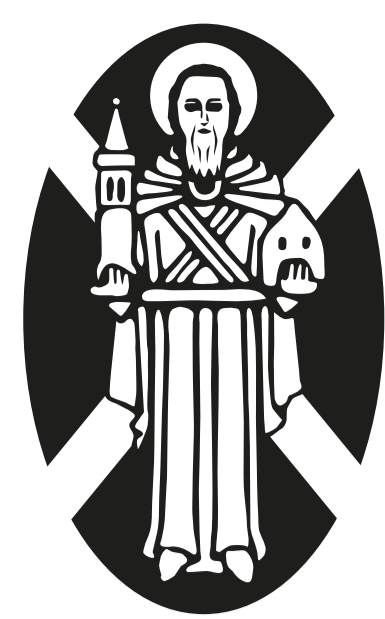
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4 Dempster Terrace - **2nd year** terraced garden overlooking Kinness Burn

We are very grateful to all the garden owners and organisations that have opened their gardens for this event to raise funds for the St Andrews Preservation Trust.

If you would like to support us next year please contact us by email trust@stapt.org.uk or call 01334 477629.

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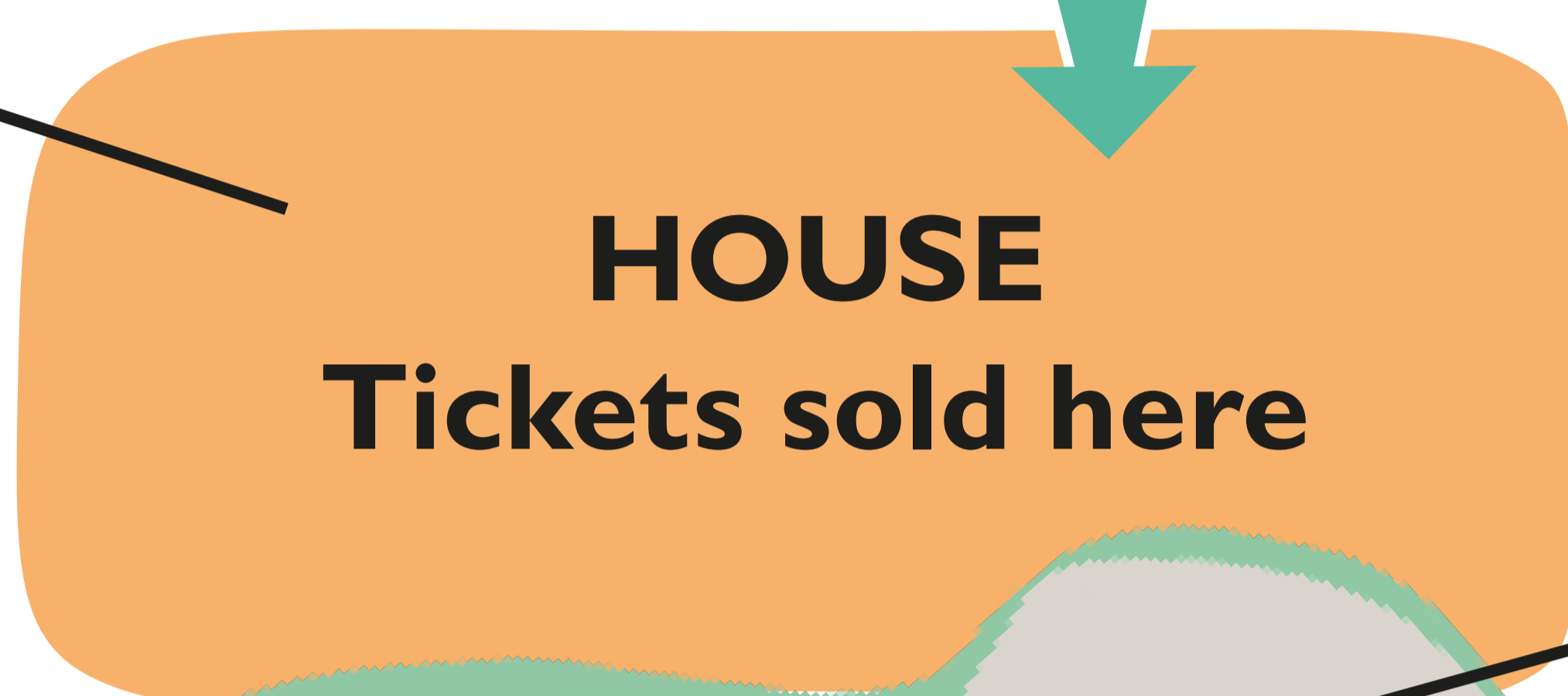


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Headquarters Map



**46 SOUTH STREET
ENTRANCE**



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Tickets sold here

Tickets

sold at 46 South Street
House Entrance

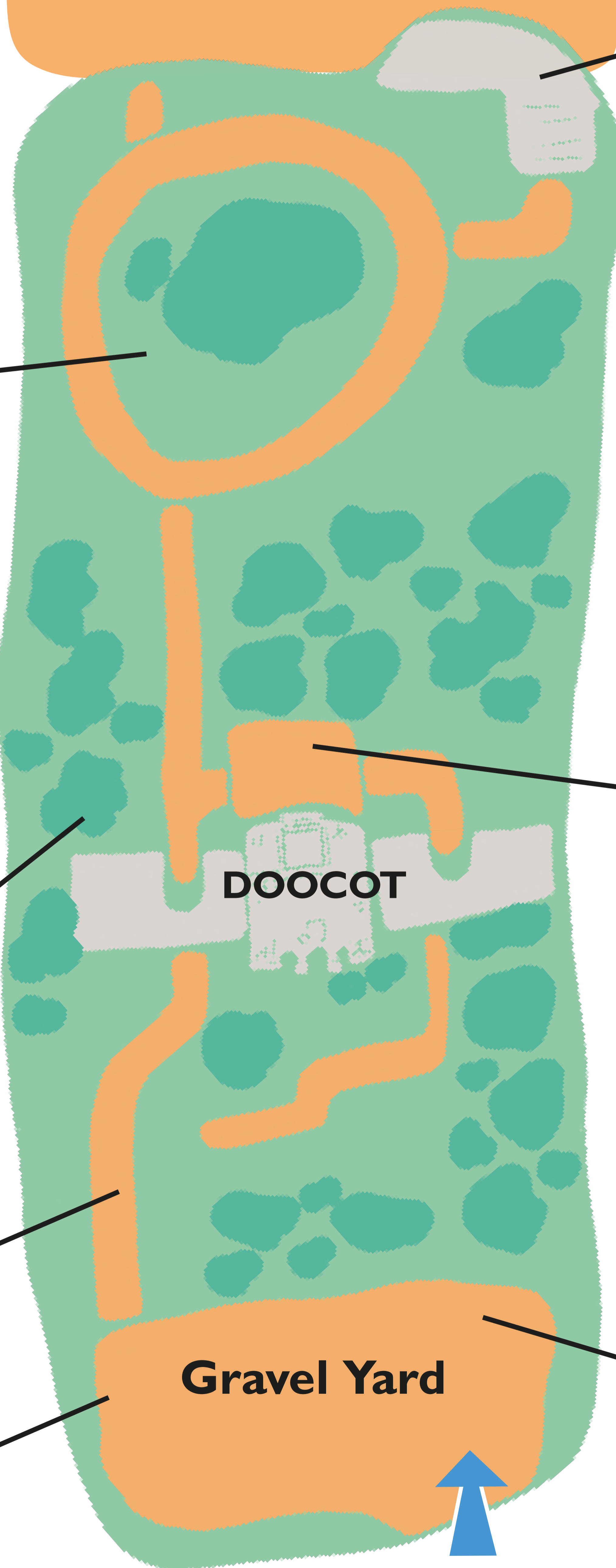
Tea on the Terrace

Tea or coffee, served with
homemade shortbread



Jill's Textiles and Preserves

handmade goods



DOOCOT

Music at the Doocot

Live Music throughout the
afternoon with Chris Dove

Community Stalls

throughout the garden:
Community Council
Botanic Gardens
Cambo Gardens

Fife Beekeepers

Community Stall selling
own honey



Gravel Yard

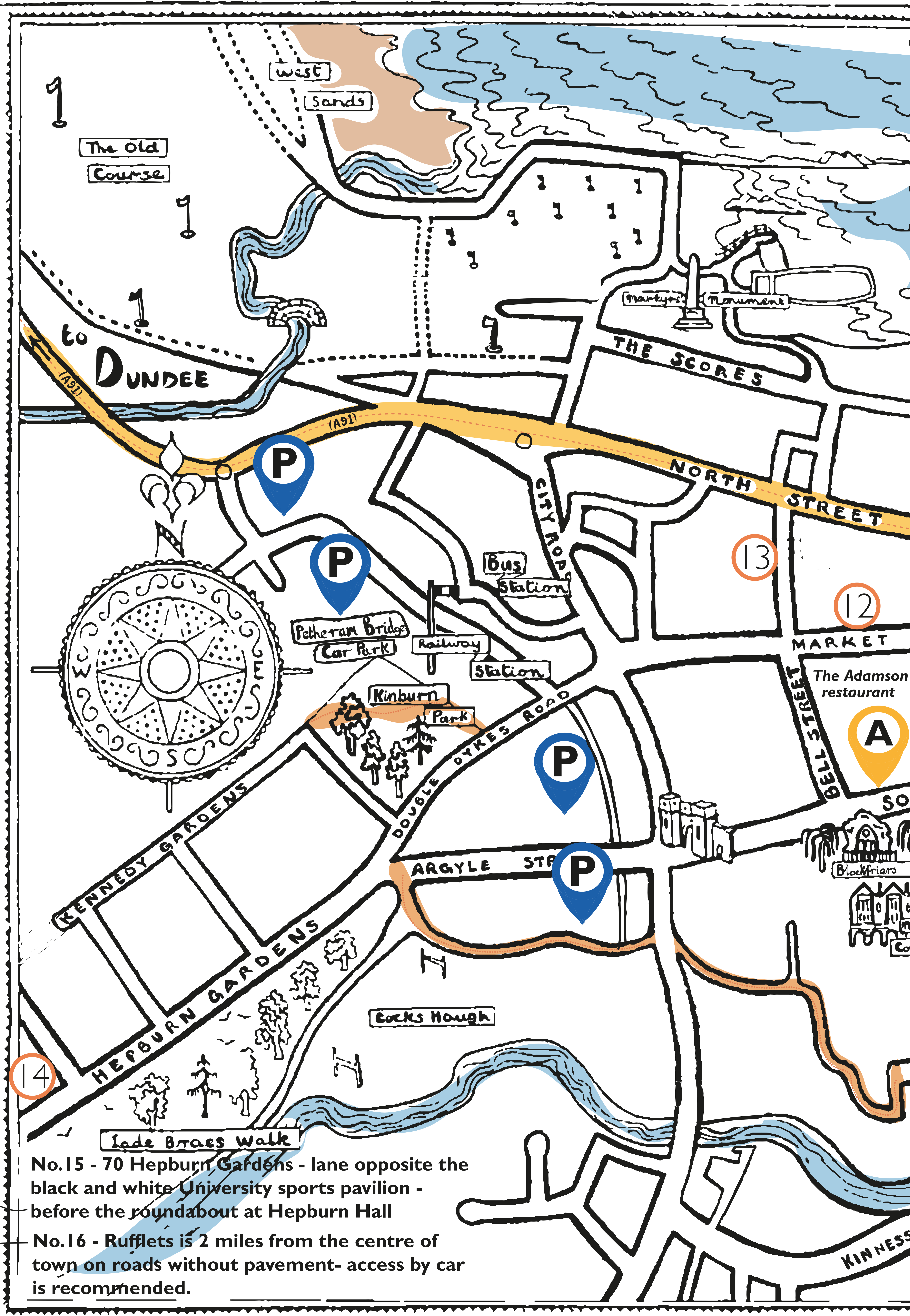
Plant Sale

by East Neuk Perennials

Men's Shed and Friends of Craigtoun

Community Stalls

**Queen's Terrace
ENTRANCE**

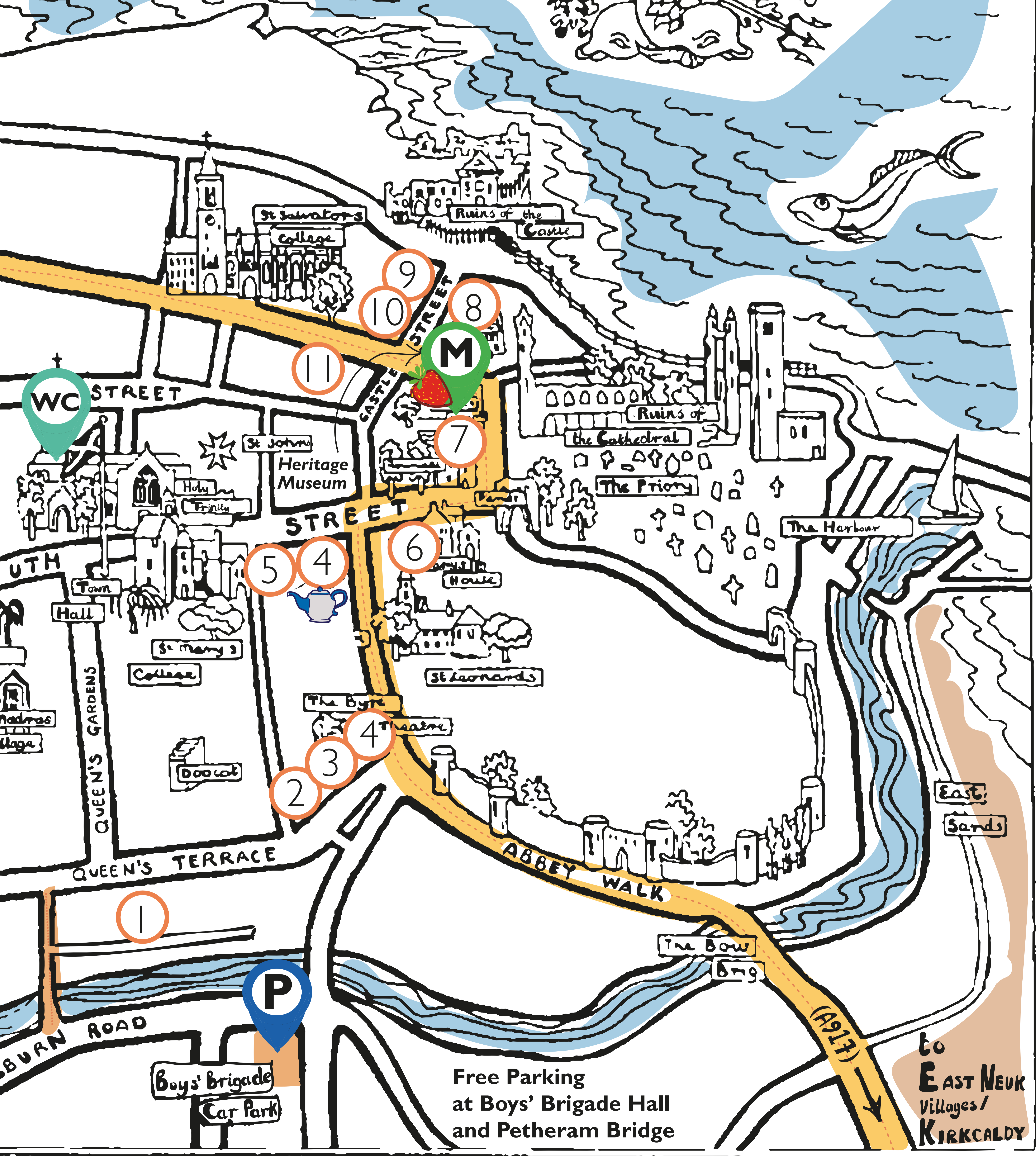


No.15 - 70 Hepburn Gardens - lane opposite the black and white University sports pavilion - before the roundabout at Hepburn Hall

No.16 - Rufflets is 2 miles from the centre of town on roads without pavement- access by car is recommended.

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Free Parking
at Boys' Brigade Hall
and Petheram Bridge

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Garden Stories

1. 4 Dempster Terrace – John Angus

Small south-facing garden on a slope overlooking the Kinness Burn and occupied by the owner's family for over 60 years. An easy care garden doing its own thing over several stages of terracing in various nooks, crannies and 'sitooteries'. Dotted with vegetables and herbs, with splashes of colours added in window boxes and other containers. A beautiful handkerchief tree (*Davidia involucrata*) stands at the gate as you enter.

2. 56 South Street – Jimmy and Diana Ferguson

Accessed through the garden gate off Queen's Terrace. Features a kitchen garden and spectacular greenhouse, housing a wonderful black homburg vine, propagated from the famous Great Vine at Hampton Court Palace, the oldest vine in the world. Formally laid out with lawn, trees and shrub borders. Look out for the azalea walk leading into the courtyard and the house itself.

3. Red Roofs, Abbey Close, Queen's Terrace - Granger and Janie Brash

NEW - not shown in over 10 years - A south-facing organic garden nestling within the medieval walls of a Lang Rigg in the heart of St Andrews.

4. 46 South Street – Mrs June Baxter

OUR HEADQUARTERS - This 'Lang Rigg' garden dates back to the original medieval Town Plan of St Andrews. It has many mature trees including, in all probability, a 19th Century Pear Avenue. Accessed from South Street through the house or via the car park off Queen's Terrace. You will find a rose garden, a Doocot, a lawn with two inquisitive ducks, a wild orchard, and the terrace serving hot drinks and shortbread. Gazebos throughout the garden will house Community and fundraising stalls.

5. 58 South Street – James and Claire Tynte-Irvine

An old fashioned double 'rigg' garden including an ancient pear tree, reputedly planted by Mary de Guise, mother of Mary, Queen of Scots. Look out for signs with interesting facts about the trees and plants. Entrance to the garden through the House at 58 South Street.

6. St Leonards School: Queen Mary's Library and Headmaster's Garden

Set in the mediaeval walls of the former St Andrews Abbey. It is believed that Mary, Queen of Scots, stayed in the house four times between 1560 and 1565. At the time of Mary's visit there would have been a garden of considerable length, suitable for archery. Visitors enter via School Lane and the entrance to Queen Mary's garden is on the left. Look out for the Grotto and history board.

7. Deans Court – University of St Andrews

Deans Court dates back to the 15th Century. There is large main garden accessible through the courtyard, take the doorway on the left, with a small fruit and vegetable garden tucked away to one side, attended to by the residents. Look out for the Bee Boles and the Well.

8. 41 North Castle Street – The McGregor Family

2nd year! to Hidden Gardens this year. Built in the eighteenth century 41 North Castle Street has a rich history with deeds dating back to 1748 when a Patrick Milne sold the house to an Alexander Malkie. More recently the acclaimed scholar of medieval Scotland, Lucy Menzies (1882-1954), lived at the house in the last decade of her life. Be sure to look out for the stonemason marks on the wall of the rear lobby.

9. Castle Wynd House, North Castle Street – Volunteers of All Saints’ Church

Adjacent to All Saints’ Church, part of the historic Ladyhead area, the house is an A listed 17th Century building, likely a fish merchants home, with 20th Century additions by Paul Waterhouse. It was established by the Younger family and used as a fisherman’s mission. The small garden shared by the congregation of All Saints and residents of the flats is a mash up with a riot of colours and lots of nooks and crannies, maintained by volunteers. Features include David Austin climbing roses, ostrich fern, elephant ears, the herb path and abundant plum tree. Also of interest is the rubble wall, possibly mediaeval, with its niches indicating which owner is responsible for its upkeep.

10. All Saints’ Church, North Castle Street – Church Courtyard Garden

A quiet oasis in the middle of town, with a rich history. All Saints’ Church started as a small mission church for fisherfolk and the complex was completed after the First World War by architect Paul Waterhouse, through the generosity of Mrs Annie Younger. The courtyard garden forms the entrance to the church and is maintained by members of the congregation. All of the buildings around the courtyard are Category A-listed. The war memorial in the courtyard, unveiled by Earl Haig in 1924, was carved by the notable craftsman Nathaniel Hitch, who was also responsible for much of the stone and wood carving in the church. Feel free to take a peek inside where service is held every day.

11. 36 North Street- Annabel Gibbs

NEW - not shown in over 10 years - small walled garden - access through garage.

12. 128 North Street – Robin Waterston and Pam Brunt

A secluded south-facing traditional ‘lang rigg’ garden with rockery and pond. Bee friendly wildflower areas and raised vegetable plots inclusive of heritage varieties. Entrance from Guthrie Place (next to Starbucks on Market Street).

13. 12 Greyfriars Garden – Mr and Mrs Scott and Mimi Warner

Lovingly planned and executed over the course of many years, the garden was formally laid out in the 1920-30s. It sits on the historic Franciscan monastery site and offers tranquillity in the midst of the town’s bustle. A unique feature is its charming semi-circular summer house. Look out for the pond and the fine examples of extensive colourful bushes. On your way out don’t miss having a look at the ancient well at the entrance to the garden of 4 Greyfriars Garden.

14. 23 Hepburn Gardens – Julie Dalton

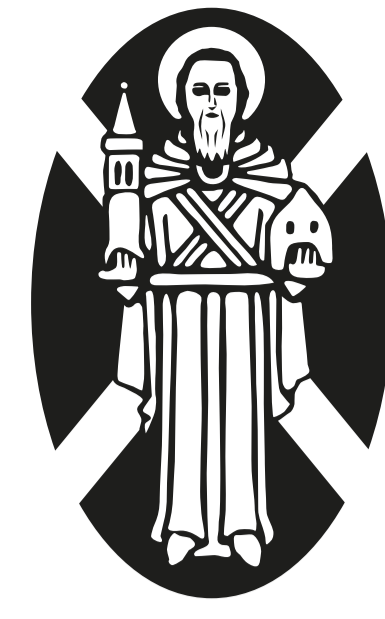
2nd year! The host is the owner of The Adamson restaurant.

15. 70 Hepburn Gardens - Jenny Sibbald

NEW - not shown in over 10 years - access from Lade Breas and from Hepburn Gardens - walking distance for stong walkers. Limited parking on site. Coming from town take the lane on the left opposite the black and white University sports pavilion - just before the roundabout at Hepburn Hall. At the top of the lane the drive is on the left with hedges both sides. Lot of pots around the garden with Japanese maples and hostas. Daily visits from red squirrels.

16. Rufflets Country House Hotel – Gardener Logie Cassells

Returning for the third year to Hidden Gardens. One of the first Country House Hotels in Scotland, Rufflets Hotel and formal gardens were created in 1924. They celebrated their centenary in 2024 with a four year project to reinvigorate the garden's original design. The clearing out allowed changing seasonal light back into the garden and returned shadows onto Rufflets beautiful stone walls and uncluttered many of the majestic trees, some a century old. It is described by the gardener as “a living canvas that paints itself through the 72 seasons”. A must see. Look out for two Blue Atlas Cedars and a Copper Beech. Try to find a Rufflets centenary leaflet on the history of the garden. Kitchen garden and new garden farm shop.



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Membership Information

Our 2026 Membership fee is half price at Hidden Gardens!

Join our community today. Our aim is to protect the historic character of St Andrews and its surrounding area and to preserve its social history. With our redeveloped Museum and new Garden Gallery reopened in September 2025, there has never been a more exciting time to become a member.

Member's benefits:

- Free entry to the Heritage Museum and Garden.
- Quarterly printed Newsletters, monthly Trust News Updates, and Planning Matters Updates.
- Discounts with our partners Sproson Framers, The Adamson restaurant and Clarets restaurant.
- Voting rights at the AGM.
- Discounted rate at our year round calendar of events

Whether you live, visit or work in St Andrews or just love the town, you will be supporting us to make a difference to Preserving the Past and Planning for the Future.

Upcoming Trust events:

Summer Reception - 7 August
Autumn Talk 1 - 18 August
Doors Open Day - 6 September
Autumn Talk 2 - 15 September

Autumn Fair - 19 September
Autumn Talk 3 - 20 October
Annual Lecture - 18 November

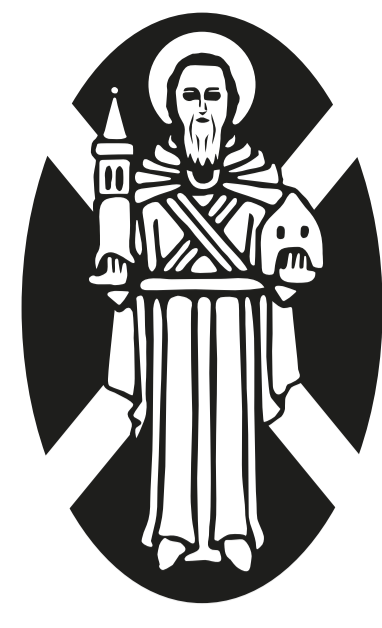
Join at Hidden Gardens for half price on 2026 membership

Membership Type	Half Price today for 2026	Full Annual Subscription
Single Annual	£14	£28
Single Annual (Direct Debit)	£13	£26
Joint Annual	£22.50	£45
Joint Annual (Direct Debit)	£21.50	£43
Student Annual		£5



Fill in your membership form today:

Pick up a Membership Form at the St Andrews Preservation Trust stall today or fill in our online form <https://tinyurl.com/STAPTMembership> and mark Hidden Gardens under how you heard about us. For more information contact at Trust@stapt.org.uk or call 01334 477629.



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Museum Now Open!



History in the making - Reopened September 2025

St Andrews Heritage Museum & Garden is now reopened following its £1.7m redevelopment - now with a Garden Gallery housing temporary exhibitions, and extended permanent exhibitions. Thanks to National Lottery Heritage Fund, national and local funders, and private donors for making the major repair and redevelopment of this important local historic site a reality. The project, *Heritage in the Making*, has restored the museum roof, created new exhibition spaces and visitor facilities, and improved access throughout. We look forward to welcoming you!

Further information about our exhibitions and events can be found on the Museum website www.standrewsmuseum.com and social media @StAndrewsHeritage.

Caring for a historic collection and curating exhibition relies on the skills and experience of many volunteers, and the generosity of Museum Benefactors. If you would like to be part of preserving the social history of St Andrews in any way, contact the Museum Manager, Sam Walker, on museum@stapt.org.uk.



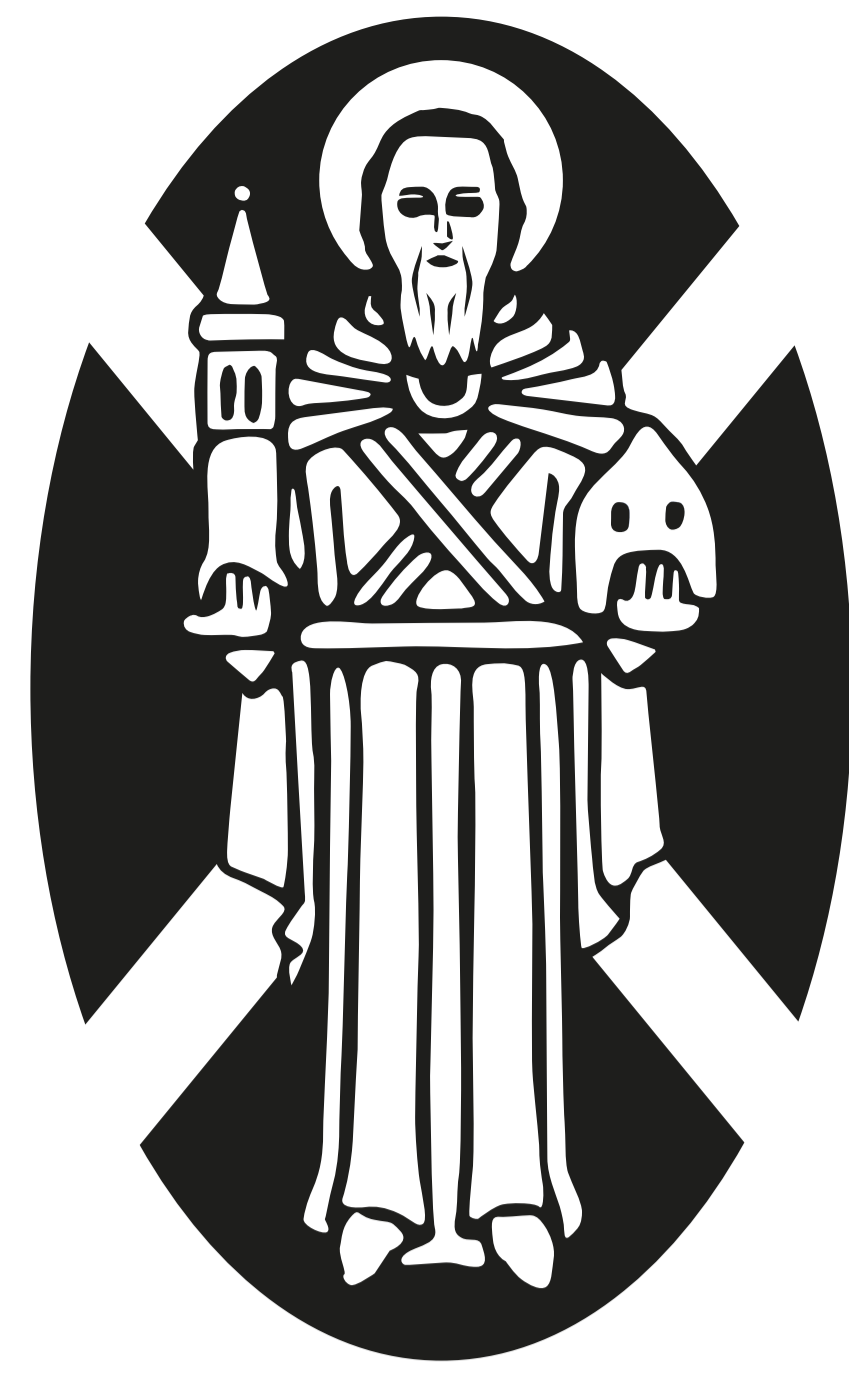
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