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OPENDAYS**  
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# Inverclyde Doors Open Days

Saturday 10  Sunday 11 September 2016

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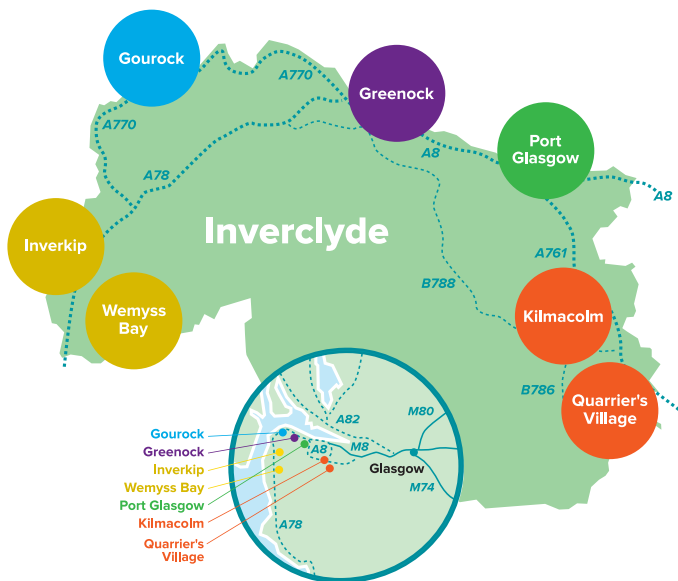
Every weekend in September you can explore places that are normally closed to the public. Some open up once a year, some just once in a lifetime!

Inverclyde has **40** venues and four bus tours taking part this year on Saturday 10 and/or Sunday 11 September. All venues have been numbered and correspond to the map adjacent to help you plan your visits across the area over the two days. **Doors Open Days** give you free access to hundreds of fascinating buildings across Scotland.

Check out the Doors Open Days website at  
[www.doorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk)

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## Quarriers Village

Faith Avenue, Nr Kilmacolm, Inverclyde PA11 3SX

**Saturday Guided walks at 11am, 1pm and 3pm**

William Quarrier began caring for destitute children in Glasgow in 1871. Wanting to provide an alternative to institutional orphanages, he purchased land to build a children's style village where they could live in cottage-style homes. Between opening in 1878 and the mid-1980s, the Orphan Homes cared for over 30,000 children.

On a guided walk of Quarriers Village, you will learn about the history of the Orphan Homes of Scotland and founder William Quarrier. The picturesque village remains largely unchanged since its beginning in 1878 and is a fascinating piece of social history.



## Kilmacolm New Community Centre

Lochwinnoch Road, Kilmacolm, Inverclyde PA13 4DT

Saturday only 10am – 4pm

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A redevelopment project in the heart of Kilmacolm, this new centre was created from two significant and semi derelict former primary school buildings in the centre of Kilmacolm which have undergone restoration, alteration and refurbishment with completely new interiors tailored to 21st century requirements. Tea/coffee available.



## Kilmacolm Old Kirk

High Street, Kilmacolm, Inverclyde PA13 4BT

Saturday only 1pm – 4pm

Kilmacolm Old Kirk is the historic Parish Church of the village. The main part of the building dates from 1831 though there was a medieval building on the site. Some of this is incorporated into the Murray Chapel. There has been a Christian presence on or about this site since the 6th century missions from Iona. The village name “Kilmacolm” deriving from the Gaelic meaning cell or church of my Columba preserves that connection. Church members available to show visitors around and answer any questions.



## St Fillan's Episcopal Church

Moss Road, Kilmacolm, Inverclyde PA13 4DL

**Saturday only 10am – 4pm**

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Built in 1954 and designed by Mervyn Noad the Church is of a modern A-frame design and set in garden grounds. The Church is built on the site of the original Church of St Fillan's which was founded in 1905 and demolished when the new Church was built. The hall now stands on this site of the former building.

St Fillan's is part of the Anglican Communion and has an active congregation engaging in many activities with the hall being in daily use for various activities in the community. Flower arrangements and artefacts will be on display. Brunch and Browse event 10 am to 2 pm thereafter Afternoon Tea available.



## **Inverclyde Unpaid Work Service,**

Unit 6, Kingston Industrial Estate (just off Ardgowan Street), Port Glasgow, Inverclyde PA14 5DG

**Saturday 11am – 2pm**

“Positive Lives, Strengthening Communities” is the vision for Community Justice in Inverclyde in preventing and further reducing offending by safely and effectively managing and supporting those who have committed offences to help them reintegrate into the community.

Inverclyde Unpaid Work Service is a statutory service within Criminal Justice Social Work with the purpose of providing the Scottish Criminal Courts with a credible community based alternative to a custodial sentence. It provides opportunities to build capacities around employment skills, including painting and decorating and gardening. This service supports many local projects and organisations as well as providing these services to more vulnerable local people.

A recent innovation has been developing a specific Unpaid Work service for females, facilitated by Action for Children where the women involved will

make a variety of products to the benefit of local communities.

For Doors Open Day you will be able to learn more about some of the work carried out in various communities across Inverclyde, see displays of this work as well as some of the products made.

You will also have the opportunity to let us know the type of work you would like to see the Unpaid Work Service contribute to and discuss any referral request for a service.



**Positive  
Lives  
Strengthening  
Communities**



Inverclyde Community  
Justice Partnership



## Port Glasgow Community Fire Station

East Bay, Port Glasgow, Inverclyde PA14 5NF

Saturday 10 September 11am – 4pm

Operational fire station consisting of two fire appliances. Crews may be available to provide tours of the station, appliances and equipment if not out on operational duties





## Ferguson Marine Shipyard

Newark Works, Castle Road

Port Glasgow, Inverclyde PA14 5NG

**Saturday and Sunday 11 am, 12.30pm, 2 pm, 3.30 pm**

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pre bookable tours only

Ferguson Marine is the last commercial shipyard on the Clyde. Rescued from administration in September 2014 by Scottish Entrepreneur Jim McColl, the yard is nearing the end of a first phase investment of just under £20 million. When complete, Ferguson Marine will be one of the most advanced shipyards in the world.

The tours will consist of a slideshow and talk on the shipyard history to the present day and a look to the future. This will be followed by a hosted tour of the yard including the new assembly shed which is one of the tallest in Europe.

As a working shipyard where safety is paramount, we regret this venue is not suitable for anyone with mobility restrictions. All visitors must be 16+ and be prepared to wear hard hat, boot covers and safety glasses.

To book a place on a tour please telephone

**01475 715564**

## St John the Baptist Church

23 Shore Street, Port Glasgow  
Inverclyde PA14 5HD

**Saturday and Sunday 11am - 5pm**

Built in 1854, the Church of St John the Baptist has served the Catholic community of Port Glasgow continuously. Redeveloped over the years it boasts an interesting series of stained glass windows depicting the development of shipbuilding, a stunning rococo sanctuary with an Apse Stained 'Rose' window completely restored in 2010.



## St John's Primary School,

Mary Street, Port Glasgow, Inverclyde PA14 5AL

Sunday 10am – 3pm

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The St John's Primary School building was originally constructed in 1931 and comprises a two storey main building with a series of single story and two storey additions. The building has been the subject of a £2.9m comprehensive refurbishment, remodelling and extension which included the provision of a new dining area and nursery class.

**Tours of the building will take place on the hour and half hour from 10am with the last tour commencing at 2.30pm. All visitors must go on a tour.**



## **Inverclyde Council Materials Recycling Facility** Unit 1, Ingleston Park, Cartsburn Street Greenock, Inverclyde PA15 4UE **Saturday, pre bookable tours only**

Visitors to the building will have the opportunity to see where the contents of Inverclyde's blue bins are delivered and how the co-mingled dry recyclable material is sorted prior to being sent for reprocessing. Visitors are advised to wear sensible footwear and clothing.

To make a booking please telephone 01475 715905 in advance.

**Guided tours at 9am, 10am, 11am, 12 noon, 1pm and 2pm**



## Greenock Community Fire Station

Rue End Street, Greenock, Inverclyde PA15 1HA

Saturday 11am – 4pm

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Greenock has had a fire station since 1753, initially in William Street, 1831 in church Lane, 1837 Taylors Close, 1882 foot of the Vennel, 1887 Municipal buildings & 1960 to its present location. Currently we have three fire appliances and 60 firefighters alongside a Marine Coastguard Agency Unit and Police Scotland's Dive and Marine Units.



## **Broomhill Rig Arts Art Flat**

12 Broomhill Court, Ann Street  
Greenock, Inverclyde PA15 4ET

**Saturday and Sunday 10am – 3pm**

Broomhill court was built in the 1960s as a popular tenement for families of Broomhill. However in recent years the flats have become rundown and dated, in great need of repair. For the past year we have been working with River Clyde homes on the regeneration of the Broomhill area, including this Court.

As part of the regeneration we have been creating and facilitating art workshops and classes for the people who live in these flat and the surrounding Broomhill area which take place in a designated 'art flat' within the Court. We recently started a new project in the flat – Recycle Upcycle – as part of the Climate Challenge fund which is about reusing and updating objects including old furniture in a fun and colourful way, which saves it from being sent to landfill. For Doors Open Days we will run an exhibition of our upcycled art in the flat.

As well as the upcycling being displayed, we will also hang plaques around the flat about recycling, how to reuse objects and more eco tips for households.

## River Clyde Homes

95 Whinhill Court, Broomhill

Greenock, Inverclyde PA15 4JE

**Saturday 11 – 4pm and Sunday 11am – 4pm**

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The Broomhill area of Greenock is changing as a £26M regenerations programme to upgrade almost 700 is underway. High-Rise living has always been a popular choice in Inverclyde and Whinhill Court houses 89 homes. This 9th floor flat has stunning views across the River Clyde. Come and see for yourself! As well as offering a rare chance to see Inverclyde from a different perspective, we are hosting an art exhibition and there is the opportunity to see the exciting plans for the new Broomhill.



## Beacon Arts Centre

Custom House Quay, Greenock, Inverclyde PA15 1HJ

**Sunday 9am – 10pm**

The Beacon Arts Centre boasts spectacular views over the River Clyde making it a fantastic venue to host a wide range of activities which include: large productions in the main auditorium; intimate performances in the Studio theatre; conferences in our Gallery Rooms and fantastic food in our Bistro.

Join us on a backstage tour to discover what goes on behind the scenes. Find out more by visiting [www.beaconartscentre.co.uk](http://www.beaconartscentre.co.uk) or call the Beacon's Box Office on 01475 723723.

**Guided tours at 11am, 1pm, 3pm**





## Wellpark Mid Kirk

Cathcart Square, Greenock, Inverclyde PA15 1DS

Saturday 10am – 4pm

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Known affectionately as ‘The Toon Kirk’, Wellpark Mid Kirk is home to a lively congregation which cherishes its building, a handsome classical church with an ionic portico and steeple modelled on St. Martin-in-the Fields. The design for the façade was supplied by Lord Cathcart (apparently obtained in Bristol), the designer of the body of the church was James Ewing.

This Grade A-listed building had a complete restoration in 1999 with assistance from Historic Scotland. The pipe organ was built in 1867, enlarged in 1912 and restored with the help of the Heritage Lottery Fund in 2008. There are several war memorials which are of special interest to local people and stained glass windows. Organ music will be played throughout the day.



## The Dutch Gable House

14 William Street, Greenock, Inverclyde, PA15 1BT

Saturday 10am – 4pm

There will be an exhibition of work from the new Heritage Inverclyde – Quest for Learning project, which explores the heritage related to Inverclyde Council's new coastal trail - including a specially created stained glass piece by local artist Alec Galloway and the Heritage Inverclyde women's group. There will also be an exhibition of images exploring the work of women during the second world war. Downstairs, there will be Captain Kidd films and comics on display from local heritage group Magic Torch, as part of the Doors Open Day treasure hunt activity.

Please note – not all areas of the building will be open to the public this year. Wheelchair access, assistance needed (the ground floor of the building is accessible, with an uneven cobbled area. There is no disabled access to middle floor)



## Municipal Buildings

Clyde Square, Greenock, Inverclyde PA15 1LY

**Saturday only 10am – 2 pm**

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In the 1870's ,H & D Barclay won an architectural competition to design the Grade A Listed Municipal Buildings with its ornate sculptures and landmark Victoria Tower. The intricate plasterwork on the Grand Corridor ceiling, the restored Council Chamber and the District Court are well worth seeing.

Only open to members of the public on an organised tour. For tour details please refer to tour 41 and 42.



## Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Museum and Heritage Centre, Old Fire Station

Dalrymple Street, Greenock, Inverclyde PA15 1LY

**Saturday 10.30am – 4pm and Sunday noon – 4pm**

This is the old Victorian Fire Station in Greenock, which opened in 1887 and closed in 1960. It is now the Scottish Fire and Rescue Services Museum and Heritage Centre. There is a complete range of fire engines and fire fighting equipment and uniforms on display covering the period The Fire Station was open. Further details can be obtained at [www.sfrheritagetrust.org](http://www.sfrheritagetrust.org). Children's quiz sheets, interactive games

Dalrymple Street access closed, only pedestrian access from Wallace Place.



## Waterfront Cinema

10 Custom House Way  
Greenock, Inverclyde PA15 1EG

**Saturday 10.30am – 10pm and Sunday 12.30 – 10pm**

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A local independent cinema that shows all the recent blockbusters and live events. Our staff will do everything in their power to ensure you have a great experience. We will be giving short tours of the projection room and how it functions.



## Tobacco Warehouse

5-7 Clarence Street

Greenock, Inverclyde PA15 1LP

**Saturday and Sunday 11am – 3pm**

The Tobacco Warehouse was built in the late 19th century. This historic five-storey building, which is located on the corner of Clarence, Hood and Haig Streets, dates back to 1896. It is a large 5-storey building built of red brick with contrasting yellow brick dressings. The B-Listed bonded store, although known as a tobacco warehouse, was also used for the storage of whisky. It was built by Greenock whisky distillers and blenders R Thorne & Sons Ltd. The building was also used as accommodation for American soldiers during World War Two.

There will also be a contemporary arts exhibition in the RIG Arts studio on the ground floor of the building. This has disabled access and toilet facilities. There is no disabled access to the upper floors of the Warehouse.



## Greenock Sheriff & Justice of the Peace Court

1 Nelson Street, Greenock, Inverclyde, PA15 1TR

**Saturday only 10am - 4pm**

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The buildings, designed by Peddie and Kinnear of Edinburgh, opened in 1869 and provided accommodation for the Sheriff, Sheriff Clerk and the Procurator Fiscal as well as living quarters for the caretaker. The two storey building is in the Scottish Baronial style with corner turrets and a 140 ft high central tower. The new court building designed by the PSA architects was added in 1980-81.

Tours of the building, court rooms, cell area and GS4 security vehicles every 30 minutes.

**Last tour  
approximately  
3.30pm.**





## Lodge Greenock St John's 175

21 West Stewart Street

Greenock, Inverclyde PA15 1SN

**Saturday only 10am – 4pm**

Lodge Greenock St John's numbered 175 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland was founded on 1st February 1790 and has operated continuously since that date and has now contributed to our community for almost 225 years. The Lodge building which is constructed of red sandstone from the long since defunct Skelmorlie quarry is one of the few buildings of character which remain in Greenock town centre. It is a testimony to the designers, Messrs Boston, Menzies and Morton, who were the foremost Architects in Greenock in the late 19th Century.





**Greenock West United Reformed Church,**  
George Square, Greenock, Inverclyde PA15 1QP  
**Saturday only 10am – 4pm**

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Sited on corner of Union Street and George Square, this B Listed Building was formerly George Square United Reformed Church. Designed by John Blair, rectangular in plan with Tudor Gothic detailing. This suggested that the architect used a sketch design produced by a member of congregation for South front. The stained glass vaulted ceiling and pipe organ are of particular interest. Organ music at intervals throughout the day.



## **Greenock and District War Games Club**

Greenock West United Reformed Church

George Square, Greenock, Inverclyde PA15 1QP

**Sunday 1 – 4.30pm**

Demonstration of 7 years War Game.

## The McLean Museum and Art Gallery

15 Kelly Street, Greenock, Inverclyde, PA16 8JX

Saturday 10am – 5pm

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The McLean Museum displays a wide range of wonderful objects and paintings. In addition to outstanding collections of local material from the Inverclyde area including items relating to James Watt, the engineer, the Museum offers displays and collections drawn from many cultures across 3,000 years of human history.



## Caddlehill Allotment Gardens

Top of Kelly Street, Greenock, Inverclyde, PA16 8TT

**Saturday only 10am – 4pm**

The allotments gardens have been in existence since 1855. Plots are available to the residents of Inverclyde to grow both flowers and vegetables. In recent years the allotments have invited youth groups and nursery children into the gardens to encourage the next generation of gardeners. Plot holders will be available to answer questions and give advice. Tea/coffee/cakes, produce and cut flowers available.



**St John the Evangelist Scottish Episcopal Church** Union Street, Greenock, Inverclyde PA16 8JJ  
**Saturday 10am - 12pm, 2 - 4pm, Sunday 2 - 4pm**  
**and Service on Sunday at 11am**

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The present building was consecrated in 1878, designed by Paley and Austin of Lancaster – their only Scottish church. The intricately carved rood screen based on a medieval screen in Gloucestershire and designed by H O Tarbolton, was given by the family of Sir John Kerr, one time Governor of Bengal. The font is a copy of a 15th century font in Suffolk, organ by J & A Mirrlees of Glasgow.



## Greenock Westburn Parish Church

Church of Scotland, 9 Nelson Street, Greenock,  
Inverclyde PA15 1TP

**Saturday 10am - 3pm**

The Church building is of special interest as it has Grade A listing. Originally built as a square building, it has been used for public worship since 1841. In 1855, the steeple was added to the Church structure. In 1912, Honeyman, Keppie & Rose built a chancel in the form of a semicircular apse, with rich oak furnishings including a pulpit and organ case. At this time, an organ built by Binns of Leeds was installed. The chancel area has three stained glass panels which were designed by Douglas Strachan. The colours are wonderfully vibrant especially the reds, blues and purples.

Over the years, union and re-adjustment has been ongoing. As a result of this, the church building has changed its name several times – ‘The West Kirk’, The Old Kirk’, ‘St. Luke’s’ and now the Westburn Church. Over the past few years, extensive refurbishment has been carried out with an Audio Visual system having recently been installed. An exhibition, organ recitals and tea/coffee will be available. Full details about the church can be found at [www.greenockwestburn.org.uk](http://www.greenockwestburn.org.uk)

**Lyle Kirk**

**(formerly Ardgowan Parish Church)**

31 Union Street, Greenock, Inverclyde PA16 8DP

**Saturday 10am - 1pm**

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Designed by John Starforth, Architect in 1871 the interior has been altered twice in 1951 and 2002. The latest alterations involved removing the pews and the Sanctuary has become a 21st Century multi functional space. A beautiful Stained Glass window dominates the Chancel. The building is used seven days a week by youth organisations, for the community , offering chair exercises, table tennis, bowls, Kurling (ask us!), book club Scrabble, bridge and a café, where good conversation is always on the menu. Visit on Open Doors Saturday and you will witness our innovative “Messy Church”. Information booklets available.





## Lyle Kirk

### (formerly Finnart St Paul's Church)

60 Newark Street, Greenock, Inverclyde PA16 7UR

Sunday 2pm – 4pm

This Grade A listed building was designed by Sir Robert Rowand Anderson and opened for worship in 1893, replacing the 'Tin Tabernacle' on the same site. It contains fine examples of stained glass designed by Scottish designers, William Wilson and Douglas Strachan as well as designs attributed to Edward Burne-Jones. A Viscount Regent Classical 3 manual organ has been sensitively installed saving all architectural features. There are many fine examples of pack carving in the building notably the Reredos behind the communion table. Organ recital and guided tours.





## St Mary's Catholic Church

14 Patrick Street, Greenock, Inverclyde PA16 8NA

**Saturday 10.30am – 4pm and Sunday 12 – 3pm**

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St Mary's has great historical importance as the 'Mother Parish' of the Catholic Church in Inverclyde and beyond. The present church, designed by George Goldie of London, opened in 1862, replacing the earlier St Mary's in East Shaw Street.

The Grade B listed building, refurbished in 2002, has stained glass windows striking for the richness of their colour. A recent (2013) addition is the stunning 'Annunciation' window by Shona McInnes. At the rear of the church a plaque commemorates deceased parish priests.



## Lyle Kirk (formerly Old West Kirk)

Esplanade, 2 Campbell Street  
Greenock, Inverclyde PA16 8AN

**Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm**

First church built in Scotland after the Reformation. It was moved from the original site at the foot of the West Burn to allow expansion of Harland & Wolff ship builders. Every stone was numbered to assist relocation on Seafield site. Re-opened in 1928 it contains the finest collection of Pre Raphaelite stained glass in Great Britain.

Exhibition by Burns Club of Mary Campbell (Highland Mary) explaining her contact with the church – her burial and re-internment when the church was moved.

Guided tours and information pamphlets available.



## Sir Gabriel Woods Mariners Home

67 Newark Street, Greenock, Inverclyde PA16 7TQ

Saturday only 10am-12 noon and 2pm-4pm

Guided tours only

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The building was built by Mr W King, Contractor and Builder, Houston in 1850 and opened in 1854. The front of the building ranging from 1500 – 1540 in a Tudor period of Gothic architecture. Currently a Care Home for Elderly and specialist unit for Korsakoff mainly for retired seafarers but currently open to all non-seafarers.



## Old Gourock and Ashton Parish Church

41 Royal Street, Gourock, Inverclyde PA19 1PW

**Saturday 10am – 2pm, Sunday 12 – 2pm**

Old Gourock and Ashton Parish Church of Scotland is situated in Royal Street looking down Church Street onto Shore Street near the centre of Gourock. The present congregation was formed by a union between Old Gourock Parish Church and Ashton Parish church which was in Albert Road.

The building was completed in 1832 and has a lovely sanctuary with pulpit and choir stalls designed by Charles Rennie Macintosh and a selection of beautiful stained glass windows. Also within the building are furnishings from Ashton Parish Church. Nowadays the congregation is actively involved in the community and offers many different organisations to suit all ages.



## HMP Greenock

85 Old Inverkip Road, Greenock, Inverclyde PA16 9AJ

**Saturday and Sunday 12.15pm – 1.15pm**

**Pre booking essential. All visitors must be 13+**

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HMP Greenock was built between 1907 and 1910, taking its first prisoners on 28th August 1910. HMP Greenock holds adult male prisoners on remand and short-term convicted prisoners and is a national facility for prisoners serving 12 years or over, providing the opportunity for progression towards release. The establishment also holds remand, short-term and long-term convicted female adult prisoners from the west of Scotland. Whilst the prison will ensure safe custody for people during their period of imprisonment, the ultimate desire of the prison is to return people to their communities as citizens prepared to positively contribute. The prison operates in partnership with local and national partner organisations to offer a wide range of services designed to address offending behaviour.

This event will consist of a tour of the prison and will give an opportunity for people to see living areas, work areas and opportunities on offer for people who live in prison.

Booking on the tours is essential as numbers are restricted. To book a place please telephone

**01475 715564**

## The Royal Observer Corps Monitoring Post Museum at Skelmorlie

Saturday and Sunday 12 – 6pm  
pre bookable tours only

Forewarned is Forearmed the motto of the Royal Observer Corps as the uniformed personnel trained for the unthinkable - A nuclear attack on the United Kingdom. See what information the Skelmorlie monitoring post would have provided during the 'Cold War' using the original equipment and instrumentation to determine the Ground Zero, blast and fallout effects of a nuclear weapon attack on the West of Scotland. An underground, atmospheric, hands on experience not to be missed!

Access to the underground protected post is by climbing down a 15ft vertical steel ladder from an entrance shaft on the surface. All visits will be guided with tours starting/finishing on the hour. Tours last one hour, however due to access restrictions the underground visit is restricted to adults and teenagers only. Building date

1965. Pre-booking is essential due to restricted space and numbers.

Telephone 07513504115 or email [fiery.fred@btinternet.com](mailto:fiery.fred@btinternet.com) to book a place and obtain directions.



## Wemyss Bay Station

Shore Road, Wemyss Bay, PA18 6AR

**Saturday 9.30am – 4.30pm,**

**Guided Tours at 11am and 3pm**

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Wemyss Bay Station is a Category A listed building built in 1903 and designed by James Miller, Architect. There will be an exhibition of photographs and archives relating to the construction and history of the station with tours of the renovated pier and station and 11.30am and 3pm.





## Inverclyde Tourist Group Bus Tours

Coach departs Port Glasgow Bus Station, Stance 2, Church Street, Port Glasgow, Inverclyde

**Saturday, 1.30pm pre bookable tours only**

### “Be a tourist in your own Town & Village – Port Glasgow & Kilmacolm“

Discover the heritage of Port Glasgow and Kilmacolm and view the regeneration of the area. The tour will start at Church Street, Port Glasgow and is a tour of contrasts – the old and the new.

In Port Glasgow we start by visiting the Comet, the stones in memory of Stanley Spence who spent some time, as a war artist in the shipyards of Port Glasgow, and the new houses at Kingston Dock near the Town Centre. A short drive takes us to Ferguson Marine's new shipyard then visit the grounds of historic Newark Castle. We then follow part of the Heritage Coastal Trail to Parklea and see the modern new houses at Woodhall before driving through the countryside to Kilmacolm.

Kilmacolm, with its farms, mansions, churches and Birkmyre Park has a fascinating history and here there will be time to visit some of the open buildings, as well as enjoying a coffee or ice cream before returning to Church Street by a scenic route with wonderful views over the River Clyde



Duration approx. 3 hours  
Commentaries provided by  
Inverclyde Tourist Group

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This is a very popular tour and you are encouraged to book early.

To reserve places please telephone **01475 715564**



## Inverclyde Tourist Group Bus Tours

Coach departs Stance 4,  
Kilblain Street Bus Station, Greenock, Inverclyde  
**Saturday 10.30am pre bookable tours only**

### “Be A Tourist in Your Own Town - Greenock”

Join us, on this local coach tour to visit many of our town's attractions. Led by an expert guide you will visit the Inverclyde Council Municipal Buildings, with a tour of the magnificent Grand Corridor. Visit the Lyle Kirk's Esplanade Buildings (the former Old West Kirk) and listen to its fascinating history and stop of at the Lyle Hill with its breath taking views.

Free car parking is available at the adjacent Hastie Street Car Park

Duration approx. 3 hours

Commentaries provided by Inverclyde Tourist Group

This is a very popular tour and you are encouraged to book early.

To reserve places please telephone **01475 715564**

## Inverclyde Tourist Group Walking Tours

meet at Municipal Buildings

Clyde Square, Greenock, Inverclyde PA15 1LY Saturday

**11am pre bookable tours only**

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### “Guided Walk in Greenock’s Historic Quarter”

Discover the area’s wonderful heritage by joining us in an informative walk about the Historic Quarter of the town where business and commerce were discussed by merchants and ship owners. We will explore the oldest surviving part of Greenock in Cathcart Street where once horse drawn coaches arrived at the White Hart Inn and public announcements were made by the Bellman from the steps of the Mid Kirk. You will tour the Municipal Buildings and its wonderful features and walk to Custom House Quay where ships tied up and sailors were often press ganged into taking the ‘King’s Shilling’. Learn also about the changes to the town centre caused by the Blitz in May 1941.

A guided walk lasting approx 2 hours.

Commentaries provided by Inverclyde Tourist Group

This is a very popular tour and you are encouraged to book early.

To reserve places please telephone **01475 715564**

## Inverclyde Tourist Group Bus Tours

Coach departs and returns to Stance 4  
Kilblain Street Bus Station, Greenock, Inverclyde

**Sunday 10.30am pre bookable tours only**

### “Inverclyde’s Historical Railway Stations”

Join us on this exciting tour (embracing parts of the Coastal Walk) and visit some of our finest Railway Stations. Learn about the history of these Stations and view some of their fine and splendid architecture including the recently refurbished Wemyss Bay Station.

(Free car parking is available at the adjacent Hastie Street Car Park)

Duration approx. 2.5 hours

Commentaries provided by Inverclyde Tourist Group

This is a very popular tour and you are encouraged to book early.

To reserve places please telephone **01475 715564**

## Inverclyde Tourist Group Bus Tours

Coach departs Gourock Railway Station

Shore Street, Gourock, Inverclyde

**Sunday 1.30 pm pre bookable tours only**

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### “Be a Tourist In your Own Town – Gourock”

Come and join us for a unique opportunity to visit or revisit Gourock's Viewpoints and Legends. Let us convey you up braes and down Memory Lane while you relax and enjoy the trip. Leaving from and returning to Gourock Station, you will hear about Gourock's role in both World wars, her long history, colourful characters, Neolithic connections and the development from small fishing village to the town we know today.

Leaving from Gourock Railway Station the tour will visit Bath Street for Granny Kempock's Stone and St John's Church, Drumshantie, Tower Drive, Tower Hill with its fabulous views, Ashton road, Castle Levan, Cloch Lighthouse and Lunderston Bay returning via Faulds Park, The Royal Gourock Yacht Clubhouse and the Swimming Pool.

Duration approx. 2.5 hours

Commentaries provided by Inverclyde Tourist Group

This is a very popular tour and you are encouraged to book early.

To reserve places please telephone **01475 715564**



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