



## **Open Doors at Scotland's Sheriff Courts**

From now to the end of September, Scotland's Sheriff Courts are throwing their doors open to encourage people to come and learn more about the history, business and tradition of Scottish Courts.

### **Saturday 13 September**

#### **Paisley Sheriff Court**

10.00am - 4.00pm

Staff will provide guided tours of the building including a quiz for children to take part in. Reliance staff will be present to show visitors around the cells and one of the vans they use to transport prisoners.

Contact: 0141 887 5291

#### **Aberdeen Sheriff Court**

10.00am - 4.00pm

Aberdeen offers tours every 20 minutes of two historic court rooms, the court cells and the atrium. There will also be a mock trial held. The Sheriff Court House was built as an integral part of the Town House and the Court accommodation was completely refurbished in the early 1990's at which time, the glass-roofed atrium was formed. Please enter by main Sheriff Court entrance, two doors along from the Town House.

Contact: 01224 657 200

#### **Greenock Sheriff Court**

10.00am - 4.00pm

H & D Barclay won an architectural completion to design the Municipal Buildings with its ornate sculptures and landmark Victoria Tower. The intricate plasterwork on the Grand Corridor ceiling, the restored Council Chambers and the District Court are worth seeing.

Contact: 01475 787 073

### **Sunday 14 September**

#### **Linlithgow Sheriff Court**

11.00 am – 4.00pm

A rare chance to visit this fine courthouse, designed by architects Wardrop and Reid, which dates from 1861. Access is open to the main courtroom, jury and witness rooms, cells and a Reliance custody van. The Sheriff Clerk's will be on hand to answer any questions.

Disabled WC, Disabled access restricted in some areas,

Parking is available at the Cross and on street. Numbers may be restricted due to demand.

Email to pre-book at: [linlithgow@scotcourts.gov.uk](mailto:linlithgow@scotcourts.gov.uk).

Contact: 01506 848 929

#### **Hamilton Sheriff Court**

10.30am to 5.00pm.

This landmark category B listed building is of mid-19C Classical design with Ionic porticos towards Almada and Beckford Streets.  
Contact 01698 282 957

### **Kirkcaldy Sheriff Court**

1.00pm – 4.00pm

Built in 1893, a typical example of the Victorian Scots baronial style by architect: James Gillespie with a fine panelled courtroom and modern extension.

Contact: 01592 642361

### **Stirling Sheriff Court**

12.00am – 4.00pm

Originally designed by Thomas Brown in 1864 then modified by Wardrop & Reid in 1874-76. Courtroom one contains an impressive hammer-beam roof, original seating and hooded canopy above the judges bench. Visitors will have the opportunity to visit the cells

Contact Stirling Sheriff Court: 01786 462 191

## **Thursday 18 September**

### **Kirkwall Sheriff Court**

19.00

A fantastic evening opportunity to find out what goes on behind the doors of the court. Hear about the historical characters associated with the building and meet with representatives from the court users group, visit the court room and have the chance to sentence “the accused”

Contact: 01856 872 110

## **Saturday 20 September**

### **Glasgow Sheriff Court**

10.00am - 4.00pm.

Visit one of the busiest courts in Europe. Highly polished interiors with imaginative use of timber, stone and daylight. There will be displays from the SCS and Justice Partners and a guided tour of court rooms and cells. Access restricted to guided tours only.

Contact 0141 429 8888

### **Peterhead Sheriff Court**

11.00am- 3.00pm.

Visitors will be able to see the courts, jury room, cells along the prisoner’s corridor and into the dock.

Contact: 01779 476 676

### **Perth Sheriff Court**

10.00am – 4.00 pm

Staff from the Sheriff Court, Reliance Custodial Services, Tayside Police and Witness Services will be taking part on the day offering tours of the building taking in Courts 1 and 2,

the cell area, faculty library and office (with the newly displayed neo classic marble and brass fireplace with eagle topped pillars).

A DVD will be played in reception along with various displays of the architect's plan of the building, historic court records and hunt ball information. In addition, information displays will be available from Procurator Fiscal Service and Social Work Department. Tea/coffee will be available for visitors with any donations to the CHAS Appeal.

Contact: 01738 492846

### **Dundee Sheriff Court**

10.00am – 1.00pm

An imposing neo classical court house which has undergone major renovations recently. Visitors will be given guided tours of the Courts and cells. Refreshments will also be available.

Contact: 01382 229961

## **Saturday 27 September**

### **Edinburgh Sheriff Court**

9.30am -4.30pm

Edinburgh Sheriff Court is the largest of the courts within Lothian and Borders and after Glasgow, the second busiest court in Scotland. Opened in 1994, this modern building houses 16 court rooms, a cell area and administrative offices. Guided tours are offered of the building taking in Civil and Criminal courts and a visit to the cell area. A number of presentations will take place throughout the day with a chance to take part in a mock trial. There will also be exhibition stands.

Contact: 0131 225 2525

### **Parliament House**

10.00am-4.00pm

The name Parliament House refers to the collection of buildings associated with the Supreme Courts in Scotland. Parliament Hall features the Great Window, installed in 1868 and consisting of 8,000 pieces of painted and stained glass covering 390 square feet. Visitors, as well as being offered tours of the court rooms and behind the scenes access, will have the opportunity to watch a partial re-enactment of a famous trial. For those who are brave enough, a ghost tour will be available on the day.

Contact: 0131 225 2595

### **Dunoon Sheriff Court**

11.00am-2.00pm

Dunoon Sheriff Court is holding its first ever open doors day. Visitors will be able to see the cells and Court room. In addition staff from Reliance, Strathclyde Police and the Witness service will also be in attendance.

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Doors open day events have already been held this year at Inverness, Arbroath, Forfar, Kilmarnock, Ayr and Dunfermline Sheriff Courts:

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