

HUNTLY Town Trail

1 STEWART'S HALL

15-17 Gordon Street, Huntly
Architect James Anderson
Dated 1875
Category B Listed

Solid Victorian shop frontages and plain first floor transfixed by improbable four-storey tower with corbelled angle turrets and truncated pyramid roof, all built in Syllavethy granite with freestone dressings from Rhynie; hall for 650 within. Rebuilt after fire, 1886/7, Matthews & Mackenzie; the bequest of Alexander Stewart a local solicitor. Refurbished/ restored 2000. Access to the clock tower is available.



2 ST JOHN'S MASONIC LODGE

Meadow Street Huntly
Dated late 18th Century

Former Roman Catholic Chapel: very plain, low rectangle in rough granite; single round-headed window in gable (now blocked) and

chamfered door jambs. Modern extension. Now used as a Masonic Lodge.



3 ST MARGARET'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

West Park Street/ Chapel, Street Huntly
Architect Rt. Revd James Kyle
Dated 1834
Category A Listed

The ornate Spanish baroque tower, in three stages, on portico-like ashlar front, rising through square tower to concave-sided belfry topped by console crown, throws out an exotic invitation which is not denied by the saucer-domed interior of the rubble built octagon behind it. Beneath its lunette windows are seven contemporary Spanish religious paintings by the artist Romero Lopez, given by John Gordon of Wardhouse whose Spanish connections account for this efflorescent building.



4 GORDON SCHOOLS

Architect Archibald Simpson, additions Marshall Mackenzie
Dated 1839-41, additions 1888
Category A Listed



Founded on the site of castle port by the Duchess of Gordon in memory of the fifth Duke; Simpson's work is serene and Jacobean, two storeys of ashlar sandstone, symmetrical about a centre pend arch crowned by an ogee-capped octagonal tower. Mackenzie's additions blend well. Other buildings include, on west of avenue, old Public School, 1885, Marshall Mackenzie, with secondary department as addition by William Kelly, c 1912, strong, two-storey Tudor, with three asymmetrical gables to front, mullioned windows and heavy chimneys. Around this is wrapped a single-storey 1930's streamlined extension with good granite bow and a two-storey hall with tall concrete ribs, built as late as the mid 1950's. The latest building is a discrete three-storey flat-roof, in creamy brick and glass.



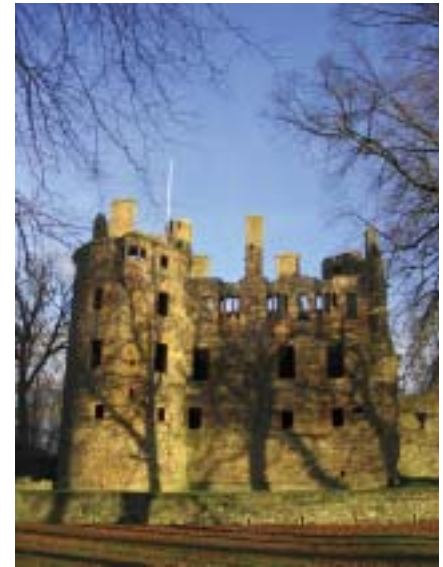
The route marked is the recommended route but it is not essential that the properties are visited in this order.



5 HUNTLY CASTLE

Dated from 12th Century
Category A Listed

The Castle began life in the 12th century with the building of the Peel of Strathbogie, an early timber castle with a great wall at its base. By about 1400, a massive L-plan stone tower was begun as a replacement. Such a grand castle saw many visits from royalty. However, the tower was eventually blown up in 1594, in retaliation for a revolt of the 6th Earl. By 1596 George Gordon, the 4th Earl Chancellor of Scotland, had created a grand palace block on the south side of the courtyard. George Gordon, the 6th Earl, went on to fully complete the castle by 1606. An immense inscription commemorating the marriage of George to Lady Henrietta Stewart is emblazoned across the whole 17.7 metre width of the upper works, framing a range of delicate oriel windows (1599-1602) all in glorious red ashlar. Within is the finest heraldic doorway in the UK and several fine chimneypieces.



6 HUNTLY POLICE STATION

5-11 Castle Street, Huntly
Dated 1930's

Subtle, elongated granite ashlar two-storey front to street with two end bays set back by splay, having symmetrical but offset array of openings at centre. The Huntly Police Station is part of the South Aberdeenshire Command Area. The area covers nearly 2,000 square miles, a larger landmass than any other in the Force. Policing responsibilities include Balmoral Castle, the Grampian Mountains, Glenshee and Lecht skiing areas, towns and farming communities. As well as uniformed, operational personnel, Traffic Departmental staff are also based at Huntly.



**Thanks for visiting our town.
We hope you come again.**

7 BRANDER LIBRARY

17 The Square, Huntly
Architect J Rhind
Dated 1883-5
Category B Listed

A narrow, high and ship-like neo-perpendicular confection in granite with Auchindoir freestone dressings. Four light mullioned window in entrance gable to Square. Grand timber roof. The result of a gift to his native town by William Brander Esq. of London.



8 STRATHBOGIE PARISH CHURCH

Bogie Street, Huntly
Dated 1840-1
Category B Listed

Large harled rectangle with square granite front set with paired Doric pilasters and a pediment. New front and offset Italianate tower, 1862, James Matthews; original glazing; later hall projects to street with plain pediment and round headed windows echoing church. An excellent ensemble.



9 CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

Provost Street, Huntly
Architect Thomas Mackenzie
Dated 1848
Category B Listed

Attractively simple nave and chancel with tall narrow lancets, porch at south-west and octagonal spirelet. Harled with fine freestone dressings including corbel course, gabled skewputs and bellcote.



10 SCOTT'S HOSPITAL

Gladstone Road, Huntly
Architect: Marshall Mackenzie/ William Smith
Dated 1901
Category A Listed

Fronts earlier symmetrical group by William Smith, 1853, 1860, 1868 in harled Scotts Baronial which includes pair of circular towers with conical slated roofs with pronounced



bell-cast. Ambitious symmetrical design in Scotts-Perpendicular. Centre block dominated by square crenellated *porte-cochère* tower in Mackenzie's Marischal College manner. Two storey advanced wings, in roughly squared granite blocks of varying size with Auchindoir freestone dressings.

HUNTLY PARISH CHURCH

Church Street, Huntly
Architect Alexander Laing
Dated 1805
Category B Listed

On truly a massive scale (seating for 1800), a huge, rough ashlar pediment-gabled rectangle with four round-arched windows and central Roman Doric pedimented doorway on each main side. The West gable has a deeply recessed central doorway with windows in arched recesses on both sides and tripartite lunette in the pediment. The Minuscule bellcote emphasises the size of the rest of this great footprint of Presbyterianism.



Buses leave for Aberdeen and other parts of Aberdeenshire on a regular basis. Timetables are available on the Aberdeenshire council website. www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Transport Links

Huntly Nordic Ski & Outdoor Centre
Hill of Haugh 01466 794428

Brander Library
The Square 01466 792179

Tourist Information Centre
The Square 01466 792255
(open between Easter & October)

Police Station
Castle Street 0845600 5700

Swimming Pool
The Avenue 01466 792397
Huntly swimming pool was built in 1967 and refurbished in 1991. In 2000 the gym was extensively modernised, it now includes 26 stations of lifestyle equipment. Please call for further information regarding opening times.

LOCAL AMENITIES AND SERVICES

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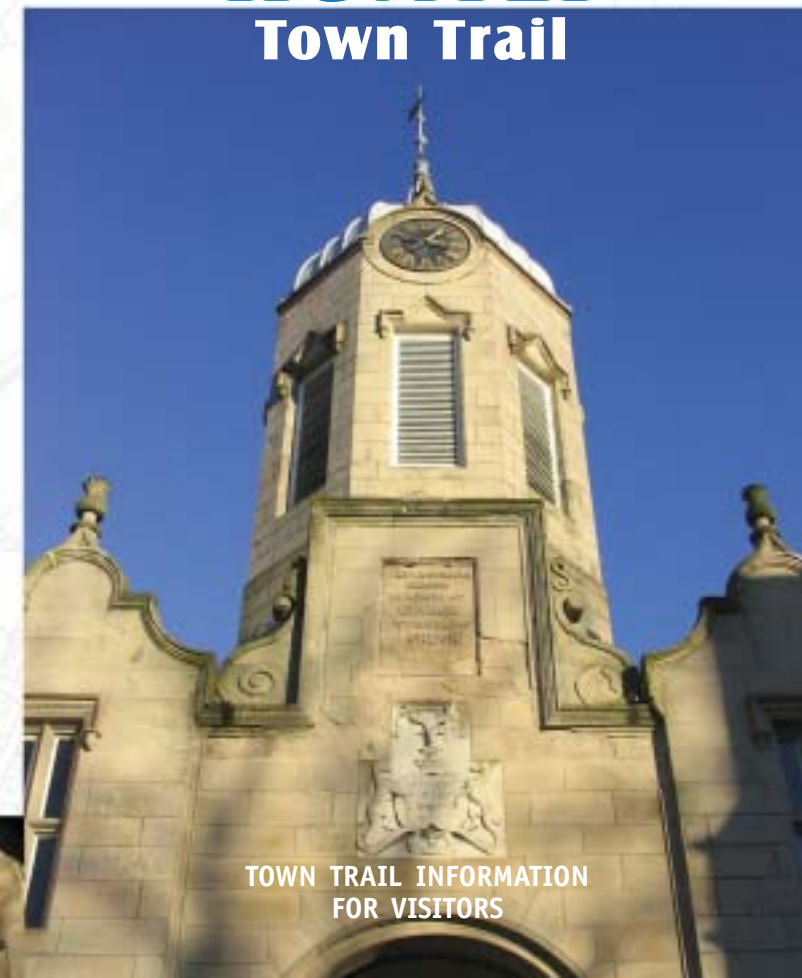
The guide builds on Huntly's unique quality and sets out to highlight the vast wealth of domestic, commercial and ecclesiastical buildings that make up the historic townscape of Huntly.

The historic market town of Huntly comprises a mix of architecture including Huntly Castle, the old town, the new burgh with its square and modern expansion to the west and south. The town has strong links with agriculture and still maintains a livestock auction mart. As well as the castle attraction, Huntly is also the main shopping centre and education base (The Gordon Schools) for the area, offers a golf course and has a Nordic Outdoor Centre.

A traditional site for settlement certainly since the 12th century, Huntly was much expanded by the Duke of Gordon on a planned gridiron street pattern in the 1770's. Up to the present time the Strathbogie Settlement has not experienced further large scale development and as a result retained most of its traditional character, street pattern and historic buildings.

HUNTLY – A BRIEF HISTORIC OVERVIEW

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TOWN TRAIL INFORMATION
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