



## Gullane and Dirleton History Society



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Dear Member,

### Dogged diggers.



For a month a band of amateurs has been doggedly shifting earth, stone and occasionally other more interesting finds in the continuing endeavour to seek evidence of the medieval village of Dirleton.

Last year's end of season discovery of the presumed edge of a pit has been explored this summer and a bath sized cavity excavated (on the right in the picture) without finding any evidence to indicate its purpose.

Further test pits have revealed many stones which may, or may not, have been arranged purposively. Sadly the questions posed still outrun the answers.

### Roman frontiers.



The winter season of lectures begins on **September 26<sup>th</sup>** in Gullane with a lecture by David Breeze, OBE, FSA entitled '**Roman frontiers in their landscape settings**'. David Breeze is a world renowned expert on Roman walls not only in northern England and Scotland but on the continent and in northern Africa. I would strongly recommend that you put the date in your diary as the Society has been fortunate to secure him to come and speak.

The lecture programme comes with this newsletter. It still has some details to be added but is essentially complete.

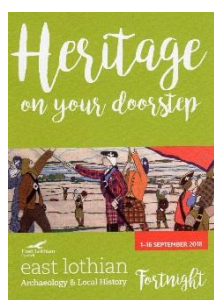
Traditionally the lecture or display at the AGM in April each year is given by a Society member. Do you have a hobby horse or display you would like to air? I look forward to a flood of telephone calls!

### Membership.

The time is coming to renew your membership of the Society. At £10 it is a bargain with the lecture programme, access to local history archival material, an outing and a chance to get involved in Society activities.

As in previous years it would be helpful to receive payments before the start of the lecture season to avoid our Membership Secretary and Treasurer being swamped. A revised membership form is included with this newsletter along with a copy of the Society's Privacy Notice which we are required to give you under the new General Data Protection Regulation which came into effect last May. Both these documents can be downloaded from your Society's website.

### Archaeology Fortnight.



This annual event organised by the East Lothian Council Archaeology Service takes place from 1<sup>st</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September. The programme contains an eclectic mixture of events including guided walks, exhibitions, open archaeology sites and more. Programmes are available at libraries, council offices and the John Gray Centre in Haddington or on line at

[www.eastlothian.gov.uk/archaeologyfortnight](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/archaeologyfortnight)

Needless to say your Society is involved in this event. Pick up a programme and see what is on offer.

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