



Gullane and Dirleton History Society



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Dear Member,

The Outing.



14 members and friends visited the Cousland Smithy project on the History Society outing in May. Preceded by coffee and delicious home baking in the local village hall the members were given an informative and skillful demonstration of blacksmith's work both now and as it was done in the past.

Subsequently the historical material exhibited on the site was examined evoking many memories.

Image by Anna Sinclair

Outside activities during the summer.



The warmer and more clement days of summer inspires historians and archeologists to take to the fields. Many of you will recall the lecture by members of the team investigating the old **Waggonway in Prestonpans**. Recently further exploration by the Trust has unearthed remains of the railway line along the track over which the Highlanders at the battle of Prestonpans must have charged. Worth a visit.



The programme for **Archaeology Fortnight** in September is not yet available but there will be many events talks, walks and demonstrations to choose from.

Keep an eye on www.eastlothian.gov.uk to download the programme when it becomes available

It is also worth browsing the **Scottish Local History Forum** website where many other activities and events taking place throughout Scotland are advertised.
www.slhf.org

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