



# Gullane and Dirleton History Society



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Dear Member,

## Promoting local history.



The aims of your Society include the promoting of local history. There are many ways of doing this but one method is by promulgating the Society's activities at gatherings of likeminded organisations.

The latest opportunity is at the **Heritage Gathering on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> at Cousland Local History Project.**

Some members will recall that the first of these re-vamped annual gatherings was held in Gullane Community Hall. Subsequently they have been hosted in Dunbar, Haddington and Aberlady.

There will be a display stand and a short presentation made highlighting the educational activities of the Society. Public exhibitions, public access to archaeological digging, guided walks and publications on local topics will feature. The Society's extensive archive receives a number of enquiries at home and abroad.



## The Society's AGM.



Some of you will know that it is intended to try a story telling session after the Society's AGM on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Two or three members are willing to start off and it is hoped others will contribute their memories of life in East Lothian.

## This year's outing.



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It is still intended that a visit to the Waggonway project at Cockenzie will be organized in the summer but again more details will be circulated later.

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