

***The Centenary Conference of East Lothian Antiquarian and Field Naturalists'  
Society***

***East Lothian through the Ages***

**11 May 2024 at St Mary's Haddington**



**Sponsored by McInroy & Wood**

- 09.00-09.30 **Registration**
- 09.30-09.35 **Welcome** (including a brief history of the Society)  
*The Honorary President - The Duke of Hamilton and Brandon*
- 09.35-10.15 **The historical significance of the place-names of East Lothian**  
*Dr Simon Taylor, Reader (Celtic & Gaelic), University of Glasgow*
- 10.15-10.55 **Hillforts of East Lothian**  
*Professor Ian Ralston, University of Edinburgh*
- 10.55-11.05 **Questions** (sessions 1 & 2)
- 11.05-11.25 Tea/coffee
- 11.25-12.05 **The impact of the Romans on East Lothian**  
*Dr Fraser Hunter, Principal Curator of Prehistoric and Roman Archaeology,  
National Museums of Scotland*
- 12.05-12.45 **The changing wildlife of the East Lothian coast**  
*Stan da Prato, East Lothian Naturalist*
- 12.45-12.55 **Questions** (sessions 3&4)
- 12.55-13.40 Lunch
- 13.40-14.20 **Medieval East Lothian in its North Sea world: an archaeological  
assessment**  
*Dr Brian Ayers, University of East Anglia*
- 14.20-15.00 **Grand Designs & Gracious Living: The rise of East Lothian's mansion  
houses**  
*Ailsa Fortune, East Lothian based researcher*
- 15.00-15.10 **Questions** (sessions 5&6)
- 15.10-15.30 Cutting of the Centenary Cake ...with Tea/coffee

15.30-16.10 **Innovation and change in East Lothian agriculture: some examples from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries**

*Dr Heather Holmes, Independent researcher*

16.10-16.50 **The Powerhouse of East Lothian: A Brief History of Coal and Industry**

*Nicola Moss, Curator of the National Mining Museum Scotland & Dr Melanie Johnson, Director CFA Archaeology*

16.50-17.00 **Questions (sessions 7&8) and Conference Closure**

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