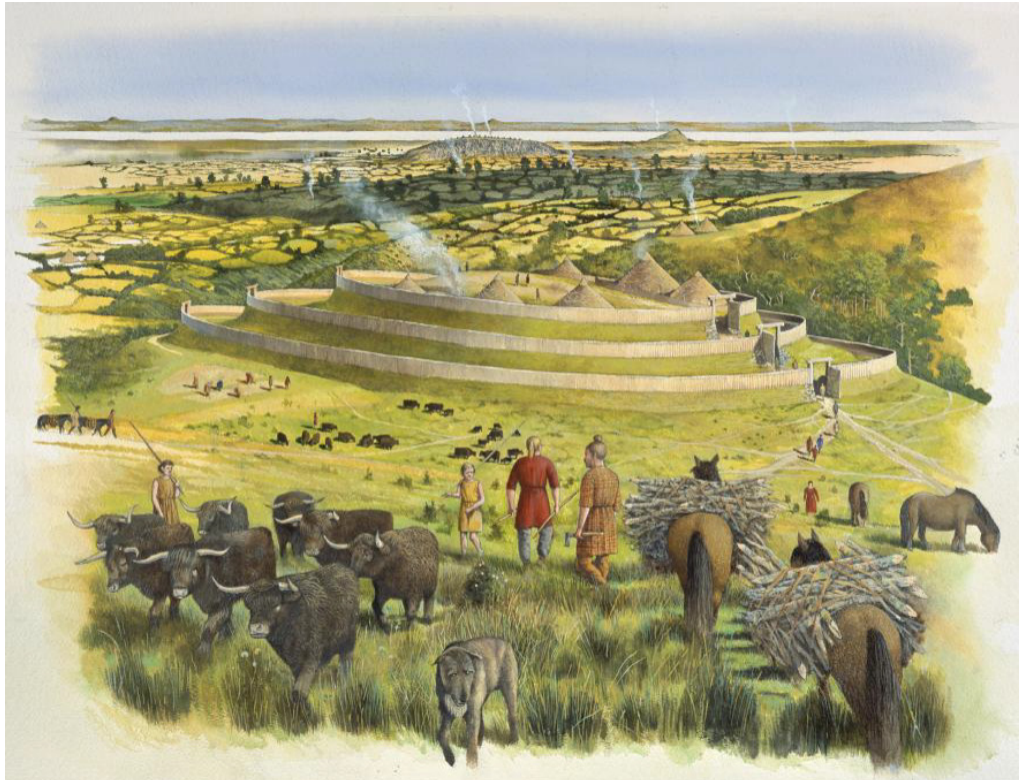


East Lothian Antiquarian & Field Naturalists' Society

Populating the Iron Age of Haddingtonshire: where did people live and how many of them were there?

by

Dr Dave Cowley, Historic Environment Scotland



Reconstruction of the White Castle fort by David Simon

The Society is delighted to present this talk by Dr Dave Cowley at 2.30 PM on Saturday 24th October 2026.

The venue will be at Holy Trinity Church, Church Street, Haddington, EH41 3EX

Dave Cowley

After graduating in Archaeology from Newcastle University, our speaker has been working in archaeological field surveys across Scotland since 1989. During this time he has undertaken work across the length and breadth of the country, on the ground, from the air and using remote sensing while seated comfortably at his desk!

He is currently the Archaeological Survey lead in the Heritage Directorate of Historic Environment Scotland. His PhD at the University of Ghent was awarded in 2021 after a few years part time study. It was entitled '*From points to pattern, and pattern to population: long term settlement patterns and demography in East Lothian, Scotland*'. It dealt with the reconstruction of past populations in Haddingtonshire, with case studies in the Iron Age and the mid-18th century AD.

Talk summary

Where we live is important: whether in a rural area, in a small conurbation or a big city. Densities and absolute numbers of people around us condition many aspects of how we live and how our societies function. And so it was in the past. This talk will explore the Iron Age of Haddingtonshire, looking at how the archaeological evidence can be used to work out where people lived in the past and in what numbers. This tells us about how our ancestors used the landscape and how this endured over the long term - in a study that tries to move beyond simple speculation about this important aspect of our past.

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