

Scotland southeast

Linlithgow Taster

Murder Mystery Walking Trail



Instructions

Follow the directions and remove the suspects from the back page as you make your way around Linlithgow.

Your Mission

There has been a murder in the historic Royal Burgh of Linlithgow and your help is required. Councillor Thomas Kane has been under pressure from locals over his plans to redevelop the town's playing fields into an airstrip. After failing to arrive at the town council meeting to defend his policy he was discovered at home, murdered! A short walk around Linlithgow will allow you to uncover the guilty person!!! Good luck.



Allow 1.5 hours to complete this taster Treasure Trail.

Murder Mystery Trail

To commence the walk make your way to the well at Linlithgow Cross, situated at the bottom of the hill to the palace. Here you can eliminate your first suspect. The name of the person that executed the well matches that of an innocent suspect who can be removed from your list.

From here face the main road and turn to your right down towards the pedestrian lights. Here is the location of the first ever gun murder in Scotland. James Stewart, 1st Earl of Moray was the half brother of Mary Queen of Scots and was appointed as regent of Scotland when she abdicated in 1567. Upon defeating the former queen's men at the battle of Langside, and for the general management of the kingdom he became known as 'the good regent'. 2 years after defeating her forces at the Battle of Langside, James Stewart was shot by one of Mary's supporters.



The name of the assassin can be found on the Sheriff court building and matches the surname of a suspect to be scored out.

If you wish to extend your walk to visit the canal, go around the left side of the sheriff building, past the police station. Make your way up the steps at the end of the street and turn left

Continuing on the murder mystery trail, return to the main road and continue on the right side, towards the train station. Look for the black lamppost structure. This is the Lord Provost's lamp and includes the Linlithgow emblem of the black bitch on its base.

Passed the bus depot you will come upon a bar named after the town's most famous queen. The 4th person listed shares a name with one of the suspects.

Continue along the High Street looking to the opposite side and locate the building with a date that is the same back to front, upside down or as it is written on the building!!! As you view this, a local business behind you provides an anagram of an innocent person (first initial and surname).

Taking a break from solving clues for a bit cross at the pedestrian crossing and continue along to the right, past the mini-roundabout. Pass Regent Shopping Centre across the road on the right and past St Michael's Roman Church on the left.



Look out for the green sign pointing towards Linlithgow Loch and Peel. Follow the sign down the narrow path, be careful as the ground is uneven. Go through the gate into the open land in front of the loch, known as 'the peel'.

Pass the children's play park and make your way along the side of the loch. Information boards can be found throughout the open space, by the loch side you can find details on the wildlife that can be found; one of the insects can be unscrambled to reveal the next person with an alibi.

You can extend your walk by about an hour to go all the way around the loch.

Make your way uphill towards the palace. It is believed that a manor stood in this location in the 1100s and the earliest reference to the palace was in 1301 when it was home to Edward I of England. Following defeat at the Battle of Bannockburn the English occupation ended.

Using the info boards, once again, locate the name of the master mason responsible for the work in front of you. This name can be scored out.

Move around to the car park in front of the palace and in front of the church with the unique spire you will find someone who shares their name with the artist that drew a picture in 1670 demonstrating the dominance of the palace and the church.

Exit through the gatehouse and downhill towards the start point. Through an alley you will find the 'green man'. The architect of this structure is the last of the innocent parties to be removed.

Congratulations you should be left with just one name on your list. This person can be arrested for the murder of Councillor Kane.

You may wish to continue further into the garden to explore before returning to your start point.

The Suspects



Willie
Wallace



Livingstone
Greene



Teresa
East



Josh
Hamilton



Dan
Frogly



Robert
Grey



Georgina
Frampton



David
Walker



John
Sleazer

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