

Holy Island Today

A warm welcome to Holy Island where there is a thriving island community of 150 people. The Island has a post office, general store and a first school. Local fishermen still fish from the small harbour.

The Community Development Trust, established in 1996, is run by volunteers and has led several exciting projects for the benefit of the islanders and visitors. Please come and see us in the Lindisfarne Centre (details opposite). Other Trust projects include the creation of the Gospel Garden (pictured below),

responsibility for the inner harbour area, and building affordable houses for local people.

The community hope you enjoy your visit to the island whether you have come for the nature reserve, the castle, the priory, the churches, the peace and tranquility or for quiet contemplation in one of the retreats.

Please respect our community and the special Holy Island of Lindisfarne.

Prayers & Pilgrims

Holy Island welcomes visitors and pilgrims to share in prayer. Our parish church of St Mary the Virgin endeavours to maintain a measure of the prayer of the monasteries that have gone before us, with services every morning and evening.

The present church contains sections built in the Anglo-Saxon, Norman, and early Gothic periods.

You will see the statue of St Aidan in the churchyard and the sculpture inside of the six monks carrying Cuthbert's body from its burial site here on its 200 year journey to Durham.

Our other places for prayer are St Aidan's RC church and the St Cuthbert's Centre (URC); at one of the island retreats; or at a peaceful place on the island.

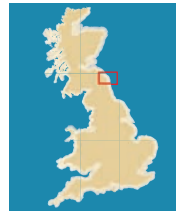


Visiting Holy Island

Located 60 miles north of Newcastle upon Tyne and 60 miles south of Edinburgh.

By Car: 5 miles off the A1, follow signs from Beal.

By Train/Bus/ Taxi: 8 miles south of Berwick-upon-Tweed mainline station. Summer bus service only.



Holy Island Causeway

Holy Island is linked to the mainland by a causeway which is covered by the sea twice each day. The island is inaccessible to vehicles and pedestrians for approximately 5 hours each day. Safe crossing times are posted at each end of the causeway and can be obtained from www.lindisfarne.org.uk. Please respect the tides, do not chance

your luck and drive straight into the North Sea.

For further information please telephone:

Holy Island of Lindisfarne Community Development Trust - 01289 389004 or Berwick Tourist Information Centre - 01289 330733.

This leaflet is available in large print from the Lindisfarne Centre and www.lindisfarne.org.uk.

Northumberland Coast

The Northumberland Coast is widely recognised for its varied and spectacular landscape. The quality of this landscape has been judged amongst the finest in England and Wales and as such has been designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and covers 39 miles of coast from Berwick to the Coquet estuary.

Websites: www.northumberlandcoastaonb.org, www.ourcoastoursea.org.uk
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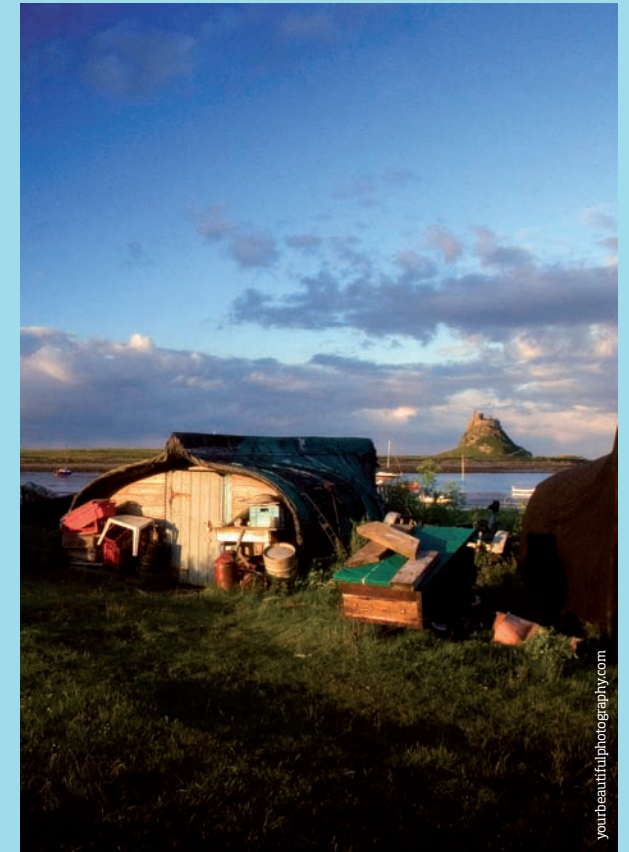


www.visitnorthumberland.com



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Holy Island of Lindisfarne



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The Community, the Castle, the Priory and Nature Reserve

The Lindisfarne Centre



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The Lindisfarne Centre is run by the island community Trust. It is a good starting point for your visit as it contains lots of information leaflets and is staffed by locals. The shop sells a range of books on Holy Island plus a selection of gifts.

Come and see a copy of the **Lindisfarne Gospels** and "turn the pages" on the touchscreen displays.

The first Viking raids in Britain were on Holy Island in AD 793. Come and see the **Viking 793** film and other exhibits from these exciting times.

Hear stories and see pictures of what it was like living on the island in times past in the **Island Life** exhibition.

The Lindisfarne Centre is packed with information and activities for adults and children.

All profits raised from the shop and exhibitions are reinvested in projects for the island community.



The Lindisfarne Centre
www.lindisfarne.org.uk
Tel: 01289 389004
Email: lindisfarne-centre@uk2.net

Opening Times 2010-11
1 Apr - 31 Oct
10am - 5pm
1 Nov - 31 Mar
(Phone for timings)
Closed 24-26 Dec and 1-2 Jan

Admission Costs
Adults: £3.00
Ages 5-15: £1.00
Family ticket (2 Adults and 3 Children): £8.00
Shop: Free admission



Lindisfarne Castle



Lindisfarne Castle, perched atop a rocky crag is an exciting attraction with a timeless romance. Originally an Elizabethan fort, this 16th Century miniature castle was converted by Sir Edwin Lutyens into a private Edwardian holiday home for Edward Hudson, founder of Country Life Magazine. Lutyens' sympathetic conversion preserved some of the old fort's structure amidst his dramatic new features. Inside, the intimate furnished rooms look out over the walled garden planned in 1911 by Gertrude Jekyll.

Near to the entrance you can also view the traditional upturned boats, as well as the lime kilns, once part of an important industry on the island.

Access: Property on a very steep slope, with steps, trip and slip hazards and low doorways. No Dogs (assistance dogs only) or rucksacks allowed inside the castle. Emergency Toilet only.



National Trust

Lindisfarne Castle
www.nationaltrust.org.uk
Tel: 01289 389244
Email: lindisfarne@nationaltrust.org.uk

Opening Times 2010-11
13 Mar - 31 Oct, Tue - Sun
(Closed Mondays except Bank Holidays)
Opening will either be
10am - 3pm or 12pm - 5pm
(tide dependent)
Last entry 30 minutes before closing.
Open 5 hours per day always
between 12pm - 3pm.

The National Trust Flag will only fly when the castle is open. Occasional winter weekend and Christmas opening.

Castle Admission Costs
Adults: £6.60
Child: £3.30
Family ticket (2 Adults 2 children under 18): £16.50
Under 5s and National Trust Members go free

Garden Admission Costs
Adults: £1.50

National Trust Shop in village:
Free admission. Open 10am-5pm
(tide dependent)

Weddings by arrangement



Lindisfarne Priory



Lindisfarne Priory was and still remains one of the most important centres of British Christianity. Today, it offers the perfect island escape - a place of peace and spirituality.

The priory, founded in AD 635, is famed as the home and original burial ground of St Cuthbert, who lived on Lindisfarne until his death in AD 687. His remains were exhumed 11 years later and found to be undecayed - a sure sign of sanctity. The tranquility was disturbed when Viking raiders invaded the island in AD 793.

Hear all about the enthralling story of the monks and Vikings in the fascinating visitor centre and gift shop. Take in spectacular views of the coast, stroll around the atmospheric ruins of this tranquil setting and see the stunning rainbow arch. Be thrilled by live action and living history events in the priory grounds every spring and summer.

Opening Times 2010-11
1 Apr - 30 Sept
9:30am - 5pm (daily)
1 Oct - 31 Oct
9:30am - 4pm (daily)
1 Nov 2010 - 31 Jan 2011
10am - 2pm (Sat - Mon)
1 Feb 2011 - 31 Mar 2011
10am - 4pm
Closed: 24 - 26 Dec and 1 Jan

Admission Costs
Adults: £4.50
Concession: £3.80
Child: £2.30
Shop: Free admission

Under 5s and English Heritage Members go free. Additional entry charges may apply on event days.



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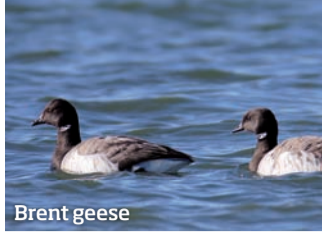
Days out worth talking about.

Lindisfarne Priory
www.english-heritage.org.uk/lindisfarne
Tel: 01289 389200
Email: lindisfarne.priory@english-heritage.org.uk



Lindisfarne National Nature Reserve

On the edge of Britain, land and water meet. Shifting sands and tides combine to create the dunes, saltmarsh and mudflats of the Lindisfarne National Nature Reserve, home to a fascinating array of wildlife. The reserve is managed by Natural England to protect habitats and wildlife for your enjoyment.



Brent geese

Please help us conserve this special place by keeping to paths and avoiding disturbance to wildlife. For more information about the reserve, guided walks, events or volunteering, please contact the reserve office on 01289 381470.



Dark green fritillary



For more information:
www.naturalengland.org.uk
 Tel: 0845 600 3078
 Email: enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk



Fulmars

The nature reserve can be enjoyed all year round, with beautiful orchids in the summer months and migrant birds in the spring and autumn. Wintering birds include short-eared owls and the rare light-bellied brent goose which migrates from Svalbard within the Arctic Circle.

Close to the dunes, the grassland is grazed in late summer. This helps orchids, other wildflowers and insects such as the dark green fritillary butterfly to thrive.

Sandham Bay is a good area to look out for seals. Grey Seals are most common in this area, they could be hauled out on rocks exposed by the tide.

The lough bird hide is a good place from which to look out for peregrine, sparrowhawk and short-eared owls in winter.

Holy Island is on the routes of the St Cuthbert's Way and St Oswald's Way. See the websites and leaflets for these long distance paths.

Wintering waders can be seen along the causeway. Curlews, redshank, bar-tailed godwit and the much smaller dunlin can be seen from autumn onwards.

At the castle you should encounter the resident fulmars. Look out to sea and you may see eider duck or red-throated divers in winter. You could catch sight of a grey seal in the water and summer may bring passing puffins and guillemots.

Key

- Lindisfarne Causeway
- Nature Trail
- Walking route only over sand/mud (Extreme caution necessary - never cross during rising tide)
- Bird hide



Oystercatcher



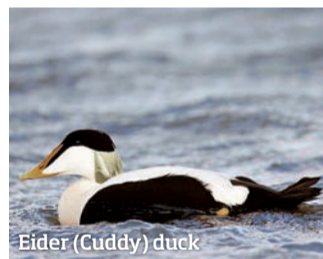
Marsh helleborine



Bar-tailed godwit



Northern marsh orchid



Eider (Cuddy) duck



Grey seal

Holy Island Timeline

- 635** The island is given to St Aidan by the Anglo-Saxon King Oswald as a base from which the pagan Northumbrians would be converted to Christianity.
- 685** Cuthbert becomes Bishop but dies in 687 on Inner Farne.
- 698** Lindisfarne Gospels begun. The community becomes the centre of the cult of St Cuthbert.
- 793** First Viking raid, monastery attacked and plundered.
- 875** Further Viking raids and monastery abandoned. Monks flee with St Cuthbert's remains.
- 1082** Priory re-founded. Island becomes known as 'Holy Island'.
- 1122** Parish Church of St Mary's built.
- 1536** After dissolution of Monastery, the small community of Monks leave to return to Durham.
- 1549** Castle built.
- 1790** Coal pits in operation.
- 1791** Enclosure Act encloses agricultural land on the Island. Permission granted to install first limekiln.
- 1860s - 1900** Limestone extraction and limeburning.
- 1902** Edward Hudson, founder of Country Life Magazine, acquires the castle.
- 1903** Sir Edwin Lutyens restores the castle.
- 1911** Gertrude Jekyll's walled garden begun.
- 1944** Castle handed over to the National Trust.
- 1954** First section of tarmac causeway built.
- 1956** Mains electricity and Artesian well water supplies completed.
- 1958** HM Queen Elizabeth visits island.
- 1961** Sewage system installed.
- 1964** Lindisfarne National Nature Reserve designated.
- 1966** Causeway completed.
- 1996** Holy Island of Lindisfarne Community Development Trust founded.
- 1998** School is "mothballed" as there are no pupils.
- 1999** First affordable housing project completed providing rented homes for locals.
- 2000** Lindisfarne Centre opened in Marygate.
- 2000** School re-opens.
- 2008** Prince Edward visits island.
- 2008** Viking Exhibition installed in Lindisfarne Centre.
- 2010** Second affordable housing project completed.

Car parks: Open all year
Toilets in car park: Open all year
Toilets in village: Open Easter - October
Coach and disabled car park and toilets: Open all year

Main car park →

Coach and disabled car park and toilets

To the castle

Holy Island Village

- A** The Lindisfarne Hotel
 - B** St. Aidan's R.C. Church
 - C** The Island Oasis Café
 - D** Lindisfarne Scriptorium
 - E** The Ship Inn - pub and accommodation
 - F** The National Trust Shop
 - G** Celtic Crafts
 - H** Sallys of Lindisfarne
 - I** Pilgrim's Café
 - J** The Open Gate Retreat House
 - K** The Stables Café
 - L** Lindisfarne Centre (Gospels, Vikings & Island Exhibitions)
 - M** Marygate Retreat House
 - N** The Gospel Garden
 - O** Post Office
 - P** St. Cuthbert Centre
 - Q** St. Aidan's Winery
 - R** The Bean Goose Restaurant
 - S** Lindisfarne Priory & Museum
 - T** St. Mary's C. of E. Church
 - U** The Manor House Hotel
 - V** The Crown & Anchor - pub and accommodation
 - W** The Island Store
- Bed & Breakfasts**
- 1** The Bungalow
 - 2** Bamburgh View
 - 3** Belmont
 - 4** Rose Villa
- Bus Stop**
 Mini Bus Service. Castle shuttle runs from Easter to end of October according to tides and castle opening times.

Right: Viking Raider stone from Lindisfarne Priory

