How can i join?

Join the Friends of the John Gray Centre for **just £10 a year**, and enjoy a host of benefits! These include:

- **Diverse training opportunities**
- **An exclusive events programme designed by and for Friends**
- **Opportunities to work on special projects in the archives and museum**
- **Free entry to Friend events (such as talks, tours and presentations)**
- **Discounted entrance to charged-for events**
- **The Friends' annual outing**
- **Numerous opportunities to socialise with interesting people!**

If you'd like to become a 'Friend of the JGC' or find out more you can:

- **Complete the tear-off form below and hand to a member of staff at the JGC**
- **Email us at: jgcfriends@gmail.com**
- **Join at an event**
- **Post your membership fee together with your name, address and email.**
  We will send you a receipt and add you to our mailing list.

(Please make cheques payable to 'Friends of the John Gray Centre')

Friends of the John Gray Centre

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Tel: _____

Email: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

How to find us?

At the JGC you will also find:

- **The Star Room, for talks, workshops and other events – also available for hire**
- **Study areas in the library downstairs and the local history centre upstairs**
- **Free wifi throughout the building**
- **Public access computers, colour printer and laminator**
- **Laptop plug-in points throughout**
- **Tourist information point**
- **Full access for disabled visitors**

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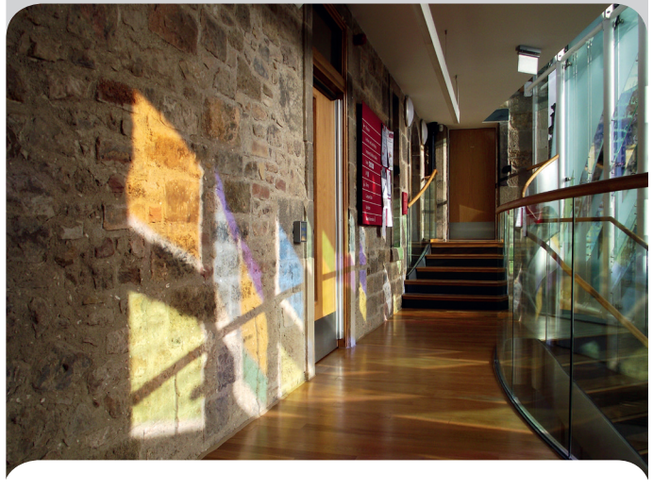
What is the John Gray Centre?

The John Gray Centre is a **Visit Scotland 5-star Visitor Attraction** in the heart of Haddington. It comprises Haddington's Library and East Lothian's Museum, Archive & Local History Centre.

The JGC is a hub of cultural activity for everyone to enjoy, and holds resources to satisfy a diverse range of interests, from family history research to discovering more about the area and its past. The museum tells the story of East Lothian, and you'll find the local history centre and archives right alongside it. There is a comfortable reading room where you can browse the collections, which are held in the state-of-the-art on-site archive store, and get help from the knowledgeable local history team.



The Centre not only provides access to a wide range of research materials, both within the Centre and online, but offers free tours and workshops as well as family-friendly activities and events throughout the year.

Who are the Friends of the John Gray Centre?

We are a growing group of enthusiasts who got together to pursue their interests and support the work of the John Gray Centre. We enjoy a variety of events and opportunities, as well as raise funds for projects and initiatives aimed at promoting and preserving the heritage of East Lothian.

Friends can take part in numerous activities of the JGC by becoming a volunteer, or simply enjoy their programme of events.

Extract from the Friends' Constitution:

"The principal aim of the Friends will be the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture and science through the promotion and support of the functions of, and in partnership with, the John Gray Centre, Haddington, across and throughout East Lothian."

Projects & Opportunities

- **'Treasure Tours' training** and subsequent running of hour-long tours highlighting treasures from across the Archive, Local history and Museum collections at the JGC.
- **The Story of West Barns project** – learn how to curate a mini-exhibition in one of the museum's Personal View cases; engage in research in our archives and local history collections with support from staff.
- **Poor Law project** – learn about the ongoing work of the Friends in digitising, transcribing and indexing this magnificent collection, and maybe even get involved!
- **Oral history recording and transcribing** – learn how to record memorable stories and transcribe them for future generations to cherish.

- **Volunteering at events and activities for children, families or elderly people** – get involved in our regular hands-on activities for everyone to enjoy. Our Sporting Reminiscence group and the brand new Good Memories Café, for people with dementia and their carers, are looking for volunteers to help, or support one-off events such as Family History Day.