



- 1** "Life began in Stonehaven". A fossil of the oldest creature known to have lived on land was prised out of a siltstone bed on the seashore at Cowie. The fossil is thought to be 428 million years old.
- 2** The Tolbooth is the oldest standing building in Stonehaven and was built by 5th Earl of Marshall in the late 16th Century as a storehouse. It served as the County Tolbooth of Kincardineshire from 1600 to 1767.
- 3** Stonehaven's historic core nestles around the harbour which began as a small port for shipping wool and salmon and enjoying the boom of the 1880s.
- 4** Dunnottar Castle is a dramatic and evocative ruin dating back to the 13th Century. It famously saved the Scottish Crown jewels the 'honours of Scotland' from destruction. More recently the castle was the location for the film version of Hamlet starring Mel Gibson.

