

## 1 Stonehaven & Mearns

The Kincardine & Mearns area of Aberdeenshire Council offers a striking coastline and spectacular cliff top views. There is a wealth of historical interest to be discovered both along the coast and inland. Much of the coast is associated with the fishing industry, while inland agricultural heritage dominates.

Most of the cycle routes described in this leaflet have been designed to cater for all ages and abilities and where possible, off-road, family and commuter routes have been selected. Some routes require more effort than others.

The routes in this leaflet show distance, effort required and tourist attractions. Most routes use the quieter roads but may involve short stretches of main 'A' roads to continue the route. Great care should be taken at all times whilst cycling, particularly on these busy stretches of road. Please let large vehicles pass and remember you may encounter forestry operations off-road. Please keep well clear and observe signs and diversions for your safety.

We advise that you also take an O.S map with you. While the routes featured follow quiet roads and key features have been identified, an O.S map will guide you further in the area. Ordnance Survey map: LandRanger 1:50,000 No. 45.

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### Area covered by this map



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### 1 STONEHAVEN & THE MEARN'S



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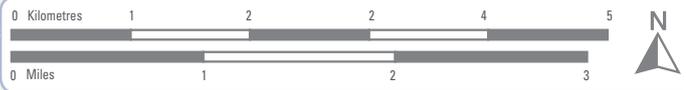
## STONEHAVEN TO INVERBERVIE CIRCULAR

(25 miles) Moderate to Difficult

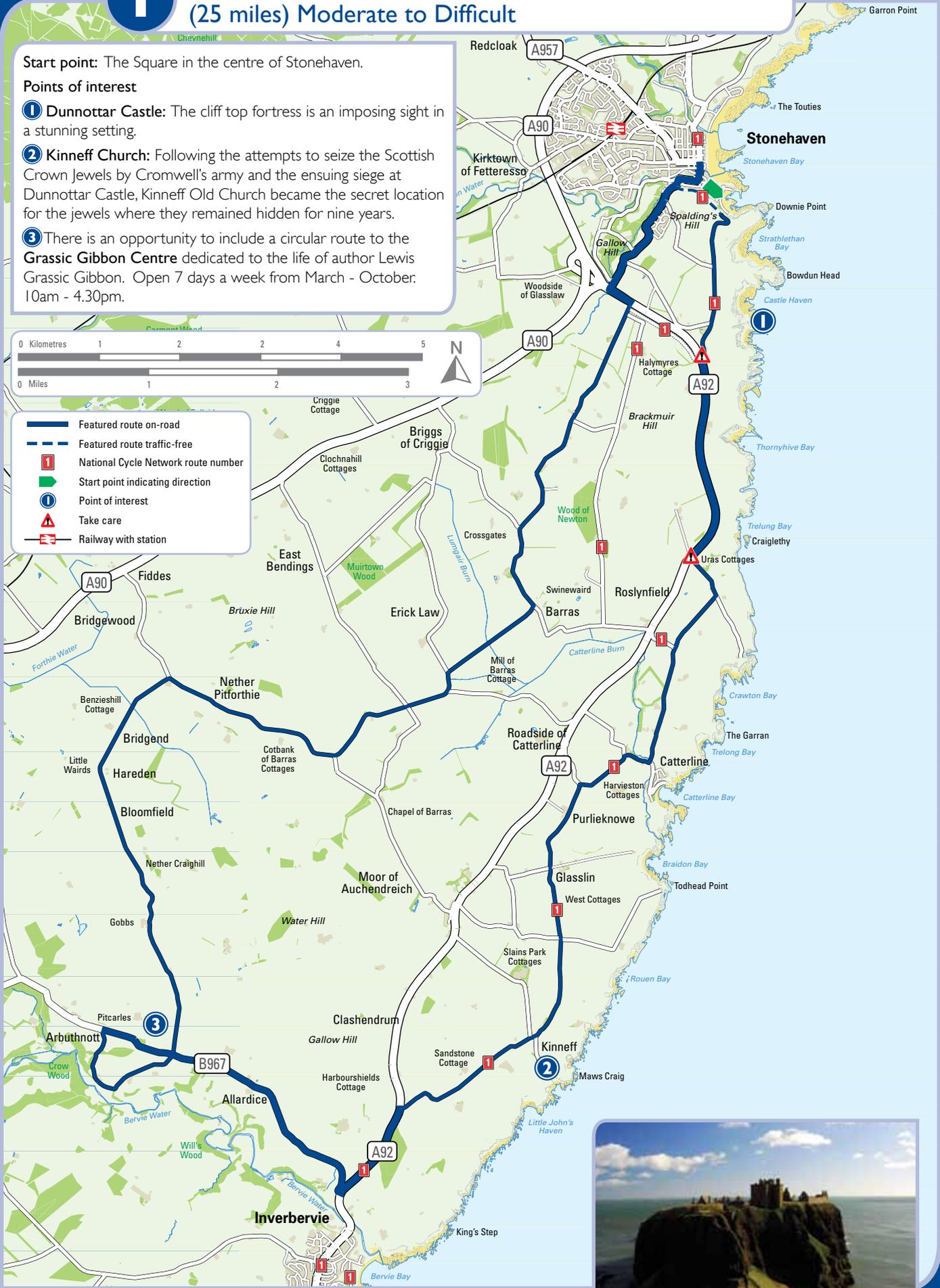
**Start point:** The Square in the centre of Stonehaven.

**Points of interest**

- 1 **Dunnottar Castle:** The cliff top fortress is an imposing sight in a stunning setting.
- 2 **Kinneff Church:** Following the attempts to seize the Scottish Crown Jewels by Cromwell's army and the ensuing siege at Dunnottar Castle, Kinneff Old Church became the secret location for the jewels where they remained hidden for nine years.
- 3 There is an opportunity to include a circular route to the **Grassic Gibbon Centre** dedicated to the life of author Lewis Grassic Gibbon. Open 7 days a week from March - October. 10am - 4.30pm.



- Featured route on-road
- Featured route traffic-free
- National Cycle Network route number
- Start point indicating direction
- Point of interest
- Take care
- Railway with station



Dunnottar Castle

# 2

## CAIRN MON EARN CIRCULAR WOODLAND ROUTE (22 miles) Moderate

Start point: The Square in the centre of Stonehaven.

### Points of interest

**1 Stonehaven:** Historically the principle commerce of Stonehaven lay in fishing. Led by the herring fishery, the catch peaked around the year 1894 with about 15 million fish per annum and employment of around 1280 people.

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Stonehaven Harbour, aerial view

# 3

## LAURENCEKIRK TO FETTERCAIRN CIRCULAR (15 miles) Easy to Moderate



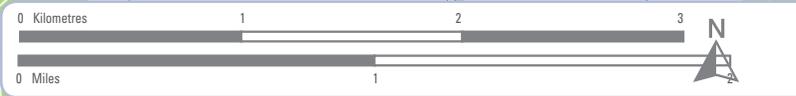
**Start point:** The car park behind the church, just off High Street, Laurencekirk.

**Points of interest**

**1** **Fettercairn:** The picturesque village of Fettercairn boasts a memorial archway erected to commemorate the visit in 1861 by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.



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- ⓘ Point of interest
- Railway with station



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## INVERBERVIE - JOHNSHAVEN (10 miles) Moderate

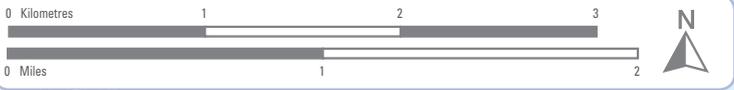
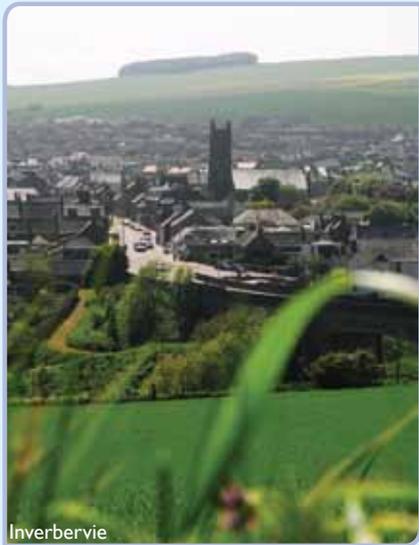
An ideal family route, including some easy off-road cycling.

Start point: The beach car park.

Points of interest

**1** **Benholm Mill Visitor Centre:** Benholm Mill is a restored and fully working water-powered meal mill. There's a museum, gardens and walks. You can also recharge with tea and scones at the tea room. Open Monday to Saturday 10am-3pm. During the winter open 10am-2pm.

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- Point of interest
- Take care



# 5

## PORTLETHEN – NEWTONHILL CIRCULAR

(13 miles) Easy

-  Featured route on-road
-  Featured route traffic-free
-  National Cycle Network route number
-  Start point indicating direction
-  Point of interest
-  Take care
-  Railway with station



Bothy Old Village, Portlethen



**Start point:** The Railway Station in Portlethen.

**Points of interest**

 **Portlethen Village:** There has been a settlement here for over 200 years. The name is thought to derive from the term Port Leviathan named so due to whales that were often beached there.