

# Places to go in and around Historic Edinburgh



Now that Spring is here, Historic Scotland's 25 seasonal sites are preparing to open their doors to welcome visitors.

On Sunday 1 April, 2012, sites which will be opening for visitors to Edinburgh and the Lothians include Tantallon Castle, Crichton Castle, Blackness Castle and Seton Collegiate Church.

Visitors looking for inspiration can visit a special web page [www.dosomethinggreat.co.uk](http://www.dosomethinggreat.co.uk) and insert their postcode to find out about exciting properties in their area.

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs said: "Spring is a wonderful time to enjoy all that Scotland has to offer, from castles to cathedrals, cairns to standing stones. Scotland's finest heritage attractions make for a great family day out with an opportunity to explore Scotland's history and heritage.

"This is the Year of Creative Scotland 2012 and I am looking forward to many exciting events to celebrate our amazing history and heritage."

Stephen Duncan, Historic Scotland's Director of Commercial and Tourism said:

"Now that the Easter holidays are almost upon us, it's the perfect time to get children away from their x boxes, make them use their imagination and have fun at one of our fantastic sites as well as learn about Scotland's fascinating history and heritage.

“Historic Scotland membership is a great way for families to enjoy great days for less than £7:00 a month. Membership also enables free admission to all of Historic Scotland’s 78 paid-entry visitor attractions throughout the country, as well as free entry to a host of special events taking place at them throughout the year, from jousting at Linlithgow Palace to medieval mayhem at Caerlaverock Castle.”

For more information, please visit the [Historic Scotland website](#).

