

In the year of History, Heritage and Archaeology you have more time to visit somewhere old!

Historic Environment Scotland has announced longer opening hours for the sites it manages in Edinburgh and Lothian.

Some summer-only sites will stay open till Halloween to allow you more time to visit.



Cairnpapple Hill, Crichton Castle and Seton Collegiate Church will all be open till the end of October while Craigmillar Castle and Blackness Castle will be open for 7 days throughout next month.

Heritage Awareness Day takes place on 6 October 2017 when you are invited to share and celebrate heritage across the country.

Alex Paterson, Chief Executive of HES, said: “After a fantastic season so far, I’m pleased to announce that we are able to extend opening at over 50 of our seasonal sites.

“Extending the season until 31st October will allow visitors to enjoy our sites for longer as we celebrate the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology.

“It is also a special way to mark our first Heritage Awareness Day, and I hope visitors will take the opportunity to spend 6th

October exploring the country's history and heritage at one of our sites.

"We continue to see increased numbers of visitors to our sites, demonstrating the enduring appeal and value of historic attractions, and their importance for Scotland's wider tourism sector.

"This strong showing is also testament to the efforts of our staff, and I'd like to thank them for the great work they do in bringing our sites to life for visitors."

Full details of the extended seasonal openings can be found at <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place/extended-summer/>.

For more information about Heritage Awareness Day and how you can get involved, visit www.historicenvironment.scot/heritageday. Join in the conversation on Twitter by following @HistEnvScot and #heritageday17.