

Pittenweem – then and now



With its working harbour and welcoming shops, cafés and art galleries Pittenweem embodies all the charm, history and character of the East Neuk. The name ‘Pittenweem’ is Pictish and means ‘the place of the cave’ – St Fillan’s cave on Cove Wynd, which takes its name from the legend that St Fillan lived there in the seventh century

while preaching Christianity to the Picts. It became a place of pilgrimage in medieval times and was later used by smugglers. You can still visit it today.

Pittenweem became a Royal Burgh in 1541. Many of its attractive houses with their red pantile roofs and Dutch-style façades reflect the lucrative trade the village once had with the Low Countries. The fishermen’s cottages along the shore are linked to the High Street above by a series of picturesque wynds with spectacular views over the Firth of Forth to the Bass Rock and May Island.

Pittenweem remains the busiest fishing port on this part of the coast, hauling catches of crab, lobster and prawns. Its pearlescent light, narrow wynds and historic harbour make Pittenweem a magnet for artists and it hosts a thriving arts festival every August. The Fife Coastal Path runs through the village, and whatever your interests – walking, photography, local history, art, good food, or just watching the fishing boats come in – you’ll find something here to enjoy.

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