

# Hill of Tarvit Mansionhouse for schools

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Hill of Tarvit Mansionhouse, originally a 17th-century country residence, was rebuilt in 1906 by Robert Lorimer for the wealthy Edwardian businessman F B Sharp of Dundee to house his collection of decorative and fine art objects. This includes: French, Chippendale and vernacular furniture; Dutch paintings and pictures by the Scottish painters Raeburn and Ramsay; Chinese porcelain and bronzes, and Flemish tapestries; all set within a comfortable Edwardian home. The bedrooms, bathrooms and kitchen exhibit some of the labour saving devices introduced in the early 1900s. The restored laundry in the garden is fully equipped with devices for washing and drying clothes, providing a glimpse into the behind-the-scenes work of the staff of the Edwardian household.

The formal gardens were also designed by Lorimer. A viewpoint across the Fife countryside can be reached by a path through trees above the house.

Scotstarvit Tower is an example of an unfurnished 16th-century laird's tower-house.

## ● education programme

Hill of Tarvit is an important primary resource that offers cross-curricular learning opportunities for key areas of the 5-14 Curriculum

### a site visit offers

- a guided tour of the property
- the Edwardian Life education programme includes living history, historic object handling sessions and the opportunity for teacher led environmental studies in the grounds
- objects to handle

### classroom resources

- illustrated guidebook (available on request)
- teaching pack provided on booking full day programme

## ● practical information

### planning your visit

- pre-booking is essential
- maximum class size: 30 with a ratio of 1 teacher/adult to 10 children
- cost for school parties: children £1 - accompanying adults admitted free of charge
- Educational Membership of the National Trust for Scotland allows free entry to all NTS properties
- full day programme charge: £2 per child (£1 per child if the school has Educational Membership of the National Trust for Scotland) – accompanying adults free
- preparation: we welcome a free preparatory visit by the teacher

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### ● for more information contact

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