

Sciennes Heritage: Highlights

■ Causewayside

Commemorative pillars (1881); Dick Vet (1914); Sir Basil Spence's art-deco style former garage (1933); former 'A' Division Police Station (1884).

■ Sciennes House Place

Old Fire Station (1885); the first Jewish Burial Ground in Scotland (formed 1820); Sciennes Hill House (c1741 onwards) - the location of the only recorded meeting of Robert Burns and Walter Scott (winter of 1786–87); also nearby, Arthur Conan Doyle's abode (in 1859).

■ St Catherine's Place

Convent of St Catherine of Sienna (1518); James Croll (1821–1890) - pioneer of orbital dynamics, origin of ice ages, and discoverer of the feedbacks that drive climate change and Global Warming.

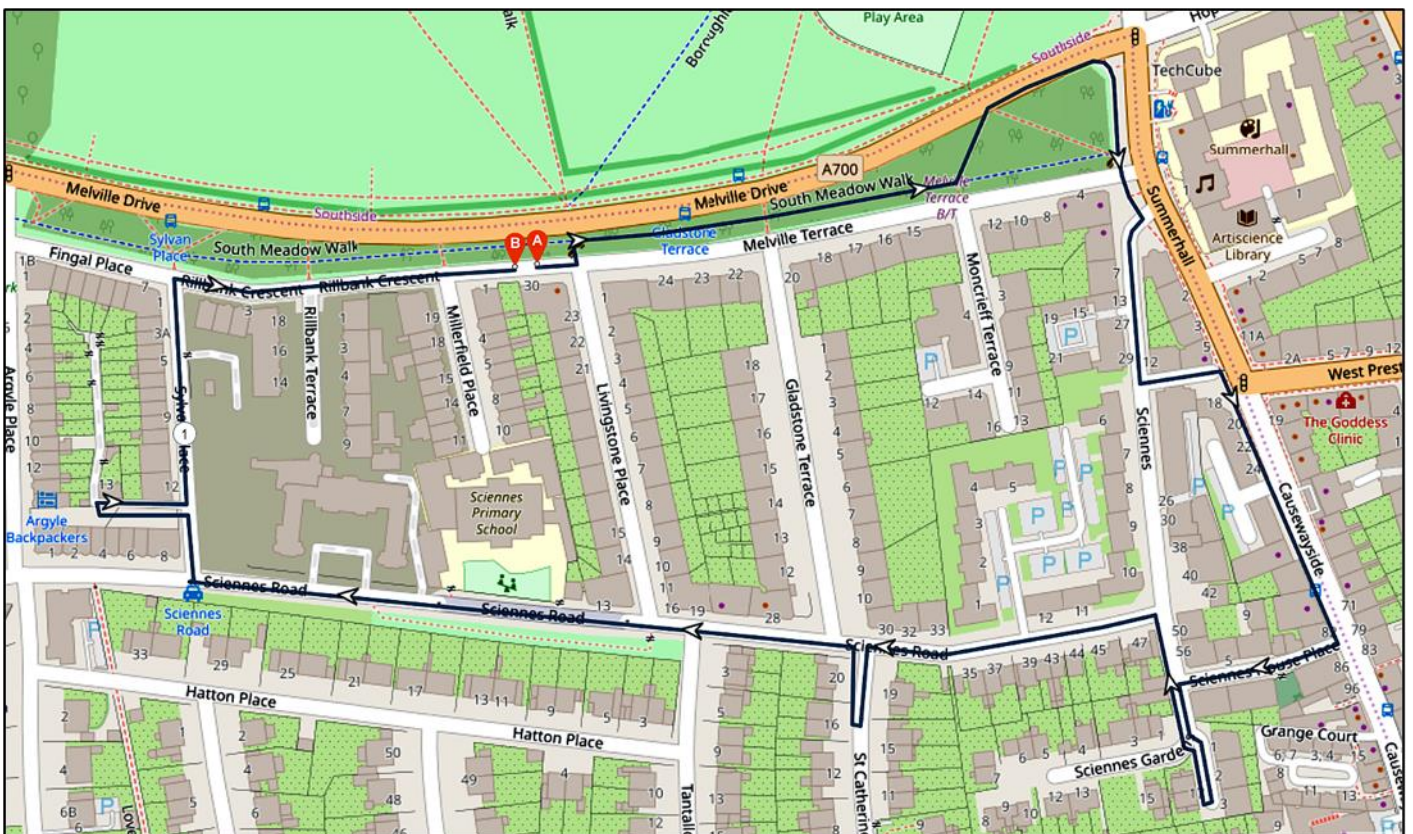
■ Sciennes Road

Sciennes Primary School (1892); the former Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Sick Children (1895).

■ Sylvan House

Joseph Black's summer home (1728-99). Black discovered latent and specific heat. He was the first to prove that carbon dioxide is present in the atmosphere. Black's explanation to James Watt of latent heat led to rapid improvements in his steam engines and so initiated the Industrial Revolution.

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