

# Lasswade Stroll: Highlights

## Lasswade village

One of 21 designated conservation areas in Midlothian.

## Paper Mill

The café-restaurant building was previously part of a large, bustling Mill.

## Lasswade Bridge and Toll House

One of the few crossing points of the North Esk. A bridge was first recorded here in 1640. The current structure derives from the late C18<sup>th</sup>. The adjacent canted, symmetrical three-bay tollhouse is carefully located on the central axis of the bridge.

## Coffin Lane and the resurrectionists

After Burke and Hare's killing spree came to an abrupt end (1828), the Old Lasswade Kirkyard became a target for the resurrectionists.

## Old Kirk Graveyard

The first graveyard contains the ruins of the old (13<sup>th</sup>-century) Norman Church. There is also an interesting array of grave markers. Look out for:

- *a late 18<sup>th</sup>-century stone depicting mining surveyors,*
- *a stone for a blacksmith, with hammer and crown dated 1742,*
- *a pillar recording the lives of two bleachers, a father and son.*
- *The second kirkyard contained a church to Robert Adam's design.*
- *In the adjacent new Cemetery, the grave of Charles Thomas Clough (geologist), also*
- *Charles d'Orville Pilkington Jackson's grave (sculptor of the iconic, statue of Robert the Bruce at Bannockburn).*

## Ecohouse

A modern (2023) 4-bedroom, energy efficient home. Predictably, it divided the opinions of locals. Typical social media comments include:

- *"A total blot on the landscape".*
- *"The only thing horrendous is [your] comment. It oozes bitterness and jealousy."*
- *"Stunning family home which is almost hidden and fits well within its surroundings."*
- *"Rather tastefully designed, demonstrates good use of natural materials."*