

Fife

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Fife is a great place to live and a life in Fife can take many forms. Live the quiet life in a quaint coastal village or rural hamlet or embrace the vibrancy of a thriving market town. Alternatively lose yourself in the buzz of a modern city! Add to this Fife's buoyant job-market, first-class housing and high-performing education institutions – from pre-school to university – and the attractiveness of Fife as a place to live becomes clear.

Quality of life

The quality of life in Fife is second to none. Fife enjoys keen house-prices and a competitive cost of living in the town or in the country, while the great road network ensures that the daily commute is easy and that you're never too far from home!

Free-time in Fife is equally positive. Fife boasts an extensive social and cultural offering. Four principal shopping centres provide access to the best of the high street and to unique boutique shopping. Pavement cafes, friendly pubs and clubs and award-winning eateries perfectly complement the retail experience.

Education

Fife's commitment to learning and improvement is evident across all educational institutions, from nursery and pre-school provision through primary and secondary to further and higher education.

Fife has over 200 schools ranging from single class-room village schools to expansive high-schools housing over 2000 pupils. Whatever their scope and size every Fife school is united in one thing – the pursuit of excellence and to ensuring that children experience their learning in a supportive environment that enables them to be all that they can be. This commitment is evidenced in national league tables with several Fife schools performing above the national average for examination success.

Three colleges and Scotland's oldest university are located in Fife. Carnegie, Adam Smith and Elmwood Colleges enjoy excellent links with industry and have proud traditions of vocational and skills-based training and education. The University of St. Andrews regularly

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rates as a leading seat of learning. The university is internationally renowned and is the university-of-choice for students from all around the world.

Culture

2010 is Fife's year of culture. Celebrating Fife 2010 is a year-long programme of cultural events and engagements designed to showcase Fife and to raise the profile of Fife as a creative and cultural centre.

Celebrating Fife 2010 provides a collective identity for the arts and crafts, festivals, shows, galas and fairs that can be experienced across Fife and which create the unique social and cultural identity that defines Fife and Fifers.

Communities

Fife and diversity go hand in hand. The region is made-up of a number of diverse and distinct communities each displaying their own unique personalities and characteristics.

Dunfermline

Dunfermline is the social and economic centre for West Fife. Situated in close proximity to the Forth Bridges and the M90, Scotland's ancient capital is perfectly placed to take advantage of Scotland's new capital's strong economy. Recent history has seen the city experience significant social and commercial growth, becoming a location of choice for families, professionals and businesses looking for quality property, housing and amenities in a convenient and accessible location.

Kirkcaldy

Kirkcaldy is currently the largest town in Fife. It has a good mix of public and private sector housing and the most extensive retail provision in Fife (rating 99th out of 650 shopping destinations across the UK). Kirkcaldy is also an extremely well connected town. The A92 bypasses the town whilst the main east coast rail line dissects the town – making it the ideal location for travel across Fife and beyond through east central Scotland. With the town and neighbouring Dysart benefiting from significant conservation, regeneration and environmental improvements projects it's easy to see why Kirkcaldy is a great place to live.

Glenrothes

With wide-open green spaces and a considered approach to town-

planning Glenrothes has developed into an aesthetically pleasing and thriving modern town. An extensive and varied housing stock, good schools, excellent road and transport links, cycle-ways, a large riverside park, golf courses, an abundance of public art, an airport and, at its heart, a vibrant indoor shopping centre all contribute to creating Glenrothes' unique personality. The town is also home to Fife Council and the headquarters for Fife's police, fire and health services – firmly establishing Glenrothes as Fife's civic and political centre.

St. Andrews

St Andrews is a busy, cosmopolitan, town overlooking the North Sea and surrounded by some of the best farmland in Scotland. It is home to Scotland's oldest university and can lay authentic claim to the title "the home of golf" courtesy of the world-famous Old Course and the R&A. The town's international seat of learning, iconic sporting status and it's location at the centre of a truly stunning landscape combines to create a unique and world-class destination – and a great place to live.

Accessibility

Fife's has excellent road, rail, air and sea links to ensure quick and easy transit through Scotland, the UK and overseas.

Road

Driving through Fife is quick and easy. From Dundee in the north the A92 runs through the centre of Fife connecting the Tay Bridge and north east Fife with south west Fife. The M90

connects Fife with Edinburgh and the major motorway network of Scotland and the UK.

Commuting pressures in Fife are significantly less than that of other urban areas and residents enjoy an excellent public transport service linking all Fife's communities.

Rail

Fife has 18 stations serving the local and national network. Several Fife stations are located on the East Coast main line which links London with Aberdeen while a number of stations are also served by the main highland line to Perth, Inverness and beyond.

Commuters benefit from a direct train link to Glasgow Queen Street and with a regular service to Edinburgh's Gyle, Haymarket and Waverley stations.

Air

Less than 30 minutes drive from Fife, Edinburgh International Airport provides a direct connection to over 20 UK and Ireland cities and access to over 100 worldwide destinations including direct flights to several of Europe's principal cities, the USA and Canada.

To the north, Dundee airport also provides a domestic service to major UK cities including London, Birmingham and Belfast.

Sea

The Port of Rosyth is home to Scotland's largest freight port and Scotland's only direct passenger ferry link to Europe – the Norfolkline Rosyth - Zeebrugge service.

