



## Accommodations in Duns and the Scottish Borders

### Accommodation

NB. Arrangements for accommodation will be the responsibility of Seminar participants, with the exception of keynote speakers.

*Duns.* Duns is the county town of the historic county of Berwickshire. It is set within beautiful countryside on elevated land between the Merse and the Lammermuirs. Duns serves and supports a flourishing rural agricultural hinterland, surrounding villages and settlements in a radius of fifteen miles (24 km). Duns is an attractive town; the main part being pleasantly arranged around a large central square. Duns is a diverse, friendly and vibrant Borders town with a low crime rate. It attracts people from all sectors of society, young and old, including a close-knit community of 'Dingers' (those born locally) and incomers who have made it their home more recently.

*Duns Castle, Duns.* For information about Duns Castle there are several useful websites:

<https://dunscastle.co.uk/>

<https://scotlandstartshere.com/point-of-interest/duns-castle/>

*Rooms in the Castle.* The Hay family have made a most generous offer for Seminar participants which we are very pleased to accept, as follows: 'Most of our rooms are double we only have one single but as we are expecting many participants to be single, we are going to charge a per person rate of £110 including light breakfast even if you are in a double room and £170 if there are two in a double room. These are concessions on our normal rates.' For further details and photographs of the rooms go to <https://dunscastle.co.uk/accommodation/>

*Duns Castle Estate.* The Hay family have also confirmed that cottages and other accommodation in the Duns Castle Estate will be held in reserve for ASTENE and other Seminar participants. To book a cottage on the Duns Castle estate go to [dunscastleholidaycottages.co.uk](https://dunscastleholidaycottages.co.uk)

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*Other accommodation in the Duns area.* We recommend that you book as early as possible. The easiest way to find and book accommodation is to go to one or more of the following websites and search 'Duns':

<https://www.booking.com/>

<https://www.airbnb.co.uk/>

<https://www.vrbo.com/>

<https://www.holidaylettings.co.uk/duns/>

*Offers of accommodation in private homes.* We are beginning to receive free offers from friends and neighbours of suitable accommodation and will provide information about these kind offers in February 2022.

*Dining.* Refreshments and light snacks will be available during the Seminar at the Volunteer Hall. Further details will be provided in the Seminar Booklet. There is also a selection of eateries in and around Duns (as of 30 January 2022): [https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g551951-Duns\\_Scottish\\_Borders\\_Scotland.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g551951-Duns_Scottish_Borders_Scotland.html) and [https://www.tripadvisor.com/RestaurantsNear-g551951-d566296-Manderston\\_House-Duns\\_Scottish\\_Borders\\_Scotland.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/RestaurantsNear-g551951-d566296-Manderston_House-Duns_Scottish_Borders_Scotland.html)

*About the Scottish Borders.* There is plenty of information available about the hidden gem that is the Scottish Borders.

<https://www.visitscotland.com/destinations-maps/scottish-borders/>

<https://www.scotlandinfo.eu/scottish-borders/>

<https://hiddenscotland.co/borders-accommodation/>

## **Travel**

*Airports.* The nearest international airports are Edinburgh and Newcastle. Up-to-date information on travel from these airports to Duns itself will be available nearer the time of the Seminar.

*Rail, bus and taxi transport.* There are several websites that provide useful detail:

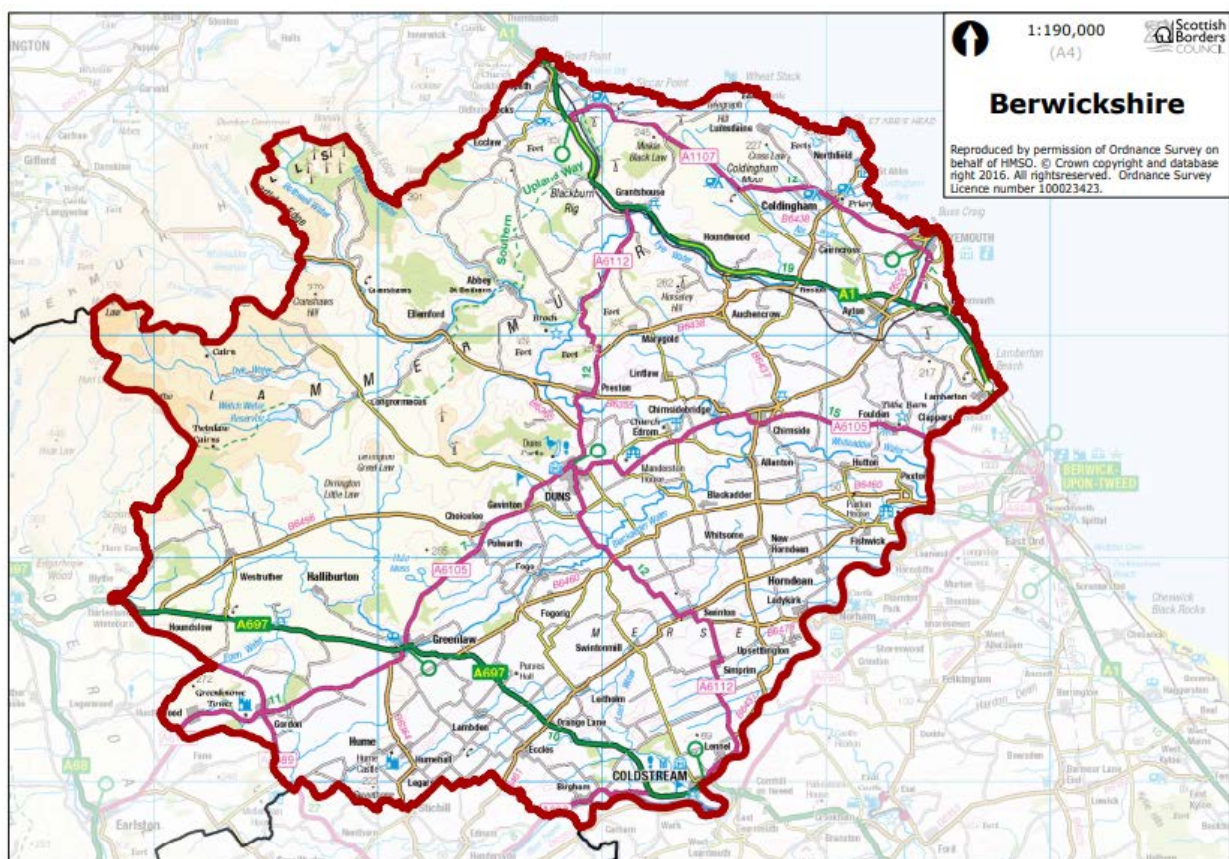
<https://moovitapp.com/index/en-gb/public-transportation-Duns-Castle-Scotland-site-8153871-402>

<https://www.rome2rio.com/s/Edinburgh/Duns-Castle>

<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/accommodation/duns-castle-p18227>

<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/accommodation/duns-castle-p182271>

Once we begin to receive bookings, we will assess whether or not it would be useful to organise some transport to meet specific trains in Berwick-upon-Tweed.



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