

# PERTH-A CRAFTIS TOUN



An artist's impression of Skinnergate in 1440.

Skinnergate was the main thoroughfare into Perth from the north. Here, just inside the burgh, the animal skinnners and leather craftsmen lived and worked. Medieval Perth was densely packed, with people, livestock and workshops within the houses. Everyone wanted to live inside the burgh walls for protection and privileges. Perth was called a craftis toun because of the quality and variety of its products. Its skilled workers were organised in guilds and incorporations. People from all over Scotland visited on fair days to buy much-valued goods. Many of those were also exported widely.

- Stinking and hazardous industries were kept outside the burgh wall to decrease the risk of fire and keep the smells from the population.
- To make life more pleasant for everyone, the burgh enforced strict rules and duties including regular and thorough gait dighting - cleaning the streets.
- Life was regulated by the guilds and craft incorporations.
- The glovers (craftsmen making leather gloves) formed the most influential of the incorporations and owned a lot of land in the area.



Leather shoes and a gold brooch inlaid with niello (a dark compound of silver) found during excavation work in Perth city centre.



## MEDIEVAL TRAIL PERTH

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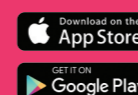
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