**Hopetoun House**

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| **Hopetoun House** | |
| [Hopetoun01.JPG](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Hopetoun01.JPG)  West facade of Hopetoun House and gardens | |
| **Coordinates** | https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/WMA_button2b.png/17px-WMA_button2b.png[55°59′43″N 3°27′46″W﻿ / ﻿55.9954°N 3.4629°W﻿ / 55.9954; -3.4629](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Hopetoun_House&params=55.9954_N_-3.4629_E_region:GB_type:landmark)[Coordinates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_coordinate_system): https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/WMA_button2b.png/17px-WMA_button2b.png[55°59′43″N 3°27′46″W﻿ / ﻿55.9954°N 3.4629°W﻿ / 55.9954; -3.4629](https://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Hopetoun_House&params=55.9954_N_-3.4629_E_region:GB_type:landmark) |
| **Built** | 1699–1752 |
| **Built for** | [Charles, 1st Earl of Hopetoun](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Hope,_1st_Earl_of_Hopetoun) |
| **Architect** | [Sir William Bruce](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sir_William_Bruce), [William Adam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Adam_(architect)), [Robert Adam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Adam), [John Adam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Adam_(architect)) |
| **Owner** | The Marquis of Linlithgow |
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| [**Listed Building**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Listed_building#Scotland) **– Category A** | |
| **Designated** | 22 February 1971 |
| **Reference no.** | 613 |
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| [**Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes in Scotland**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inventory_of_Gardens_and_Designed_Landscapes_in_Scotland) | |
| **Designated** | 1987 |
| [Hopetoun House is located in West Lothian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:West_Lothian_UK_location_map.svg)  Hopetoun House  Location in West Lothian | |

**Hopetoun House** is a country house near [Queensferry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Queensferry), [West Lothian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Lothian), owned by the Hopetoun House Preservation Trust, a charity established in 1974 to preserve the House and Grounds as a national monument and to protect and improve their amenities, and to preserve for the benefit of the nation the furniture, paintings, manuscripts and other articles of historical or artistic interest associated with the House.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hopetoun_House#cite_note-1) The south wing of the house is occupied by the [Marquis of Linlithgow](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marquess_of_Linlithgow) and his family as their family home.

**History**

Architecture

The house was built 1699-1701 and designed by [Sir William Bruce](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Bruce_(architect)). The house was then hugely extended from 1721 by [William Adam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Adam_(architect)) until his death in 1748, being one of his most notable projects. The interior was completed by his sons [John Adam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Adam_(architect)) and [Robert Adam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Adam). The magnificent entrance hall dates from 1752.

The Hope family acquired the land in the 17th century. [Charles Hope](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Hope,_1st_Earl_of_Hopetoun), the first occupant, was only 16 years old when his mother, Lady Margaret Hope, signed the contract for building with William Bruce, on 28 September 1698.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hopetoun_House#cite_note-2) The master mason is noted as Tobias Bachope of [Alloa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alloa). The plumber and glazier was John Forster of Berwick.

Garden park

The [English garden style](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_garden) landscape park in which it lies were laid out in 1725, also by William Adam. The east front centres on the distant isle of [Inchgarvie](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inchgarvie) and [North Berwick Law](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Berwick_Law). The walled garden dates from the late 18th century. In the grounds an 18th-century mound was excavated in 1963 to reveal the remains of the earlier manor house, Abercorn Castle, dating from the 15th century.

**Access**

During the summer months, parts of the castle and gardens are open to visitors. Classical musical recitals are occasionally put on at Hopetoun House. Chilean pianist [Alfredo Perl](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alfredo_Perl) once performed recitals of [Chopin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chopin) at the house. The site can also be let for weddings, conferences, and filming.

[](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Hopetoun_house_sunny_day.jpg)

Hopetoun House and gardens.

**References**

* 1. [**Jump up ^**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hopetoun_House#cite_ref-1) <http://www.hopetoun.co.uk/the-trust.html>
  2. [**Jump up ^**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hopetoun_House#cite_ref-2) Buildings of Scotland: Lothian, by Colin McWilliam

**External links**

* [Hopetoun House](http://www.hopetoun.co.uk/)
* [Gazetteer of Scotland](http://www.scottish-places.info/features/featurefirst1043.html)