



Parkview Cottage, Aberdeen
If you happen to have a penchant for living in a lighthouse cottage, then this example at the entrance to Aberdeen harbour would be a fine consideration.

The former lighthouse keeper's cottage is part of a walled community of five homes within the grounds of the Girdleness Lighthouse; designed by Robert Stevenson, grandfather of the author Robert Louis Stevenson and somewhat famous for his lighthouse designs.

The 37 metre high structure was constructed in 1833 and was considered the best lighthouse ever seen by the Royal Commission in their report of 1860. It was manned until 1991 when it was automated and still

remains a navigation aid for the ships entering Aberdeen Harbour.

But it isn't just lighthouse spotters, Stevenson enthusiasts and those afraid of the dark who would be attracted to this cottage. It is set in a lovely spot, the surrounding area is rich in natural beauty with a dramatic coastline part of a District Wildlife Site, important for its mix of geology, rock pools and cliff top vegetation and its wild birds such as kittiwakes, fulmars and black backed gulls. Bottlenose and white beaked dolphins and harbour porpoises have been spotted here too.

The cottage, called Parkview, is a charming two-bedroom period home retaining many fine original features such as beautiful pitch pine panelled doors with original brass hinges, sash

and case windows with working window shutters, high ceilings with corncicing and picture rails and wooden flooring. The lounge has cast iron stove to keep out the cold and the dining kitchen is pretty and well fitted.

There are two double bedrooms and a bathroom with shower over the bath. There is little garden at the front with lawn, a flower bed and shrubs and parking is on the gravel driveway. There are also outhouses including a timber workshop with light and power, a former outside loo which is now a store and a stone-built outhouse which surprisingly has a sauna, a feature with which the original lighthouse keeper surely wouldn't be too familiar.

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