

Timestamp	Your Favourite Porty Place, Building or Street	Your Reasons
10/03/2016 18:59:25	Bath Street	So many different styles of building in one street, with the High Street at one end and the beach at the other!
10/03/2016 19:09:19	The spire of St. Philips with the sunsetting behind it	Beautiful architecture and nature combined with a hint of the spirituality in the mix.
10/03/2016 22:00:05	Tribe Porty	It's full of interesting people doing interesting things plus it looks cool.
10/03/2016 22:02:08	Skylark	It is my favourite place to spend time! Relaxing with friends for lunch, romantic meal with my partner, movie with my kids and gaming with my friends in a lovely location with friendly staff and amazing food. I grew up in Porty and I am so happy it now has a place like this in it!
10/03/2016 22:17:51	Skylark Bar	No matter how grey it is outside you always get a warm welcome and some amazing company there. If your on your own or with a group of friends your always made to feel welcome.
11/03/2016 10:34:23	The Velvet Easel	This is a lovely place to visit, browse and pass some time especially if the weather should not be favourable for the beach! There is a lovely atmosphere in the gallery and never pressure to purchase. The gallery has work by numerous artists on display. There are treasures to discover and something to suit everyones' taste. Plus there's the added bonus of a delightful canine 'employee' :)
11/03/2016 11:00:10	Seafield Rocks	Often ignored Often walked by Seafield rocks , slip and youdie! Right of passage For every Porty child Climb to the top Don't slip, don't slide!....
11/03/2016 11:09:32	The pits	I play football there 3 times a week, and even though prices have gone up recently I think it is very important that it stays open as it is more than just a handy football facility for the locals. It has allowed myself and others to remain in touch with friends, when we otherwise wouldn't have. It is also a great place to keep your fitness at a decent level, especially for those who enjoy football but not exercising for exercising's sake. You can get a really good game of football at the pits no matter what the weather, and it's hard to think of anywhere else in Portobello that you can say the same about.
11/03/2016 14:41:22	The Espy	Because I've always been there for special occasions - in laws first visit to our first home together, celebrating being pregnant with our first child. I love the food, the atmosphere and the view.
11/03/2016 16:47:41	Colliesdene House	I like that it's big and blue and that it stands out and is tall and can be seen from lots of places.

11/03/2016 17:10:00	Figgate Park	It's a wonderful place for an autumn walk with my three children. My twin girls are only 4 and love to collect autumn leaves and walk along the jetty to see the cygnets with their swan family. There is a lovely little bridge to play 'pooh sticks' and a great play park. Portobello has lots of great parks but this is a family favourite.
11/03/2016 17:39:53	The arched gateway in Rose field Park.A	Of great historical interest but largely ignored
11/03/2016 18:07:15	The neglected monument in Daisy Park.	The fascinating and gruesome history of it. Dedicated to a Doctor who apparently ripped a young woman's womb out during childbirth in the local area. Obviously the woman died. Unable to get over this, he was admitted to an asylum, where I think he committed suicide. Local ladies were upset by the whole case and raised funds for said monument. The town council gave them the land and had no more to do with it.
11/03/2016 18:22:40	portobello baths	I love the baths.born and bread in porty I trained at the baths in the morning before school and again most evenings. I was a member of the swimming club and I can still remember the wonderful hot buttered roles in the cafe. Great fun at the galas when the place was packed with all families and friends screaming encouragement. When I was older I enjoyed the turkish baths. Years ago two sisters used to give you the most excruciating massages.my son played water polo for years for portobello club. I now have great pleasure in taking my grandchildren and remembering all the happy times.
11/03/2016 18:55:59	Brighton park	The park is fun and mostly quiet.You can also make up games to play on the grass.But you could also practice riding your bicycle or just play on the hard ground.Playing in the bushes is so fun as well,and it is also so close to my house that is very helpful.I just love the park so much it is so fun.It gives you lots of room to run about in and there is benches to rest on.
11/03/2016 19:59:17	Portobello Old Parish Church	A beautifully symmetrical building with clock tower which is no longer required as a place of worship but deserves to have an appropriate function as a community centre or gathering point.
11/03/2016 20:04:53	Portobello Police Station	Its such a lovely building and a real Porty landmark. Would be lost without its clck! I remember it was the library before the present library in Rosefield. Fond memories of going there as a wee girl with my Dad to choose books.
11/03/2016 20:14:28	Mount Lodge Place	I love living in Portobello because of the local community made up of a variety of different cultures of people who made fabulous caring neighbours for our streets and the world through lots of practical caring for each other and green initiatives.

11/03/2016 20:45:51	West beach at the Seafield wall	<p>It may be a strange place to love in Portobello with a wee bit washed up litter but nevertheless it has wonderful character. The quietness on the beach is deafening. Yes you have the main road near by, but you soon shut yourself off to the traffic volume with the sound of the sea and the sheer quietness of the beach. The sea bird species are amazing...! My daughter and I counted over 15 different species and while we had a pack lunch one day, 2 stoats popped their heads up for a wee deek at us.</p> <p>It's really quiet! with only the hardy distance dog walkers to say hello to. I often stop on my cycle home from work in Leith just to take in the view of the whole of Portobello and down to East Lothian. In a strange way I miss Cockenzie power station chimneys.</p> <p>Porty Beach is too busy at times which is good and bad. But the West beach makes it even better.</p>
11/03/2016 22:28:32	The Front Room	This cafe is always clean, friendly and cheerful open when it says that it will be
11/03/2016 22:58:50	Portobello	<p>So many places in Portobello to love. The prom early each morning welcomes you with magnificent views and colours that take your breath away .</p> <p>The busy High Street displaying many local artists work..</p> <p>Local friendly cafe's to spend time for coffee and cake with friends and family.</p>
11/03/2016 23:06:52	i like the Portobello phone box	I helped to put together an exhibition in it last year Rebels with a Cause
11/03/2016 23:20:05	The beach.	I've grown up around portobello beach. We walked the beach as toddlers, walked the prom to school, learned to cycle, spent our holidays swimming in the sea and building sandcastles, we spent our teenage years hanging out, started running there and now have the pleasure of repeating it all with my own children.
11/03/2016 23:49:28	Mount Lodge Place	I love living in Portobello because of the local community made up of a variety of different cultures of people who made fabulous caring neighbours for our streets and the world through lots of practical caring for each other and green initiatives.
12/03/2016 08:54:44	Turkish Baths	This is what brought me to Porty when I used to live in the city. It felt like a step back in time and then to step out into the fresh sea air afterwards, especially on a sunny day, made the experience truly grand.
12/03/2016 09:15:52	Figgate Park off Duddinfstin Road	<p>I lived in a tenement with no garden. So, the Figgy was our playground. Happy days spent flying kites, picnics, frisby, ice skating in Winter....perish the thought..... Also as I got older sunbathing.....</p> <p>Fond thoughts of a wonderful childhood. A hot buttered roll after swimming lessons at Porty Baths then the walk back to Towerbank. Who could have wished for more. So sad we had to leave.</p>
12/03/2016 18:49:27	Regent Street	I have always loved this street, before I moved to portobello I would always make a point of walking down Regent Street while visiting the prom / beach. I love the eclectic mix of houses and architecture. I particularly love the villa style houses that were built as holiday homes. Walking down here it's easy to imagine how the street might have looked back when they were built. Lastly I love the cherry blossom trees that bloom in spring adding to the loveliness.

12/03/2016 18:53:21	Pittville street lane	I like what it looks from the prom and I love the little houses stuck together. I love that there is a secret place behind the wall where you can go, to open it you put your foot on the light part of the pavement. My friend Michael told me about it.
13/03/2016 10:29:58	Tribe Porty	It is full of brilliant, talented and community loving folk. It makes connections and good things happen and is open to any good idea.
13/03/2016 15:04:48	Portobello library	My daughter (2 years old) loves to go to the library to read books, draw and play with the toys. We also go to Spanish Book Bug, which is on once a month, and sometimes the Toy Library play group or Rhyme Time. I know there are other groups and events on as well. The library staff are very welcoming and helpful.
13/03/2016 15:54:44	Brunstane Farm	I walk around the perimeter of Brunstane Farm a couple of times per week since moving to Porty in December. I lived in Musselburgh before and visited regularly for work, shopping and social reasons. Previous to my move, I'd have to say the beach and prom were my favourite. However, since my move the farm has taken first place. Walking around the farm you can see for miles (it's always sunny in Gullane). You climb up to the highest elevation to a vista of the Forth - a sight which has long been my favourite. No matter how 'blue' I'm feeling (and I do suffer of regular visits from 'the black dog'), I can stomp up here and everything appears well again - no matter the weather!
14/03/2016 11:23:57	The beach of course, but Figgate park is	My son can scooter safely. It is beautiful during every seasons with beautiful plants, trees, colours. We love the bridge over the pond...feels like we are walking on water It is a little piece of "countryside" in the city where it feels that time slows down...and you can enjoy piece and quiet, look at the birds... Our son also loves the play park.
14/03/2016 12:21:29	I love the daisy park	I have very early memories of my mum taking my sister and I there when we were wee, and just running about, and sitting on the benches having a snack. I took my own two boys there when they were tiny too and they loved it as well. It reminds me of warm sunny days in Porty!
14/03/2016 15:12:41	Windsor Place	Its so hard to think of just one place in Portobello as it has so many hidden gems. I love Windsor place though for so many reasons. It always holds a childish excitement for me as when i was a youngster everyone held their birthday parties at the trampoline centre, i still do a little skip when passing the entrance now. Further down the road is the beautifully intruiging little gothic black house. Then we come to Earthy, the wonderful shop for all things local and organic. If ive missed the local market then Earthy is my fix, their seaweed sourdough makes the weekend special. Finally there is Christian Lane which feels like a lovely country walk and leads to the fabulous Brighton Place. Brambles and plums can be foraged for in autumn, its a little country haven in the city. (The child in me still has a giggle at its better known name of Jobbie Lane from when it wasnt very well cared for and full of dog dirt).
14/03/2016 21:47:46	West Brighton Crescent	I adore this street, it looks like it belongs in a country village, such a quiet wee street off one of the main arteries into Porty. The houses remind me of pixie land for adults. If I won the lottery I'd buy a house here.
15/03/2016 15:26:05	Brighton Place	Alas, it may soon not be my favourite place in Porty, due to the vandalising and short-sighted removal of the setts. But as long as they are there, I enjoy looking at them, and the beautiful entry to the town that they provide.

15/03/2016 15:42:04	Brighto Place with its charming 200 year	Given that parts of Edinburgh have world heritage status, and that council policy is to retain setts in conservation areas why is it proposed to allow Portobello to be treated in such a shabby way and in contravention of, not only Edinburgh Street Design guidelines, but the Scottish Governments document 'Designing Streets: A policy statement for Scotland' which clearly states that 'Street Design must consider place before movement, streets have two key functions: Place and Movement. This is being totally ignored. Where is our civic pride?
15/03/2016 20:04:28	Brighton Park	The park is a real community hub with its mixture of quiet green space and the sadly soon to be ruined beauty of Brighton Place and its setts.
16/03/2016 16:55:50	The Skylark	Great food, great beers, engaging and varied events as well as a fantastic hub for the community.
16/03/2016 20:06:49	The memorial bench on Promenade next	I was raised in Marlborough Mansions. My parents Alex anf Fay Nisbet were local business people. Their memorial bench stands where we all once lived and worked (dad had a workshop here and employed local men) This is not only my favourite place in Porty but also that of my parents Grandchildren. A wonderful place to sit, look out to sea and reflect.
17/03/2016 08:23:47	Portobello and Joppa Parish Church (St	It's a great community space filled with people from all walks of life and ages. The sanctuary is well named as it is a wonderful place to take a moment, reflect, mourn, give thanks, contemplate. For me it can be a real oasis in a week of busyness.
17/03/2016 12:32:08	love the promenade, beach & the funfair.	Had a very happy childhood on porty.
17/03/2016 19:51:17	Portobello Baths	Learnt to swim there when I was about 6.... Hot buttered rolls and camp coffee.... You did that back in late50's and 60's..... Probably equal to Red Bull now!! Brisk walk back along beach to Towerbank School.... Happy days....
18/03/2016 16:50:25	Figgate park at 9.30 on a Saturday morni	Am loving park run in figgate park because: - it is volunteer run - it is friendly - so much so that - many of the regular volunteers are kids and teenagers - it provides me with a push and a challenge - I can run faster than before - it is a beautiful place and a varied course, even with 3 loops - the view of Arthur's seat Will that do?!
20/03/2016 21:29:24	The Prom in the sun.	It's just so beautiful, it gives a sense of fresh air and freedom. I'm so glad I came here to live. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else. I've left the days of crowds and flats where my only view was the other flats across the road. If I go into town it's ok but I love coming home.
21/03/2016 12:44:57	portobello swimming pool	Not only is it a beatiful historic building but when I was at primary school we went there every week for swim lessons and it brings back find memories of my childhood.
21/03/2016 12:52:31	The groyne at the bottom of Bath street	The groyne at the bottom of Bath street, about two pillars along down from the prom. Best seat in Portobello, more so when the Little Greev Van is there.

21/03/2016 12:55:08	The Dalriada	It has everything that encompasses Porty: amazing views, great outdoor space (when it isn't raining!), fantastic artists/musicians, and a lovely community feel, all wrapped in a historic, beautiful building!
21/03/2016 12:56:06	Bingo Hall, Bath Street	A classic of its time, one of the only really iconic 1920s/1930s buildings in Porty. pity the sign has been taken off the front GEORGE
21/03/2016 12:56:14	Portobello Toddlers Hut	A fabulous charity that supplies portobello with an amazing service.
21/03/2016 13:03:48	Figgate Park	Great for birdwatching, dogwalking, and sledging when the snow comes!
21/03/2016 13:21:21	Figgate Burn Park	Figgate Burn Park is an oasis of tranquility amongst urban streets. I love running there and seeing the different birds on the pond, the dogs playing in the burn and everyone enjoying the park. It's an ideal running location as it's about a mile round, so perfect for interval training, and great that the Portobello Park Run has its home here.
21/03/2016 13:40:00	Figgate Burn	So many different moods & scenic views up & down from sea to Park. It goes from modern in the Park to oldie worldie down behind the Cottages then into the sea at the Prom. Building wise it gives many views i.e. Bungalows , Cottages & High Rise it has it all.
21/03/2016 13:48:43	Portobello & Joppa Parish Church Hall	<p>The Church Hall at the former St Phillips Church has been the heart of so many community activities for us. Our son attended Boys Brigade there for many years, and now helps out on the "tech" side for community events held in the hall.</p> <p>Our daughters took part in many Junior Choir shows on the stage in the hall and attended Rainbows, Brownies and Guides there. They have now returned to help out with the Rainbows.</p> <p>So many terrific memories!</p>
21/03/2016 13:59:16	Turkish Baths	A visit to the Turkish Baths at Portobello Swim Centre is like taking a step back in time, the original Victorian style and features are stunning. The setting is picture postcard, pride of place on the promenade looking out to the sea, what's not to like? Not only that, the baths are the perfect way to relax, unwind and de-stress after a hard days work or indeed the perfect way to start your weekend off.
21/03/2016 14:09:41	Driving Test Centre, Joppa Terrace	I love how this innocuous wee functional building has been turned into a family home - and they've kept the 'Driving Test Centre' sign above their front door! Brilliant.
21/03/2016 14:40:42	Brighton Place Setts	A vital and attractive part of the conservation area in Portobello and a unifying, lovely setting for the buildings and open space around Brighton Place.
21/03/2016 14:45:07	Porty Hardware	I love Porty Hardware, it has a great atmosphere, it's a friendly hub, with helpful staff full of great advice (which I need).
21/03/2016 14:59:04	Brighton Place	Because of the historic feel with the Georgian buildings and the cobbled street. Unfortunately it will not be like that soon thanks to the councils decision to Tarmac over the cobbles. Very sad and a bad decision.

21/03/2016 15:30:07	Hamilton Lodge Hotel	I love the "hammy" as its an iconic building on the prom and was my late father,s favourite drinking hole which became mine and my friends as well. He died in August 1988 and on that day I had my last pint there as a respect. It sadly closed circa 1992 before becoming a children's nursery. It has now become the usual flats but at least it is still there.
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21/03/2016 15:48:02	The Front Room, Portobello High Street	A little haven for a coffee and a scone. Tidy, clean, pleasant staff and comforting surroundings which brightens up my day.
21/03/2016 16:33:20	portobello swimming pool	Not only is it a beatiful historic building but when I was at primary school we went there every week for swim lessons and it brings back find memories of my childhood.
21/03/2016 17:14:10	Findlays the butchers	It is the best butcher in Edinburgh. Everyone is so friendly and welcoming. The meat is excellent. We love the sausages but the haggis and joints are good too.
21/03/2016 17:31:04	THE FRONT ROOM	IT SERVES LOVELY COFFEE AND CAKES ETC. IT IS A VERY RELAXING PLACE AND I ENJOY BROWSING THEIR GIFT ITEMS. THERE ARE ALWAYS A FEW THINGS THAT I WOULD LOVE TO BUY. NICE FRIENDLY STAFF TOO.
21/03/2016 18:15:54	The Espy	Because I've had some great times there.
21/03/2016 20:40:54	Kings Road	For years, I dreamed of having a wee flat on Kings Road, and eventually I managed to realise my dream. It is wonderful to come to the bottom of the tenement stair and see the sea as my front garden!
21/03/2016 22:18:24	The Front Room	This is a clean, friendly and welcoming cafe with the added interest of handbags, scarfs etc.
22/03/2016 09:46:55	Portobello High Street	Because it is our village, where you meet people you know and it gives me a feeling of belonging
22/03/2016 11:47:26	Fight Burn at Adelphi Place	Peaceful and different yet in heart of Porty
22/03/2016 14:31:15	Too many to list	I love the mix of old and new, the choice of cafes, avail shopping. Of course the Prom and beach are a delight. Places change as things happen within them whether it is arts or mtgs etc. I love and live on the Prom. I like the increase in the arts around Porty, the parks and transport links. I have no one favorite place as there are many to stop and be in and enjoy.
22/03/2016 17:39:08	The Promenade	It is a great asset to the local residents as well as visitors.
22/03/2016 18:43:38	Daisy Park	Nostalgia and niceness.
22/03/2016 20:09:11	The beach	I love having the beach at my doorstep. That really is the best place in Porty, well, in EDI! After almost 15 years in EDI, I still need to remind myself, that I LIVE by the sea, not being on holiday here. It's great!!!
22/03/2016 21:55:40	Skylark	Great place for the whole family!

22/03/2016 22:16:00	The Skylark.	A community hub for all the family. Whether for toddler sing songs, a quiet coffee, entertaining film and quiz nights or amazing food with friends, there is something for everyone in this little gem.
23/03/2016 01:09:40	Bath Street.	There are three Victorian lamp standards which are full of character but sadly have suffered from decades of neglect. I always stop to admire the effort by people of the time to create "eye candy". Wouldn't it be nice if they were "listed" objects and more lovingly respected and looked after ?
23/03/2016 05:58:59	Swimming pool and baths	Great facility on the beach with excellent staff providing essential support to the general public right where it is needed on the party prom .
23/03/2016 08:00:03	St James Church, Rosefield Place	Until the Church of Scotland closed St James 2 years ago, I had been a member since 1987. I took the Girl Guides for nearly 20 years, and I was married here in 1995 and had both sons Christened here. I ran the Sunday school for around 12 years with my husband and friend Alison, and my husband was a church elder and then the last Session Clerl of St James. We had a huge amount of family time spent in and around this building and it holds a lot of amazing memories for me. This building made me feel safe, comforted and as if I was 'home' when I was there, and I miss the people and the building every week.
24/03/2016 11:19:06	7 Regent Street	My favourite place which inspires many memories. 7 Regent Street, my Grandpa Cowe's house and my first home. Things I remember are the outside toilet at the top of the stairs. Getting washed in the kitchen sink, where my grandpa shaved. Him sitting by the coal fire with a pile of players Navy cut and his fingers being stained dark yellow. The communal drying green was overlooked by other houses in Regent Street so you would have Mr Goddard or the Miss Christie's looking out their windows and waving at us. If you met Mr Goddard in the street he often had a bar of Fry's 5 boy's chocolate in his pocket for me. Another person who passed us in the street was the channel swimmer Ned Barnie. My father says when he was courting my Mum there was only one car in Regent Street and it belonged to my Grandpa!
03/04/2016 12:04:32	Harry Lauder Memorial Garden	The White Heather Club might not be everyone's modern vision of Scottish entertainment, but Harry Lauder represents the beginning of a rich history of Scottish televised entertainment. I feel his garden is dated and overlooked. With upgrading, and the expansion of the interpretation to include reference to the more diverse and rich history of Scottish entertainers and performers, this could become a genuine focus of interest in the High Street, perhaps forming the start of a trail including his house and other points of interest linked to the theme. It could be a lovely place to wander round, sit, have a picnic, watch children's street theatre, even a traditional Punch and Judy show! Leyt's bring it to life!