

*Tourism.* The Scottish Borders is famous for the beautiful landscape, rugged coastline, and the abbeys at Kelso, Melrose, Dryburgh and Jedburgh (<http://www.ourscottishborders.com>). The area is steeped in history and each town fiercely defends its traditions and is proud of its independence. Several stately homes and historic estates flourish in the region and several are open to the public. The area abounds with beautiful countryside perfect for walking, hunting, equestrian sports and fishing whilst the Berwickshire coast has outstanding beaches, coastal walks and diving facilities. Several pilgrimage routes run through the Borders, including Saint Cuthbert's Way to Holy Island in Northumberland, and the Borders Abbey Way. These are attracting increasing numbers of pilgrims and walkers worldwide. Further information about the region is available on the Scottish Tourist Board website at [www.scot-borders.co.uk](http://www.scot-borders.co.uk).