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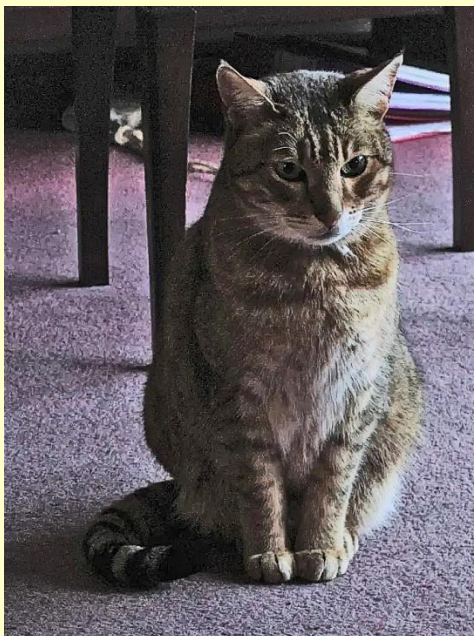
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Dudley Linlithgow, Scotland



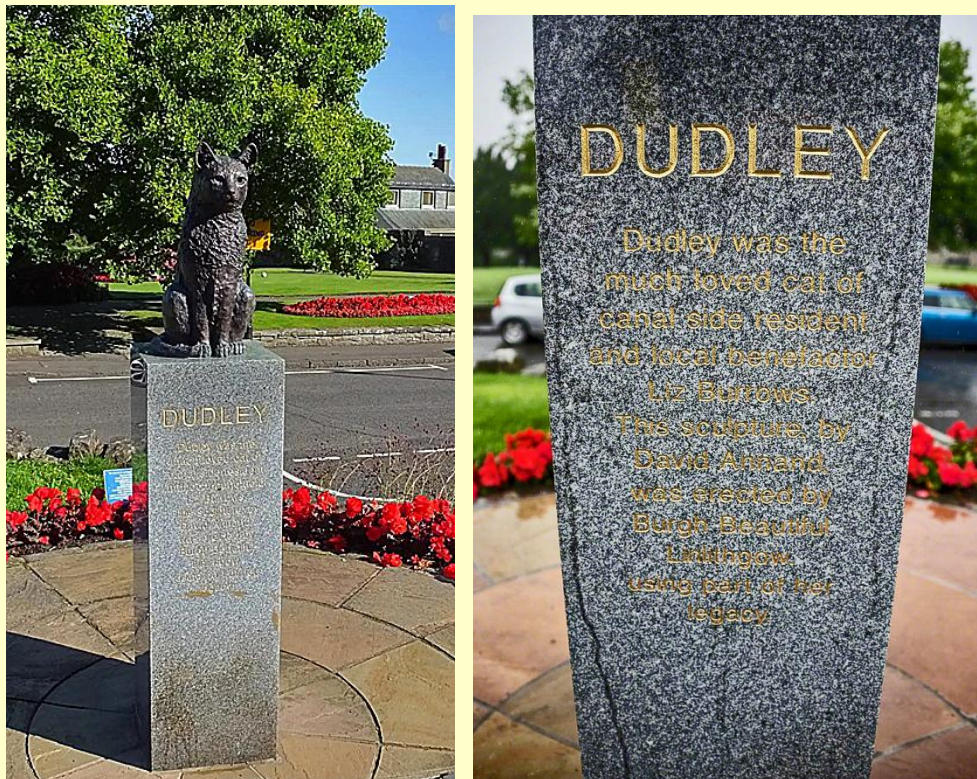
Burgh Beautiful is an organisation devoted to enhancing the urban scene in the town of Linlithgow by creating and maintaining all the public floral displays, carrying out tree planting and other environmental improvements and encouraging wildlife. The funding and creation of the bronze statue of **Dudley** the cat was their first public-art project.

Dudley, an ocicat, was owned by Liz Burrows, a founder member of Burgh Beautiful, who lived by the Union Canal linking Edinburgh and Glasgow. When she died in 2012, she left a large legacy to the organisation, which enabled much needed improvements to be made at their headquarters. She had asked friends to look after her beloved cat, which they did until his death four years later.



There was already a memorial bench to Liz by the side of the canal, but Burgh Beautiful wanted to create a further lasting tribute to her, so hit on the idea of a sculpture of her beloved cat. Remaining funds from her legacy were used, together with further money from other organisations and a public crowd-funding campaign. A bronze statue was commissioned and was made by David Annand, who had previously made the sculpture of Hamish McHamish in St Andrews.

Dudley's sculpture was erected on a granite plinth surrounded by a flower-bed in July 2018, and is situated so that he's overlooking the canal near the memorial bench, but on the opposite side. He receives many visitors and is perhaps the equivalent of Edinburgh's 'Greyfriars Bobby' dog statue. The official unveiling was in September 2018, by the local MSP and in the presence of the sculptor and also of Dudley's guardian in his later life.



The inscription reads: 'Dudley was the much loved cat of canal-side resident and local benefactor Liz Burrows. This sculpture by David Annand was erected by Burgh Beautiful Linlithgow using part of her legacy.'

[Falkirk Herald](#) (Sept. 2018) | [Linlithgow Burgh Trust](#) (undated)



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