**Route Details**
Start on the North Esk river bank at School Green, Lasswade. Walk upstream along School Green and up School Brae. Just before Lasswade Cemetery turn left (signed Polton 1¼m) along an old path, probably a former “coffin road”.

After 300 metres keep left at X-roads, keeping to the earth track. At Kevock Road (tar), turn right for 100m then left at the bend between two white houses to a small grass strip and then through a gate into the grounds of Mavisbank House.

The house facade can now be glimpsed in the far distance through the trees. There are a number of informal paths across the grassland to Mavisbank House. Each can be wet in places. Follow the more obvious earth path ahead keeping to the middle ground. In places there have been minor earth slips - look out for uneven ground. This route approximately follows one of the driveways to Mavisbank House.

When you reach a path X-roads just before a timber kissing gate there is a choice - either straight ahead to the house or down left to reach the large ornamental pond. Walk around its left bank and back up to another kissing gate and approach to the house.

Mavisbank House was gutted by fire in 1973. Currently the house and grounds are managed by Historic Scotland. Leaving the house, turn right down the vehicle track then left (signed Polton) onto a new smaller hard surfaced path to reach the North Esk. Turn upstream. At the public road turn left over the river then 2nd right into Springfield Mill nature reserve. Explore.

To return to Lasswade, re-cross the river and return to the riverbank path. Now continue downstream on the riverside path for ¾ mile then up slope and steps to Kevock Road. Cross the road then right onto your outward earth path following it back to your starting point in Lasswade.