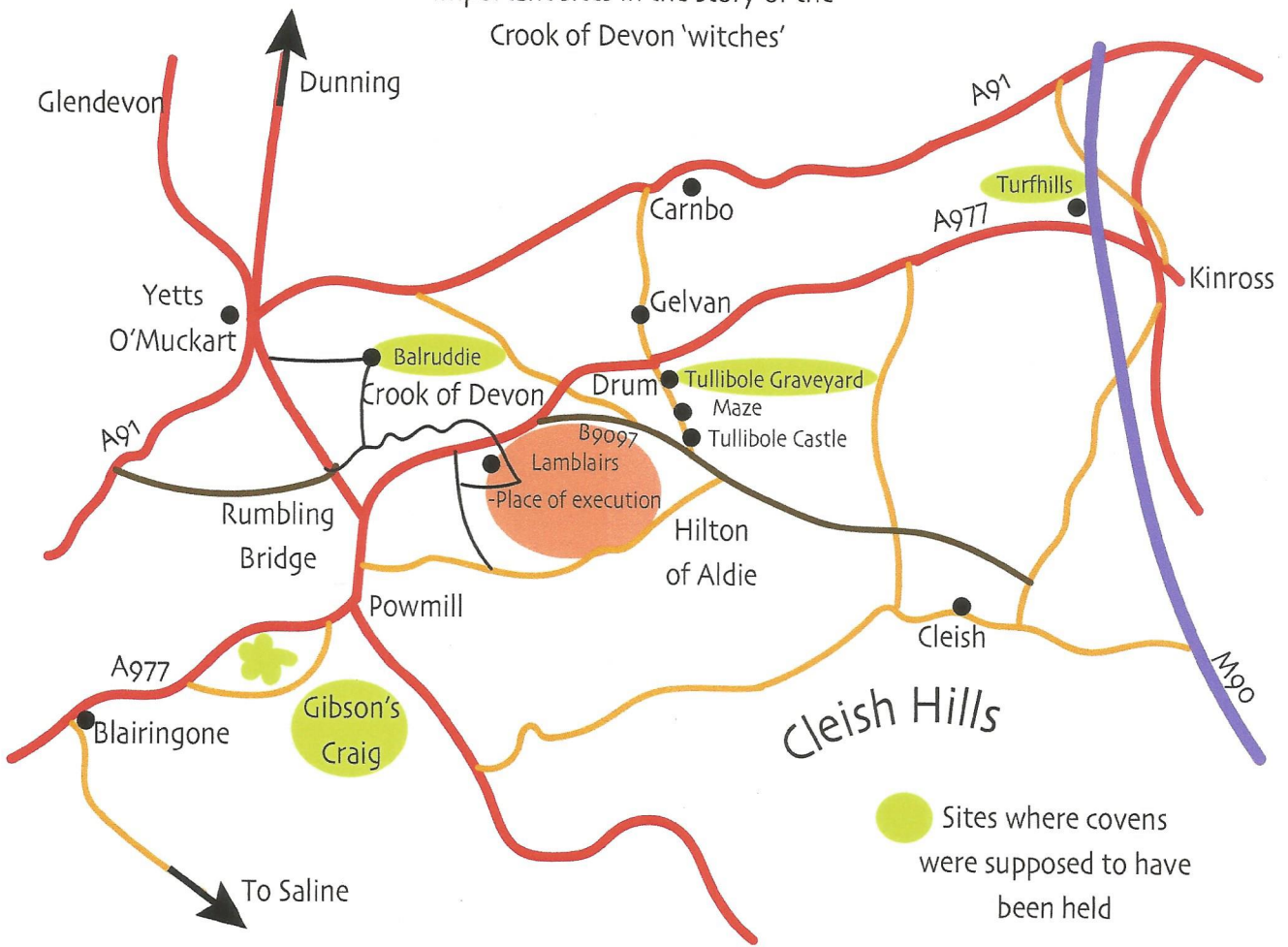


Important sites in the story of the
Crook of Devon 'witches'



● Sites where covens were supposed to have been held

In Scotland, for nearly 200 years, people were tried and executed for the crime of witchcraft. Hundreds of trials were held, and thousands of people were killed. For, to be found guilty of witchcraft, the penalty was always death.



I was in the woods gathering ingredients for a cream that would get rid of my dog bites when I found myself being surrounded by many muscely men, Old Steve, Barre and John who had been my friend as a kid. You have been accused of witchcraft, Steve said a



In Crook of Devon in 1662, 5 trials were held and 11 people condemned to death. They were strangled, their bodies burnt and their ashes scattered.

Other single women living alone, or outsiders and others that were caught learning were the trial too waiting to be determined if they were a witch or not.

Their story is told in a new exhibition in Kinross Museum, as part of Scotland's Year of Stories 2022. You can use the information on the map to visit the places in the story.