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## BUSINESSES RE-OPENING AFTER LOCKDOWN

Businesses are beginning to re-open after the lockdown. Here are some changes that businesses have had to adapt as the new normal. Always check before you visit.

### Animal Rescue and Shelters:

Rescues and shelters are now allowed to start re-homing and fostering animals. There will be new ways of meeting for humans and animals.

### **Boarding Homes & kennels:**

Boarding Homes & Kennels may restrict the number of humans visiting at one time and have much stricter drop off and collection rules. There may even be a process of refusing to accept toys or blankets. Even changing to a kennel collar and lead or having your collar and lead cleaned thoroughly in soapy water.

Any animals that are admitted for care due to their human being ill or suspected of being ill will have to go through a period of isolation of three days. Where they will not be allowed to socialise with other animals and the staff will have to change PPE when handling them.

### Day Care

Day care will have a new

appointment only arrival and leaving procedure where animals will be wiped down with a pet safe damp cloth that is used on only one dog and then disposed of properly.

If animals are collected or received from infected or self isolating households, any animal must be collected and returned separately, unless they are from the same household. They will be kept in a separate area at the day care.

### **DOG TRAINERS:**

Dog trainers can work if they have access to secure areas and are able to maintain social distancing. They can provide their services and give advise or support via email, videos or by video link. Animals from infected or self isolating households should not be accepted unless via technology.

### **DOG WALKERS**

Dogs from different households may be walked together as long as dogs from infected or self-isolating households are not mixed with non infected households.

Any equipment, including vehicles if used to transport the dog, must be cleaned and disinfected between dogs.

### GROOMERS

Groomers can collect or receive clients via an appointment only system so that the groomer can control the number of animals and humans to ensure social distancing and cleaning down upon arrival.

Multiple dogs can be in the salon at the same time as long as their is 2 meters between them.

Any equipment, including vehicles if used to transport the dog, must be cleaned and disinfected between dogs.

### **PET SITTERS:**

Pet sitters may operate if they can maintain social distancing rules and follow Government guidance on humans working in other people's homes. They should not sit for an infected or self-isolating household.

### **Veterinary practices:**

Are still working with their video and phone consultations. With a controlled handover in the car park rather than humans being allowed inside the building. Some have started to include more routine appointments rather than just emergency ones. Your vet will be able to advise what they are currently offering.

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Hi Pals, I am still pretty much in lockdown so there are not a lot of adventures going on.

# A MESSAGE FROM TIGGER

Even though lockdown was easing up, the on lead only sites were still closed and most of the dog friendly shops and cafes are still getting to grips with letting humans back in, it will be a while before we can go for a meal too.

Hopefully it will not be too

long before I can get out and about and repawt again, not to mention sniff around all the pawsome dog friendly places and meet up with pals old and new.

Stay safe pals.

Nose bump to you Tigger

# NEWS FROM DORIS - THE ROVING REPORTER



Hey pals.

Well I don't know about you guys but I've not been up to much! It's all rather slow down on the south coast and bar from a potter around the block I'm not going anyway at the moment. So I thought I'd look at my old photos and see where I was in 2017 whilst on my big travel. It turns out that three years ago I was in Vichy, France. I remember this trip well as it was one of those towns that we stopped at for sleepover necessity and ended up loving it. A beautiful river with bars and restaurants, leafy squares and little bistros and, of course, the water. The Victorian water spas were stunning and free, although not dog friendly!

It's funny now when you think back to such 'free' times.

Walking around, sitting and drinking where ever and no face masks or social distancing. It seems a world away from what we have now. I imagine that towns like Vichy, and many in the UK, are really suffering from lack of visitors. Here in Brighton we don't tend to be as quiet as it's been sadly busy all through lockdown (bar maybe 4 weeks in April).

From Vichy we drove north and stayed in Paris for a week to meet family. The campsite was as close to the centre of Paris as you can park and we've seen it on the news during the lockdown. When we were there it was understandably rammed with campers, now it's like a ghost park. The owners were bemoaning the lack of visitors due to Covid-19 restrictions. Again echoed here I'm sure. It's a very strange world we're in right now pals. Keep safe and keep snoozing Doris x

https://dozontour.blog/



# Yoda and Cheezlt's Scratching Post



Hi everyone! We hope all of our pals are doing well, and that you have been able to get some alone time away from your humans!

We don't know about you all, but our Momma is driving us bonkers! She won't leave us alone! Usually we don't mind when she is home. It was nice, at first (her being home more), but this is ridiculous! The woman, obviously, has no life beyond us.

While that is completely understandable (we ARE a big deal), she is smothering us. This must be what it feels like to be a celebrity...minus the money, fame, catnip, and sunglasses.

We are, however, grateful that she is not a crafty woman....so she has not tried to draw our (beautiful) paw-traits or knit us any ridiculous costumes (we've seen what some of you have been going through with your humans over the last few months).

It is quite sad, actually. To be honest, it is very traumatizing when you realize what a disappointment and embarrassment your parent (human, staff, whatever you call them) is.

Nothing reveals the truth like

being quarantined inside a tiny home with a someone. We have a teeny tiny house, so it's really difficult....to get away from Momma when we want to.

Then, when we finalllly find a good hiding/napping spot, she wakes us up by yelling for us!

She knows we didn't get outside. She just likes to be loud and annoy us.

Well, apparently, this turned out to me a long complaint about our Momma. We're so sorry you had to read it!

Til Next Month, Friends, Yoda & CheezIt (and the others)

From the 24th of July it became compulsory to wear masks or face coverings at certain times when out and about in England. Humans need to check what laws are applicable in their country.

The humans have a whole list of do's and don'ts, so instead of trying to explain, I have added the link to the government website.

Face coverings: When to wear one.

Although there is no official exemption card to get from the government, they have provided a link to print off your own exemption from wearing a mask card. (A5 that folds in half) They are FREE.

Exemption card template

Although not animal related, I hope the information helps.

Stay safe pals!



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# On the bookshelf

### **Dog Cookies** - By Martina Schops

Do you enjoy treating your dog every now and then with something delicious? The answer is, of course you do! Whether you want to reward him for an achievement during training or just give him a treat from time to time, these little extras will increase his motivation and strengthen the bond between the two of you.

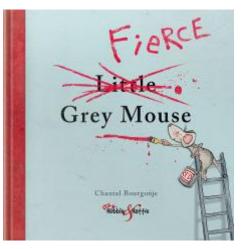
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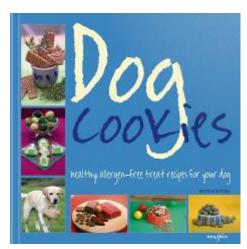
Fierce Grey Mouse - By Chantal Bourgonje

### Who's afraid of the big fierce mouse ...?

In a world full of happy, fluffy animals, ONE Mouse wants to be FIERCE. He exercises, eats mountains of porridge and drinks lots of milk. He practises his roaring and pouncing skills. Soon, Little Grey Mouse is Fierce Grey Mouse. But what happens when his friends want to play with Little Grey Mouse and find only Fierce Grey Mouse ...?

You can purchase your copy here: Fierce Grey Mouse





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# In the Kitchen

### Article By: Fred and Tess

Mum has lots of strawberries from her allotment and we decided to use some in our recipe. It's okay we asked Mum before taking the strawberries! BOL! We all tried some of the finished bark and Mum and Dad said it is a palate cleanser, which I think means there is more for us!

### Strawberry Yiggy-yoggy-you Bark

### Ingredients:

2 cups of chopped strawberries 2 cups of Greek yogurt Berries to top

### Method:

1. In a blender, blitz the strawberries until smooth. Add the yogurt and blitz with the strawberries until fully mixed.

2. Line a baking tray with baking parchment and pour mixture into the tray. Add topping berries.

3. Freeze for 6 hours until frozen solid. Cut or break the bark into pieces.

### Storage:

Store in a container in the freezer. Remove from the freezer 20 mins before eating.









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### Repawter: Duke

I wanted to tell you about my social distancing outing to Shugbourgh Estate National Trust <u>https://</u> www.nationaltrust.org.uk/ shugborough-estate



This was my first walk out since lockdown 23rd March and meant meeting my furpal girlfriend Luna . Dad even took the first couple of photos from 2 metres away.



We had to book an earlier ticket so that meant we could go and look at the flowers in the walled garden.

# Social Distancing



It was also 4 days after Stars 12th birthday she was wearing her birthday bandana.



Even though guidelines have changed it still means I can't get cuddles or hugs from strangers. I miss not giving out my sloppy Duke kisses. The house have a lovely estate after walking to the rear of the house we went on a new footpath over a bridge and across the river side.



Due to the Covid situation one of the gates was locked to take us up the long path back to the car park. So we doubled back on ourselves back to the house.



We then had a picnic with 2 metres between the hoomans no sharing of food, cutlery or drinks.



So in summary how has the Covid 19 pandemic affected walks/meeting fur friends. 1. Many need to book appointments timed slots national trust only release 1 week in advance

 Need to keep apart 2 metres ideally when passing others
Have hand gel and face mask with you

4. Take water for hounds as it may be harder to get bowls filled up and avoids extra trips to toilets.

More importantly stay safe Until next time Love and virtual licks Duke

# TRAINING - POSSESSION WITH TOYS

Although I am covering my possession with toys in this article, sometimes resolving toy possession can help with possession with other things.

### What is toy possession?

Toy possession is an extreme compulsion to grab and hold a toy or other object that can get that intense that you become aggressive due to your focus on the toy or object. Even to the point of growling or biting to get it.

It may not be restricted to a specific toy. It could be any toy or object. This could stem from being poorly trained or socialised at an early age. Where you never actually learned how to share or about give and take.

Sometimes toy possession is so intense that professional behaviourists are needed to reduce the obsession and some extreme cases, reducing injury to other animals a or humans.

This is something that is important to get resolved as soon as possible there may be a time your human needs to get you drop something without question, regardless of what it is.

# What can be done to reduce toy possession?

First of all, your human must feel they can try this technique without the fear of being nipped or harmed. If they do not feel they can, they must seek professional behaviourist help.

Your human can start the process of reducing the obsession by 'swapping' the toy.

The first few times your human tries this, they should ensure your excitement level is kept as low as possible and as brief as possible.

Your human needs to get some toys and either stand, sit on a chair or sit on the floor (depending on how obsessed you are and what distance they need to work safely).

Note: If you immediately try to get all of the toys and show too much obsession, your human must stop the training session and either try again later or seek professional help.

They need to give or throw you a toy to start the training.

They then say 'give' or whatever training word they want to use. You of course will ignore them. They then gently throw a second toy towards you a toy repeating 'give' at the same time. You should hopefully drop the toy you were holding and now have the new toy.

It is very important that your human does not try to retrieve the first toy you were holding. Your human then gets a third toy and gives the 'give' command. Eventually you will get to the stage of dropping the toy you are holding as soon as you see the new toy.

It is normal to be surrounded by toys in the early training sessions.

This can be played as a game to try and create a relaxed atmosphere, but your human needs to remember that this is an important negative behaviour and they must remain vigilant until you no longer have a toy possession.

At the end of every training session you must be given a very tasty treat so that you associate the training as a good experience.

As the obsession gets reduced your human should try to get to the stage of touching the toy you are holding, and with the 'give' command, give you another toy to 'swap'.

The eventual goal is for your human to be able to ask you to drop something or be able to take something out of your mouth without any conflict or resistance.

Obsession with other animals around may take longer to train, so vigilance and further training sessions may be required.

# TIGGER'S GREEN PAW - IN THE GARDEN

As with all plants, always check if you have any health problems that may be affected by growing any plants in your garden or yard.

# Lavender

Animal Safety: Dogs: With Care Cats: With Care Rabbits: Yes Free Grazing: In Moderation

Lifespan: Perennial

Sow: March to May Flowers: July to September Prune: August to September



Soil Type: Well drained soilPosition: Likes the full sunGrowth: Up to 24 " high, but could be less if grown in smaller pots.

Varieties: Over 47 varieties with colours from blue, lilac, purple to a very dark purple.

**Growing information:** Europe across to northern and eastern Africa, the Mediterranean, southwest Asia to southeast India. Lavenders flourish best in dry, well-drained, sandy or gravelly soils in full sun.

Some lavender can become leggy and get less flowers. This is usually due to not being pruned enough. Although remember not to prune into old wood as this can restrict growth too. To rejuvenate a woody plant, prune in mid-August to just above a green shoot and hope for the best. If new shoots don't appear within the next month you might be better off starting again.

Lavender can cope in temperatures as low as minus 15 degrees centigrade, so can be left outside all year round, even in pots.

### How to use:

**Free grazing:** In strict moderation Rabbits can consume lavender, but due to the strong natural scent of lavender most rabbits will choose not to eat it.

**Dried:** Can be use as room fresheners around the house. Also can act as a natural fly repellent. It is also used as a natural calming scent for both animals and humans. Even there is very little scientific facts about the calming nature of lavender, I can confirm I use it and it does calm me down.

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### GROWING CATS IN THE GREENHOUSE

### By: Jessie

Most humans grow plants, or veggies in their greenhouses, but not my human - she is pretty good at growing cats! Yes, cats you heard right!

It all started when dear Sammy - RIP- the stray spent a winter in there with Little Bear , the tiny black cat, she still comes daily for food. Sammy had a little square rabbit hutch box to sleep in. After he went OTRB he must have left a message, as more cats grew from there!



First it was Ollie, he has grown out of a cat bed and seems to grow bigger with cat plant food. Tommy however is the one growing out of the banana box with his back leg hanging out almost waiting to get pruned or picked to be eaten!!!! Tommy has had some serious Tomorite food in his bed!! They grow all day long in there even in the baking heat, they never frazzle.

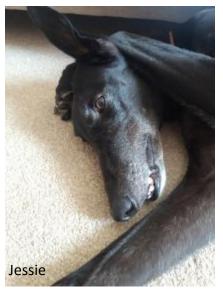


Just need a good supply of food, water and plenty of belly tickles, oh & nail trims every few weeks to keep them happy

Alan can often be found growing out of the top bunk of planters but most often close to where the human watering can is begging to be fed on Felix growmore food!

When Alan isn't in the greenhouse, he is found growing at the side of me, on the sofa mimicking me with his paw over eye!!!! Rooooodings!!!!





The greenhouse can be a hive of activity with up to 5 cats & Hedgehogs growing at any one

time, don't seem to have much room to grow plants, just Cats & Hedgehogs!



We sometimes wonder how big these cats will grow in there, the pic of Alan on the table shows hes as big as a house almost!!!



Even the Hedgehogs that grow are big! We also think that overnight the cats turn into flowers in the garden and plants as we have a super garden that during the day ALL the cats enjoy

Advice, always provide a safe warm home for those who may need it when you least expect it, the occupants will always appreciate it, even if they do take over your greenhouse!!!!! Plus always try feed organic, and dont use pesticides or cat repellents, they will always be good mousers or ratters for your gardens!

## INTERVIEW WITH - CHERRY

# Tell me a little bit about yourself.

I was adopted as an adult from Birmingham Dogs Home, sunnyside over 13 years ago which makes me 14 years old. Despite being companion to Candy Cavalier andFloss Irish Grey (non-racer), I was a "house-wrecker". I was so badly behaved, that my Mum would cry when she got home to see what damamge I had done. After 9 months I was a complete angel!

My humans had a lot of patience with me. I don't like other dogs. I have been attacked several times.

# How many siblings do you have and long have you had them?

Candy Cavalier KC was adopted as a breeders reject, but despite a bad heart, she lived until she was 14yrs (now over the rainbow). Floss. A fawn greyhound (but very small), was also from sunnyside; adopted when 507 yrs old (now over the rainbow), When floss passed, I became, at 7 years, a foster Mum to abandoned lurcher Bakewell (via Dogs Trust). When Candy passed, the humans adopted a huge black x-racing greyhound who was called peaches from RGT Wolverhampton.

I was scared of her at first, but she was the only one we thought was ok-ish? (we saw 9 over 2 days!) Humans; we have Mum, Dad and two hoobrothers aged 23 and 24 yrs.

### Do you work? If so where/ what do you do?

My first job was teaching Bakewell how to be a dog. I think I did a good job because I was a perfect role model, even though he grew almost twice as tall!

I am now at leisure, as i am going deaf and blind... I hover around my parents feet. We now have a 2 yr old lurcher from NGR, called Oreo. I hide from her by sticking my head under a cushion. She was adopted because I had liver disease, and no dog would play with Bakewell. My next liver test results were normal !!

# If you could choose your name what would it be?

I.m fine with Cherry. I was highly athletic in my first 2 years. I could easily jump 6 ft high. I liked being high up to see what was going on, a bit like a Meerkat!

### What is your favourite food?

I just love all food... theres nothing I won't havea go at eating. I had a sweet tooth. Once I had to go on a diet! I will eat frozen peas and carrots.

# Where is your favourite place to be?

These days – at night by Mum's head or feet. By day on one of

the 2 sofas, a sofabed (Peaches), in front of the fire, or straddled on the back of the sofa. When I'm hot, I love splooting! I like walks, but hate other dogs.

### What is your favourite way to entertain yourself (annoy your humans)?

To get a reward, I will lift a paw for you, or stand on my back legs (like a Meerkat). I will dig up a whole blanket into a ball to sleep on. I can still roll on my back with a toy in my paws and play. I expect to lick yoghurt lids, and pots (when empty). I get my Dad up for a wee in the night... usually when he's already been with the others when i was fast asleep!

# What is your greatest accomplishment?

Firstly surviving. I know if my parents didn't give me a chance for 9 months to change my behaviour from house-wrecking, I fear I no-one else would have put up with me.

I cost them a lot of time and money. I once chewed up my hoobrother's Blackberry phone, I disconnected the landline phone, ate TV remotes, emptied the soil out of every plant pot in the living room, smashed plates, knocked everything off the kitchen work-surface.

It was my last chance to fit in.

## INTERVIEW WITH - CHERRY (CONT.)

### What is your next goal in life?

To stay healthy, and a loving to my family. I don't like Oreo much, but she cares about me, so I will try harder.

If you could be/do anything

for a day, what would it be?

I would eat all day if I could; I

hoomans. I would love to have

seen my old friends Candy and

Floss again before they were

put to sleep. I loved cuddling

Candy – she was a fluffy hot

water bottle; a warm cushion.

am already and angel to my

These sighthounds are all so bony, except for Peaches thighs! I would liked to have been taller.

### Finally and most importantly...What was your human's most embarrassing moment?

I used to go camping. My hoomans had to make sure I couldn't escape under the tent. One morning they got up, and I wasn't in the basket.

They thought they had lost me.

All the time, I had felt cold in the night, and I was in the bottom of 9yr old hoobrother's sleeping bag. I still try to sleep with my hoobrother... he's 23 now.



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# Holidays at Cosaig make you Dog Tired (but they are worth it)



\*Beside a park

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\*Enclosed garden

\*Fabulous walks from the doorstep

\*Throws, dog towels, bowls, balls and houndy treats are provided and lots more!

\*local dog friendly pubs

\*Well behaved humans are welcome too!

\*Cosaig is very well equipped, has 2 bedrooms, a wet room and an en-suite shower room.

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# EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **2nd August**

Daragh will be Celebrating his 10th Birthday on the 2nd of August



Bear will be Celebrating his Birthday on the 2nd of August



### 6th August

Harry will be Celebrating his Gotcha Day across the Rainbow Bridge on the 6th of August



### 8th August

Tucker is celebrating his 6th Birthday on the 8th of August



### 9th August

Hollybobshound will be Celebrating her 12th Birthday on the 9th of August



Oreo will be celebrating her 2nd Gotcha Day on the 9th of August



EVENT - Group Walk: - 9th August Cannock Chase tweetup - Staffordshire Arrive 10:45am for 11:00am start \* May be postponed due to Covid-19 \*

### 12th August

Blue will be celebrating his birthday across the Rainbow Bridge on the 12th of August 12th Aug 2007 - 14th Feb2015



16th August

Murphy crossed the Rainbow Bridge on the 16th of August 2019



### 21st August

Jasper will be celebrating his Birthday on the 12th of August



24th August

Buster crossed the Rainbow Bridge on the 24th August 2017



Strawberry crossed the Rainbow Bridge on the 24th August 2018



### 27th August

Molly is celebrating her 16th Birthday on the 27th of August



### 28th August

Fred is celebrating his 7th Birthday on the 28th of August



### **31st August**

Robin Di Nero will be Celebrating his 5th Birthday on the 31st of August





**Repawter:** Skye

Skye Tails Digg, Staffin Isle of Skye IV51 9LA

### www.skyetails.co.uk

Skye Tails make delicious, wholesome, handmade dog treats in Staffin on the Isle of Skye. All treats are baked to order and come in a variety of pawsome flavours such as Honey, Peanut Crunch, Vegetable and Gingerbread, as well as meaty ones such as Chicken, Beef and Lamb.

They also do a giant dog treat which can be personalised with a message or dog's name. These make pawsome gifts. I ordered some for my friends Fred and Tess last Christmas and then again for Fred's Gotcha Day earlier this year.



My friends Fred and Tess I first came across Skye Tails about a year ago on the Book of Faces and I begged mum and dad to order some treats for me, which thankfully they did, and when they arrived I was

# Skye Tails

not disappointed. But what amazed me before even trying one, was my very own name 'Skye' had been written on every treat, although mum did point out that it was in fact the name of the business and had nothing, whatsoever, to do with me and that it was just pure coincidence. Hrrumpf!!! Unfortunately that meant the treats were not all for me and I had to share them with my now late brother Monty, but worse still, my dad would pinch one or two for himself. Even so, they were truly scrumptious and mum and dad now make sure me and my new brother Sparky have a constant supply in.

Sparky (who's been with us for six months) had his 10th birthday recently - we wanted to do something special such as a birthday cake for such an impawtent occasion. Unfortunately mum is the worst cake baker in Scotland so I took matters into my own paws and messaged Barbara at Skye Tails and asked her would she bake a birthday cake? I was delighted when she said yes and even more delighted when it arrived, and what a cake it was. It was made with bananas and peanut butter with a carob filling and icing, then topped with a giant heart-shaped biscuit with Sparky's name and birthday message on it - it was just pawfect and Sparky was thrilled to bits. He even

managed to snaffle some when mum was taking photos, BOL!



When I finally got to try some it tasted even better than it looked - pawsitively yummy. Sparky and I spent the rest of the morning sitting and staring at the fridge waiting in vain for another slice (we were disappointingly allowed only one slice a day) and we'd do that everyday until the cake was finished. As expected, the temptation was too much for dad and I had to put my paws down by allowing him only two small slices, BOL!

It is my 12th birthday and 2nd Gotcha Day soon so paws crossed mum and dad will read this repawt and order me a cake or two (or three or four), BOL!



Sky on Skye with her Sky Tails Treats

# OUT AND ABOUT (Cont.)

## Piel Castle - Cumbria

On 4 June 1487 Lambert Simnel landed on Piel Island from Ireland, with an 8,000 strong army of mercenaries.

The son of an Oxford tradesman, he claimed to be the Earl of Warwick and thus rightful heir to the English throne.

He marched on London, but was defeated and captured at Newark by Henry VII and his forces.

Parking: None on site

Facilities: None on site. There is an inn on the island, not managed by English Heritage. There are toilets and a shop at Furness Abbey. There's a café (not managed by English Heritage) close to the abbey and a wide range of facilities in Barrow-in-Furness.

### Notes:

Piel Island can be accessed from Roa Island by a small ferry operated during the summer season.

The ferry is not managed by English Heritage.

Please call Steve Chattaway (Ship Inn) on 07516453784 or Alan Cleasby on 07798794550.

### Contact:

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### About:

In 1327 John Cockerham, Abbot of Furness, was granted a 'licence to crenellate' by Edward III, suggesting that he may have been fortifying an existing building. At this time much of northern England was troubled by Scottish raids, and the monks of Furness wished to establish a place of safety.

They probably also wanted to monitor traffic passing through Piel Harbour on its way to their holdings in Ireland and the Isle of Man, and to protect cargoes from the weather, raiders and pirates.

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