

# Played by NCG: Lanark, Scotland

A moorland course high up on the hills south of Glasgow



**Where it is:** Within a few miles of the M74, some 20 miles south of Glasgow

**Reason for going:** Lanark was the perfect place to stop off on our way to the Open at St Andrews

**What to expect:** Excellent conditioning, fine greens and lots of changes of elevation

**My best bit:** I knew walking down the 1st fairway that we had made a great decision to call in for a game. Just walking on the springy turf and looking at the holes around us was enough to give the game away.

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**Watch out for:** The last hole here is a par 3, which is quite unusual in itself, but Lanark's attractive clubhouse will really grab your attention – it's close enough to the green to be very much in play. I suspect some slicers have deliberately clubbed down to make sure they didn't smash any windows over the years.

**When I go back...** I won't take on the short par-4 5th. It's a very narrow entrance and I reckon your best chance of making a birdie is with a wedge in your hand from 100 yards.