The story takes place in Glasgow

Robbie would like to live with Leonie and bring up their baby son, Luke, but Leonie's father tells him he is a good-for-nothing. We learn that Robbie is a petty criminal who has just been sentenced to 300hours of community service, like other offenders being tried on the same day. This is an alternative to prison, a sort of second chance. His supervisor, Harry, first sends the group to clean a churchyard, then, during a weekend, he packs his charges into a van and heads for a distillery where they are taught how whisky is made and how to nose and taste old whisky. Robbie discovers that he is very good at it starts studying the various blends of whisky. Then Harry takes them to a whisky show in Edinburgh. There, Mo, the girl suggests they should try to make easy money with some very expensive whisky about to be sold during an auction sale. Robbie first disagrees but then works out a plan which could make them earn more money than they have ever had without wronging anyone and the "dream team" decides to have a go at it.