

CAN YOU DIG IT?

PROJECTS 2020



Yes we can!



MYGALLOWAY

MyGalloway is an exciting project that could improve our national historical records and you don't even have to leave the house!

Canmore is a huge online database that holds information on every historical or archaeological site that has ever been recorded within Scotland.

For some sites there's lots to see and read, but others have very little - some no more than a name and a location.

THIS IS WHERE YOU CAN HELP!

We want everyone to be as excited about the heritage of the Galloway Glens as we are, so let's update this database for the world to see.

We can do this by using MyCanmore, which lets everyone contribute information about the sites.

Old Photographs: Do you have old photographs of any of the sites in your collection? It doesn't matter how old they are – it all adds to the history of a site and how it's changed over time. Don't forget to date them, even just roughly.

New photographs: Perhaps you can take a snapshot of how your local sites look now? Although be wary of entering private land – please ask permission before taking a photograph. You never know though, the current owners might have some additional information to offer if you get talking!

Memories: Many of the recorded sites are buildings – maybe you used to live or work in one and can write a description of its layout and character at the time? Perhaps also what it was used for? Although please try to keep any text contributions as factual as you can.

CANMORE

NATIONAL RECORD OF THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

How to register for MyCanmore:

1. Head to **canmore.org.uk**
2. **Register**
You'll find the Register option at the top right of the home page.
3. **Complete the online form**
Remember that Display Name is the name that will be appear to the public beside your entries – this could be just your first name, your initials or a nickname!
4. **Read the User Licence**
(don't worry – it's not too long!) & tick the box.
5. Choose **I accept the Licence**
6. You will next be shown the **MyCanmore Contributor Licence** – be sure to read & if you're happy, tick the box. You will retain copyright & you can ask them to take down your contributions at any time.
7. Choose **I accept the Licence**



TOP TIP!

To give you a kickstart each month, we'll be releasing a selection of sites in each area of the Galloway Glens that have very little information in their entry. You don't have to wait for these though - head on over to Canmore and find your local sites to get started.



High Street, New Galloway 1975



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How to upload images or text:

1. Head to **canmore.org.uk** & **login** via the top right corner.
2. Using **Search**, also to the top right, look for your chosen site by writing part of its name, location or entering its Canmore ID.
3. Look through the entries listed in the **Site** tab & select the one you want.
4. Scroll to the bottom of the entry & select either **Contribute an Image** or **Contribute Text**, depending on what you want to upload.
5. For both, you will be asked to **enter a Title** – this could just be the site's name or perhaps the name of a specific event that your contribution refers to.
6. You will also be asked to **enter a Description** – this is where you enter the main body of your text contribution. For images, you might want to include details about when the photo was taken, what direction it's from or if it's showing something specific. Feel free to add in more detail though if you have some facts to share. Also remember to list any sources that you've used.
7. For images, you will then need to hit **Browse for Image** & select your image from the relevant folder on your computer - files larger than 5 MB will need to be resized through Photo Gallery or something similar (get in touch if you need help with this!)
8. Once you're happy, hit **Save**.
9. Give it time to upload and then **your contribution will appear on the screen!**
10. You can edit or delete your contributions at any time by logging in & selecting **MyCanmore** in the top right.
11. Also have a look at other options available, such as bookmarking your favourite sites!

ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about this project, just email helen.keron@dumgal.gov.uk or get in touch with us through the Can You Dig It Facebook or Twitter accounts (@GGLPArchaeology).

You can also let us know how you get on – do share with us through email or on social media what you've managed to find. We're always interested and love a good photograph! Email us or tag us with @GGLPArchaeology in your post or tweet.

So do take part if you can – it's a great way to preserve your knowledge and enrich the national record for the area. It's time to let the world know how great our heritage is!