

# CAN YOU DIG IT?

## PROJECTS 2020



## MY GALLOWAY CASTLE DOUGLAS

Castle Douglas is a bustling town that dates back to 1792 and amongst its streets sit a number of hidden gems waiting to be discovered. Wander out into the surrounding area and you will also discover that this old town has ancient roots.

A number of heritage sites are listed across the area of Castle Douglas on Canmore, so why not check it out and see if you can contribute to any of them, either by uploading any photos you've taken or perhaps adding any knowledge you might have of the site. Here's a list of some entries that could do with your help!

### **Clock Tower** **Canmore ID: 352779**

You might have spotted this one on your wanderings through Castle Douglas – it's hard to miss and even harder to imagine that it hasn't been at the centre of a few snapshots!

But there's no images of this tower on Canmore and no information beyond where it is.

Was it really funded by someone living in America? Surely they're at least entitled to a mention in the national database?

### **St Andrew's Parish Church** **(now The Fullarton Theatre)** **Canmore ID: 195134**

Now here we have a 19th century church that's been converted into a 20th century theatre. Brilliant, a building with a bit of history and an interesting conversion story – none of which appears on Canmore!

Anybody know anything or have any photographs? Or does no one ever go here?!

### **Lodge of Kelton Farm Rock Art** **Canmore ID: 239597**

This one's a shout out to those of you a bit partial to the lovely walks around the Threave Estate...

According to Canmore, there's an outcrop of greywacke that has 11 'cup marks' on it, which sits in the field to the right hand side as you drive into Lodge of Kelton Farm (just to the north of the A75). There's a more detailed description of its location on Canmore.

These carvings are likely an example of prehistoric rock art – so say, around 5,000 years old...

Are you up for seeing if you can find it and uploading a photograph? At the moment, Canmore doesn't have a single shot!



### **PRO TIP!**

If you do a Search on 'Castle Douglas' in the Key Word search option, it brings up sites from all across Scotland! Use the Filter option on the left of the screen to filter the Parish down to 'Kelton' – that will show you the relevant sites.

### **Castle Douglas Station, Canmore ID: 64650**

If you're not aware that there was once a train station in Castle Douglas, then you should really be making more use of Canmore!

Opened in 1859, the station continued in use until the closure of the line in 1965.

Canmore has one lovely black and white image of the station but nothing more. Does anyone have some old photographs that they could upload, or are you able to get a photograph of how the site looks now? Have any of the original buildings or structures survived?

And while you're on Canmore it's also worth looking at the entries for all of the stations along this route – many of them could do with some photographs added.

### **Carlingwark Lane Canal Canmore ID: 217628**

Built in 1765, this short canal runs from Carlingwark Loch through to the River Dee. It served to transport shell-marl to the farms along its route, although was abandoned commercially around 1840.

We found this out from Canmore but there aren't any images. Have you ever photographed the canal? Or do you fancy going for walk in the area to see if you can manage a couple of shots?

There's also two bridges along its route, which each have their own entries – ID: 217629 and 217630 – could be worth a look?

### **The Hotels – The Imperial and The Douglas Arms Canmore ID: 64666 and 64668**

So you get a fair number of visitors to old Castle Douglas then? Nice – must be because of all the lovely heritage there is to see.

Even the hotels are landmarks – these two are both Listed buildings and on Canmore.

With all of these visitors, someone must take a pic of where they're staying...

Canmore doesn't have any and there's no information either.

How old are these hotels? Are they both still open?

### **Palace Cinema, Canmore ID: 316552**

Castle Douglas had its own cinema?! Unfortunately this one's long gone – demolished in the 1990s apparently and replaced with flats.

But that's not so long ago that it's completely lost to history – someone must remember this cinema and could give a description or perhaps an old photo?

Ah - the constant battle over whether you'll make it in time to catch the trailers; the decision over sweet or salty popcorn; and the slight concern that your pick & mix is going to be twice the weight of everyone else's when you get to the till – sparking any memories for anyone?

## **NEW SITES**

What you can't do in MyCanmore is add new sites, but if there are any that you would like documented, you could upload their images to Canmore entry ID: 64645, Castle Douglas General, and include a description. Cotton Street also has its own entry, ID: 209237, but there currently aren't any images attached – as it's named after one of the industries created by the town's founder, it might be worth adding a few!