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MYGALLOWAY KIRKCUDBRIGHT

Kirkcudbright has a whopping 496 entries on Canmore, so if you've ever taken a photograph of the town then it's likely that you captured one of the sites listed! Many of the entries could do with more information or images so it's a great time to have a look and see if you can fill in some of the gaps.

Here's a wee selection to give you a taste of what sites have been included, but feel free to just search for 'Kirkcudbright' – there's a lot more to look at!

High Street, Castle Street, Union Street, St Cuthbert Street and so on...

Canmore ID: We don't have that kind of space!

If you are currently in any of the buildings on these or nearby streets, head to Canmore and you'll probably find it listed.

If you do, pop outside and take a photo – upload this through MyCanmore and you've just significantly improved this entry. If you know when it was built, get that recorded too!

If you're walking down any of these streets, then why not take a quick pic of the whole street, as they have their own entries – the streets here have medieval origins.

Have you got any old photos? These would be great too!

We also know that Kirkcudbright is a busy place, so if you have any snaps showing any events, old and new, then pop them up – it's all part of the town's story.

St Mary Street, Town Hall

Canmore ID: 174763

Ah, some lovely 19th century architectural drawings that show a grand-looking structure, which was presumably never built as there isn't a single photograph or any information...

Or could this be where the new Galleries is located? Nah... there would be some mention of it in the national records if it was – wouldn't there?!



PRO TIP!

If you do a Search on 'Kirkcudbright' in the Key Word search option, it brings up sites all over Scotland, including Perth and Aberdeenshire! Use the Filter options on the left of the screen to filter the Parish down to 'Kirkcudbright' – that will show you the relevant sites. And yes, there's still 496.

St Mary Street, Selkirk Memorial

Canmore ID: 212858

Ah, a commemorative monument of unknown date.

Must not be much to look at as no one's put up any photographs and there's nothing written about it. But that can't be right for our National Record, surely?!

**Kirkcudbright Bay
Lifeboat House & Slipway
Canmore ID: 205484**

A lifeboat station is recorded down towards Torrs at NX 6749 4636. Other than being told that there's a 19th-20th century lifeboat station and a slipway of unknown date here, there's nothing else recorded!

Is it still in use? When was it built, and was the slipway built at the same time?

Does anyone have any photographs of how it looks today or in the past?

**Drummore, Stone Circle
Canmore ID: 63926**

To the south of Kirkcudbright, the remains of a stone circle are recorded at NX 6884 4597 and they're even marked on the map.

Four of the stones are still standing but there isn't a single photo.

These stones are legally protected as they were likely placed here at least 3,000 years ago if not earlier.

A photo would be nice though... surely they're worth one or two?

**Kirkcudbright Gasworks
Canmore ID: 64123**

Now there are some great photos here of the gasworks along Old Gas Lane. They look like they were taken in the 1960s – worth a look if you haven't seen them – but nothing else.

What's the history here? When were they built and operating? Is anything still standing? Have the structures been used for anything else?

And while you're there, take a quick photo down Old Gas Lane itself – it has its own entry, Canmore ID: 212442.

**St Mary's Park,
St Cuthbert Wanderers Football Club
Canmore ID: 239114**

So there's more than just art going on in Kirkcudbright – it has its own football club, of course. There are a couple of aerial views but nothing else.

Is the club fairly new or does it have a bit of a history? Are there any photographs that haven't been taken from mid-air?!

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: 64110, Kirkcudbright General, and include a description. This way they can still be included in the national record of Kirkcudbright for everyone to see.

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!